



**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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**April 2023 NEWSLETTER**



**Notes from  
Our LAOH President  
Natalie Peternelli**

**April 23, 2023, Meeting**

2:00 pm Meeting  
at Notre Dame Convent

Mission/Charity Gifts:  
Barbara Brown & Kathy Gessner

**Agenda**

- Unfinished Business
- State Updates
- National Updates
- New Business
  - no new business
- Good and Welfare
- Irish Historian
  - Sue Carroll will provide the Irish History topic for the meeting.



**Please notify the new LAOH  
Sick or Bereavement  
Chairperson  
if you know of a member who  
is ill or has passed away.  
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***Did you know...***

***Half of US presidents had Irish roots, including Joe Biden?***

Biden's quintessentially Irish American mother was born in 1917 to Ambrose Finnegan and Geraldine Blewitt, so it seems appropriate to focus on the Finnegan and Blewitt branches that played such a strong role in shaping who he would become. The Blewitt's' pride in their heritage can be seen in Joe Biden's Great Grandfather Edward's prominence in organizations including the Ancient Order of Hibernians (for which he chaired Scranton's 1897 St. Patrick's Day Parade), the Irish American Association (founded at his suggestion and now known as The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Lackawanna County), and the Mayo Men's Benevolent, Social, Patriotic and Literary Association.

It was fun for Irish Americans to watch President Joe Biden during his recent trip to Ireland. When President Biden signed the guest book in the presidential residence in Dublin, he lingered for a long time, carefully writing out his words. He started it with a favorite saying of his grandfather, a well-known Irish proverb: *"Your feet will bring you where your heart is."* After three days in Ireland, there is little question where Biden's heart is. Shoveling dirt at a ceremonial tree planting, Biden wondered aloud if his great-great-grandchildren would be able to visit the tree someday. Biden then rang a bell for peace and once for his ancestors. This trip was partly about marking the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Peace Agreement, which ended sectarian violence on the island. But for Biden, it was also about marking a personal milestone - returning to Ireland as president of the United States. If you forgive the poor attempt at Irish-"Ta me sa bhaile" I'm at home. It was bigger than any rally he had during his campaign.

All these generations later, Ireland and the values Biden credits to it are very much part of his political identity. *"Over the years, stories of this place have become part of my soul, part of my family lore."* Stateside, Biden quotes his late mother, Catherine Eugenia Finnegan Biden, constantly. And in Ireland, she seemed to especially be on his mind. 27,000 bricks from Biden's great-great grandfather helped build the cathedral where he spoke in Ireland: A deal made the family \$25K before they sailed to the US to start a new life. President Biden gave a speech outside St Muredach's Cathedral on Friday. His ancestor sold 27,000 bricks for pillars in the nave. When Joe Biden's great-great-grandfather sailed from Ireland to America with his family he did it with money made from the sale of his bricks. Each of us has our story of our ancestors.

## Lucky Leprechaun



### Drawing

#### March 2023 Winners

- \$100: Lucy Allison,  
sold by Claire Haysley
- \$50: Joe Miller,  
sold by Rosemary  
Newberry
- \$25: Pat Hahn, sold by herself



### Monthly Dinner

Thursday May 19, 2023 at 6pm



2053 Dixie Hwy,  
Fort Mitchell, KY 41011

Call Barbara Moore for  
reservations: 859-331-1985  
Or email Pat Hahn  
For reservations  
hahnpp@gmail.com



Mark Your  
Calendar

**The Monthly LAOH Dinner  
time has been changed to  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 p.m.**

**Hopefully, this will  
increase the attendance  
since members who are  
working can now attend  
the dinners.**

**A New LAOH calendar is  
attached with the  
changes.**



Our Division has a Facebook  
page where we post events  
and other info.

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NKYLAOH](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NKYLAOH)

We also have a Gmail  
account so send us an email!

[NKYLAOH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NKYLAOH@GMAIL.COM)



Cloud storage has been created for our Division. Claire Haysley is in the process of uploading past LAOH documents into the cloud. When organizations combine cloud technology with managed services, they can ensure the organization's continuity and disaster recovery.

Irish Heritage Center Of Cincinnati

If you love live performances, this is where you should be

Sunday April 30, 2023

**Call for tickets (513) 533-0100**

It will only be at the center one night



Fishamble Productions Presents:  
**The Humours of Bandon**

Don't miss it! A coming-of-age story, THE HUMOURS OF BANDON is an award-winning play, full of heart, humor and wisdom, for anyone who had a childhood passion that threatened to overwhelm their life. Annie is a 16-year-old Irish Dancer from Dublin and we meet her on the eve of the biggest competition of her life, the Irish Open Championships 1999. She charts us through the various successes and disappointments of her Irish Dancing life. We share her mind-numbing commitment and burning desire to win the coveted Irish Open title. Will she win and, if so, in what way?