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Dear County and Division Presidents:

I am sending this letter out to provide a recap of the 2016 National Convention. For those of you unable to attend, you missed a great convention.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Two of our sisters were elected to office on the National Board
 - Mary Ann Lubinsky, our sister from Schuylkill County, was elected to the office of Missions and Charities
 - Colleen Bowers, our sister from Allegheny County, was elected to the office of Catholic Action
 - What a proud moment it was to see these two sisters installed at the installation mass in Atlantic City. I wish them both well in their new positions on the National Board.
- Three of our sisters were awarded Life Membership – this means that each of these ladies has been in the order more than 25 years and has contributed “Outstanding and Distinguished Service” to our order. They are:
 - Margaret Cloonan, Allegheny County
 - Elizabeth “Bonnie” Collins, Berks County
 - Shirley Murphy, Allegheny County
- One of our two submitted “Appeals for Aid” was granted
 - \$500 will be awarded to Division #23 Allegheny County juniors so they can continue their program, “Post it Forward” – the juniors in this county need to be commended for this program that helps to feed the homeless
- Philadelphia County Board was awarded a “Freedom for All Ireland” recognition certificate for donations from a fundraiser that exceeded \$1000
- The Tara Degree team exemplified degrees for close to 110 sisters with many more attending as observers!
- I attended a committee meeting that combined both “Freedom for All Ireland/Immigration and Legislation” – it was very informative – I have two items I would like to reference:
 - First, any and all contributions for “Freedom for All Ireland” need to be sent to the National Officer for Freedom for All Ireland – in a check made out to “LAOH, Inc.” It is important that any fundraising done by the LAOH be properly credited
 - Second, if you are asked by your Immigration and Legislation officer to call a senator or congressman for an Immigration issue, please identify yourself as a “concerned citizen” not an LAOH member.

- Columban Fathers – will be celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2018. There will be a “donation challenge” coming out in the near future for all divisions and counties.
- Social Media (Two New Facebook Pages)
 - LAOH Pennsylvania State – 46 members so far – please spread the word on signing up for this Facebook page by “Friending” the page
 - LAOH Historians – set up at the National Convention – please have your Historians “Friend” this page for information
- IRS Issues
 - If the President of your county or division (if no county board) was present at the convention, they heard a presentation regarding the current IRS status. If they were present, I gave them hard copies of all 990 filings going back to 2007. If they were not there, I will be mailing them. **PLEASE KEEP THESE IN A SAFE PLACE.**
 - The National Board is currently the only entity under the LAOH umbrella that is a 501c3. All other entities (state board, county board, division, degree team or junior division (if their funds are not in the senior division account) had their statuses revoked over the past few years.
 - A process is underway to have revoked statuses reinstated. All other entities (state board, county board, division, degree team or junior division) will be reinstated as a 501c8.
 - If you receive a letter from the IRS as President of your county board, division, junior division or degree team, please take a copy and either mail it to me at: 1004 Woodbourne Drive, Southampton, PA 18966 or scan and email to me at: e.mcrane@comcast.net
 - There will be more communications coming out on this issue from either the State Treasurer or myself shortly.

As you can see, we had quite a bit to be proud about at the National Convention. Our state was recognized in many areas due to the great work that you all do for our order. We had 97 members (either delegates or alternates) that were granted the privilege to vote for our National Board officers.

In addition to our own two sisters that were elected, here are the other members of the National Board:

Patricia O’Connell – National President
Carol Sheyer – National Vice-President
Karen Keane – National Secretary
Marilyn Madigan – National Treasurer
Dee Ramp Wallace – National Historian

Please feel free to share this information at your upcoming division and county meetings. Also, if you are celebrating a “milestone” anniversary (25 years, 50 years, etc.) this year or next year, the state board would like to know about this accomplishment. Please either call or email me to let me know. We would like to celebrate these milestones with you.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Ellen McCrane

PA LAOH State President