

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc

The founder of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is the Strength and Spirit of Irish Women. For hundreds of years the Irish woman has stood firmly defending her faith, country, and family. Today we hear her through organizations like the L.A.O.H. For 130 years the women of this organization fought to be heard, and we are still going strong. Here is the story of our beginning.

In May of 1894 at the National convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Omaha, Nebraska the Ladies requested that an Auxiliary be formed. The AOH voted and an Auxiliary was established. From 1894, the Auxiliary on the National level was under the leadership of the National Vice President of the AOH. In 1902 an Advisory Board of Ladies Auxiliary was formed. In 1906 the Ladies Auxiliary elected its first National President (LAAOH), Miss Anna C. Malia.

These are the women who have served as our National Presidents.

National Presidents, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

1894-1902: Directed by the Ancient Order of Hibernians National Vice President

1902-1906: National Advisory Board – Mrs. Mary Quinn, Illinois, Chairman

1906-1912: Miss Anna C. Malia (later Mrs. Anna Malia Ruddy), Pennsylvania, elected as first National President, LAAOH

1912-1916: Dr. Ellen Ryan Jolly, Rhode Island

1916-1921: Mrs. Mary F. McWhorter, Illinois

1921-1925: Mrs. Adelia Christy, Ohio

1925-1929: Mrs. Mary Timon Horan, Pennsylvania

1929-1933: Mrs. Mary Martin Silk, Massachusetts

1933-1937: Mrs. Anna K. Bryant, Minnesota

1937-1941: Miss Mary A. Kinsella, Massachusetts

1941-1948: Mrs. Anna M. Carey, New Jersey

1948-1952: Mrs. Lenore Shea, Pennsylvania

1952-1956: Miss Lillian E. Fay, Washington, D.C.

1956-1960: Miss Mary F. Hurley, Massachusetts

1960-1962: Miss Kathleen J. Smith, New York

1962-1964: Mrs. Mary E. Bennett, New Jersey

1964-1966: Miss Doretta McManus, Minnesota

1966-1968: Miss Kathleen C. Roche, Massachusetts

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- 1968-1970:** Miss Mary L. King, Rhode Island
1970-1972: Miss Rita A. McDonough, Maryland
1972-1974: Mrs. Rita A. Murphy, New York
1974-1976: Mrs. Margaret F. Rust Fastow, New Jersey
1976-1978: Miss Margaret M. Webb, Massachusetts
1978-1980: Mrs. Violet M. Forciea, Minnesota
1980-1982: Miss Sarah E. Murphy, Maryland
1982-1984: Mrs. Zoe J. Foley, California
1984-1986: Miss Sarah E. Murphy, Maryland
1986-1988: Miss Sheila M. Clifford, Connecticut
1988-1990: Mrs. Mary Bradley McEnery, Rhode Island
1990-1992: Miss Dolores E. Voelker, New York
1992-1994: Mrs. Therese A. Kelleher, California
1994-1996: Mrs Kathy Linton, Ohio
1996-1998: Mrs Mary Paglione, New Jersey
1998-2000: Mrs Margaret Cooney, Pennsylvania
2000-2002: Mrs Mary B Dolan, Massachusetts
2002-2004: Mrs Elenore Grimley
2004-2006: Mrs Mary T, Leathem, New York
2006-2008: Mrs Dorothy Weldon, Pennsylvania
2008-2010: Mrs Mary Ryan, Massachusetts
2010-2012: Mrs Margaret Hennessy, New York
2012-2014: Mrs Maureen Shelton, Michigan
2014-2016: Ms. Mary Hogan, New York
2016-2018: Ms. Patricia O'Connell, Illinois
2018-2020: Ms. Carol Sheyer. Ohio
2020-2022: Ms karen Keane, New York
2022-2024: Ms Marilyn Madigan, Ohio

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