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Message from the President

Greetings to all,

Well, it is almost St. Patrick's Day again and now the rush is on to get everything done. The schedule of events is posted elsewhere in the Sentinel, so I won't belabor the point. Just remember that the Parade is on Saturday the 12th and we "Spring Ahead" with the change to Daylight Saving Time on Sunday the 13th! You don't want to miss Mass.

Other things that are upcoming are the Easter Blessings and Virginia City, both events that we have done before and will continue to do into the future. Virginia City seems really enthusiastic about our participation, and I hope that you all show up to support the community where our division namesake carried out his duties for Montana.

Another major event that is coming up sooner than we think, is the National Convention that is being held in Pittsburgh, PA, from 13-16 July 2022. Montana has 21 delegate slots for the convention, and we would like to get as many of those slots filled as we can. Anaconda's Bob Mehrens is running again for National Director and

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we have a good chance to make sure that he gets the job for another term. To make sure that we can get as many people there as possible, we really need to come up with some ideas for Fund Raising. With fuel costs going up, plane tickets are going to be expensive, and our brothers and delegates will need some help with travel costs. Any and all ideas are welcome, and the Officers have already put out a few feelers to some local businesses to see what we can develop.

I hope to see you all at the meeting on Tuesday and that you bring some ideas and/or cash for the travel fund!

Slan'
Patrick♣

*St Patrick's Day Parade
Announcement*

We are proud to announce the 2022 St Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal and Colleen of Day are Tim and Kathy Gilboy.

Come downtown this Saturday at noon for a fine parade. Don't forget to stop by Bert and Ernies after the parade for the festivities.

St Patrick's Parade Is On !!!!!!!

Our St Patrick's Parade will happen this year. It seems like forever that we have been able to celebrate the feast day of St. Patrick with a parade. We will do this. Saturday March 12, 2022, at noon in downtown Helena. See the program below.

SAVE THE DATE

VIRGINIA CITY

IRISH WEEKEND

FRIDAY JUNE 10TH AND

SATURDAY JUNE 11TH



Beannachtai na Féile Pádraig

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY



HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting.

This Month in Irish History

- March 1, 1704 - Penal Laws passed in 1695, restricting Catholic civil rights, are strengthened.
- March 4, 1778 – Robert Emmet born
- March 7, 1848 – Thomas Francis Meagher first flew the Irish Tricolor on this day at 33 The Mall, Waterford City, Ireland.
- March 12, 1689 - James II lands at Kinsale and proceeds to Dublin
- March 17, 1828 – Maj Gen Patrick Cleburne, highest ranking Irishman in the Confederacy born in County Cork, Ireland. Killed November 30, 1864 at Franklin, TN. Buried Helena Arkansas
- March 17, 1866 – Thomas Francis Meagher gives speech in Virginia City, Montana
- March 17, 1882 – Newspaper told of the first formal St. Patrick's Day parade in Butte.
- March 17, 1889 – Formal Dedication of Anaconda's AOH Hall.
- March 20, 1920 - Tomás MacCurtain, (20 March 1884 – 20 March 1920) Lord Mayor of Cork, is killed on his 36th birthday in front of his family by Black & Tans disguised as policemen. The inquest into his death returns a verdict of willful murder against the RIC, and indicts Lloyd George and the British government
- March 23, 1847 - Choctaw Indians collect money to donate to starving Irish Hunger victims.
- March 1901 - Missoula Division, Division #1 of the AOH, Missoula Montana Formed,
- March 25, 1840 - Birth of Myles Keogh in Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow. Soldier in the US army, it is said by the Sioux that he is the last man killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn, where his horse is the only US survivor



**HAPPY AND BLESSED ST PATRICK'S DAY
FROM THE THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER
DIVISION OFFICERS**

**PATRICK F MIKE DAN PJ
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Veterans Note

This is the month of the Military Woman so take a minute to thank the female veterans in your family and within our community. Irish or not, they have served us as much as any other veteran and in some cases with much more trauma. It is an unfortunate fact that assaults upon female service members often happen at the hands of their fellow service members. If you know someone who has undergone that trauma and needs assistance, the VA can help and will put the individual in contact with counselors that can begin the healing process. Unfortunately, we can't do anything if we don't know about it, so please if you know of anyone who has experienced this type of trauma, help them get the help they need.

Interesting information, the US Army just graduated the first female sniper from the Sniper School and it happens to be a member of the Montana Army National Guard (Identity redacted for Security reasons), but still, WELL DONE, young lady!

If anyone has any questions or thoughts, you may contact me at (406) 459-3958 or p.e.flaherty44@gmail.com

Thanks
Patrick



THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER



Clancy, Montana



Thursday, March 10th, 2022, at 6:30 PM

History Dinner Series

Legal Tender Pub and Bistro
7 Legal Tender Lane, Clancy, MT
Featuring: Mike O'Connor

of the Ancient Order of Hibernians

Fundraiser for:
Good Samaritan Ministries

Menu - Irish Stew Meal

Please make reservations – Call: [\(406\) 502-1393](tel:4065021393)
or email LegalTender@outlook.com

\$25.00

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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

All Events sponsored by the
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