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Message from the President

Brothers,

This month we celebrate Memorial Day and concentrate on our American Heritage and commemorate those who have served our country and those that have paid the ultimate price so that we might celebrate our Hibernian Heritage in peace.

As we reflect during this month please keep in mind that how we act today reflects upon the sacrifices of those that came before. By our actions we honor them and the all that they did to protect our country.

Virginia City and An Ri Ra are coming up and these events could raise funds for the Division, but both are going to require COMMITMENTS from all of us to participate in these events. We made these commitments last year and we need to follow through.

I do not wish to be alarmist, but we need help and we must have it from all members of the Division, even those that do not have time to normally attend the meetings. So please make the commitment to help us and let us hear from you, because we want to see you again and we value your help.

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

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Patrick Flaherty ♣

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HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

6:30 PM, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016

FLAG RAISING

8:00 AM

RESURRECTION CEMETERY

PARADE

10:30 am

East Helena VFW

Virginia City Irish Weekend

Friday/Saturday/Sunday

June 10th, 11th, 12th

Virginia City, Montana

This Month in Irish History

May 1, 1697 - The Bishops' Banishment Act passed on 25 September, 1696, requires most Catholic clergy to leave the kingdom by this date, and bans Catholic clergy from entering it - the Act will never be efficiently enforced.

May 1, 1794 - Catholics are enabled by law to attend Trinity College.

May 3, 1916 – at 6:00 pm Grace Gifford entered Kilmainham Gaol. At 11:30pm she walked into the prison chapel where Joseph Plunkett waited for her at the altar with a priest and two witnesses from the Third Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment. During the ceremony the couple was not allowed to talk to each other except to recite the words of the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony, Joseph was brought back to his cell and Grace left.

May 3, 1916 – Pádraig Pearse, Thomas Clarke, and Thomas MacDonagh executed at Kilmainham Gaol

May 12, 1916- Seán Mac Diarmada and James Connolly executed at Kilmainham Gaol

May 15, 1847 - The first coffin ship "The Syria" arrives at Grosse Isle.

May 15, 1847 - Daniel O'Connell, "The Liberator," dies in Genoa.

Mark Your Calendars

Memorial Day May 30th

The Division will once again participate in the East Helena's VFW **Memorial Day Parade, May 30th**. We will raise the flag at Resurrection Cemetery at 8:00 that morning. Then we'll gather at the VFW hall at 10:30 for the 11:00 Parade. Let's try to have a good turnout, show our colors proudly, and have fun!

Virginia City Irish Weekend

June 10th, 11th, 12th

Our annual trip to Virginia City to do community service in cleaning up around the Meagher's cabin and submerge ourselves into Irish culture, dance, music, and history is upon us. Hope to see you in Virginia City. This is a great event for all the family.

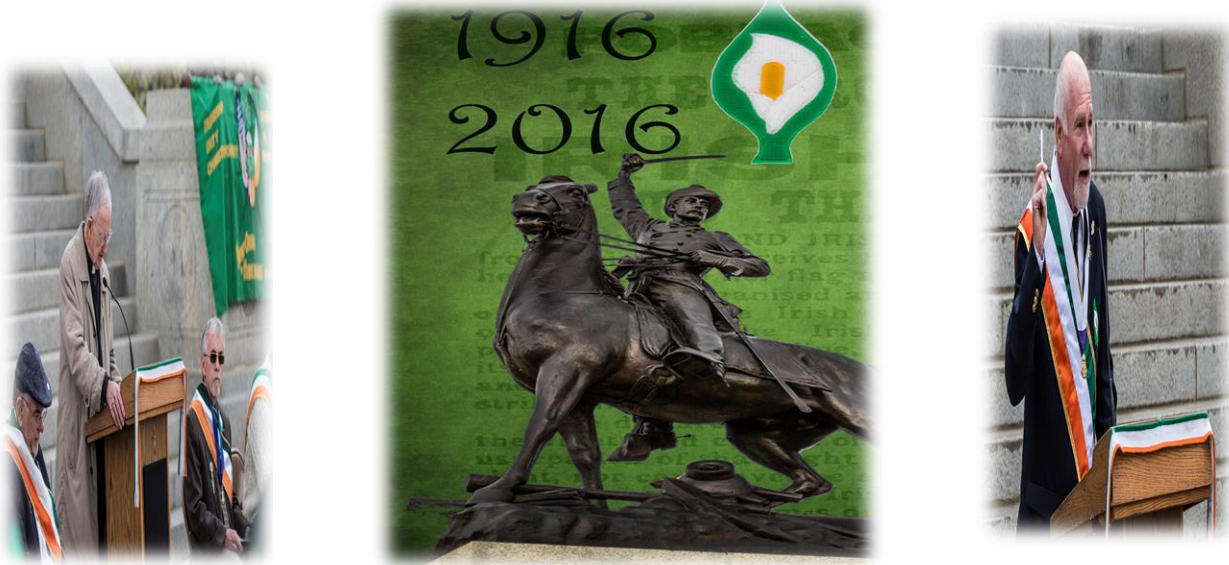
"Progress is impossible without change,

and those who cannot change their minds

cannot change anything."

George Bernard Shaw

Montana's 1916 Easter Rising Commemorations



Easter 1916

By William Butler Yeats

"Too long a sacrifice
Can make a stone of the heart.
O when may it suffice?
That is heaven's part, our part
To murmur name upon name,
As a mother names her child
When sleep at last has come
On limbs that had run wild.
What is it but nightfall?
No, no, not night but death.
Was it needless death after all?
For England may keep faith
For all that is done and said.
We know their dream; enough
To know they dreamed and are dead.
And what if excess of love
Bewildered them till they died?
I write it out in a verse --
MacDonagh and MacBride
And Connolly and Pearse
Now and in time to be,
Wherever green is worn,
Are changed, changed utterly:
A terrible beauty is born."

The Mother by Padraig Pearse

I do not grudge them: Lord, I do not grudge
My two strong sons that I have seen go out
To break their strength and die, they and a few,
In bloody protest for a glorious thing,
They shall be spoken of among their people,
The generations shall remember them,
And call them blessed;
But I will speak their names to my own heart
In the long nights;
The little names that were familiar once
Round my dead hearth.
Lord, thou art hard on mothers:
We suffer in their coming and their going;
And tho' I grudge them not, I weary, weary
Of the long sorrow-And yet I have my joy:
My sons were faithful, and they fought.