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Message from the President

Brothers,

Spring is here. Maybe only on the calendar and in our hearts but it is here. This week we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. We have all the plans laid out and all we need now is our brotherhood to make a good showing and support this fine event. This year we have the flag raising at the Capitol at 8:00 A.M. On Friday the 16th. On Saturday the 17th we have mass at 9:00 and the parade at 11:00 I hope you can make it, also the soda bread contest and fraternal activities at Bert and Ernie's.

The bingo night with the ladies' organization went very well thanks to those that helped. It appears that this may be a good long running fundraiser for both groups.

Remember that Virginia City is just around the corner and we will discuss this event at our meeting.

We will be sending out the requests for nomination for the Brunette Medal for Social Justice in June. So, if you have a nominee let us know at the meeting or contact one of the officers.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity,

Tim Gilboy/President♣



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Ladies Corner

Yay! It is time for St. Patrick's Day!

Our regular business meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:30. The weather is getting better, but there is still lots of ice and snow. Be careful in the parking lot at the K of C Hall! It is still treacherous!

St. Patrick's Day is upon us. Congrats to our Coleen of the Day, Tasa Beatty.

Some dates and times to remember:

- Friday, March 16
 - Flag Raising 8:00 at Capitol Rotunda with Proclamations to follow
 - Visiting LOAH members who are unable to attend festivities
 - Setting up for Saturday's dinner: K of C Hall 6:00
- Saturday, March 17
 - 9:00 Mass
 - 11:00 Parade
 - 5:30 doors open for dinner

We will be doing a raffle at the dinner. If you have any items, you would like to donate you can bring them to the meeting or drop them off at Eaton Turner with Kathy Pahut or my office 126 O'Connell Hall at Carroll College.

If you have secured Candy for the parade, you can bring it to the meeting. We will store it at the K of C hall.

Our first Bingo was a success. We even made money!! Come help us or stay and play in April and May! Many hands make light work. We are well on our way to making this successful!

Bingo -Open to the Public
Eagles Lodge 801 n. Fee St
April 15 & 29, 2018
May 6, 2018
1:30-5:00

(Ladies Corner Continued)

The Knights of Columbus will be cooking up some delicious hand breaded fish, coleslaw and potatoes for their annual Fish Fry dinners. This is a great community event to support and one more Friday that you do not have to cook!

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry dinners
Knights of Columbus Hall
Friday, March 23, 2018
Doors open at 5:00
Dinner served until 7:00 or the food runs out!
Come early!

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,
Kathy G./President♣

Slainte Augus Paidreach *(Health and Prayers)*

Please remember the following AOH brothers
in your prayers.

Bob Moes

Jim Heffernan

Tom Huddleston



Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY



HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting.

ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES

(SEE PAGE 4)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018

ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING AND PROCLAMATION BY
THE GOVERNOR OF MONTANA

8:00 AM

STATE CAPITOL

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

CATHOLIC MASS, CATHEDRAL, 9:00 AM

PARADE, 11:00 AM

AOH DINNER, KC HALL,

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:00 PM

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SHAMROCK BINGO (FUNDRAISER)

APRIL 15 & 29, 2018

EAGLES LODGE

801 N FEE ST

1:30 - 5:00

This Month in Irish History

March 1, 1704 - Penal Laws passed in 1695, restricting
Catholic civil rights, are strengthened.

March 4, 1778 - Robert Emmet born

March 7, 1848 - Thomas Francis Meagher first flew the Irish Tricolor
on this day at 33 The Mall, Waterford City,
Ireland.

March 12, 1689 - James II lands at Kinsale and proceeds to Dublin

March 17, 1866 - Thomas Francis Meagher gives speech in Virginia
City, Montana (see page 5)

March 17, 1882 - Newspaper told of the first formal St. Patrick's Day
parade in Butte.

March 17, 1889 - Formal Dedication of Anaconda's AOH
Hall.

March 23, 1847 - Choctaw Indians collect money to donate
to starving Irish Hunger victims.



**HAPPY AND BLESSED ST PATRICK'S DAY
FROM THE THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER
DIVISION OFFICERS**

**TIM PJ DAN
JASON JOE BOB PATRICK**



This is the site that Thomas Francis Meagher flew the
Tri-colour for the first time. On March 7th 170 years ago
at 33 the Mall in Waterford City, Ireland

St. Patrick's Day Festivities

Friday, March 16th

♣ **ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING**

8 am ~ Front of State Capitol

♣ **ANNUAL CAPITOL ROTUNDA CELEBRATION**

8:15 am ~ Capitol Rotunda

♣ Official Proclamations

♣ Irish Singing

Saturday, March 17th

♣ **CATHOLIC MASS**

9:00 am ~ Cathedral of St. Helena

♣ **ST. PADDY'S DAY PARADE VIEWING AND IRISH LANGUAGE**

10 am – 12 pm ~ Downtown Helena

Hub Coffee – 314 N Last Chance Gulch

♣ **ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

11 am ~ Downtown Helena

Call PJ at 431-0013 for Entry Information

♣ **TENTH ANNUAL IRISH SODA BREAD CONTEST**

1-2 pm ~ Bert & Ernies

For Rules, Recipes & Entry Info

Visit hibernian.org or

Call Joe at 933-5759

♣ **ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

Irish Stew - \$10 per person

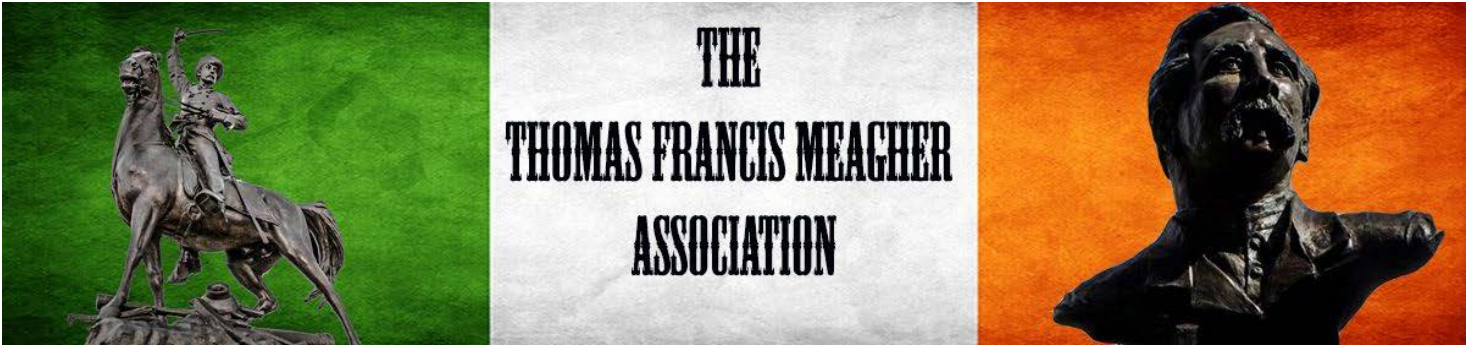
Knights of Columbus Hall

(LIMITED SEATING COME EARLY)

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

♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers

♣ Lady Hibernian Raffle



The Thomas Francis Meagher Association announces details regarding upcoming MeagherFest '18. Saturday June 30, 2018. 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.

This first weekend in March was scheduled the annual "1848 Tricolour Celebration" in Waterford City, Ireland. Unfortunately, for the committee and all the people looking forward to celebrating all things Thomas Francis Meagher, the festival had to be cancelled due to snow. That's right, the "1848 Tricolour Celebration" was cancelled due to snow. This is in Waterford City, Ireland and not Montana. But we certainly have compassion for our friends in Ireland. We in Montana totally understand a snow storm completely stopping all scheduled plans.

MeagherFest '18 will take place June 30th in Helena Montana. So, save the date. This festival will coincide with the 170th anniversary of Meagher flying the Irish Tricolour for the first time at 33 The Mall, Waterford City, Ireland.

Meagher's brief but colorful life touches three 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 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.

CATHEDRAL OF ST HELENA AND THE FEAST DAY OF ST PATRICK

It is very special to be able to celebrate the feast day of St Patrick at the Cathedral of St Helena. The Cathedral has many connections to Ireland that you may not know existed.

It starts with Thomas Francis Meagher wanting the church to create a diocese in the Montana Territory and writing letters that moved that reality forward. We have people like Thomas Cruse that was the major contributor to the building of the Cathedral of St Helena. Thomas Cruse was from County Cavan, Ireland.

We have many details of the Cathedral of St Helena that have a relation to Ireland. The beautiful stain glass window depicting St Patrick on Easter Sunday at the Hill of Tara in County Meath, Ireland using a shamrock to explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Also, some of the statuary on the outside of the Cathedral. Of course, there is St



Patrick, but also the statutes of Daniel O'Connell, the Great Irish Liberator and John Barry, the father of United States Navy. John Barry is from County Wexford, Ireland.

What is so special to celebrate the St Patrick's Day mass at the Cathedral is that it has a relic of St Patrick.

Relics are classified into three classes. The first being the physical remains of the saint. The Cathedral's St Patrick's relic is a first-class relic. The Cathedral of St Helena was dedicated on Christmas Day in 1914. The following June the Cathedral received the St Patrick's relic from Rome. With all the connections the Cathedral has to Ireland and having the relic of St Patrick just makes you feel that much closer to the Patron Saint of Ireland.



Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 - 6:30 PM

“The Making of an Irish American”

THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER



Dinner/Lecture Series

at the Legal Tender Pub and Bistro
7 Legal Tender Lane, Clancy, MT

Featuring: Mike O'Connor, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians
and President of the TFMA

Fundraiser for the:

Thomas Francis Meagher Association

Dinner: **Shepherd's Pie**

Guinness Beef Stew topped with
Roasted redskin mashed potatoes.

Garden Salad and Soda Bread

\$25.00 per ticket - Call: 406.502.1393

