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Dear Sisters,

I would like to thank you all for your support on allowing me to serve as your National Historian for the 2020-2022 term. History of our order has always been a passion of mine since I served as Historian at the Division level. Over the years, I have held the Historian office at each level, including PA State Historian. It is important to preserve our history for the future members of our great and noble order. It is a way to educate us on how far we as women have come to stand on our own as an Irish Fraternal Women's Order.

The 2020 National Virtual Convention held on July 25th, during a pandemic, are historical markers for all of us. The committee of Karen Keane, Marilyn Madigan, Mary Ann Lubinsky and Kathie Linton should be commended for the planning and organization of this historical moment in time. All could not have been done without the leadership of our Immediate Past National President at the time of Carol Sheyer. I congratulate all on a job well done!

My duties as Historian will be modify the criteria of entries for the Irish History Contest to include not only a writing document but other media platforms i.e.: PowerPoint presentations, documentary/Film presentations. I will be creating a brochure to include the new formats accepted including the name change to **Irish History Contest**.

During the National History Committee for the 2020 convention, a motion was passed that a one-time assessment of \$1.00 will be assessed on all members. The total amount due will be based on the 2020 annual membership reports. This assessment is to offset costs associated with the marker at the Nuns of the Battlefield site in Washington, DC. In addition, the proceeds from the sale of the LAOH History Book will also be applied to the marker costs. Dedication of the marker is expected in 2024.

I have mentioned the above changes to inform you of changes that will be made during my term of office and passed at our 2020 National Virtual Convention on July 25. I will be having quarterly Zoom meeting with the State Historians to share ideas, questions etc. so we as historians all work together in the common goal to preserve, educate & promote our history for the good of the order.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, Christian Charity,

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