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## *Message from the President*

Brothers,

Greetings to all.

As we enter February, we are on the short run up to St. Patrick's Day and all the effort this entails for our Division. I hope to see most, if not all, of you at the various events celebrating that Glorious Apostle of Ireland, St. Patrick.

As the events of the various days are listed elsewhere in the Sentinel, I will not repeat them here.

One piece of Good News is that the Bishop has granted a Special Dispensation for the consumption of meat for members of the Diocese, with the provision that in place of that normal Lenten requirement, we replace it with "an appropriate time of prayer or work of piety or charity." This means that we must do something that we normally would not complete. Our St. Patrick's Day Mass, as it is normal event will not suffice in this particular case. You can perform something individually or with a group, we will also discuss a large group event at the meeting.

Also coming up in March is the St. Francis Dinner which is now on March 30. We are attempting to coordinate activities with the Knights of Columbus and we have had a meeting with Good Samaritan Ministries. They are asking that we again help with the cleanup, and that we expand our participation and circulate among the guests and talk about the AOH, how the AOH started the Dinner and how we appreciated the support this worthy cause.

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## ***Ladies Corner***

Get your wading boots on, come out and enjoy the spring like weather. It might not last too long.

I am not sure if you planned your special day (Valentine's Day) a few days early but our meeting is on February 14<sup>th</sup> the year 2017. It starts at 6:30 p.m. Hope there will be several that will attend the meeting as we have a busy agenda.

Thanks to the men's organization for getting the dispensation from the Bishop for the consumption of meat on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Yah know we like our Corn Beef n Cabbage.

Kalispell ladies were scheduled to host the Biannual State Convention this year but no division there as of now. The State Board of the LAOH will be called upon to host. It is scheduled for September.

St. Brigid's Mass was held at Our lady Of Valley Church on Feburary.4<sup>th</sup>. There seven ladies and two men that attended.

Time passes so quickly with much to do on our agenda.

Drive safely in this changing weather. God bless to all.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Pat Therriault/President♣

## ***St. Francis Dinner***

*Save the Date*

Good Samaritan Ministries along with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to our St Francis Dinner, Thursday, March 30, at Our Lady of the Valley Church. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and features homemade soups. This is a free-will offering with funds going to Good Samaritan Assistance Ministry.

*Encircled by the Presence of God we are blessed, protected, nourished and commissioned.*

**Circle me O God  
Keep hope within  
Despair without.**

**Circle me O God  
Keep peace within  
Keep turmoil out.**

**Circle me O God  
Keep calm within  
Keep storms without.**

**Circle me O God  
Keep strength within  
Keep weakness out.**

*Celtic prayer of encircling – David Adam*

## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

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6:30 PM

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## This Month in Irish History

February 1<sup>st</sup> – S t Brigid's Day

February 1, 1796 - Theobald Wolf Tone, United Irish leader, arrives in France seeking assistance

February 2, 1880 - Charles S. Parnell addresses the U.S. Congress

February 2, 1882 – James Joyce, Irish author born.

February 4, 1775 –Robert Emmet, Irish patriot born.

February 6, 1685 – Coronation of King James II

February 6, 1877 – John O'Mahoney, Irish patriot, died in New York City.

February 8, 1587 – Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, executed by the English.

February 12, 1848 - John Mitchel publishes first United Irishmen.

February 12, 1989– Partick Finucane, Irish attorney, murdered by assassins.

February 13, 1689 - William and Mary - daughter of James II - are proclaimed king and queen jointly.

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We will also be Draping the Charter in honor of our Brother, Ward Shanahan.

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

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

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Patrick Flaherty ♣

## TIDBITS FROM THE PRESSROOM

**Dues are due.** The dues for 2017 are \$40.00. You are doing a great job in getting your dues paid this year. There are still a few out there yet to pay dues. This is a minor expense to get the satisfaction of supporting your heritage, religion and community. Get involved and participate in the great projects of the Thomas Francis Meagher Division.

You can mail your dues to:

AOH

P.O. Box 1916

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February 23, 1965 - Roger Casement's body is returned from England to be re-interred at Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin

February 24, 1692 - The Treaty of Limerick is ratified by William of Orange.

February 26, 1854 - William Smith O'Brien, leader of the 1848 rebellion, is pardoned.

February 28, 1884 - Seán MacDiarmada, revolutionary, is born in Kiltycolgher, Co. Leitrim

# St. Patrick's Day Festivities

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

## ♣ ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

12 noon ~ Downtown Helena

Call PJ at 431-0013 for Entry Information

## ♣ NINTH ANNUAL IRISH SODA BREAD CONTEST

2-3 pm ~ Bert & Ernies

For Rules, Recipes & Entry Info

Visit [hibernian.org](http://hibernian.org) or

Call Mike at 461-2209 or Joe at 933-5759

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

## ♣ ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING

8 am ~ Front of State Capitol

## ♣ ANNUAL CAPITOL ROTUNDA CELEBRATION

8:15 am ~ Capitol Rotunda

♣ Official Proclamations

♣ Irish Singing

♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers

♣ The Pipes and Drums of the Black Devils

## ♣ CATHOLIC MASS

12:00 pm ~ Cathedral of St. Helena

## ♣ ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Knights of Columbus Hall

**(LIMITED SEATING COME EARLY)**

5:30 pm ~ Doors Open      6:00 pm ~ Dinner

♣ The Pipes and Drums of the Black Devils

♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers

♣ Lady Hibernian Raffle

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**Raffle will be held Sunday, March 26th, 2017. Need not be present to win.**