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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 SEPTEMBER MEETING
NEXT TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH 7:00
KC HALL. PLEASE COME

BACK TO OUR GOOD DEEDS

Well, summer's over and it's time to saddle up for the forthcoming year. We've got plenty to look forward to. For one thing we've got to elect new officers, as well as hold our Charter Dinner and honor this year's Social Justice Medal recipient. With Saint Patrick's blessing and some luck we'll have a great year.

NOMINATION FOR 2008 OFFICERS

At next Tuesday's meeting we will begin nominations for officers' posts. We have been so fortunate over these many past years to have had the best to serve us, and we look forward to much of the same. At the October meeting we will have one more opportunity to nominate, then to vote. Please come and support your choices. Those chosen will be installed at the November meeting.

USHERS AT THE CARROLL GAMES

Brother Bob Moes is coordinating efforts for Hibernians to again usher at the Carroll games this Fall. He's looking for volunteers who will be provided with tickets to the games. Give him a call if interested.

IN MEMORIAM DON FERRITER

We'll have the Draping of the Charter at this month's meeting in memory of Brother Don Ferriter who went to meet

Saint Patrick. Please help us to honor his memory at next Tuesday's meeting.

TRIP TO IRELAND

There's excitement in the air about a trip to the Old Sod being developed by our officers. Essentially, here's the plan: Sometime next year, 2008, probably in early September, a group of members, with wives or single, will travel to Ireland to tour as one large group at times, and small groups at other times. Airline rates, means of travel in Ireland, lodging, and a general itinerary will be developed and arranged by Officers headed by Marshal Joe Calnan, asking all interested persons to contribute input and desires. Please let Joe know ASAP via phone or note. More on this as plans develop.

A TRUCK FOR THE GOOD SAMARITAN

At Tuesday's meeting some discussion will take place regarding the possibility of our Division taking on a fund raising project to help purchase a van for our friends at the Good Samaritan. Theresa Ortega, who visited us last June, indicated that one special need for their work was a van. Now we are going to consider the feasibility.

STATE CONVENTIONS 2007

Our biennial State meetings will be held this year in Helena, sponsored by our Meagher Division and by the Mary Ronan Division. The affairs will take place on Friday and

Saturday, September 14th & 15th. Obviously much planning and preparation was necessary for Helena Hibernians to put on an awesome and wondrous time for all of our Brother and Sisters. Tom Pahut has guided preparations for the men, while Pam O'Reilly has done so for the Ladies. So far plans include meetings and meals at the Park Plaza in uptown Helena and Holy Mass at the Cathedral. Please see our WEB page at Hibernian.Org for details. Hopefully, everyone has a schedule of the events and that you'll join all of Montana's Hibernians for this fine event.

ARCHBISHOP BRUNETT MEDAL

Letters and applications are being sent out by President Mike Murphy to all State Divisions for nominations for the Brunett Medal for Social Justice. This is truly a prestigious award offered by our Division and we hope to get a number of nominations in by the deadline of Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The honor will be made at our Charter Dinner on October 18th. We encourage members of our Division to submit letters of nomination for worthy local persons.

STATE BOARD MEETING

The AOH State Board will meet in Helena during the State Convention on the morning of Saturday, September 15th at 10 AM. Several of our Division are officers: Tom Pahut is Secretary, John Curry is Treasurer, Doug Remick is Vice President. All Hibernians are invited to sit in on the meeting to be held at the Park Plaza Hotel. Come sit in. Support our guys.

CHARTER DINNER 2007

President Mike Murphy has chosen Thursday, October 18th for our annual Charter Dinner to be held at the KC Hall. Please mark your calendars for this truly fine event. Officers elect for 2008 will be introduced, the Brunett Medal will be awarded, and there will be a meaningful program for the affair. Please plan for this our one formal celebration of the year. More on this later.

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FOR ALL MEMBERS

We still have for our fund raising, several beautifully framed copies of Brother Bob Morgans' painting of the famous, colorful Leprechaun of Celtic fame. This excellent rendering, with an accompanying written description of this noted mischievous Irish elf, is available for \$125, a real bargain for this valuable art work. Call Hank at 442 3903.

DUES REMINDER

Believe it or not there are still some dues notices that have to be sent out to amnesiacs. You know, for \$30 bucks a year you get a great picnic, a monthly newsletter, are part of an organization that provides two scholarships to Carroll College, as well as 4-5 gifts to worthy families on Easter and Thanksgiving, provides the noble Brunett Medal, and many other fine things. Out of the 30 bucks, \$8 goes to the national AOH, and \$5 to the state AOH. That leaves \$17 for each member's dues for our Division. Quite frankly fellas that doesn't leave our officers much to work with unless we have some great fundraisers, of which we don't have any except Bob Morgan's art.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular September meeting September 11th

At the KC Hall 7 PM

State AOH Convention September 14th & 15th Park Plaza Hotel

Charter Dinner Thursday, October 18th KC Hall Social hour 5:30, Dinner at 6:30

