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## Message from the President

Dear Fraternal brothers,

Summer is in the air and that means Virginia City's Irish weekend has arrived. By the time we meet as a division this celebration will have passed so I want to thank all those that took part in any way for this year's activity. Thank you all for your support this year on our many experiences and I look forward to continuing our faithful journey through the rest of the year.

Remember we have the past presidents' dinner at our meeting on Tuesday June 11th at the KC hall. Thanks, Tom Pahut, for taking charge again this year. After our June meeting we have a break in July and August and our next meeting will be the second Tuesday in September. Please remember the family picnic at the fairgrounds in August. I look forward to seeing many brothers again after a short summer break.

Yours in Faith, Fraternity and Unity,

Tim♣



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## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

6:00 PM, PAST PRESIDENTS DINNER & MEETING

### AOH PICNIC

Thursday

August

Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds -Rustic Cabin Site

### This Month in Irish History

June 1, 1866 – American Fenians invade Canada.

June 1, 1919 - Eamon DeValera begins his tour of the USA to raise money and support for the IRA's war against England. He stops in Butte, Montana.

June 3rd –Feast of St Kevin – he is the patron of blackbirds, the archdiocese of Dublin and Glendalough, County Wicklow.

June 5, 1868 - James Connolly born of Irish parents in Edinburgh.

June 6, 1800 - Ordination of the first priests at St Patrick's College, Maynooth. The college was founded in 1795 as the National Seminary for Ireland.

June 8, 1853 - John Mitchel escaped from Australia, eventually settling in the United States.

June 9, 597 - Death of St. Colomcille

June 14, 1690 - William of Orange lands at Carrickfergus

June 20, 1867 - Clan Na Gael, Irish revolutionary organization and the counterpart of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, is formed by John Devoy, Daniel Cohalan and Joseph McGarrity in the USA. The objectives of the organization are to secure an independent Ireland.

June 21, 1877 - On a day that will long be remembered as Black Thursday, four members of the Molly Maguires - Alexander Campbell, John Donohue, Michael Doyle and Edward Kelly, shackled with chains, walk to the gallows specially constructed to accommodate four

June 23, 1704 - The Registration Act comes into force requiring all Catholic priests in Ireland to register in court, to furnish two £50 bonds for good behaviour, and not to leave the county in which they are registered

## Dinner Meeting

***Our June meeting is always the meeting we recognize all our Past Presidents of the Division and this is a dinner meeting that will start at 6:00pm.***

***So, Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll have our important and always appreciated Steak Dinner Meeting.***

***Beware of false knowledge;  
it is more dangerous than ignorance***



# VIRGINIA CITY'S "2019 IRISH WEEKEND"

This year Virginia City's Irish Weekend took place last weekend June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> despite the weather not trying to cooperate it was a great success. All the events had good a turnout of people. We started the weekend off with a panel discussion on Thomas Meagher and the Union/Confederate Veterans in the Montana Territory at the time of Meagher. The Mayor Justin Gatewood and Marilyn Ross of the Montana Heritage Commission welcomed us at our flag raising on Saturday morning. The Mass at Mass Rock was celebrated by Father Tom O'Donnell. Thank you, Father. Yes, and the sun did come out during Mass.

Our painting of the "Irish green stripe" had to wait until before the parade on Saturday due to the rain on Friday. The Irish Potato Bar was a huge hit. The best that we have done ever. The parade went off as planned at 1:00pm despite that it was snowing. I think the tourists in Virginia City thought that we were crazy. I don't think they have been around Montana on St Patrick's Day.

The Hurling presentation, Genealogy, and the Tiernan Irish Dancers were all hits. If you missed this year you missed a great time and comradery with your fellow Irish Americans. Next year will be even bigger and better. Mark your calendar, June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for next year's "2020 Irish Weekend". The Consul General of Ireland will be at the celebration next year.





