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REGULAR March MEETING
NEXT TUESDAY, March 11TH 7:00 KC
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HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

OUR ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Well, we did it again. The annual trip to the mountains to pray took place on Saturday, February 16th at Brother Jack Ward's elegant chateau on Mullen Pass road. Our spiritual leader, Brother Gabe Brennan, in the hushed quiet of a snowy alpine scene, had us read from The Old and the New Testaments, then proceeded to inquire into our thoughts using Celtic Spirituality for refreshing insights into our souls for renewal. The gifts of the Holy Spirit-- **Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, and Faith**- were explored, each of which is so necessary for a fuller awareness of who and what we are and should become. Singing the words of Saint Patrick's Breastplate and reading of Holy Scripture are part of Gabe's direction for our spiritual renewal. Honestly, fellas, this is one experience that should not be missed. It's a real genuine opportunity to be with Hibernian brothers to think not only about our Christian faith, but to do it in connection with our Celtic heritage.

"POOR MAN'S SUPPER"

Our Division will truly aid The Good Samaritan Ministries. A committee composed of Tom Huddleston, Mike Murphy, Pat Connors, and Neil Connole, and President, Jim Hammill, are busy working up the details of this event to be held next spring, on Thursday, April 10th to be exact. 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 with an eye toward establishing the right atmosphere at the Brondel Center and , of course, to raise funds for The Good Samaritan. We'll have prayer, music, exhortation, and a whole lot of fun. Obviously, there's a need for some extra effort on behalf of Hibernian brothers but, after all, that's what we're all about, isn't it? Please offer your support. This is a really worthwhile event, and we are going to make it a success.

MAY THE GOOD SAINT

BLESS YOU ON THIS DAY

Saint Patrick's Day 2008

Saint Patrick's Day this year falls in Holy Week; therefore, we celebrate it earlier than usual. On Saturday, the 15th -- Holy Mass at 9 AM in the Cathedral. The Parade begins at noon. Dinner in the Brondel Center after the 5 PM Mass. Lots of planning goes on to make the day a success, so please be ready to offer some help . Tickets are only \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. On Monday, the 17th, we'll have the raising of the Tricolor at the State Capitol at 8 AM. Then we'll enter the Rotunda for a rousing program of good Irish piping, dancing and political blather

IRISH ENTERTAINMENT

Sure a grand show is in store for Helena to see on March 8th produced by our own Hibernian Division. **Siamsa (Shee-um-sa) An Eireann or An Evening of Irish Entertainment will take place at Carroll College, Lower Commons beginning at 7 PM.** Performances by a whole variety of local talent will provide the community with Irish entertainment at its best. We'll have pipers, dancers, singers, a Seanache or storyteller, Irish traditional music, and even a leprechaun! **This is a major fundraiser for our Division** so please make every effort to buy a ticket and go.

The price is certainly reasonable--\$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 12 and under, plus a family ticket of \$25 for 2 adults and 2 kids under 12.

Hopefully, this show will bring us back to a tradition started 20 years ago and will be an annual event. Please come and enjoy some of your cultural heritage. Get your tickets early. Be a part of our Hibernian celebration.

TRIP TO IRELAND

Plans are moving ahead for the Hibernians' journey to the Old Sod in latter September of this year. All members have been given a copy of the intended plan plus a sheet requesting some suggestions as to what travelers would like to visit. Now is the time to respond to Joe Calnan or any of the officers as to your wishes. *And now is the time to look into securing a passport.*

Dublin is one place for sure, because there you'll visit Trinity College to see the book of Kells, on to Kikmainham Jail where the leaders of the Easter Rising were murdered, see the General Post Office, some Irish pubs, and hopefully have a session with The Irish Republic's President, Mary McAleese.

Then maybe on to Waterford, the home of The Meagher family and the marvelous glass factory. Now might go across southern Ireland to the Rock of Cashel, Cobh Heritage Ctr, Cork City, the Bere Peninsula, Ring of Kerry, Galway Bay, The Aran Islands, then north to Knock, Sligo, Donegal. Well, there many places to see, but get your wishes in early so a travel plan can be set. And you'd be enjoying Ireland with Hibernians! Wow!

OUR MEMBERS IN POLITICS

Who would you rather see in our busy political and judicial world than Hibernians? Well, so far we've got two of our fine Brothers announcing for office. Jack Ward has filed to continue in the State Legislature, and Dennis Loveless has thrown his hat in for the local District Judge. Maybe we'll see more before the final filing date. But we wish these two fine guys lots of luck.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

We've got at least two fine young Irishmen to initiate at the March 11th meeting, and we'd bet that there are more if their names were given to one of our officers. The initiates to be are Dan Sullivan and Jack Ferriter, sponsored by Brother Neil Connole. 'Twould be nice to have a few more join these two lads.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008, Regular monthly meeting. 7:00 KC Hall

Saturday, March 8, 7:00 @ Carroll College, Lower Commons. An Evening of Irish Entertainment. Get your tickets early.

Saturday, March 15th, Saint Patrick's Day Celebration.. Mass at 9 St. Helena Cathedral. Parade at Noon. Dinner at 6:00 Brondel Ctr.

Monday, March 17th, Raising of the Tricolor, 8:00 AM at the Capitol, followed by the Rotunda event.

Thursday, April 10th, Poor Man's Dinner, Brondel Ctr. Circle it on your calendar.

Hibernians! It's that time of the year again when we celebrate the Feast day of our great and holy-- Saint Patrick, one of the most remarkable men in world history. We honor him with our Holy Mass,

our parade and our dinner. But more so, we dignify
his name by who and what we are as modern
American Irishmen. Let's keep his name sacred as
Hibernians.