

# LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, INC.



## PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD – 2023-2025 [www.statepalaoh.com](http://www.statepalaoh.com)

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Dear National Board and LAOH Sisters,

The Pennsylvania LAOH State Board unanimously nominates Kathleen Diulus for the position of National Historian or higher. As someone deeply committed to the mission and values of our organization, we believe Kathleen possesses the qualities, experience, and dedication necessary to excel in this role.

Kathleen has served the order well these last seventeen years. She has been Financial Secretary and Treasurer of Division 23 in Allegheny County. At the County level, she has served as Parliamentarian, Secretary, Vice -President and President. Her State board positions have included Missions and Charity Chair, Historian, Secretary, Vice-President, and we are fortunate to have her as a current State President. After much thought and hard work preparing for the last National Convention in her home City of Pittsburgh, Kathleen ran and is currently serving as National Catholic Action Chair. Under her leadership, the newly created Humanitarian Fund, collected and distributed aid to people in Venice, FL that were affected by Hurricane Ian and those impacted by the wildfires in Maui, Hawaii.

Throughout Kathleen's tenure with our organization, she has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, compassion, and a genuine commitment to serving others. Whether it's teaching the PREP Course at her local Parish St. Luke, the Evangelist, volunteering on the board of the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade or serving as President of the Board of the Catholic Youth Association, her ability to organize, prioritize, and accomplish goals has significantly contributed to the success of these programs.

As we can see, Kathleen has shared her talents with many other organizations, but her heart is with Hibernians. She is married to a member of the AOH and is mother to 2 Hibernians as well. The time she has spent with the Claddagh Degree team is some of her most cherished.

Furthermore, Kathleen possesses outstanding interpersonal skills, a collaborative spirit, and a profound empathy for those in need. She has a proven track record of building meaningful relationships, fostering inclusivity, and inspiring others to live our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly believe that Kathleen Diulus is the ideal candidate for the position of Historian or higher. Her unwavering dedication to our order's values, coupled with her remarkable talents and experiences, make her an invaluable asset to the LAOH, Inc.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

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February 24, 2024

Religious, National Officers, State Officers, and Convention Delegates:

I would like nominate Kathleen Diulus for the office of Historian or higher for the LAOH National Board on behalf of Allegheny County. Kathleen has served on the State Board since July 2015 in the capacity of Missions and Charities Chair, Irish Historian, Secretary., Vice President and President. She also served as Convention Secretary at the 2015 PA State Convention.

Kathleen became a member of the LAOH when she joined Division 23 in Allegheny County in Jan 2007 and became a Degreed member in July of that year. She became her Division's Treasurer in Jan 2008 and served in that capacity until Jan 2014. She resumed the Treasurer responsibilities in Jan 2020 through December 2023.

In June of 2011, she was elected Secretary of the County Board. After serving one term as Secretary, she became County Vice President in June 2013. Then due to a personal issue, she assumed County President responsibilities in September of 2014. She served as County President until June 2019. She has also, been a member of the Allegheny County Claddagh Degree team since 2017. Kathleen was the co-chair for the 2019 PA State Convention and served on the 2022 National Convention Committee.

Kathleen has demonstrated strong leadership skills during her tenure on the County Board. She is also a compassionate listener and friend.

The Allegheny County Board believes that Kathleen will continue to be an asset to the LAOH National Board and unanimously endorses her in her bid for National Historian or higher.

Sincerely,

Patti Flaus, President  
LAOH Allegheny County Board



## LAOH Division #23

Madam President, LAOH National Board, State Presidents, Religious and fellow LAOH Sisters,

LAOH Division 23, Allegheny County, enthusiastically supports Kathleen Diulus as she seeks the office of Historian on the LAOH National Board at the 2024 National Convention. We are announcing that we are endorsing our Division Sister for the office of Historian or higher.

Kathleen has been an active member of our Division since she joined the Order in 2007. She became involved from the beginning, becoming a Degreed member in July 2007 and a Division officer in 2008. Though her goals, have include seeking higher offices, Kathleen remains extremely active in the Division activities, fundraising and keeps our membership informed of state and national activities. Kathleen has served as Allegheny County's Secretary, Vice President and President, including being the 2019 co-chair for the PA State Convention and is a member of the Allegheny County Claddagh Degree team. She has served on the PA State Board since 2015, as Missions and Charity Officer, Historian, Secretary, Vice-President and is currently serving as PA State President. Kathleen is the current National Board Catholic Action Officer.

Within the Pittsburgh Irish Community, Kathleen serves as the St Patrick's Day Parade Organizer She is a member of the Gaelic Arts Society and a supporter of the Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh. Kathleen also volunteers her time as Board President for a non-profit in Pittsburgh, Catholic Youth Association. This is a nonprofit that serves the community with day care services for children and seniors as well as providing Meals on Wheels in the Pittsburgh area. She also previously volunteered in the community as a CCD teacher, and a track and field coach. Kathleen is a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish.

Kathleen met her husband, Paul (AOH member for 47 years) at our Division Clubhouse. Together they have 2 children, Andrew and Sydney, a former Pittsburgh Miss Smiling Eyes. Both Andrew and Sydney are AOH and LAOH Division 23 members, too. The entire family is dedicated to the principles of the Order.

On behalf of Division 23, I proudly nominate Kathleen Diulus for the office of Historian or higher on the 2024-2026 LAOH National Board.

Sincerely,

*Regina Byrnes*

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Division 23 President