



*Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Inc.*  
*Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity*



125 Years

# Daughters of Erin

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1894 AOH Convention Omaha.

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Daughters of Erin organized.

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Began as an auxiliary.

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First organized in Minnesota.

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Functioned as state organizations in the early years.

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1900 request National Board- denied.

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1902 Denver- elected a National three-woman board.

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1906- AOH granted power of self-governance.

# Purpose

- Primary purpose to
  - Protect young immigrant Irish girls.
  - Assist them in securing positions.
  - Offer support and encouragement.
- Also, the organization assisted the AOH to
  - Perpetuate the memory of our ancestors.
  - Aid the sick and needy.
  - Defend the priests, our church and country.



# Education

- 1902 Convention established four year scholarship to Trinity College, Washington, D.C.
- At the 1904 National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, \$10,000 was donated to Trinity College by the Daughters of Erin.



MRS. MARY A. QUINN  
National President L. A.

# Mary Quinn

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Chairman of the first board.

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Led the Daughters of Erin until 1906.

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The board was overseen by the AOH VP.



# FIRST ELECTED BOARD 1906



# First President

“When the members of the National Advisory Board of which I had the honor of being Secretary, asked the National Board of the AOH for more freedom in matters pertaining to our Auxiliary, and that we might have the handling of our own finances, we were told that we would never be granted that request, for, if we were, we would be 'out of business in two years. When our request came before the AOH Convention it was granted by an almost unanimous vote of that intelligent body, and it now rests with us to show what we can do in the next two years. With my able colleagues in office and with your individual support, dear sisters, there is no doubt but that we can manage the Ladies Auxiliary affairs to the satisfaction of our brothers and the Auxiliary. This is one of the proudest moments of my life, dear sisters and no woman is prouder of her position today than I. For the position of National President of such a noble Irish, Catholic organization is an honorable one. I thank you for placing me at the head and your friendship”

– Anna Malia, First National President

# 1908 Convention



REPORTED 6,000  
ADDITIONAL  
MEMBERS.



TOTAL  
MEMBERSHIP:  
56,000.



TREASURY  
BALANCE: 4, 658.93



DELEGATES FROM  
33 STATES.



# Revolution in Ireland

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Three women served as National Presidents from the Easter Rising to the Irish Civil War:

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 Ellen Ryan Jolly, Rhode Island 1912-1916.

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 Mary McWhorter Illinois 1916-1921.

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 Adelia Christie Ohio 1921-1925.

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All three of these women addressed Congress in 1918 in regards to the recognition of Ireland.

# Mary McWhorter

- President of the LAAOH addressed the Congressional Committee stating, "I am here to represent 75,000 Women-Women of Irish Blood."
- In concluding her address she states "You have heard about the wonderful contributions that Ireland has made to American greatness and to the world's greatness. Ireland bound in slavery making such a wonderful contribution to the greatness of this country and other countries where they have made a foothold. What, then, gentlemen of this Committee, would not Ireland free accomplish for the world's greatness?"





# Adelia Christie

- A future President, Adelia Christie of Cleveland, Ohio was representing the United Irish Societies of Northern Ohio.
- She addressed the Committee, "We ask Mr. Chairman, only for a free Ireland. We ask that in conjunction with all the other small nations, Ireland may be allowed to work out her own development, to look after her own interests and to be governed and directed by a Government of her own people."



# Ellen Ryan Jolly

- Jolly was a Past President of the LAAOH when addressing Congress.
- In her address she states "We are here in liberty's name. We are here to ask the Congress of the United States to pass a Resolution whose purpose is to permit Ireland, the oldest of the nations, to light the torch of Irish National Independence"

# Catholic Nursing Sisters

- Ellen Jolly- remember the contributions of the Catholic Nursing Sisters of the American Civil War.
  - LAOH dedicated the Nuns of the Battlefield Monument Washington, D.C, on September 20, 1924.
  - Wrote a book, *The Nuns of the Battlefield*.
- Made in 1924 by Irish artist Jerome Connor.
- Located at the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue NW, M Street, and Connecticut Avenue NW, in Washington, D.C.





## Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

- Presented \$10,000 to Rector of Catholic University.
- Donated the St. Brigid Altar and other religious items in memory of these Sisters.
- Donated chalice and gold paten modeled after Kilmallock Chalice to the Shrine in memory of the nuns of the battlefield.
- Donated a replica of the Cross of Cong Crucifix and an illuminated Missal and Missal stand made from the wood of the pews where the Sisters treated their patients.

# Columbans

- Baltimore Convention in 1935, Columban Fr. Galvin requested financial support for the missionaries.
- The Missionary Society of St. Columban becomes principal charity of the Ladies Auxiliary.
- The Columban Sisters were added in 2006.
- LAOH has donated more than one million dollars since the adoption of the Columbans as our primary charity.



# Charity and Mercy

- During our long history, we have made financial donations for many causes including
  - Fund for Catholic Chaplains of the Armed Forces.
  - Irish College in Rome.
  - Shrine of Our Lady of Knock.
  - All Hallows' Seminary and victims of many natural disasters.
  - Many churches have also benefitted from donations of vestments, Mass items and church windows from individual members and local divisions.





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In 1978, AOH and LAOH establish Hibernian Chair at University of Notre Dame.

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Hibernian funds donated to Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism and the Hibernian Scholarship Fund.

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Hibernian Research Award to provide grants to encourage the Study of Irish America.



# Project Saint Patrick

- A joint program of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and LAOH to assist in religious vocations.
- Started to provide financial support to seminarians, religious men and women during their formation.

# National Board

- National President Carol Sheyer
- National Vice President Karen Keane
- National Secretary Marilyn Madigan
- National Treasurer Mary Ann Lubinsky
- National Irish Historian Sandi Swift
- National Missions and Charities Colleen Bower
- National Catholic Action Cathy Turck
- Immediate Past President and Organizer Patricia O'Connell

