

### **Talking points to use when talking to potential new LAOH members:**

- We are a national Order, not just a local social club.
- We have divisions in 30 states.
- We have thousands of members across the country.
- We are a sisterhood of Irish Catholic women who love being Irish and Catholic.
- We have an ancient history, the Hibernians started in Ireland back in the 1500's.
- We sponsor scholarships, Irish history contests, march in parades, do charity work, raise funds for charities, support many community projects across the country.
- We support Irish Missionaries; sponsor Project St. Patrick, SOAR.
- Promote accomplishments of Irish women throughout the world.
- Be part of Irish History, be a Lady Hibernian.
- Are you proud of your Irish heritage but want to learn more about being Irish? If the answer is yes then the LAOH is the place for you.
- Do you want to share our great history and traditions that are Irish? If the answer is yes then the LAOH is the place for you.
- Share a camaraderie with other Irish Catholic women.
- Our divisions support many local charities and causes they assist the communities where our divisions are located.
- Talk about the generations of family members that all belong to the Hibernians; we are a family.
- Our adult membership starts at 16 years of age. Some areas have Junior divisions.
- Talk about lifelong friendships among our members.
- We support our religious via Project St. Patrick and SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious).
- Talk about our history we are almost 125 years old in the USA.
- We are not an auxiliary, we govern our own affairs while sharing our traditions with our friends, brothers, spouses in the AOH.
- When speaking with a potential new member be positive, talk about the great things the LAOH has accomplished.
- Let them know why you love being a Hibernian. Don't talk about petty squabbles.
- Lifelong commitment to your Faith and your rich Irish Heritage.
- Great way to learn the Irish traditions and history.