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## *Message from the President*

First off, we will be Draping the Charter in memory of Brother Jack Ward. The viewing will be on April 18th at 6 pm at Wilkie, Stevenson Funeral Home on Montana Avenue, Funeral on April 19th at 11 am at Our Lady of the Valley and Internment at the Veterans Cemetery at Ft. Harrison at 3 pm. This is a sad time as Jack will be missed.

St, Patrick's Day seems to have gone well and I hope that everyone enjoyed it and stayed safe throughout the various events.

A few things are coming up that are going to need our attention. Memorial Day is coming up soon and we will be raising the Flag at Resurrection Cemetery at 8 am on Monday, May 27th and following up with the Parade in East Helena at 11 am.

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I am hoping for a good turn-out of Hibernians. We have been lacking a bit because of a lot of things, but we need to get back in the habit of supporting those that gave their lives in defense of our country.

Meagher Days in Virginia City is also coming up sooner than we would like to admit, so let's get ready for that as well. It will be the second weekend in June and I hope we have a great turn out for that as well.

The National Convention is coming up in August in Orlando, Florida. It should be a fun time and we will get to see a lot of our brothers from around the country. Additionally, Bob Mehrens of Anaconda is running for Treasurer and Rory Schulte of Great Falls is running for Director, so let's get as many people down there to support them and help keep Montana in the history of the AOH.

See you Tuesday,

Slán,  
Patrick ♣

## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### LAOH ANNUAL DINNER

KC HALL

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**AOH HAS BEEN INVITED**

### AOH MEETING

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

Regular monthly meeting.

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**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

Regular monthly meeting.

### VIRGINIA CITY IRISH WEEKEND

**JUNE 8, 2024**

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

**VIRGINIA CITY  
IRISH WEEKEND**

FRIDAY JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> AND

SATURDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>

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 Jack Ward passed away unexpectedly. Rest grant upon him, and may he rest in peace. The funeral will be Friday, April 19, 2024, at Our Lady of the Valley, at 11:00 am.

### **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 2024



## **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.