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This monthly newsletter is the official publication of the Thomas Francis Meagher Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians. Its purpose is to inform members of all activities of the Division.

REGULAR MARCH
MEETING
NEXT TUESDAY,
MARCH 13TH

DRESS FOR THE OCCASION

Boy! Have we got a treat for Saint Patrick's day celebrants. Our Officers have worked with Mike Lightbody to create a masterpiece. To begin with, there's a new version of the Leprechaun by Bob Morgan. He's in Kelly green, surrounded by "Ancient Order of Hibernians", with "Saint Patrick's Day" in orange below, and "Helena" in green at the bottom. The shirts are forest green, of the best quality. There are both long sleeve shirts and sweat shirts, \$20 for the former and \$25 for the latter. They'll be on sale the week of Saint Patrick's Day, but please let President Mike Murphy know that you want one. (439 7513)

HIBERNIAN BANNER

The fine piece of work will be a green field with gold lettering, 72"x 32", with the Hibernian crest on the left and

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Now this banner will be up for Saint Patrick's Day and there for a long time. We have Brother Toby De Wolf, owner of Bert and Ernie's to thank, as well as Brother Joe Calnan. This fine downtown Pub will be our official meeting place in Helena for any public social gathering. Now we have kind of a home for our get togethers.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 2007

Friday the 16th

Things are shaping up for another wonderful celebration for the Feast Day of our Patron Saint. Jim Hammill tells us that the Flag Raising will be on Friday, the 16th, to begin at 8:00 AM, with the State elected officials present, as well as lots of fine Irish people from the community and, of course, many Hibernians. Please, Brothers, make plans to help us raise the Tricolor with pride. Next, we'll all proceed into the Rotunda for a fine program of song, dance and piping, and the reading of proclamations. Jack Kelly from the Anaconda Division has agreed to sing the Irish National Anthem, and boy does he do it justice. He'll be followed by a surprise singer in Irish.

SATURDAY, the 17th

The parade is scheduled for noon on Wed. the 17th in the Cathedral parking lot. Shortly after the parade, those Brothers who have volunteered to visit the rest homes will begin their journey. The rest of us will journey to Bert and Ernie's, our official social meeting place. The parade this year has Co-Chairmen—P.J. McHugh and Joe Calnan. As we well know, our fine leader from the past, Pete McHugh, is now arranging a parade each year for Saint Patrick himself. Pete will be looking down to see if his son, P.J. is doing the job.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY MASS

The mass is at St. Helena Cathedral, with all the elements of a true Irish Mass, set at 5:15 to accommodate the Cathedral Parish. (Continued P.2)

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St. Patricks Day

(Continued)From there we'll go downstairs to begin a fine Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner, followed by some great entertainment. Cost--\$10 for adults, \$5 for 10 and under. Please bring your families to this fine occasion so you all can enjoy some real Irish pleasure on this, our most important feast day of the year.

THE LEPRECHAUN

There are still a few copies of Bob Morgan's gift to our Division—prints of a really fine painting of a leprechaun. Now all Irish have some degree of belief in these little fellas, so it's nice to have a representation of him hanging on the wall of one's home. The cost of these artful items is just \$125, and there are four versions, either a gold or oak frame, with dark or light green mats. Get yours before Saint Patrick's Day. Call Hank at 442-3903.

ELECTRONIC SHILLELAGH SENTINEL

We now have 42 e-mail addresses for the Monthly newsletter Anyone else interested? E-mail Hank at: hawkhenry07@bresnan.net

DO THE DUES DUTY

It's that time of the year again when our financial managers ask us to appeal to your better side for your annual dues payment. Remember, 30 bucks a year for a member truly does provide a real bargain. And then we have the wherewithal to do the good things that were famous for.

TONY KENNY SHOW

Boy! If you didn't get a chance to see this lovely Irish musical, you missed a real opportunity. It was a grand performance.

RAMBLING THOUGHTS

So this is our 22nd year celebrating Saint Patrick's Day in Helena.

We've come a long way since our first parade—1/4 quarter of a block long, and our first dinner which was prepared and served by members. Our observances have always had the dignity, joy, color, and pleasure that they deserve. We have known how to treat this hallowed day, honoring the great Saint of Ireland, as a special one that deserves the highest respect.

PRAYERS & THOUGHTS

For **Jack Ward**, who is home & doing well.

For **Neil Sullivan**, doing a great job in recovering from a stroke. Here's what you call a tough Harp.

For **Dave Casey**, recovering nicely from heart surgery

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

March 13th Regular March meeting at the KC Hall, 7:00 PM. Come and discuss our Saint Patrick's Day activities.

March 16th 8:00 AM Raising of the Tri Color at the State Capitol. Please come.

March 17th Parade at noon, Cathedral. Mass at 5:15, Dinner at 6:30

Tickets \$10 for adults, \$5 under 10

CEILIDH IN ANACONDA

Our Division is invited to take part in an Irish entertainment, with song, dance, stories on Sunday March 11th by President John Thomas. The colorful event will go from 2 til 5 and includes a Corned beef and Cabbage dinner, all for \$10. If interested, contact one of the officers.