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Dear Sisters

We have recently concluded our National Convention in Omaha, and what a wonderful event it was. The city was most welcoming to everyone in attendance. My sincere congratulations to Kathie Linton and the Omaha Convention Committee on a job well done. Anyone who has ever been part of planning a National Convention knows the countless hours of work and dedication required to make it a success. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making this convention so memorable.

It was especially meaningful to return to Omaha, where our organization began in 1894 as the *Daughters of Erin*, an auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Being back in the city where our history began made this convention even more special.

During the convention, we also proudly celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the United States with the EPIC Museum display from Dublin, Ireland, sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. The exhibit was a wonderful reminder of the enduring friendship between Ireland and the United States and of the many contributions of the Irish people to our nation's history.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the 2024–2026 National Officers and Appointees for their dedication and service to our National Board. At the same time, I warmly welcome our newly elected 2026–2028 National Officers and Appointees. We are working diligently to ensure a smooth transition as we begin this new administration.

As part of that transition, we are excited to announce that our website will soon be available under our new domain, **LAOH.org**. The new address will redirect visitors to our current website while we complete the transition. In addition, our email addresses will gradually be updated to use the **laoh.org** domain. During this process, our current email addresses will continue to function, ensuring a seamless migration.

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Our Webmaster will also be updating the password for the Members Only section of the website, which was sent to all State Presidents. The States Presidents have been instructed to share the password with Divisions Presidents for distribution to our members. *Members should obtain the password from their President rather than contacting the Webmaster directly.*

To strengthen communication throughout our organization, I have asked each National Officer and Appointee to hold quarterly meetings with their respective State counterparts, who serve as their committees. These meetings will provide an opportunity to share information, discuss initiatives, and work together toward our common goals.

Please check that your State Officer roster has been updated with the National Secretary. The required form can be found in the Secretary's section of the National website.

Save the date for our **2027 Interim Board Meeting**, which will be held **September 17–18, 2027, in St. Charles, Missouri**, conveniently located just 7 minutes from St. Louis Lambert International Airport. I hope many of you will be able to join us. The Missouri State Board is working on this and it will be a great event.

I am pleased to announce that we once again have a Military and Veterans Affairs Appointee. Please join me in welcoming Sue Messina to this important role. We are also reestablishing our Media Team and look forward to offering more informational webinars and expanding content on our YouTube channel to better serve and connect with our membership.

This administration will mark several exciting milestones. For the first time in our history, we have a female Deputy National Chaplain, Sister Lisa Breslin, SSJ. I am also honored to serve as the first National President to maintain residences in both the United States and the North of Ireland, a distinction that reflects the strong bond our organization continues to share across the Atlantic.

As we begin this new term together, I have many goals and objectives that I look forward to pursuing with your support. Together, we will continue building upon the strong foundation laid by those who came before us while preparing our organization for the future. I have held numerous Division and State Offices, as well as National office as Webmaster, Historian, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President. I will continue to work diligently for you and for our Order.

Please never hesitate to reach out to me with your questions, ideas, or concerns. Open communication is essential to the success of our organization, and I welcome hearing from our members.

Finally, thank you for the privilege of serving you over the past twelve years and for once again placing your trust in me. It is an honor to continue serving as your National President, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

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