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## Message from the President

Brothers,

This will be a short note. We have a few things coming up that we need to discuss.

The Charter Dinner is going to happen on Thursday, October 20 and I hope to see most of you there. It will be a good time to catch up with some of our brothers that we are rarely able to see. We also have a nominee for the Brunett Medal and that needs to be considered.

Another thing that is coming up is the Election of Officers. If you wish to serve your brethren, this is the time and one of the best methods to serve. We do need some replacements, as some of our brothers have served for many years in their offices and need a well-deserved break. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

The Thanksgiving Blessing is coming up and we will need to prepare for that while working with the Good Samaritan to ensure that some appropriate people get necessary help.

We will have some reports on events that occurred over the summer, including the Potato Bar at An Ri Ra and the Picnic.

As Brother Mike will explain, the Irish Ambassador will be here in October and we are working on the schedule and hope to have some time with that worthy individual.

As usual, we are looking for ideas to grow the Division and raise funds to support our outreach.

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## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016  
6:30 PM, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016  
6:30 PM, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

### AOH CHARTER DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016  
(SAVE THE DATE)

## This Month in Irish History

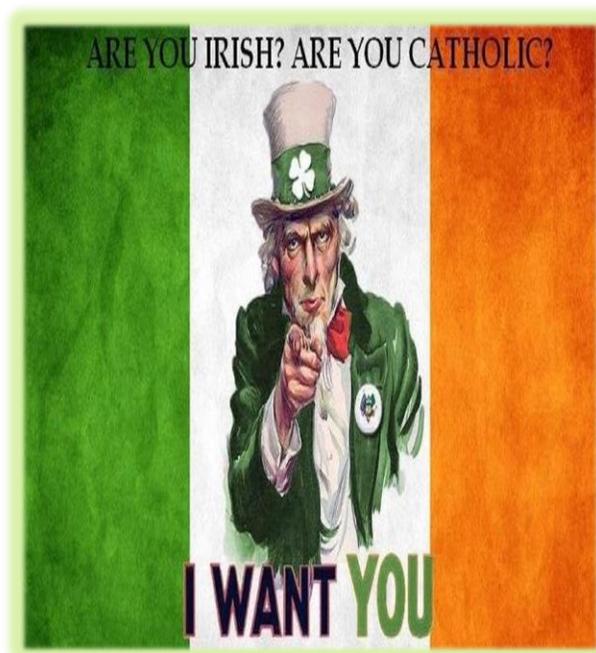
- September 1, 1864 - Roger Casement, British consular official and Irish nationalist, is born in Sandycove, Co. Dublin
- September 2, 1752 - The Gregorian calendar is adopted in Ireland and Britain, 170 years after mainland Europe: 2 September is followed by 14 September
- September 3, 1842 - In Kill, Co. Kildare, birth of John Devoy, journalist and leading member of the Fenians
- September 4, 1844 - Conspiracy judgment against Daniel O'Connell is reversed by House of Lords
- September 4th In the liturgical calendar, it is the feast day of St. MacNisse, baptized by St. Patrick, and considered the founder of Kells Monastery.
- September 5, 1771 - Benjamin Franklin's visit to Ireland begins
- September 7, 1695 - Penal Laws are passed which restrict the rights of Catholics to have an education, to bear arms, or to possess a horse worth more than five pounds
- September 8, 1908 - Poet, educator and eventual Easter Rising rebel Patrick Pearse opens St. Edna's school for boys (Scoil Eanna), combining new European theories of education with a focus on the glory of the Gaelic past
- September 9, 872 - Earliest verifiable date of a Viking invasion of Ireland in Dunrally

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I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and/or hearing from you about ideas for fund-raising and growth of the Division.

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## TIDBITS

### Election of Officers

It's time to begin thinking of candidates for our election of Officers in November. If you have a desire to serve by leading, or know of a Brother who has, please keep the nominations in mind.



THE  
THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER  
ASSOCIATION



"It is not only our duty to America, but also to Ireland. We could not hope to succeed in our effort to make Ireland a Republic without the moral and material support of the liberty-loving citizens of the United States."  
Thomas Francis Meagher

*MEAGHERfest 2017 is coming*

September 9, 1845 - The arrival of the potato blight in Ireland is reported in the Dublin Evening Post

September 9th In the liturgical calendar, this is the feast day of St. Kieran, founder of the great monastery at Clonmacnois. He dies on this date in 545.

September 10, 1831 - Birth in Rosscarbery, Co. Cork of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, one of the founders of the Fenian Brotherhood

September 13, 1803 - Death of John Barry, a native of Ballystampson, Co. Wexford, Commodore in the US Navy and renowned as the Father of the American Navy

September 13, 1885 –Montana - Anaconda Division No 1 forms with Thomas Daly as its first President.

September 17, 1862 – Meagher's Irish Brigade fights in the Battle of Antietam; the bloodiest single day in U.S. history

September 20 1803 - Robert Emmet hung drawn and quartered in Dublin. Robert Emmet, Irish patriot, is executed in Dublin. Emmet becomes a hero of Irish nationalists, largely on the basis of his stirring speech from the dock: "Let no man write my epitaph...When my country takes her place among the nations of the earth, then, and not till then let my epitaph be written"

September 21, 1827 - Michael Corcoran, Union General and member of the AOH, is born in Co. Donegal. A policeman in Ireland, Michael Corcoran became a symbol of what an Irishman -- and a Fenian -- could make of himself in the New World.

September 26, 1791 - The first ship delivering Irish convicts arrives in Sydney Harbor, Australia.

## *Ladies Corner*

Hope everyone enjoyed the summer months. There are no meetings in the summer months but activities continue on.

The Charter Dinner in June was well attended by our ladies and those from other divisions.

Virginia City was June 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>.

An Ri Ra was Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. The report I received was that the men and women that worked it, said they did very well. The weather was cooperative and things went pretty smooth. Thanks to all the women that took the time to help. It is such a busy time of year for all.

Our lady of Knock Mass was on Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> in Anaconda.

# “Her Exiled Children: Ireland and Irish America”

32nd Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies

**Celebrating 100 Years**

**Cuimhne Céad Bliain**

Missoula, MT  
October 20-22  
Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown



## Guest Speakers

**H.E. Anne Anderson**

Ambassador of Ireland to the United States of America

**Professor Ruan O'Donnell**

Chair of History at the University of Limerick, Ireland

**Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill**

Poet in Residence at the University of Notre Dame

**Breandán Feiritéar**

Former Head of Radió na Gaeltachta and Documentary Filmmaker

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Independent Scholar and Irish Radio and Television Broadcaster

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