



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, history, culture, and traditions of our Irish heritage.

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JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

January 28, 2024

Celebrate the Feast of St. Bridget
10:30 a.m. Mass
St. Agnes Church, Ft. Wright

Luncheon and installation of Officers at Notre Dame Convent will immediately follow Mass

Hostesses/ Mission & Charities Gifts:
Maureen Toner, Helen Armstrong.

Agenda

Unfinished Business

- Christmas Party Wrap-up
State Updates

- National Updates

New Business

- Parade

- Memorial Mass Feb.18, 2pm

- National Convention

- February Meeting



**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

St Brigid of Kildare



St Brigid's feast day is 1st of February, and traditionally it involves weaving Brigid's crosses and many other folk customs. According to medieval Irish folklore, she was an abbess who founded the important abbey of Kildare, as well as several other convents. They say Brigid was the daughter of a chieftain and a slave woman, and was raised in a druid's household before becoming a consecrated virgin. Her mother was Broicsech, a slave who had been baptized by Saint Patrick. They name her father as Dubhthach, a chieftain of Leinster. In her honor, a perpetual fire was kept burning at Kildare for centuries.

- St. Brigid was an expert dairywoman and brewer, was reputed to turn water into beer.
- The prayers of Saint Brigid were said to still the wind and the rain.
- When Brigid was travelling to see a doctor for a headache, she stayed at the house of a Leinster couple who had two mute daughters. The daughters were travelling with Brigid when her horse startled, causing her to fall and graze her head on a stone. A touch of Brigid's blood healed the girls of their muteness.
- Brigid's ministry to a nun who had failed to keep her vow of chastity and had become pregnant. "A certain woman who had taken the vow of chastity fell, through the youthful desire of pleasure, and her womb swelled with child. Brigid, exercising the most potent strength of her ineffable faith, blessed her, causing the child to disappear, without coming to birth, and without pain. She faithfully returned the woman to health and to penance.
- St Brigid's Day parades have been revived in Ireland in the town of Killorglin, County Kerry, which holds a yearly "Biddy's Day Festival". Men and women wearing elaborate straw hats and masks visit public houses carrying a doll known as a *Brideóg* to ward off evil spirits and bring good luck for the coming year.
- Shortly after the Irish Free State gained its independence in 1922, Brigid's cross became one of several nationalist symbols, alongside such other motifs as the shamrock and Celtic harp, a national cultural identity separate from that of Britain.

The story of the first St Brigid's cross comes from a story about an old pagan lord on his deathbed whose servants summoned Brigid to his side to calm him. She held vigil there, comforting him, and in an effort to make him understand the new faith, she picked some rushes from the floor, and wove an intricate cross.

LUCKY LEPRECHAUN



The November winners are:

- \$100 -Lorraine Cummings, sold by herself
- \$50 - Jesse Dressman, sold by Barbara Moore
- \$25 -Paul Weisgerber, sold by Terri Durkin

1st drawing for 2024 will be at the February 25 2024 meeting LAOH Meeting

Fun Was Had By All At The LAOH Annual Christmas Party



THANK YOU TO OUR CHAIRPERSON
Rebecca Able --Kennedy
She makes this event the most festive of our LAOH year.

Lucky Leprechaun Tickets for 2024

Please return your raffle tickets and money by February 24, 2024 to:

Terri Durkin
 2533 Champions Way
 Crestview Hills, KY 41017

Or bring to the January or February meeting.

The raffle is the reason the LAOH can make our annual charity donations.

The annual charity donation of the Northern Kentucky LAOH of \$600 per organization:

Center for Respite Care - Cincinnati

The Center for Respite Care serves adult individuals experiencing homelessness from the Greater Cincinnati area with acute medical issues.

Irish Heritage Center of Greater Cincinnati

Our mission is to promote the culture, traditions and story of the Irish and Irish Americans in Greater Cincinnati and Northern KY.

Notre Dame Urban Education Center

The Notre Dame Urban Education Center serves the children of Northern Kentucky through individualized tutoring, cultural enrichment, and supervised fitness.

Rose Garden Mission

The Rose Garden Mission is a full Pregnancy Care Center, helping Moms make good choices in their pregnancies and assisting them with material needs for them and their babies; no-questions-asked.

Sisters of Notre Dame

A Catholic congregation of women religious, the Sisters of Notre Dame are united in one heart one hope, and one mission to proclaim God's goodness and compassionate love for people of all faiths and cultures through a variety of ministries, both national and international, particularly serving those who are poor and marginalized.

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 4524
 513-742-1047



2 NEW MEMBERS WERE SWORN IN AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

Left to right: Barbara Brown, Rebecca Abel Kennedy, Kathleen Gessner, LAOH new members, Amy Walsh-Kuenneke, Nancy Walsh Henson, Terri Durkin, Natalie Peterinelli, Maureen Toner, Rosemary Newberry, Sue Carroll.