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## Message from the President

### Happy New Year to one and all!

I hope that all of you had a great Holiday Season and that the New Year is all that you can expect and hope for, for yourselves and your families.

We have a lot to look forward to as a Division and I hope that all of you will commit to improving our Division's health and growth. I need everyone's help in this so that we can return to the great good deeds and charitable works that we should be pursuing, rather than implementing austere measures just to keep the Division open and running. With a little bit of help from everyone, we can return to those works and make the differences in our community in which we can take pride.

I ask that everyone think of fund-raising projects for our Division, ideally projects requiring a minimum amount of expenditure and the greatest return on any money that we do expend. All ideas are acceptable, all will be considered and discussed. The kicker is, we need the ideas.

I also hope that by focusing on our Heritage and our community, we can ensure a greater depth of knowledge of the Irish in Montana throughout the Helena area and then extending through the whole State.

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I think that if we can expand our outreach through contact with the press, the "e-space" and with other organizations, we can increase our chances to survive and expand as a Division.

I hope that you can find or think of ways to use your gifts and talents to benefit our Division and its mission. If you can come to the meetings and participate, that would be great. If you can show up to help out at events and social functions, that would be great. If you have ideas on what the Division can do, or do better, to help our community, please share them with me by email or phone, or pass them on to another brother. To do all of this, we need everyone's help.

As always, Veterans are on my mind, and we should all keep them in mind throughout the year. The last few years have been rough on our Veteran brothers, and we need to keep looking out for them. Conversely, Veterans need to reach out or at least reach back to those who try to contact them, it is a two-way street and both sides need to work together to ensure that all are protected and provided with the hope that they deserve. If anyone has issues there are resources on the AOH Website at <https://aoh.com/>. Again, a Happy and successful New Year to you and your families.

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## St Patrick's Celebrations 2023

**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 11, 2023. Also, we will not be able to get together after the parade at Bert & Ernies. If you haven't herd Toby has sold Bert & Ernies.**

**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 Friday this year.**



# St. Patrick's Day Festivities 2023

## Saturday, March 11th

- ♣ ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
12 noon ~ Downtown Helena

## Friday, 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  
Helena Ancient Order of Hibernians  
And Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

## S.S. Thomas F. Meagher

Did you know that the United States Navy named a ship after Thomas Francis Meagher? Yes, that is true. The S.S.



Thomas F. Meagher was launched November 27, 1944. It was launched in Portland, Maine. As custom someone familiar with the ship's name is selected as the person to christen the ship.

The person selected to christen the S.S. Thomas F. Meagher by the Navy was Theresa Carr Branagan. Why was she selected? She is the Great Niece of Thomas Francis Meagher. She was thought to be the only living relative the Navy could find.



## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

6:30 PM - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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### THIS MONTH IN IRISH HISTORY

JANUARY 1, 1892 - ELLIS ISLAND BECOMES RECEPTION CENTER FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS. THE FIRST IMMIGRANT THROUGH THE GATES IS ANNIE MOORE, 15, OF CO. CORK. JUST 15 YEARS OLD AND TRAVELLING WITH HER TWO BROTHERS, ANTHONY (11) AND PHILIP (7), ANNIE DEPARTED FROM QUEENSTOWN (NOW COBH COUNTY CORK, IRELAND) ON DECEMBER 20, 1891 ABOARD THE SS NEVADA, ONE OF THE 148 STEERAGE PASSENGERS. THE TRIO WOULD SPEND 12 DAYS AT SEA (INCLUDING CHRISTMAS DAY), ARRIVING IN NEW YORK ON THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31. THEY WERE PROCESSED THROUGH ELLIS ISLAND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, NEW YEAR'S DAY. ALL THREE CHILDREN WERE SOON REUNITED WITH THEIR PARENTS WHO WERE ALREADY LIVING IN NEW YORK. ANNIE MOORE IS BURIED IN CALVARY CEMETERY, QUEENS (APRIL 24, 1874- DEC 6, 1924)

JANUARY 1, 1602 -- HUGH O'NEILL DEFEATED AT KINSALE, IRELAND, END OF OLD GAELIC ORDER.

JANUARY 1, 1863 - LINCOLN, AWARE OF THE PUBLIC'S GROWING SUPPORT OF ABOLITION, ISSUED THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION ON JANUARY 1, 1863, DECLARING THAT ALL SLAVES IN AREAS STILL IN REBELLION WERE, IN THE EYES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FREE.

JANUARY 7, 1922 - DÁIL ÉIREANN VOTES 64 TO 57 TO ACCEPT THE ANGLO-IRISH TREATY, CREATING THE IRISH FREE STATE.

JANUARY 11, 1921 - THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES THAT ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSON FOUND IN POSSESSION OF ARMS, AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVES IS LIABLE TO BE EXECUTED

JANUARY 10, 1922 - ARTHUR GRIFFITH IS ELECTED SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE IRISH FREE STATE BY DÁIL ÉIREANN

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### THIS MONTH IN IRISH HISTORY

JANUARY 12, 2000 – LIMERICK PEOPLE TURNOUT IN HUGE NUMBERS TO ATTEND THE SELL-OUT FILM PREMIERE OF ANGELA'S ASHES.

JANUARY 12, 1885 - THOMAS ASHE, PATRIOT AND NATIONALIST REVOLUTIONARY, IS BORN IN LISPOLE, CO. KERRY

JANUARY 13, 1800 - DANIEL O'CONNELL MAKES HIS FIRST PUBLIC SPEECH, OPPOSING UNION WITH ENGLAND

JANUARY 13, 1941– JAMES JOYCE, IRISH WRITER DIES IN ZURICH

JANUARY 15, 1861- YOUNG IRELANDER TERENCE MACMANUS DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA

January 18, 1885 – Miles City, Montana - AOH Division #1 Custer County formed.

January 20, 1897 – Joint Installation of Officers for the Anaconda AOH and the Anaconda Daughters of Erin

January 20, 1902 - Kevin Barry, medical student and nationalist revolutionary, is born in Dublin.

January 23, 1890 – Hibernian Hall, Butte Montana dedicated.

January 27, 1908 – D.J. Hennessy –past AOH National Director dies in Butte Montana.

January 29, 1794 - Archibald Hamilton Rowan, United Irishman, tried on charge of distributing seditious paper.

January 30, 1972 - In what is to become known as Bloody Sunday, the British Army kills 14 civil rights demonstrators in the Boaside district of Derry. A 14th marcher later dies of his injuries