



OUR LADY OF KNOCK DIVISION

LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Mission Statement:

While practicing Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, we will work to strengthen our Roman Catholic Faith, our Country, and our Communities; and perpetuate the religion, history, culture, and traditions of our Irish heritage

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JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

January 22, 2023

Meeting and celebration of St. Brigid Feast Day.

10:30 a.m. Mass St. Agnes Church
12:00 p.m. Lunch at Notre Dame Convent
1:00 p.m. Meeting at Notre Dame convent



Notes from Our LAOH President Natalie Peternelli

Happy New Year. I cannot believe another year has come and gone. Last year was a great year for our Order at all levels. I am expecting this year to be even better. We as a division have accomplished a lot this past year and I look forward to seeing what y'all will do in this next year.

In our motto,
Natalie

Agenda

Unfinished Business

- Christmas Party Wrap-up
- State Updates
- National Updates
- St. Patrick's Day

New Business

- Ohio State Convention June 22-25
- Parade March 11th - 12 noon
- Memorial Mass Feb. 12th - 2 p.m.
- House Warming Gifts for Sister of Notre Dame
- February Meeting



What do the Irish do on St. Brigid Feast Day? Families recite prayers, bless the rushes or straw with holy water and then each make the crosses. They would hang them over the door and around the home to welcome St Brigid.

LAOH Christmas Gift Giving and Fun Notes from our Chairpersons for the two events.....

Rosemary Newberry: I am incredibly happy to say that with the generosity of the women from Our Lady of Knock division of the LAOH, I was able to complete the requests for the families and provide toys for the children on the list. We also supplied lovely gifts for the five shut-ins who receive Meals On Wheels. My two oldest grandchildren helped with the shopping. It really put things into perspective for them. I am just so thankful that we had a part in this.

Thank You Rosemary and your family for all the smiles you brought to children and seniors this year.



Rebecca Abel-Kennedy: The toy drive was a HUGE success. The LAOH really stepped up. The Christmas Party at Ft. Mitchell County Club was Great!

Thank You Rebecca and your family for making the LAOH Christmas Party a special treat for the LAOH members. And for all your organizational skills for putting on the party and the gift giving to the Notre Dame Urban Education Center.



A Beautiful Family Tradition started by our LAOH Sister Ruth Durstock
In her memory her children continue the St. Nick tradition.



Ruth Durstock was proud of her Irish ancestry, her LAOH membership and the friends she made. She also loved celebrating St. Nicholas day. Bill and Ruth had 10 children and we each hung our stocking on the mantle the night of December 6, waiting for Saint Nick to fill them with an apple & orange, Doster's candy canes, French Chews, and old-fashioned candies.

After Mom became a LAOH member, my parents supported their charities by buying a Lucky Leprechaun ticket for each of their children. They added it to our St. Nick stocking or gifted it to us on Christmas. As we married, our spouses also had a stocking hung on the mantle and received their own Lucky Leprechaun ticket along with St. Nick's treats. As each of Ruth and Bill's grandchildren arrived, more stockings were added to the mantle. One year Ruth's daughter, Peggy Benner, made matching monogrammed stockings for everyone, and her husband, Steve, constructed a removable plank with many hooks, that could be affixed to the mantle, so that all the stockings could be hung safely with care.

Grandchildren, their spouses, and great-grandchildren all received stockings. Each year, Mom and Dad eagerly prepared for St. Nick's visit, and each year they purchased more Lucky Leprechaun tickets to add to the treats St. Nick left for us. In December 2015, Mom hung stockings for all 64 of us.

Mom died in June, 2016 at age 86. As the Christmas season approached, I asked each of my siblings if they would like to continue Mom's tradition. Every year since each sibling responds to my text telling me how many Lucky Leprechaun tickets they want for their families. Terri Durkin guarantees we have them in time to add to the St. Nick stockings. Each time one of us is a winner, we know Mom's Irish eyes are shining and we celebrate by posting the news for all to see on our private family Facebook page.

We are all honored to continue to support the charitable works of the LAOH by purchasing 80 tickets in Mom's memory this year.

~~~~ Lynn Durstock Beck



### LUCKY LEPRECHAUN RAFFLE

November 2022 winners:

- \$100: Nancy Murphy, sold by herself
- \$50: Julie & David Heinous, sold by Pat Orth
- \$25: Barbara Moore, sold by herself

### *Note from Terri Durkin & Nancy Murphy Lucky Leprechaun Chairs:*

*Turn in at the January LAOH Meeting  
Your Lucky Leprechaun Raffle tickets!*

or

**Please send your check (made payable to LAOH)  
and ticket stubs to: Terri Durkin  
2533 Champions Way, Crestview Hills, KY 41017**

**First drawing will be at the February 26, 2023 Meeting**

### Monthly Luncheon

Wed, Feb 15 at 1:30 p.m.  
Bru Burger, Ft. Mitchell

RSVP: Pat Hahn 859-727-8959  
or email hahnpp@gmail.com



### LAOH ANNUAL DUES

Reminder: please fill out the dues form attached and send with \$25 payment to Financial Secretary:  
Rosemary Newberry  
1364 Forester Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45240  
513-967-3433