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Message from the President

I know that many of you are proud of your heritage and that you want others to understand that pride, one way to do that is to participate in all AOH events, no matter the time of year.

By participating in the St. Patrick's Day functions, you will have the ability to interact with numerous members of the community, increase their knowledge, and potentially increase the number of brothers in the Division. Additionally, by participating you demonstrate to the community your dedication to your heritage and to the AOH as a whole.

This is an Opportunity for us to re-invigorate the Irish Heritage of Helena and to increase the knowledge of the other citizens of our fair city about the debt they owe to all of our Irish Ancestors from the beginnings of time to the present.

Coming up at our monthly meeting (Tuesday, 3-8-16) we will be discussing the details for St. Patrick's Day and the calendar of events is attached.

While we will be concentrating on St. Patrick's Day, there are other events coming up that we need to start watching out for:

Easter Blessing (End of March)
 Virginia City (June)
 4th of July (July)
 An Ri Ra (August)
 Charter Dinner (October)
 Election of Officers (October)
 Thanksgiving Blessing (November)
 Christmas (December)

It is going to be a busy year. As usual, I am open to suggestions.

Patrick ♣



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Ladies Corner

Happy March to all. Hope you are enjoying this nice spring like weather. We initiated a new member, Cynthia McCarvel Thornquist at our last meeting. Welcome Cynthia. The new members bring in fresh ideas.

The St. Patrick's festivities are just around the corner. We are gearing up for the parade and celebrations. Our Colleen of the Day is Alyssa Lanz. We will have a float in the parade again this year. Cathy Caruso has offered to let us assemble the float in her garage due to unpredictable weather conditions. We will meet at Cathy's on Wednesday March 9th 6p.m. at 1517 Leslie Street. Mike Morrison offered the use of his truck and trailer for the float. Thanks so much Mike. Our new member Cynthia volunteered her daughter to make green frogs for the float. Kathy Pahut offered to make shamrocks.

There will be no silent auction this year but we will sell raffle tickets at the dinner. There will be Irish Stew served at the dinner this year. Tickets will be on sale soon, there will be limited space so get your tickets early.

A range/oven was found on face book for \$125-\$150. This would alleviate the running back and forth to St. Mary's. We could divide the expense with the men if agreeable.

Kathy Gilboy's parents were honored at a special ceremony at their church in Casper, WY. They received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice. It is the highest medal awarded to laity by the Pope.

St Patrick's Day Parade Announcement

We are proud to announce the 2016 St Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal and Colleen of Day are Joe Calnan and Alyssa Lanz.

Come downtown this Saturday at noon for a fine parade. Don't forget to stop by Bert and Ernie's after the parade for the festivities.

You might even like to enter our 8th Annual Soda Bread Baking contest to be judged at Bert and Ernies after the parade. Go to www.hibernian.org for details and entry forms.

Ladies Corner (continued)

Kathy's parents: Finn & Betty McCarthy were amazed to receive such an award. They were well known for their acts of charity, hospitality and well-respected in Wyoming. They are examples of what it means to follow Christ and serve him in others. Congrats to Kathy and her family.

Yours in friendship, Unity and Christian
Charity

Pat Therriault/President♣

"It is not only our duty to America, but also to Ireland. We

- could not hope to succeed in our
- effort to make Ireland a Republic without the moral and material support of the liberty-loving
- citizens of these United States"

Thomas Francis Meagher

HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting.

ST FRANCIS DINNER (GOOD SAMARITAN)

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

FREE WILL OFFERING

6:00 PM

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CHURCH

ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE, NOON DOWNTOWN HELENA

IRISH SODA BREAD CONTEST,

2:00 – 3:00 PM, BERT & ERNIES

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

**ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING AND PROCLAMATION BY
THE GOVERNOR OF MONTANA**

8:00 AM

STATE CAPITOL

CATHOLIC MASS, CATHEDRAL, 12:00 NOON

AOH DINNER, KC HALL,

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:00 PM

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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, 1882 – Newspaper told of the first formal St. Patrick's Day parade in Butte.

March 17, 1889 – Formal Dedication of Anaconda's AOH Hall



**HAPPY AND BLESSED ST PATRICK'S DAY
FROM THE THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER
DIVISION OFFICERS**

**PATRICK JOE DAN TIM
PJ JOE BOB JACK**



This is the site that Thomas Francis Meagher flew the Tri-colour for the first time. On March 7th 168 years ago at 33 the Mall in Waterford City, Ireland

St. Patrick's Day Festivities For 2016

Saturday, March 12th

♣ **ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

12 noon ~ Downtown Helena
Call PJ at 431-0013 for Entry Information

♣ **EIGHTH ANNUAL IRISH SODA BREAD CONTEST**

2-3 pm ~ Bert & Ernies
For Rules, Recipes & Entry Info
Visit hibernian.org or
Call Mike at 461-2209 or Joe at 933-5759

Thursday, March 17th

♣ **ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING**

8 am ~ Front of State Capitol

♣ **ANNUAL CAPITOL ROTUNDA CELEBRATION**

8:30 am ~ Capitol Rotunda
♣ Official Proclamations
♣ Irish Singing
♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers
♣ The Pipes and Drums of the Black Devils

♣ **CATHOLIC MASS**

12:00 pm ~ Cathedral of St. Helena

♣ **ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

Knights of Columbus Hall

(LIMITED SEATING COME EARLY)

5:30 pm ~ Doors Open 6:00 pm ~ Dinner
♣ The Pipes and Drums of the Black Devils
♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers ♣ Lady Hibernian Raffle

**All Events sponsored by the
Helena Ancient Order of Hibernians**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF
POBLACHT NA H EIREANN.
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF THE
IRISH REPUBLIC
TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.**

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty: six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no one who serves that cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valour and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on Behalf of the Provisional Government,

THOMAS J. CLARKE.

SEAN Mac DIARMADA,

THOMAS MacDONAGH,

P. H. PEARSE,

EAMONN CEANNT,

JAMES CONNOLLY.

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