

# Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc



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## **Celebrating the Feasts of St. Brigid and St. Patrick**

The LAOH celebrated our Patron's Feasts with two other important organizations: Herstory and Sober St. Patrick's Day.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians have been celebrating St. Brigid's Day for over 128 years. This year the LAOH was honored to partner with Herstory for a special event in honor of St. Brigid on Saturday 21st January. This event introduced the real Brigid and why she is a role model for modern women today. Herstory Poet in Residence Laura Murphy performed her poem [Is Mise Bríd](#), Herstory board member Treacy O'Connor lead a beautiful mediation, and Herstory Founder & CEO Melanie Lynch shared a slideshow of the spectacular Herstory light shows. "Brigid is the bridge, crossing the threshold from Goddess to Saint, Celtic to Christian, North and South, winter and spring, water and fire, masculine and feminine, ancient and modern." -Treacy O' Connor

**ABOUT HERSTORY** [www.herstory.ie](http://www.herstory.ie) Founded in 2016, the [Herstory](#) movement tells the stories of modern, historic and mythic women. Our mission is to give the public authentic female role models and a game-changing education program, inspiring countries around the world to start their own Herstory movements. Since 2017 the annual [Herstory Light Show](#) lights up iconic landmarks and sacred sites in honor of women to mark Brigid's Day. In 2018, Herstory initiated and co-produced *Blazing a Trail* for the Department of Foreign Affairs – it is the first women's exhibition to tour the Irish Embassy network worldwide. In 2020, Herstory partnered with RTÉ, Underground Films, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum and the BAI for [Herstory on RTÉ](#) - the first comprehensive women's storytelling platform on RTÉ - featuring a major documentary TV series, animation series, podcasts, school workshops and microsite. In 2021 we successfully spearheaded the campaign to make Brigid's Day Ireland's new public holiday.

The LAOH joined with Sober St. Patrick's Day and the Saint Patrick Visitor Centre, Downpatrick in a Virtual Book Club. This Book Club helped us to celebrate our Heritage and culture. Dr. Tim Campbell, Director of the Saint Patrick Centre recommended *The Letters of Saint Patrick* – a Historical New Translation by Marcus Losack. This is a great way of learning about St. Patrick and a way to honor our Irish Heritage.

The National Board hopes everyone had a great celebration of our Patron Saints and look forward to more partnerships in the future.

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