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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 NOVEMBER MEETING
NEXT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH 7:00
KC HALL. PLEASE COME

OFFICERS FOR 2008

At the October meeting we voted in the new Division leaders for the next year and here they are:

President—Jim Hammill; **V-Pres.** Neil Connole; **Treasurer**, Dan Gruber; **Finc. Sec.** Allen Cormany; **Rec'g Sec.** John Curry; **Marshal**, Joe Calnan; **Sent.** Bob Moes; **Chairman Stdg. Comm.**, Doug Remick. Here's a fine bunch of guys to lead us into what appears to be a busy and exciting year. And now it's time to heartily thank the outgoing Officers, and especially President Mike Murphy, for a great two years. We all truly and deeply appreciate your time and efforts, Mike. And we have excellent replacements in Jim Hammill and his VP, Neil Connole. These fine guys will be installed at next Tuesday's meeting. Please be there to honor them and to thank those outgoing.

CHARTER DINNER 2007

Wow! Did we ever have a nice Charter Dinner. The food was great, the crowd was pleased, the music by Gabe Brennan was, as usual, delightful. But the high point was the presentation of our Division's esteemed award, the Archbishop Brunett Medal for Social Justice, to a person of Irish descent who performs outstandingly in Western Montana as a symbol for carrying out God's work for the less fortunate. This year's designate was Donna Daems, the Historian of the Bozeman LAOH, and what a great choice it was. As all quickly learned, she is truly a remarkable lady and bearer of good fortune for all those in need. Great choice.

TRIP TO IRELAND

Brothers Joe Calnan, Bill Harrington, Mike O'Connor and Hank Burgess met in September to develop further plans for the great journey. It looks like the best time would be early September, 2008, with perhaps an 11 day guided trip, including airlight, then three days for personal travel, by auto. The committee asks those who are sincerely interested to obtain information and questionnaires from the committee to help design the quest. We're looking at, hopefully, a party of 42, including, in order, our AOH and LAOH members and spouses, other AOH/LAOH members, all of whom will be paid up, then non AOH/LAOH who are friends and benefactors. In other words we're looking for one busload and a manageable group.

The intent of the journey is to see Ireland generally, visit places of interest to our group, connect up with organizations and people in Ireland, spend some time in the pubs, and to visit relatives. Right now we need input especially regarding sights and places of interest, eg. Glendalough (St. Kevin), Ring of Kerry, Beare Peninsula, etc. We encourage people to start giving serious thought, saving your hard-earned money, pursuing your passports, and giving input to the committee.

THANKSGIVING MIRACLE

Yes, Mary, there will be a Thanksgiving Day celebration. And do you know why? Because the Helena Hibernians will see to it. Ken Peterson and committee will make preparations so gift certificates will be given to four local families for their pleasure. Selections will be guided by Teresa Ortega from the Good Samaritan Thrift Store. God

**Bless those who are in need. Thanks
Hibernians.**

FOR ALL MEMBERS

At this month's officers meeting, discussion will take place to consider increasing our annual dues to \$40. Please give this serious consideration. It's probably time. In January envelopes will be sent out to all members to forward their dues for 2008. Please be considerate and cooperate. And maybe it's time to seriously think about what it means to be a Hibernian. First question—are you proud of being Irish? Do you want a way to celebrate that pride? Are you proud of the Faith that your parents and ancestors have given to you? Then be convinced that the Hibernians will provide the opportunity. Join your Irish brothers in celebrating what it means to be Irish.

CARROLL SCHOLARSHIPS

Annual awards to two fine students of our extraordinary Catholic College on the hill will be bestowed by mid December. The announcements are out so the students will be developing their applications to be in by Monday, December 3rd. Members should encourage those they know to apply for these \$1000 gifts from the Helena Division. Be proud, Hibernians, to provide such grants to worthy Carroll students. This is part of that Irish tradition of love of learning.

A GRAND IRISH FEISH

Plans are developing rapidly for a true Irish Feish, or variety musical show, as a fund raiser. The date is Saturday, March 8th, 2008 at the Shriners Auditorium on Jackson. The grand entertainment will be all local talent, and the Carroll College Drama Department will be aiding us in many ways, especially on the technical end. We would like members to recommend any and all talented Irish entertainers available in the area. We will have singing and dancing, piping and story telling, traditional and classical Irish music. It'll surely be an evening to remember. More on this later.

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Pat entered a monastery and took his vow of silence. He's allowed to say 2 words every 7 years. After the first 7 years, the friars brought him in and asked for his 2 words. "Cold floors" he said. When 7 more years pass, he's called in again. "Bad food" he says. So when 7 more years pass, he's brought in one more time. "I quit" he says. That's fine say the friars. You've done nothing but complain since you've been here.

"POOR MAN'S SUPPER"

That's the theme chosen for a fund raiser by our Division to aid The Good Samaritan Ministeries. After meeting with our extraordinary Bishop George Thomas, a committee composed of Tom Huddleston, Mike Murphy, Pat Connors, Neil Connole, and Hank Burgess, are busy working up the details of this event to be held next spring. The Bishop graciously agreed to fully support us in our endeavor. A meal of "hobo stew", along with bread, coffee, water, or koolaid and pudding. will be prepared by our fine cooks and served to local parishioners, hopefully at the Brondel Center. We'll have some prayer, music, exhortation, and a whole lot of fun. Look for more details later. Incidentally, during our meeting Bishop Thomas informs us that there are now 12 young men in seminaries studying for our Diocese. Now let's pray for more.

IMPORTANT DATES, EVENTS

Nov. 11th Flag Raising at Resurrection Cemetery,

9 AM for Hibernian members, then at 11, Veterans Day parade—East Helena

Nov. 13, Tuesday, regular monthly meeting, KC Hall, 7 o'clock Installation

of

New officers. And a full slate

of

Discussion on upcoming events.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Incoming President, Jim Hammill would like to set the January meeting for bringing in some fresh, younger Hibernians. Let's go to work to identify some fine lads for our organization!

