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## Message from the President

Brothers,

This will be a short note and cover several topics, so hang on and enjoy. It is October (I know a clever opening, but it gets so much worse...) a month that things begin to change, the leaves, the crops, the stores. By now, we all know that Halloween is just around the corner and that there will be lots of little monsters running around, so be careful. Halloween comes from a Pagan holiday known as the Samhain, originally the Celtic New Year, a time when the door to the "Other World" is open at its widest. Hence the Monsters and scary things that go around this time of year. As the Irish progressed from the Pagan to the Catholic Faith, we need to recall the fact that we as people and society progress as well, and not always in the way we think best. Just a reminder to keep your cool, think about what you are going to say before you say it, and try to keep any disagreements as just that, a disagreement, not an open fight.

On that note, as the Chair of the Political Education Committee, election day is coming up, remember what I just said. You may not always agree with someone else's point of view, but to destroy a friendship over politics

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## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022

6:30 PM, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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would be worse than stupid.

As always, I want to ask people to step up and accept chairs of the supporting committees to help us represent Montana and get information from National out to our brothers. We have several committees open, and I would love to have some of you help out at both State and National levels.

One last thing, the Charter Dinner for the Thomas Francis Meagher Division is set for October 27<sup>th</sup> with dinner arriving at 6 p.m. at the KC Hall. Cost will be \$35.00 per person and with inflation driving things, we will need a hard count for the Caterer (Chili O'Brien's) as soon as you can get it to me, NOT later than 19 October. Thanks. More reminders will follow.

In our Motto  
Patrick ♣



## ***In Memoriam***

On a sad note, we lost a fine Hibernian Brother this past week. Mike Murphy. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon him.



**Tír gan teanga,  
tír gan anam**

**Pádraig Pearse**

(A country without a language  
Is a country without a soul)

## **CHARTER DINNER**

It's October and we have scheduled our Charter Dinner. It will be on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the KC Hall here in Helena. That is a Thursday if you are wondering. The doors will open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be at 6:00 pm.

It will be catered by Chili O'Brien's. It will be beef, turkey, and lasagna buffet with the trimmings for \$35 dollars.

It is, of course the 38 Anniversary of our Division's reactivation and a very special event. I hope you are planning to attend. If so, we need a count for Chili O'Brien's. So let us know by October 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Archbishop Brunett Medal for Social Justice will be presented to a worthy Irish Catholic. This year's committee has chosen Joe Mehrens from Anaconda. Great choice!

## *Division Prayers*



Keep our Brothers and family members in  
your prayers.

Joe Calnan

Jim Heffernan

John Curry

Father Jack Darraugh

Jim McCormick

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

