

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DEGREES OF OUR ORDER

The Degrees are a dramatic, colorful and informative exemplification of the motto of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians in song and story.

Drawing upon the past history and the contributions made to their adopted homeland of our ancestors, the United States of America, the Degrees focus on our motto of FRIENDSHIP, UNITY AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY, and their meaning in modern times.

The Degrees are a symbolic presentation utilizing references from our Celtic past so that the members will easily understand and long remember who we are and the good work done by the Order.

The overall tone of the Degrees and their conclusion encourage the candidates to emulate the time and talent of their sisters, those present and those gone before, to maintain the high standing of the Order and continue its good works for faith and motherland.

The Degrees also emphasize that although we recognize that we hold a special place in promoting our faith, history, language, dance, songs and stories, we are NOT just another Irish-American club. We sisters are the keepers of the culture, faith and traditions that have been handed down to us to protect. This is a responsibility we take quite seriously.