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## *Message from the President*

Brothers,

Happy New Year to one and all!

I hope that all of you had a great Holiday Season and that the New Year is all that you can expect and hope for, for yourselves and your families.

It is hard to believe that it has been three years and I hope that I am doing what is needed by the division to improve its growth. If there is anything that I should be doing, please let me know.

This is going to be an interesting year and we will have a lot of challenges that we will need to address head on to take advantage of the opportunities that these challenges represent. St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner and we have a lot to do Especially with Virginia City and An Ri Ra that will need to be discussed in the near future.

We have a lot to look forward to as a Division and we have some new officers at the National level that are at least showing an interest in what we are doing in the West. I hope that this is a good sign of things to come from the National AOH and that we can expect some help from that direction, but I will not count on it until I see some additional proof. We shall just have to see how that works out.

As your President, I urge you to find ways to use your gifts and talents to benefit our Division and its mission. If you can come to the meetings and participate, that would be great. If you can show up to help out at events and social functions, that would be great. If you have ideas on what the Division can do, or do

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## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

6:30 PM - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

### AOH PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

JACK WARD'S CABIN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017 (TENTATIVE DATE)

9:00 AM

## This Month in Irish History

January 1, 1602 - -- Hugh O'Neill defeated at Kinsale, Ireland, end of old Gaelic order.

January 7, 1922 - Dáil Éireann votes 64 to 57 to accept the Anglo-Irish Treaty, creating the Irish Free State.

January 11, 1921 - The British government announces that any unauthorized person found in possession of arms, ammunition or explosives is liable to be executed

January 12, 2000 – Limerick people turnout in huge numbers to attend the sell-out film premiere of Angela's Ashes.

January 13, 1800 - Daniel O'Connell makes his first public speech, opposing union with England

January 13, 1941– James Joyce, Irish writer dies in Zurich

January 15, 1861- Young Irelander Terence MacManus dies in San Francisco, CA

January 18, 1885 – Miles City, Montana AOH Division #1 Custer County formed.

January 20, 1897 – Joint Installation of Officers for the Anaconda AOH and the Anaconda Daughters of Erin

January 20, 1902 - Kevin Barry, medical student and nationalist revolutionary, is born in Dublin.

January 23, 1890 – Hibernian Hall, Butte Montana dedicated.

January 27, 1908 – D.J. Hennessy –past AOH National Director dies in Butte Montana.

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better, to help our community, please share them with me by email or phone, or pass them on to another brother. We need everyone's help.

My contact info is: (406) 459-3958 or p.e.flaherty44@gmail.com.

Again, a Happy and successful New Year to you and your families.

Happy New Year to one and all!

Sláinte  
Patrick Flaherty ♣

## New Member Initiation

At our Tuesday meeting we will have initiation of our new members. If you have potential candidates, bring them to the meeting. We will be initiating Carroll College's President Thomas Evans into the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

## Ladies Corner

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

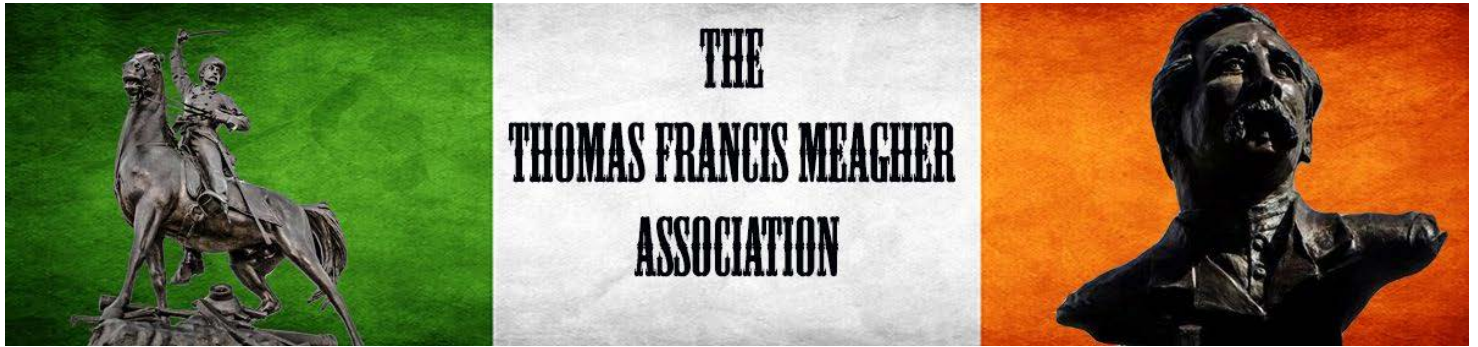
*Hope the new year brings you happiness and good health.*

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 10TH AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE KC HALL

God Bless to all,  
Pat Therriault / President ♣

**Your AOH Dues of \$40 is Due**  
**P.O. Box 1916**  
**Helena, MT 59624**

*Allow this newsletter to serve as your annual notice of the \$40 dues assessment*



The Thomas Francis Meagher Association announces details regarding upcoming MeagherFest '17. This international history/culture/arts exchange festival commemorates the life and legacy of Thomas Francis Meagher, the Irish patriot who became Montana's first acting territorial governor. (He's the statue on the Montana state capital lawn.)

Part I of the festival opens the first weekend of March 2017, in Waterford Ireland, where Meagher was born on August 3, 1823. Part II will take place July 1<sup>st</sup> in Helena Montana. This festival will coincide with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Meagher's mysterious disappearance in Ft. Benton, 1867. He was not quite 44 years old; his body was never recovered.

Meagher's brief but colorful life touches four continents and his legacy remains as relevant today as a century and a half ago, especially for Montana. His legislation, often bitterly contested, laid the groundwork for Yellowstone Park, the Montana National Guard, religious and education reform, Native American relations and ultimately, Montana statehood.

Festival events include, but are not limited to historical presentations, demonstrations, guided tours to relative historic sites, panel discussion by field experts, music, dance and poetry, kids' activities, and more.

For details, visit [meagherfest.org](http://meagherfest.org) and follow/like the Thomas Francis Meagher Association on Facebook. TFMA is a 501c(3) non-profit organization and can be contacted through the website or at [info@meagherfest.org](mailto:info@meagherfest.org).