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Message from the President

Brothers,

Welcome back to the 186th year of the AOH in America and the 38th year of the Thomas Francis Meagher Division. Each of you are appreciated for who you are and your steadfast loyalty to our division's work. You have accomplished much in the past year, all of which you should be most proud. Thank you for all that you do.

Irish history through the millennia is with us because of the rich tradition of storytelling. From the early Celts to the present day, storytelling, poetry, and song are as wide and deep as the Irish soul. That is the basis of my message and request today.

Being somewhat of a history student and more of a genealogy nerd, I find my message themes in Irish history and my family's stories as two distinct tales blended into one. It is this writer's opinion that we are not an amorphous community. I suggest to you that our Irish ancestry is much more than an interesting story. Most important are your stories. Hearing them brings the listener to an understanding that we share similar histories and a common bond. Our bond knits the fabric of who we are into a unique tapestry of our children's inheritance. *"If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going."* (Maya Angelou)

It is my ask that we tell our stories of those who came before us and contribute each chapter to the book. Know your story, tell it to your family, pass it along for future generations. Never forget. That said, I encourage each brother to bring your Irish story back to the dinner table. Share it with your Hibernian brothers and because of you we will grow in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Síocháin (Peace)

Jim♣

HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

6:30 PM, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

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This Month in Irish History

October 1, 1911 – Statue of Charles Stewart Parnell is unveiled in Dublin

October 2, 1833 - Birth of Father William Corby who became Chaplain of the Irish Brigade in Detroit, Michigan.

October 4 1582 - Pope Gregory reforms the calendar introduced by Julius Caesar in 45 BCE: 4th of October is followed by 15th of October. However, the reform will not be implemented in Ireland till 1752

October 6 1891 - Death of Charles Stewart Parnell, champion of tenants rights and co-founder of the Land League; often called the "Uncrowned King of Ireland"

October 11, 1649 - Massacre at Wexford when the town falls to Cromwell

October 14, 1909 -Bishop John Carroll, State Caplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians visits the Butte Divisions.

October 15, 1842 - First issue of "The Nation" published.

October 15, 1995 - Seamus Heaney wins the Nobel Prize for Literature.

October 15, 1890 - Michael Collins is born in Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

October 17, 1803 - Birth of Young Irelander, William Smith O'Brien in Dromoland, Co. Clare

October 21, 1885 - AOH Div #1 Butte minutes, a motion was made and carried the "the County Delegate be authorized to organize Division No. 2 in Butte within this year whenever he feels disposed".

October 23, 1969 - Samuel Beckett wins Nobel Prize for Literature.

October 27, 1673 - A proclamation declares the banishment of Catholic bishops and priests and the closure of religious houses and schools under Charles II's reign.

October 28, 1891 – Formal opening of Hibernian Hall in Butte Montana.

Beware of false

knowledge;

it is more

dangerous than

ignorance



NEW AOH STATE OF MONTANA OFFICERS



(Left to Right) Danny O'Connell, National President; Pete Lorello, State Presidents; Josh Mouat, Secretary; Joe Ungaretti, State Treasurer, Rory Schulte, State Vice President; Bob Mehrens, National Director.

In Memoriam

We just received sad news that our brother Tom Pahut's sister passed away.

The funeral was in Anaconda.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

And let the perpetual light shine upon her.

Veterans Affairs Notes August-September 2021

The unofficial mission of the Veterans Affairs Committee is to find the people that need help and link them up with the people that can help.

The best way for you to help us do this is to ensure that you are registered as a veteran through the AOH. By registering as veteran, you allow the Veterans Affairs Committee to compile an accurate list, along with contact information, of who within the AOH community might be interested in or helped by the information we can provide. If you have any veteran related questions and inquiries, please feel free to contact me directly.

On to some new information:

The VA recently added three presumptive disability conditions related to particulate matter exposure: asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis. Military service members may have been exposed to a variety of airborne hazards or contaminants resulting in one or more of these presumptive conditions and potentially other related medical conditions while on active duty in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria, and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War from September 19, 2001 to present, or the Southwest Asia theater of operations from August 2, 1990 to present. If you feel that you have one of these diseases or if you were around Burn Pits on a regular basis, you should check with the VA and see if you qualify. For further information, see the following links.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. (2021, August 2). *VA to start processing disability claims for certain conditions related to particulate matter* [News release]. <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5699>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. *Airborne Hazards and Burn Pit Exposures*. <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/index.asp>

The VA is also offering Flu Shot Clinics again this year, check with your local VA contact for dates, locations, and times.

The VA is also offering Life Insurance for all Veterans. Please check with your local VA contact for further information.

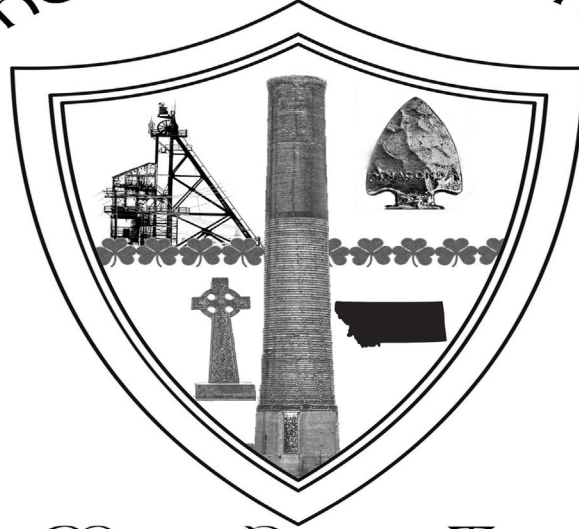
The AOH Veterans Affairs website has a large number of weblinks that can answer many questions, or if you just have some curiosity about some of the benefits that are offered. You can check this info out on the website at:

<https://aoh.com/veterans-affairs/>

If you have any questions, please email me at p.e.flaherty44@gmail.com

In our Motto, Patrick Flaherty

The Copper Kings



MAJOR DEGREE TEAM

If you haven't heard yet, the Montana AOH State Board has a Degree Team certified by the National AOH. We are the Copper Kings Degree Team from Montana. Above is the Logo for the Degree Team. It has been over one hundred years since Montana has had a Degree Team. Thanks to all the Divisions in Montana coming together to make it happen.

