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This monthly newsletter is the official publication of the Thomas Francis Meagher Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians. Its purpose is to inform members of all activities of the Division.

REGULAR APRIL MEETING
NEXT TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH 6:00 KC
HALL PLEASE COME

EASTER IS UPON US

The Holy Season of Lent is nearing an end which means that a glorious Easter Morning will be here shortly. We Hibernians, as all Christians, are in the midst of Holy Week with its Triduum of days to think about the Crucifixion and death of Christ. Hopefully we all have spent time during Lent revisiting our lives in the light of Christ's monumental sacrifice for all of us. But come Sunday it's time for Christians to rejoice and dwell on the resurrection of Our Savior. So all of you have a contemplative Holy Week and a joyful Easter Day.

EASTER EGG HUNT

This Sunday will note, among other events that celebrate Easter, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by our Hibernian Division and aided by the Knights of Columbus. The fun time for kids under 12 will be at Memorial Park behind the bandshell and will begin at promptly 12 noon. Egg preparation will take place at the K C Hall on Saturday at 10 AM with a need for volunteers. This is a grand time for the little ones, with cash for the prize eggs.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 2007

My what a grand time was had by the Hibernians and the Helena Community by participating in the great Irish feast day. All events were done to perfection, beginning on Friday with the Raising of the Irish Tricolor at the State Capitol and the program in the Rotunda with its songs and dance and reading of the proclamations. Jack Kelly from Anaconda sang the Soldiers Song followed by Tom Huddleston who sang it in Irish.

The great parade proceeded from the Cathedral at Noon on the 17th, and boy was it a dandy. We had probably the largest crowd ever, and the parade had to be the longest in our history. Following that, some of the lads visited local rest homes with shamrocks and good will while the rest took part in hanging the bright green banner in Bert and Ernie's that acknowledges that pub as the official social meeting place for Helena Hibernians.

The lovely, colorful mass on Saint Patrick's Day began at 5:15, followed by an altogether spirited gathering for dinner.

It has to be said that a grand time was had by all, thanks to many, but especially to VP Jim Hammill, Pres. Mike Murphy, PJ

McHugh & Joe Calnan and to all the others who pitched in for a great success.

INITIATION ON MAY

Our Division will hold an initiation for new members at our May meeting on Tuesday the 8th. President Mike Murphy thinks it's time for another group to become Hibernians. So get your candidates prepared for the May event. We'll have a nice dinner meeting to welcome our new Brothers. BUT THE APRIL MEETING WILL BE SPECIALBecause the Ladies AOH will treat us to an exquisite fried chicken and spaghetti dinner. So come early---6 O'clock to be exact---- on Tuesday, April 10th to enjoy this nice treat by our gentle counterparts. The regular meeting is at 7:00.

STATE CONVENTIONS 2007

Our biennial State meetings will be held this year in Helena, sponsored by our Meagher Division and by the Ladies Division. The affairs will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 14th & 15th. Obviously much planning and preparation will be necessary for Helena Hibernians to put on an awesome and wondrous time for all of our Brother and Sisters. So please be prepared to give some time and energy to make it all a success. Tom Pahut will guide the preparations for the men. Much more on this later.

Electronic mailing of the Shillelagh Sentinel seems to be working, but we'd like to hear from any member who has a comment. If you want to print the doggone thing you must use legal size paper (14 inches long). Any member not on the e-mail list, but would like to be, send your e-mail address to: *hawkhenry07@Bresnan.net*

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THE EASTER MIRACLE AGAIN

The great Easter Miracle is on again, this time to six local needy and worthy families. Working through The Good Samaritan Store as well as the local Truancy Intervention Specialist, We have some deserving choices. Our generous co-partner in the venture, Paula of Van's Thriftway, threw in an extra \$100 this year so we were able to add two more households. Four of the six have single parent mothers, while the other two are from the working poor. There are a total of 14 children involved, including two that are undergoing mental health treatment. Once again we Hibernians are proud to help these unfortunate members of our community to enjoy a fine Easter celebration.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SHIRT SALE

We did quite well on the sale of those really neat shirts for our Celebration. Out of 52 shirts, (26 long sleeve and 26 sweat shirts) we have 9 left, which means they sold well. Now our job is to encourage shirtless members to buy the remainder. Give it a thought and ask Mike Murphy for your size.

THE GOOD FRIDAY ACCORDS

If you want some frustration, try to find out through the press or elsewhere just what the heck is going on regarding the Peace accords in the North of Ireland. I've tried about every thing I know to find out what's happening but without success. The time was up last week to tie the ends of the Accord but what occurred, I have no idea. Perhaps I can find out by the April Issue of our Shillelagh Sentinel.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

Regular April meeting---Tuesday, the 10th, but be sure to come at 6 o'clock for the Ladies dinner.

Easter egg hunt at memorial park on Easter Sunday. Begins at 12 noon.

Bring your kids or grandkids.

