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## Message from the President

Greetings to all,

First, I would like to thank all of those who attended the St. Brigid's Day Mass at Carroll College in support of the LAOH and their Patron Saint. For those of you who have not been there, the All Saints Chapel at Carroll is spectacular and we may look at holding some of our own functions there in the future.

Second, one of the most important days for us as Irish is coming up, St. Patrick's Day. We are trying to expand our reach this year and go from just a day to a whole weekend. We will begin on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> by raising the Irish Tricolor over the Capitol at 8 am. We will then move inside and have the traditional reading of the Proclamations from the City, County and State. Additionally, there will be the Pipes and Drums of the Black Devils, Tiernan Irish Dancers and other entertainment. On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, there is the Parade at Noon. We will start at the Cathedral, loop through Downtown Helena and return to the Cathedral. On Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have Mass at the Cathedral of St. Helena during the 11 am Mass. We will process in and we will provide Eucharistic Minister and Gift Bearers. We would also like to have greeters at the doors.

To do all of this, we need your help. We need people at the Capitol, at the Parade and at Mass to show that we are a vibrant and still robust organization with potential.

This brings me to recruiting. We need more members and younger members. To do this, we need your help at not only the above events, but some that we are looking at for the future. We are hoping to do the "Coffee and Doughnut" cycle at the Cathedral and at the other Parishes in the area. These could be great recruiting events for us and help us to keep our Division thriving well into the future.

We have this month's meeting and next months to finish our planning for these events, so if you can make the meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, we would be happy to see our Brothers again.

Slan,  
Patrick

## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

6:30 PM

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### ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES

(SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS)

### This Month in Irish History

February 1<sup>st</sup> – 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

February 8, 1587 – Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, executed by the English.

## EAGLE SCOUT !!!!!

Our Brother Joe Weber should be very proud. Joe Weber and Kandice Morse's daughter Aidan attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Aidan became the first member of the all-girl troop to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

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 Day Festivities 2024

## Friday, March 15th

♣ ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING  
8 am ~ Front of State Capital

♣ ANNUAL CAPITOL ROTUNDA CELEBRATION  
8:15 am ~ Capitol Rotunda

♣ Official Proclamations

♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers

♣ The Pipes and Drums of the Black Devils

## Saturday, March 16th

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

## Sunday, March 17th

♣ CATHOLIC MASS

11:00 am ~ Cathedral of St. Helena

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