

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

Honor Our History

served as President from 1912-1916. In the May 1915 edition of the Hibernian, she writes "the dreams of the Hibernians of early days realized. They dreamed and hoped for a independent Ireland. We never hope for less. By Unity, Friendship and Christian Charity we that which to the faint hearted may seem impossible."

Jolly was a friend of O'Donovan Rossa. As President of the Ladies she had the privilege and honor of being the only woman to serve as a Pallbearer. "With tears of which she was not ashamed, the National President stood beside the remains of the unconquerable Irish and with one hand clasped upon his dead hand and the other noble brow, pledged anew in her own name and in the name of member of the Ladies Auxiliary eternal devotion to Ireland and holy cause."



MRS. ELLEN RYAN JOLLY,

In the January 1916 National Hibernian, she writes "God grant that 1916 may be the year dreamed of by Robert Emmet when our beloved Ireland will take her place amidst the nations of the earth-green with the shimmer of springtime and gold with the glory of a victory worth the winning." On April 24, 1916, the Easter Rising took place with 200 women taking active roles. In America, there were rallies to support the men and women who participated in the Rising. Jolly was the only woman speaking at the rallies. In her addresses,



she pledged the support of the Ladies Auxiliary stating "we must stand shoulder to shoulder for dear old Ireland."

