



Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.
National Board
Established 1894

Office of the National President
Karen Keane

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Dear Sisters,

As most of you are aware, we had our National Convention Saturday and made history by holding it virtually. While we were not together physically in Orlando, Florida, we were together in the spirit of sisterhood. All the committee reports were accepted, and I urge each of you to review them on Our website "ladiesaoh.com."

At this time, I want to thank each National Officer and Appointee who served Our Order from 2018-2020 and welcome the new Officers and Appointees. I have attached an excel spreadsheet with the names and email address of all the National Board members and their new titles.

I will highlight some items that will require your attention.

- The Irish History Committee pressed a motion requiring that each member pay a one-time assessment of \$1.00 to help restore the *Nuns of the Battlefield Monument in Washington, DC*. This monument was ejected by Our Order in 1924 and there will be centennial celebration in 2024. There will be additional educational and fundraising information sent by the National Vice President, Marilyn Madigan (OH), who will be chairing a committee for this historic event. This assessment will be payable with the per-capita taxes in early 2021.
- The Appeals for Aid assessment of \$0.50 per member each year has been continued.
- ***The password for the Our website's "Members Only Page" on ladiesaoh.com will change to effective Tuesday, August 4, 2020. This is to insure easier accessibility for Our members.*** Please share this password, as well as this letter with all members in good standing.
- In response to the requests from the delegates, most National Officers and National Appointees will be hosting quarterly Zoom meetings for their counterparts on the State, County, and Division levels, as well as any member extremely interested in the topic. The meetings will answer questions, exchange ideas, and provide information to keep everyone engaged and excited. There will be a Zoom Meeting exclusively for State Presidents on the last Sunday of even months.
- The National Board will be providing expert opinions on the actions your Division can take on political issues. Yes you can wear your sash to the Rosary Rally; yes you can write a LAOH Division check to Right to Life; yes you can write a letter noting your Division's stance on any issue involving our exempt purposes: Catholic, Irish Immigration, and Social Justice issues, etc. To assist with what you can do: an

email account has been established "laohcanidothis@gmail.com" This account is exclusively for you to email a sample of your letter or an explanation of the action you wish to take. Please include your name, Division, title, reason for the letter, and the amount of money to be spent on the event. The email will be reviewed promptly and stored for future reference.

- The interim National Board meeting will be held in South Bend, Indiana on Saturday **September 25, 2021** in conjunction with the Hibernian Lecture sponsored by Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame. If there are still COVID-19 concerns, there will be a revision to this location. Further details will be sent out to in the spring of 2021. Please mark your calendars for that weekend. Some workshops and fellowship will be planned to make it a fun and information filled weekend.
- The National Board will be publishing a newsletter quarterly, if not more often. The newspaper will be in a "PDF" format so it will be easy to print or share electronically. This newsletter will only work if we receive submissions from the Divisions and States. Shortly you will be receiving information from our new Press & Publicity Appointee. Please send your information and articles to her. Please add laohnationalnews@gmail.com to your email address book in order to insure receipt of the newsletter.

The National Board is here to work for you. We are a bottom up organization and not a top down one. Please reach out to your counterparts and any officer or appointee who is responsible for an area that is of interest to you. We need you to become involved and engaged.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at natlpresidentlaoh@gmail.com. If you rather talk by phone, call me at 518-369-8783 before 8:00 pm Eastern time. If I do not answer, please leave a message, as I am still in the work force.

Lastly, I am honored to have the privilege of serving as your National President over the next two years. Together we can move Our Order into the new decade and elevate the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernian, Inc. to the forefront of Irish and Catholic issues nationwide.

Please share this letter with the County and Division Presidents and the members of your state.