

Since 2022 was the 30th Anniversary of the LAOH of Northern Kentucky, in this last newsletter of the year, we would like to document what the LAOH is all about: The charities we support, the fundraisers involved, the events, the fun, and the camaraderie of the group.



The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) was organized in 1894. The primary purpose of the Ladies' group was to protect young immigrant Irish girls coming to the United States. The many divisions and club facilities located throughout the U.S. traditionally were the first to welcome new Irish immigrants. While practicing Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, we will work to strengthen our Roman Catholic Faith, our Country, and our Communities, and to perpetuate the religion, history, culture, sports, and traditions of our Irish heritage. The Northern Ky LAOH was started in 1992.

THE LAOH CHARTER



Charter Officers

President- Jean Durkin
 Vice President – Ruth Anthé
 Recording Secretary – Sr. Noreen Shedd, R.G.S.
 Financial Secretary – Teresa Durkin
 Treasure – Kathleen Holthaus

A Big Thank You to everyone who buys and sells our **Lucky Leprechaun Raffle** tickets. The profit from our sales in 2021 allowed a \$540 donation to each of the following charities:





The Following are the Catholic Action Donations Made by LAOH Members



Madonna House of Northern Kentucky, Inc.

In May of each year the LAOH members bring items for Madonna House. In the spirit of Christian concern, Madonna House strives to help the single young woman who has chosen to give birth and raise her child. The goal of Madonna House is to prepare the mother emotionally, financially, spiritually, and educationally for independent living.



In August the LAOH donation is back packs and school supplies to the inner city schools of the Covington Diocese



Be Concerned
Personal items
for adults at
Easter



Ukraine National
Catholic Relief fund



Sister of Notre Dame
100th Anniversary Festival



City Heights is a Housing project in Covington built in the 1950's. It plays a vital role helping people get back on their feet.

The LAOH has developed a special relationship with the people of City Heights and donates various items several months throughout the year.

In September - paper goods are donated to City Heights. Toilet paper, diapers, and onesies are always requested.

In October - nonperishable food is donated to City Heights.

In December - the LAOH fills Christmas stockings for all the children and the seniors on the lunch program at City Heights.



Ladies filling stockings



Notre Dame Urban
Education Center.

In December unwrapped toys are donated to the children at the urban Education Center.



The Following are the Events and Comraderies Shared By The Ladies Ancient Order Of Hibernians of No. KY in 2022



In January, the LAOH celebrates the Feast of St. Brigid of Ireland on the last Sunday of January with a Mass at St. Agnes Church in Park Hills, followed by a luncheon at the Notre Dame Convent. In even-numbered years, the installation of officers is also held. Officers stand in the form of a cross as they are installed.



In February, the members attend the Memorial Mass at Immaculata Church in Cincinnati where all the names of the deceased members of the past year are read. This year, the LAOH has lost two Sisters - Jo Ann Metzger and Maureen Meyers. There is a parade following the Mass where the statue of St. Patrick is taken around Mt. Adams until St. Patrick reappears in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



In March, there are many events and lots of fun. For the LAOH it is marching in the Cincinnati St. Patrick's Day Parade on the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day and on March 17th St. Patrick's Day Mass at Mother of God Church and a luncheon that are the highlights. In March of 2022, the temperature was below freezing, and it snowed on parade day so only a few members got to enjoy parade day.

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These are a few photos of our St. Patrick's Day Celebrations past and present.



In May, we have our White Elephant Raffle to raise money for our Treasury so we can do all of our charity work. It is a fun afternoon at our meeting that day. Everyone brings a wrapped gift for the members to bid on. In 2022, the gifts were to be food or drink items. It was in September this year.



In July, we enjoy the Cincinnati Celtic Fest. The LAOH members march in the opening parade of the event and our president is part of the opening ceremonies on the stage.





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In August, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Knock at St. Patrick's Church. The LAOH and AOH are invited by Father Von Lehman to participate with bagpipes and color guard at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The LAOH had a luncheon following the Mass. On October 7, 2007, Bishop Foys designated St. Patrick Church as a Shrine, with the devotion being to Our Lady of Knock. In May of 2009, Knock Shrine in Ireland blessed St. Patrick Shrine with a piece of the gable wall where Mary appeared in 1879. The LAOH participated in the dedication.



These are just a few camaraderie photos from meetings, and our Monthly Luncheons and Events



Luncheon and meeting photos.





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The May Derby Party



The 125th LAOH Anniversary Tea



Photos above & below from our annual Christmas party at Fort Mitchell CC. Music in the background by The Emerald Creek Trio.





LAOH Boone County Division #1 celebrated its 30th anniversary on October 1st, 2022 at the Irish Heritage Center of Cincinnati with members and guests. The evening started with Mass celebrated by Father Fitzsimmons and Maureen Zalla stepping up to be our cantor for the service. After a lovely Mass, we continued the night in the theater that was decorated by Claire Haysley and her little helper. Each guest was gifted a prayer card for Our Lady of Knock, a key chain put together by Claire and Rebecca, and chocolate made by Maureen Toner. During the cocktail hour, division president Natalie Peterinelli toasted to the accomplishments of the division and the sisters we have lost. In attendance was Past National President Carol Sheyer. She presented the division with a certificate of congratulations on behalf of the National Board. Following dinner, Rebecca Abel-Kennedy hosted a raffle, and we enjoyed entertainment by Scrimshaw.

Special thanks to Claire Haysley, Rebecca Abel-Kennedy, Terri Durkin, and Maureen Toner for all their work to make the event successful.



Excerpt from Natalie Petronella's toast

"We have gathered here to celebrate the founding of this division on April 23, 1992. We are blessed to still have charter members still active in our division. The membership numbers have fluctuated over the years, but we are a thriving and active division. We have lost a number of sisters over the years, but we will meet them again in Tir n'an Og. Here's to continuing to live in our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. Sláinte!"