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Message from the President

Happy Easter, He is Risen!

Yes, it is that time, the Holiest Days of our calendars and our Church. Don't forget that Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence to prepare for Easter. We are again completing the Easter Blessing in conjunction with Good Samaritan Ministries, and we are cooperating with the Knights of Columbus for the Easter Egg Hunt that will be on Sunday at 1:00 pm at Memorial Park. If you can make it and help out, that would be great! Thanks.

Other upcoming events (and there are a lot).

The Copper Kings Degree Team will be performing the Major Degrees in Great Falls on April 22 at 1:00pm. If you as a member have not taken the Major Degrees, I urge that you take this step as a way to strengthen your faith and your commitment. They are an enlightening and deeply moving experience.

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Our Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, and the LAOH will be providing Spaghetti and Chicken for dinner at 6:00 pm. Should be good and a lot of fun.

The Meagher Display and events at the Holter and the Myrna Loy start on May 19th and run until July 20th when there will be a production of “No Cowards Epitaph”. This whole event will be a great way to learn about our namesake and spread the word about the AOH.

Memorial Day is May 29th and the Flag Raising will be at 8:00 am at Resurrection Cemetery followed by the Parade in East Helena at 11:00 am, I hope to see all of you there to celebrate all those who have given their lives in Service to our Country.

The Virginia City events are fast approaching on 9-10 June, more details to follow, but it is a lot of fun and there will be good food, good music and a great Mass at the Mass Rock by Fr. Baretta.

We are also in contact with Good Samaritan Ministries and the Knights of Columbus regarding the re-vitalization of the St. Francis Dinner. We hope to have more information on this soon.

If you have any questions regarding any or all of these events, contact any of the officers and we can help get you in contact with the specific POC.

See you Tuesday,

Slan,
Patrick ♣

HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

LAOH ANNUAL DINNER

KC HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

6:00 PM

AOH HAS BEEN INVITED

AOH MEETING

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TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting.

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting.

VIRGINIA CITY IRISH WEEKEND

JUNE 10, 2023

SAVE THE DATE

VIRGINIA CITY IRISH WEEKEND

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH AND

SATURDAY JUNE 10TH

The Ladies AOH is having a dinner Tuesday and both the LAOH and AOH are invited. They are having chicken, spaghetti, salad, and bread ready for dinner at 6:00 at the KC Hall for all that want to join.

Slainte Augus Paidreach

(Health and Prayers)

It is always hard to lose someone to death. Our brother Patrick McKelvey lost his sister Ellen Kathryn Murphy. Rest grant upon her, and may she rest in peace. The funeral will be Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the Cathedral of St. Helena, at 12:00 pm.

This Month in Irish History

April 1, 1911 - 1911 - The Titanic is launched in Belfast

April 2, 1914 – Cumann na mBan, Irish women's Republican movement, is founded.

April 5, 1961 - Death of Oscar-winning Irish actor of stage and screen Barry Fitzgerald. Born in Dublin in 1888, he pursues an acting career at the Abbey Theatre and then heads for Hollywood where he becomes Paramount's resident Irishman in such films as "Going My Way" for which he won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar. His finest works are under director John Ford, including "How Green Was My Valley" and "The Quiet Man."

April 7, 1947 - Death of Henry Ford, automobile production pioneer and son of Irish immigrants.

April 9, 1981 - IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands wins a seat in the British parliament in the Fermanagh and South Tyrone by-election with 30,493 votes

April 10, 1998 – The Good Friday Agreement for peace in the North of Ireland is signed this day.

April 12, 1861 - The American Civil War begins; 150,000 Irishmen will serve with the Union forces, and 40,000 with the Confederacy

April 13, 1906 –Samuel Beckett, Irish writer born.

April 15, 1840 - The Repeal Association is founded by Daniel O'Connell

April 17, 1875 - Election of Charles Stewart Parnell as MP for Meath

April 20, 1176 - Strongbow, Anglo-Norman lord, dies in Dublin

April 23, 1014 – Brian Boru, High King of Ireland, defeats Vikings of Dublin at Clontarf Ireland.

April 22, 1834 - Daniel O'Connell introduces debate on Repeal of Union bill in the House of Commons

April 24, 1916 - On Easter Monday, the Irish Volunteers and Citizen Army seize the General Post Office (GPO) in Dublin and demand Irish sovereignty

St Patrick's Day 2023



The Mother by Padraig Pearse

I do not grudge them: Lord, I do not grudge
My two strong sons that I have seen go out
To break their strength and die, they and a few,
In bloody protest for a glorious thing,
They shall be spoken of among their people,
The generations shall remember them,
And call them blessed;
But I will speak their names to my own heart
In the long nights;
The little names that were familiar once
Round my dead hearth.
Lord, thou art hard on mothers:
We suffer in their coming and their going;
And tho' I grudge them not, I weary, weary
Of the long sorrow-And yet I have my joy:
My sons were faithful, and they fought.