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Message from the President

Thank you Brothers Tim Gilboy, PJ McHugh, Dan Gruber, Jason Magera, Joe Calnan, Mike Murphy, and Tom Pahut for your leadership in 2019. And, thank you for stepping up again in 2020. We welcome Patrick Flaherty to our slate of officers.

Being the progeny of an Irish Catholic grandmother and Scot-Irish Presbyterian grandfather I learned at an early age that it is good to be Irish. What didn't come so easily was the part about being Catholic. Not until middle age did I find peace with the past and realize it's a story many Hibernians may share. Our stories of ancestral Irish struggles expose the Irish soul in poetry, music and lore. I believe it is in our DNA as sons of Ireland that we bond as a brotherhood of kindred souls. Ours is a precious gift not to be hidden but through our work, a gift of light to others.

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AOH Pre-Lenten Retreat

Once again our Hibernian Brothers will journey to the top of the continental divide for our annual pre-Lenten retreat. The annual trip to the mountains will be on Saturday, February 15th at Brother Jack Ward's on Mullen Pass road. The spiritual day will begin at 9:00 a.m., after coffee and bakery goodies. Led by our generous Brother Gabe Brennan, we will spend the winter day in prayer, song, scripture, and discussion of our Celtic spirituality.

If you have not experienced this great day, then make it your New Year's resolution to attend. You will not be disappointed. This is one experience that should not be missed. It's a great opportunity to be with Hibernian brothers to think not only about our Christian faith, but to do it in connection with our Celtic heritage. It's the Celts that taught us to see God in nature. What better way to spend the day in pray than to be surrounded by the peace and tranquility of the mountains. You can almost hear our Celtic ancestors speaking to us.

Please make the effort to attend, you'll not regret it. Ask anyone who has been there.

We usually carpool so let Jack Ward, PJ McHugh or Tom Pahut know if you want a ride. ♣

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I found this description of who we are as Hibernians to be fitting, even more so today. "Hibernian brothers and sisters, both in Ireland and in America, have always sought the freedom to practice their Catholic Faith. Our Faith has been a beacon of Hope for the Irish during the darkest hours of history.

The Cross of Christ has brought, not only salvation to the world, but it has brought confidence and encouragement to the Irish as they faced great persecution during the early days of our nation's history. The devotion of Irish immigrants to their Faith life helped to build America and manifest the guarantee of Religious Liberty articulated in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

The price of all freedom, including religious liberty, is eternal vigilance. As Hibernians and Faithful Catholics, we must stand up for our Liberties."

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your president. Thank you for your trust and commitment to our work in the coming year. For it is in fellowship that we honor the sacrifices of those who came before us in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Síocháin (Peace)

Jim♣



HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020

6:30 PM - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

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AOH PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

JACK WARD'S CABIN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

9:00 AM

THIS MONTH IN IRISH HISTORY

JANUARY 1, 1892 - ELLIS ISLAND BECOMES RECEPTION CENTER FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS. THE FIRST IMMIGRANT THROUGH THE GATES IS ANNIE MOORE, 15, OF CO. CORK. JUST 15 YEARS OLD AND TRAVELLING WITH HER TWO BROTHERS, ANTHONY (11) AND PHILIP (7), ANNIE DEPARTED FROM QUEENSTOWN (NOW COBH COUNTY CORK, IRELAND) ON DECEMBER 20, 1891 ABOARD THE SS NEVADA, ONE OF THE 148 STEERAGE PASSENGERS. THE TRIO WOULD SPEND 12 DAYS AT SEA (INCLUDING CHRISTMAS DAY), ARRIVING IN NEW YORK ON THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31. THEY WERE PROCESSED THROUGH ELLIS ISLAND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, NEW YEAR'S DAY. ALL THREE CHILDREN WERE SOON REUNITED WITH THEIR PARENTS WHO WERE ALREADY LIVING IN NEW YORK. ANNIE MOORE IS BURIED IN CALVARY CEMETERY, QUEENS (APRIL 24, 1874- DEC 6, 1924)

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 10, 1922 - ARTHUR GRIFFITH IS ELECTED SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE IRISH FREE STATE BY DÁIL ÉIREANN

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THIS MONTH IN IRISH HISTORY

JANUARY 12, 2000 – LIMERICK PEOPLE TURNOUT IN HUGE NUMBERS TO ATTEND THE SELL-OUT FILM PREMIERE OF ANGELA'S ASHES.

JANUARY 12, 1885 - THOMAS ASHE, PATRIOT AND NATIONALIST REVOLUTIONARY, IS BORN IN LISPOLE, CO. KERRY

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.

January 30, 1972 - In what is to become known as Bloody Sunday, the British Army kills 14 civil rights demonstrators in the Bogside district of Derry. A 14th marcher later dies of his injuries