

Message from the LAOH President Patricia O'Connell

As I begin this journey of the next two years with you as the National President of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, I ask each LAOH member to renew her commitment to meet the challenges we, the National Board and the Membership, face as we continue to build on, strengthen, and advance the purpose of our organization as stated in our LAOH National Constitution. As your chief executive officer, I commit to work with purpose and to display a positive, confident attitude. I will stand strong in my support of the newly elected officers and I will hold them accountable for adhering to the duties of their office.

I am asking the elected officers, the past national presidents, and those persons whom I appoint to carry out specific duties to work together as a Leadership Team. These Leadership Team members are being asked to build trust in each other as we work together in a transparent mode modeling sound, timely communication with each other and with you, the members, within our organizational structure.

I will be asking these Leadership Team Members to examine in their areas of responsibility, what are we asking the membership to do, how do we support the membership in doing what we ask them to do, does this action meet with or fit with our organizational purpose or are there new initiatives or activities that should be considered to meet our organizational purpose.

My hope for this 2016-2018 Term of Office is that our Hibernian Membership will continue to be grounded and refreshed in living our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. I intend to work with you, the members of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and with the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America in a collaborative manner. I will pray each day to St. Brigid and St. Patrick, our patron saints, to safeguard our membership.

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of the LAOH membership to thank the New Jersey Convention Committee and the National LAOH and AOH Liaisons for their work in the planning and hosting of the 98th Biennial National AOH-LAOH Convention in Atlantic City New Jersey.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity
Patricia O'Connell
LAOH National President 2016-2018