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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 MAY MEETING
NEXT TUESDAY, MAY 8TH 7:00 KC
HALL PLEASE COME

INITIATION IN MAY

Our Division will hold an initiation for new members at our May meeting on Tuesday the 8th. President Mike Murphy thinks it's time for another group to become Hibernians. So get your candidates prepared for the May event. Here are some of those who wish to become Hibernians and their sponsors:

Kevin McCarthy Toby De Wolf
Tim Sowa Mike Murphy
Travis Hardy Dan Gruber
Dan Sullivan Neil Connole
Norm d'Esterre Jim Heffernan
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STATE CONVENTIONS 2007

Our biennial State meetings will be held this year in Helena, sponsored by our Meagher Division and by the Ladies Division. The affairs will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 14th & 15th. Obviously much planning and preparation will be necessary for Helena Hibernians to put on an awesome and wondrous time for all of our Brother and Sisters. So please be prepared to give some time and energy to make it all a success. Tom Pahut will guide the preparations for the men, while Pam O'Reilly will do so for the Ladies. Much more on this later.

Electronic mailing

of the Shillelagh Sentinel seems to be working, but we'd like to hear from any member who has a comment. If you want to print the doggone thing you must use legal size paper (14 inches long). Any member not on the e-mail list, but would like to be, send your e-mail address to: hawkhenry07@Bresnan.net

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SHIRT SALE

We did quite well on the sale of those really neat shirts for our Celebration. Out of 52 shirts, (26 long sleeve and 26 sweat shirts) we have 9 left, which means they sold well. Now our job is to encourage shirtless members to buy the remainder. The following shirts/sizes are available:

| SWEATS | | SHIRTS |
|----------|------|----------|
| 1 small | 2 XL | 1 small |
| 2 medium | 1XXL | 2 medium |
| 1 large | | |

Now, get in touch with President Mike Murphy (439 7513) and get yours. Price: sweats, \$25 shirts \$20

TRIP TO IRELAND ANYONE ?

Some of the lads have been talking about a trip to the Ould Sod for a two week sojourn around the island. Now we should talk up this trip which, incidentally, would be a solo for the men. If we could get ten Hibernians who would want to go on this trip we probably could get pretty good rates. The major question would be should we go this fall, say early September, or in the spring of 2008? We'll spend some time at the May meeting (on the 8th) discussing the possibilities. Give some thought to this one. The Pub owners in Ireland are anxiously waiting the decision. .

GROTTO CLEANUP

It's time again for the annual cleanup and planting at Our Lady's Grotto on the Carroll College campus. The date is May 5th, and the foreman again will be that slave driver, P. J. McHugh. Work begins at 9:00 AM, so bring your gardening tools, rakes, and other items to do the usual fine job. This is one of those fun events that brings our Brothers together for a truly worthwhile project.

MEMORIAL DAY 2007

This May 28th, a Monday, will be another occasion for Hibernians to band together to show our faith and patriotism. We will raise our flag at Resurrection Cemetery at 8:30, then will travel to East Helena to again join in their parade and commemoration. Please be at the VFW by at least 20 to 11 AM.

JOE STRAKAL'S BIRTHDAY

Our oldest and finest Hibernian Brother, Joe Strakal, will be 83 on May 12th. So we all wish him a great, big HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Joe has been with us for a long time as an involved and steady member, always a happy and kind guy. May you have many more birthdays, Joe.

TRIBUTE TO MANDY CARROLL

Mandy, granddaughter of Brother Pat Connors, was the subject of a feature article in the Independent Record a short time ago. The story dealt with her marvelous recovery from a rare ailment. Mandy was an outstanding athlete from Helena High who was playing basketball for Northern Montana but had her career temporarily cut short. She will now return to Havre for three more years of eligibility.

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TRAGIC ACCIDENT

A truly tragic incident took the life of Stacie DeWolf of Missoula a short time ago. Stacie, who grew up in Helena, and is the sister of our Brother Hibernian, Toby De Wolf, died after being hit by an automobile in Missoula while she was riding a bicycle. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the DeWolf family.

DUES TIME YOU DALLYERS

Well, it's past time again for the paying of the dues. Guess what it means? That we are in need of your commitment to pay the state and national fees. Please take the time to dash off a \$30 check. Send it to AOH, Box 1916, Helena, 51624 and you'll be rewarded both here and in the hereafter.

HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

May 8th, Tuesday, Regular monthly meeting at the KC Hall, beginning at 7:00 PM. Initiation of new members and lots of time for socializing.

May 5th, Saturday, Grotto cleanup & planting. Our Lady's Grotto, Carroll, 9 AM.

May 28th Memorial Day, flag raising, parade, E.Helena 8:30 AM, then 10:40 E. Helena.

