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Message from the President

Greetings to all,

Well, it is that time of year again, St. Patrick's Day has snuck up on us again. Preparations have been going on for a while, but as always, there are still questions. Hopefully, this edition of the Sentinel will answer them. Yes, there is a Parade on Saturday, March 14th at Noon, starting at the Cathedral and going along the traditional route through downtown Helena. A Colleen of the Day has been chosen, the Grand Marshall is still fighting it and may yet escape, however, his hopes for that are growing dim. On Tuesday, events at the Capitol start at 8 am with the Flag Raising by the Governor, the Pipes and Drums of the Black Devils and the Tiernan Dancers. Mass will be at noon at St. Helena's Cathedral. There are other details following this article, so you are going to have to read the whole thing.

The Irish Days in Virginia City are still in the planning stages and with some of the information and decisions from the Heritage Commission we are not sure how extensive the event will be this year. Hopefully we will have more information on this soon.

I do wish to apologize to everyone for the last couple of months. I failed to manage myself and my version of life effectively so I did not produce the note for the Sentinel like I should have in a proper and timely manner. I am Sorry and I will try to do better.

Thanks and Slan',
Patrick♣



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Beware of false

Knowledge;

It is more

Dangerous
than

ignorance

SAVE THE

DATE

**VIRGINIA CITY
IRISH WEEKEND**

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Beannachtai na Féile Pádraig

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY



HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

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

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St Patrick's Day Parade Announcement

We are proud to announce the 2026 St Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal and Colleen of Day. They are Grand Marshal Patrick Flaherty and Colleen of the Day is Erin Tayler.

Come downtown Saturday March 14th at noon for a fine parade.

St. Patrick's Day Festivities 2026

Saturday, March 14th

♣ **ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** ♣

♣ 12 noon ~ Downtown Helena ♣

For more Information contact: PJ McHugh 406-431-0013

Tuesday, March 17th

♣ **ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING** ♣

♣ 8:00 am ~ Meagher Plaza ♣

♣ 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 ♣

♣ **St Patrick's Day Mass** ♣

♣ 12 Noon ~ Cathedral of St. Helena ♣

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