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Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to you and yours

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Presidents Message

As we approach the Holidays this year, I think that it is important that we remember the reason that they are called the Holidays (Holy Days) with the birth of Jesus. We need to remember how all of this ties in the AOH and our Motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. We owe ourselves and our Lord the respect and devotion that so many others preach but never reach. I encourage all of us to remember our Motto, our beliefs as Catholics, and the general sense of Charity that helps to define us as human. I hope that all of us have a safe, happy, and wonderful Christmas and that the New Year brings all of you and our Division Prosperity and Peace.

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Hibernian Dates to Remember

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting

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ST PATRICK'S DAY

FRIDAY

MARCH 17, 2023

This Month in Irish History

December 1, 1848 - The paddle steamer The Londonderry, with immigrants fleeing the famine, takes shelter in Derry harbour. When the covers are removed from the hold it is discovered that 72 men, women and children had suffocated.

December 1, 1946 - Singer Gilbert (Richard) O'Sullivan is born in Waterford.

December 3, 1792 - Beginning on this date and continuing through December 8, a Catholic Convention is held in Tailors' Hall, Dublin to demand abolition of the remaining penal laws; a petition is presented to the king in London.

December 4, 2009 - Liam Clancy of the Clancy Brothers passes away

December 6, 1921 – Representatives of the Irish government appointed by President Eamon de Valera, and those negotiating for the Crown sign the Anglo-Irish Treaty, ending the Irish War of Independence against England. Michael Collins declares: "I have signed my own death warrant"

This Month in Irish History

December 9, 1995 - Seamus Heaney Wins Nobel Prize for Literature.

December 6th - In the liturgical calendar, today is the feast of St. Nicholas.

December 7, 521 –Birth of Saint Columcille, Irish bard and monk, honored in all the Celtic lands.

December 8, 1831 - Death of James Hoban, the Kilkenny architect who designed the White House. He also designed the state capital in Columbia, South Carolina

December 13, 1862 - the Irish Brigade of the Army of the Potomac suffered horrendous casualties during the Battle of Fredericksburg.

December 1653 - Oliver Cromwell becomes Lord Protector of Ireland.

December 20, 1891 – Annie Moore left Queenstown, Cork, Ireland today for Ellis Island.

December 21, 1919 - Dáil Éireann meets for the first time and elects Eamon de Valera as President of Ireland.

December 23, 1688- English King James II flees to France and William of Orange seizes the throne of England.

December 24, 1601 - The Battle of Kinsale. . Hugh O'Neill and Red Hugh O'Donnell are heavily defeated by Mountjoy.

December 27, 1886 – Margaret Cruse wife of Thomas Cruse passes away after childbirth. Thomas Cruse was a major contributor to the building of the Cathedral of St. Helena.

December 28, 1880 - The trial of Parnell and others for conspiracy begins on this date

December 31, 1759 – Arthur Guinness signs a 9,000-year lease on four acres of ground at St James's Gate, Dublin, for an annual rent of 45£, including water rights.



We lost one of our Brothers last month. Mike Murphy passed away. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Montana State AOH Board Did You Know

The AOH has been around for a long time. You need at least two Divisions to have an AOH State Board. Back in 1910 the Chaplin for the AOH State Board was Bishop John Carroll of the Helena Diocese. If you didn't know he was the Bishop of the Helena Diocese when the Cathedral of St Helena was built. Many don't know that in 1910 the National AOH Convention was in Portland, Oregon. Bishop Carroll gave the sermon at the opening Mass of the National Convention. They said the sermon was eloquent talking about the work of the AOH.

Veteran's Day was a very chilly success. The Flag Raising at the Cemetery went well for the temperature that existed, or didn't as the case may be, and was attended by five very cold and slightly crazy Hibernians

We have a big year coming up and I hope that we can count on the support of all of our brothers for your dues, your presence and participation as much as possible.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year to all!

Sláinte

Patrick ♣

