

## Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. National Board Established 1894

## Office of the National Organizer/Immediate Past President Marílyn Madigan

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Dear Sisters,

I am honored to continue to serve our membership in the role as National Organizer. The National Organizer is responsible to organize new LAOH Divisions in areas where the LAOH does not have a presence. In my role as National Organizer, I will be available to assist the State Organizers in forming new Divisions.

For the past 130 years, the LAOH has made an impact on Irish America. We need to keep our Order as the heart of Irish America in action. Every member has a role to play. We all should be focusing on increasing our membership. Ask a friend or relative to join you at a Hibernian event. We need to continue to focus on membership. Recruitment is important but we also have to keep retention as an important goal.

At the 2024 National Convention, the delegates made history by including Membership at Large in our Constitution. With Membership at Large we now have a method of welcoming a person who reaches out to us from a state without a LAOH presence. We already have our first Member at Large from the State of Kansas. I will be reaching out to those individuals that sent in inquiries during the last 2 years. Each State can also offer a Membership at Large.

I am planning on meeting with the AOH Organizer and the responsible AOH person for Members at Large. I look forward to developing the Membership at Large Program. I welcome any of our Sisters who would like to assist with this program. Together we can help our Order continue to look towards our future as the best Irish Catholic Women's Organization. We are a Strong Sisterhood and together with our AOH Brothers are a dedicated and committed Hibernian family.