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Message from the President

Brothers,

I will start this the same way I started the note last year, THANK God that is over!

As far as I can tell, we were successful at the various events celebrating St. Patrick and our Irish Heritage and we apparently broke even at the Dinner!

The support for the Carroll College Track Meet was sufficient and I think it is a great way for us to thank the Track Members for their support for our various dinners. Turnabout is fair play and now that Carroll will be hosting two events per year, we can probably establish a much better schedule and really tie in with the kids and possibly even enlarge our Division. There is another Meet on Friday April 22 and they might be able to use some support.

We can now move on to other events and how to raise more funds for our events in the future.

The major upcoming events are the Dinner with the Ladies before/at the Meeting, surprisingly enough dinner will be Irish Stew. We also need to start thinking about the Brunett Medal for Social Justice, that will sneak up on us again if we are not careful. On April 19, Tim Egan the author of the book The Immortal Irishman will be speaking at Carroll College, hope to see you there. For Memorial Day, we will have the Flag Raising at Resurrection Cemetery and the Parade in East Helena. We also need to look at Virginia City and An Ri Ra,

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Ladies Corner

Meeting date April 12th, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. A few items will be discussed after the dinner. We will be having a social gathering. This is usually our Spaghetti dinner night. This year we are serving leftover Irish Stew from St. Patrick's Day dinner. We will have salad and dessert. The men are invited to join us.

1916 EASTE UPRISING CELEBRATION on Saturday April 23rd

Gather at the Anaconda AOH Hall at 108 Cherry St. which will open at 12 noon.

A reading of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic will be held at 1:15 p.m. at the hall.

March to Holy Family Church at 1:30 p.m. in alphabetical order – Anaconda Pipe & Drum Corps, Anaconda, BUTTE, HELENA, GREAT FALLS, KALISPELL & MISSOULA AOH & LAOH MEMBERS. Montana Gaelic society and Friends of Irish Studies in the West.

*** All Hibernians are requested to wear their sashes and all divisions display their Division Banner. If the Gaelic Society & FISW have banners they are asked to display them during the march to the Holy Family Church.

***After the memorial Mass all banner carriers are asked to go to the steps of the Anaconda Post Office for a photo op with all Irish groups represented. This is a great opportunity to show our unity and to capture and historic moment. Bob O'Boyle of THE GATHERING will be the official photographer.

There will be singing, musicians, dancers, etc. Hors d'oeuvres "baby pasties" and finger food will be served and a non-host bar will be available with drink tickets for sale. If there are any members who are musicians, story tellers, dancers etc. who would like to participate, please let anaconda know so they can schedule them in. This is a great opportunity for the Irish of Montana to come together and celebrate our unique heritage. Hope many of Helena Divisions Ladies can attend.

JUST A HEADS UP

-Anaconda will host the Knock Mass in August on Saturday the 20th this year.

-Charter Dinner in June

-Virginia City Activities are June 11th and 12th

-An Ri Ra in Butte: August 12th and 13th. If you can attend and help at the potato booth, signup sheets will be available at a later monthly meeting night.

PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND

-National Convention is July 11th - 14th in Atlantic City

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

Pat Therriault/President ♣

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since both events are coming up very fast. At both events we will need to people to help support the Irish Spud Bar, including set up and clean up.

Mike O'Connor has information regarding events of April 23rd and April 25th regarding Easter Rising Commemoration events in Anaconda and Helena.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and/or hearing from you about ideas for fund-raising and growth of the Division.

My contact info is: (406) 459-3958 or p.e.flaherty44@gmail.com.

Patrick Flaherty ♣

ST PATRICK'S DAY VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA 1866

"This day – this joyous and glorious day inspires the promise and the vision of a happier and grander companionship for Ireland and America. Liberty – democratic liberty shall be the destiny of both, as it is the position at this hour of the greater and mightier of the two. The strength of Ireland recruited here – the soul of Ireland refreshed, impelled, emboldened here..."

Thomas Francis Meagher

HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

LAOH ANNUAL DINNER

KC HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

6:00 PM (AOH MEN INVITED)

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

6:30 PM, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

EVENING WITH AUTHOR TIM EGAN

"IMMORTAL IRISHMAN"

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016

7:00 PM

CARROLL COLLEGE CAMPUS CENTER

EASTER RISING COMMEMORATIONS

ANACONDA (SEE DETAILS PAGE 3)

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

MEMORIAL MASS AND CEILÍ

HELENA

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016

STATE CAPITOL

FLAG RAISING, GOVERNOR'S RESOLUTION

VIRGINIA CITY MONTANA "IRISH DAY"

JUNE 10TH, 11TH, 12TH

NATIONAL AOH/LAOH CONVENTION

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

JULY 11TH – 14TH

AN RI RA

BUTTE, MONTANA

AUGUST 12TH, 13TH, 14TH

This Month in Irish History

April 1, 1776 - Irish-born Edward Hand is appointed a Brigadier General in the Continental Army

April 2, 1914 – Cumann na mBan, Irish women's Republican movement, is founded.

April 5, 1961 - Death of Oscar-winning Irish actor of stage and screen Barry Fitzgerald. Born in Dublin in 1888, he pursues an acting career at the Abbey Theatre and then heads for Hollywood where he becomes Paramount's resident Irishman in such films as "Going My Way" for which he won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar. His finest works are under director John Ford, including "How Green Was My Valley" and "The Quiet Man."

April 7, 1947 - Death of Henry Ford, automobile production pioneer and son of Irish immigrants.

April 9, 1981 - Bobby Sands wins a seat in the British parliament in the Fermanagh and South Tyrone by-election with 30,493 votes.

April 10, 1650 - Cromwell's New Model Army is victorious at Macroom, Co. Cork

April 12, 1861 - The American Civil War begins; 150,000 Irishmen will serve with the Union forces, and 40,000 with the Confederacy

April 13, 1906 – Samuel Beckett, Irish writer born.

April 13, 1939 - Poet, Seamus Heaney, is born in Mossbawn, near Belfast

April 15, 1840 - The Repeal Association is founded by Daniel O'Connell

April 17, 1875 - Election of Charles Stewart Parnell as MP for Meath

April 20, 1176 - Strongbow, Anglo-Norman lord, dies in Dublin

April 23, 1014 – Brian Boru, High King of Ireland, defeats Vikings of Dublin at Clontarf Ireland.

April 22, 1834 - Daniel O'Connell introduces debate on Repeal of Union bill in the House of Commons

April 26, 1916 - Francis Sheehy-Skeffington, writer, suffragist, pacifist and patriot, is apprehended while trying to stop Easter Rising looting and is later executed by the British without a trial

April 24, 1916 - On Easter Monday, the Irish Volunteers and Citizen Army seize the General Post Office (GPO) in Dublin and demand Irish sovereignty

Tír gan teanga,
tír gan anam
Pádraig Pearse

(A country without a language
Is a country without a soul)

Schedule of Events for April 23rd Irish Easter Uprising Commemoration in Anaconda

Gather at the Anaconda AOH Hall located on the corner of Commercial and Cherry Sts.
The Hall will be open by 10 a.m.

At 1:15 p.m. a rendition of Padraig Pearse's oral reading of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic will be done at the Hall.

Proceed to Holy Family Church in the following manner:

Anaconda AOH Pipe & Drum Corps
AOH & LAOH Divisions in alphabetical order
Anaconda
Butte
Helena
Great Falls
Kalispell
Missoula
Montana Gaelic Society
Friends of Irish Studies in the West

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& all Divisions display their Banners

Memorial Mass for the 16 Irishmen who were executed by the British for their roles in the Easter Uprising in Dublin in 1916 will be held at 2 p.m.

***After mass all Banner carriers along with the Pipe & Drum Corps will meet on the steps of the Anaconda Post Office for a photo with all Irish Groups represented. This is a fantastic opportunity to show our unity and capture an historic moment for the Irish of Montana!!

Bob O'Boyle of The Gathering will be the official photographer.

Afterwards there will be a Cei'li' held at the AOH Hall for all with singers, dancers, musicians, etc. If you have members of your group who would like to participate in the Cei'li' please let us know so we can schedule them!! This is a great opportunity for the Irish of Montana to gather together and celebrate our unique heritage!!

Hors d'oeuvres, cocktail pasties and other finger foods will be served and a no-host bar will be available with drink tickets sold.



An Evening with the Author

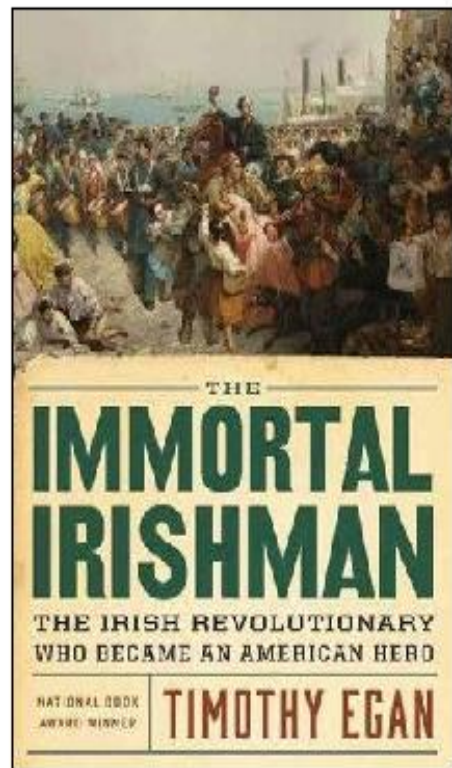
Timothy Egan

Tuesday, April 19
7 PM

Lower Level of the
Carroll College
Campus Center

Free & Open to the Public

Book Signing to Follow



Easter Rising Commemoration 2016

Dublin Ireland

