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CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT IN THIS DARK WORLD

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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 8 th 7:00 K	
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“POOR MAN’S SUPPER”
Our Division will truly aid The Good Samaritan Ministries. A committee composed of Tom Huddleston, Mike Murphy, Pat Connors, and Neil Connole, and President, Jim Hammill, are busy working up the details of this event to be held on **Thursday, April 10th, beginning at 6 PM.**

(That’s Two days after next Tuesday’s regular meeting)

A meal of “hobo stew”, along with bread, coffee, water, or koolaid and pudding. will be prepared by Bert and Ernies under the watchful eye of Toby De Wolf. then served to local parishioners with an eye toward establishing the proper atmosphere at the **Brondel Center** that the poor are always with us and need our help. Of course, the idea, under the auspices of Bishop George L. Thomas, is to raise funds for The Good Samaritan Ministries. We’ll have prayer, music, exhortation, and some fun. Obviously, there’s a need for some real attention on behalf of Hibernian brothers but, after all, that’s what we’re all about, isn’t it? Tickets are available now from our Officers for a contribution of \$20 each, also after Masses at our local parish churches this coming Sunday. ***Please, if as Hibernians you have ever supported an event, this is the one to attend. Christian Charity is one of our strongest tenets and we love to practice it.***

Offer your support. Buy your tickets at Mass. Go and enjoy a unique effort. This is a really a worthwhile event, and we are going to make it a success.

IRISH ENTERTAINMENT
Boy! Was our Siamsa An Eireann ever a great success! We had an audience of well over 300 excited and pleased fans. The show found a good home in the Carroll College Lower Commons and Our Division is encouraged to consider the

event for possible annual presentation, primarily as a fund raiser. All of the performances were delightful, with the updated Seannache, our own Brother Frank Crowley, a superstar. One real neat entertainer was Maddie Cormier, as were Brother Gabe Brennan, his wife Maggie and son.

Jack Kelly from Anaconda did a fine job, and the Leprechaun brought some great fun into the show. The Shining Thistle Pipe Band as well as both local Irish dancing groups added greatly to the atmosphere. The fine Irish baked delights were a hit, thanks to the lovely Lady Hibernians. But all those who contributed were superb. And a great thanks to all who helped make the Entertainment of Ireland a success, especially Mike Casey the MC who moved things along masterfully. One more great thanks to Brother Toby De Wolf who financed the TV ads for the Siamsa as well as the Saint Patrick’s Day activities.

SAINT PATRICK’S DAY EVENTS
“All Hail to Saint Patrick” characterizes our Division’s celebration of this truly remarkable man’s presence in Ireland. As we all know, the main celebration was on Saturday, the 15th, to recognize Holy Week in our Church. Nonetheless, it was a grand day. Mass was at 9 AM, with Msgr. O’Neill nicely combining insights into our dear Patrick and Saint Joseph, whose feast day was the 15th. The parade was, as usual, a fine affair with a great crowd of adults and kids. The only thing it lacked was publicity from local media outlets. Several Brothers brought shamrocks and good wishes to the local rest homes in the afternoon. Our Dinner was another success with the Shining Thistle Pipe Band and The Helena Community Irish Dancers, along with two lovely young ladies on the violin and harp providing entertainment. Our Annual Raising of the Tricolor at the Capitol was solemn and thoughtful as usual, with local

dignitaries and a large group of Irish admirers. The program in the Rotunda provided dignity, yet praise for notable Montanans of Irish descent

DIVISION NOTES

A fine Irish lad was initiated into our Division at the March meeting. **Dan Sullivan**, Asst. Director of Homeland Security for Montana, was initiated, then gave us a rundown on his Irish heritage. We're pleased and proud to have Dan as a member.

On a sad note, we learned today (Wed) that our beloved Brother, **Mike Duffy**, was called by God to join Him. Mike has been incapacitated physically since an auto accident in 1962, but his spirit and intellect have been unimpaired over all these years. He has been truly an inspiration to those who have known him due to his deep and abiding desire to keep up on all things, especially in literature and music. Several other of his strengths were his love of his Catholic faith and his Irish heritage. Mike will be greatly missed, but his long, sometimes difficult, earthly journey is over. Mike was a proud Hibernian and we were proud of him. A Wake will be held Thursday evening, with the funeral on Friday. We'll be there to honor him.

EASTER MIRACLE 2008

"Once more to the breech lads." Brothers **Ken Peterson and Hank Burgess** put together the means from the Hibernians to provide four local needy and worthy families with the provisions to have truly substantial celebrations on Easter Sunday. President **Jim Hammill** and Vice President **Neil Connole** joined Ken and Hank to deliver the gifts to some very thankful people. Of the four families, there were 11 children, two of the families had single mothers. What a feeling of good will for us and for all Hibernians. Thanks, fellas, ya dun gude and all of your Brother Hibernians are gratified.

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EDITORIAL

The publisher of the Shillelagh Sentinel takes a rare occasion to wonder about the

almost total lack of local coverage of our Saint Patrick's Day events. Coverage of our really good parade was limited to one small picture of Irish dancers with no copy, yet inside the same paper was a picture of our neighboring city's parade of a bunch of boobs with coconut boobs acting more like simians than people, and the related story was two columns X 6 inches of junky news about revelry and debauchery in the mining city.

On a previous day a story and picture of a "paddy wagon" readied to pick up unlawful celebrants graced the newspaper, telling of how that same city was preparing in it's way, for the celebration of one of the great saints of our Christian Church.

And if you were looking for a local TV story about Hibernian doings at Saint Patrick's Day activities, you were subjected to a story highlighting the goings on in two local bars and then a story from the Sheriffs Office. Nothing of any value beyond that.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, April 8th, regular meeting at the KC Hall, 7PM. Come join your Hibernian Brothers.

Thursday, April 10th Poor Man's Supper, Brondel Center, 6 PM. \$20 contribution for the Good Samaritan Ministries. Please join in and consider your money as a gift to the less fortunate in our society.

TRIP TO IRELAND

Plans are moving ahead for the Hibernians' journey to the Old Sod in latter September of this year. Now is the time to respond to Joe Calnan or any of the officers as to your wishes. *And now is the time to look into securing a passport.* But get your wishes in early so a travel plan can be set. And you'd be enjoying Ireland with Hibernians! Wow!

