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Message from the President

Greetings,

Well St. Patrick's Day is upon us and, as usual, we are still trying to tie down the last-minute details. Thanks in advance to all of those who have worked so hard to make this event a success and a further thank you to all those who will participate.

The Capitol is on and the Governor will be present to help us raise the Irish Flag once again and then, if all the stars align, we will have some form of event in the Rotunda. /some of those pesky details I was talking about.

Mass is laid on and it should be another successful event. Volunteers are still needed at the doors to welcome the public and hand out the Mass Cards. We have again invited St. Andrew School to attend as well and hope that they will be there to learn a little more about that Glorious Apostle of Ireland, St. Patrick. I hope that you all will take advantage of their presence and start the early recruiting of these young people so that we can ensure that the Order(s) continue. Remember, however, that while we want to grow the Order, there are other opportunities for those not of Irish descent to participate in a full community life, as the older and sometimes wiser members of the community it is our duty to help them find those roles.

I hope that everything is proceeding well for you and your families, and I hope that you put your trust in our Motto, "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity".

Again, in our Motto,

Patrick♣

HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022
6:30 PM
Regular monthly meeting.

AOH STATE BOARD MEETING

KC HALL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022
NOON

AOH MEETING

KC HALL
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
6:30 PM
Regular monthly meeting.

ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES

(SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS)

This Month in Irish History

February 1st – St Brigid's Day - This is heralded as the first day of Spring (Imbolc). Similar to the United States groundhog tradition, if a hedgehog came out of his burrow on St. Brigid's Day.

February 1, 1796 - Theobald Wolf Tone, United Irish leader, arrives in France seeking assistance

February 2, 1880 - Charles S. Parnell addresses the U.S. Congress

February 2, 1882 – James Joyce, Irish author born.

February 4, 1868 - Birth of Irish patriot and revolutionary, Countess **Constance Markievicz, née Gore-Booth.**
Constance was the first woman to be elected to Westminster Parliament in London (where she refused to take her seat)

February 4, 1775 –Robert Emmet, Irish patriot born.

February 6, 1685 – Coronation of King James II

February 6, 1877 – John O'Mahoney, Irish patriot, died in New York City

**Your AOH Dues
of \$50 is Due
P.O. Box 1916
Helena, MT
59624**

Irish Blessing

*May the Best day
of your past.*

*Be the worst day of
your future.*

February 12, 1848 - John Mitchel publishes first United Irishmen.

February 12, 1989– Partick Finucane, Irish attorney, murdered by assassins.

February 13, 1689 - William and Mary - daughter of James II - are proclaimed king and queen jointly.

February 23, 1965 - Roger Casement's body is returned from England to be re-interred at Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin

February 24, 1692 - The Treaty of Limerick is ratified by William of Orange.

February 26, 1854 - William Smith O'Brien, leader of the 1848 rebellion, is pardoned.

ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATIONS 2022

The Thomas Francis Meagher Division will go forward and plan for St Patrick's Celebrations this year.

As of today, the St Patrick's Parade is planned for Saturday, March 12, 2022. Also, the get together after the parade at Bert & Ernies is scheduled. Toby is looking forward to the celebration. So, mark your Calendars. Stay tuned too. We will again raise the Irish Flag on our State Capitol at 8:00 am on St Patrick's Day.

Our St Patrick's Day Mass will be at the Cathedral of St Helena at noon.

We have decided not to have our St Patrick's Day dinner this year.

For those that don't know yet, St Patrick's Day is Thursday this year.

**Thursday,
March 10th, 2022 - 6:30 PM**

"The Making of an Irish American"



THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER

Dinner/Lecture Series

at the Legal Tender
7 Legal Tender Lane, Clancy, MT

Featuring: Mike O'Connor, of
the Ancient Order of Hibernians

Fundraiser for the:

Good Samaritan

\$25.00 per ticket

Call: 406.475.4904

St. Patrick's Day Festivities 2022

Saturday, March 12th

♣ ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

12 noon ~ Downtown Helena

Thursday, March 17th

♣ ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING

8 am ~ Front of State Capitol

♣ ANNUAL CAPITOL ROTUNDA CELEBRATION

8:15 am ~ Capitol Rotunda

♣ Official Proclamations

♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers

♣ CATHOLIC MASS

12:00 pm ~ Cathedral of St. Helena




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2022 Ancient Order of Hibernians 2022

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Calendar of Events

<p><i>January 11th</i> <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>Regular Meeting</p>	<p><i>February 8th</i> <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>Regular Meeting</p>		<p><i>March 8th</i> <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>Regular Meeting</p>
	<p><i>March 12th</i> <i>Saturday</i></p> <p>Parade</p>	<p><i>March 17th</i> <i>Thursday</i></p> <p>St Patrick's Day</p>	
<p><i>April</i></p> <p>Easter Blessing</p>	<p><i>April 12th</i> <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>Regular Meeting</p>	<p><i>April 17th</i></p> <p>Easter</p>	<p><i>May 10th</i> <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>Regular Meeting Send Brunett Award applications</p>
<p><i>May 30th</i> Memorial Day Flag Raising 8:00 am Parade East Helena 10:45 am</p>	<p><i>June 10th</i> and <i>June 11th</i> Virginia City Irish Weekend</p>	<p><i>June 14th</i> <i>Tuesday</i> Regular Meeting Past Presidents Dinner KC Hall 6:00</p>	<p><i>August</i> Family Picnic</p>
	<p><i>September 13th</i> <i>Tuesday</i> Regular Meeting Nominations</p>	<p><i>October</i> Charter Dinner</p>	<p><i>October 11th</i> <i>Tuesday</i> Regular Meeting Election of Officers</p>
<p><i>November</i></p> <p>Thanksgiving Blessing</p>	<p><i>November 8th</i> <i>Tuesday</i> Regular Meeting</p>	<p><i>November 11th</i> Veteran's Day Flag Raising 8:00 am Parade 10:45 am</p>	<p><i>December 13th</i> <i>Tuesday</i> Regular Meeting</p>

Regular meeting *second* Tuesday of each month- 6:30 PM KC Hall