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Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to you and yours

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Presidents Message

My fellow Hibernians, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

I am very grateful and honored to be the president of the Thomas Francis Meagher Division for the 2018 year. As a division we have accomplished much in my years of membership. I am very confident in my outstanding officers as we lead the division into another successful year

I encourage all members to take an active role in our monthly meetings and many activities as we celebrate our faith and Irish heritage. If you have not been involved lately we welcome you to get reacquainted with our division. To those that have been active, I want to extend an invitation to you to join us in faith and fraternity. Thank you all for this opportunity and I wish you all the best for the coming year.

Yours in friendship, unity, and Christian charity,

Tim Gilboy, President ♣

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HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting

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This Month in Irish History

December 1, 1946 - Singer Gilbert (Richard) O'Sullivan is born in Waterford.

December 3, 1792 - Beginning on this date and continuing through December 8, a Catholic Convention is held in Tailors' Hall, Dublin to demand abolition of the remaining penal laws; a petition is presented to the king in London.

December 6, 1921 – Signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty creating the Free State.

December 6th - In the liturgical calendar, today is the feast of St. Nicholas.

December 7, 521 –Birth of Saint Columcille, Irish bard and monk, honored in all the Celtic lands.

December 8, 1831 - Death of James Hoban, the Kilkenny architect who designed the White House. He also designed the state capital in Columbia, South Carolina.

December 9, 1995 - Seamus Heaney Wins Nobel Prize for Literature.

December 13, 1862 - the Irish Brigade of the Army of the Potomac suffered horrendous casualties during the Battle of Fredericksburg.

December 1653 - Oliver Cromwell becomes Lord Protector of Ireland.

December 20, 1891 – Annie Moore left Queenstown, Cork , Ireland today for Ellis Island.

December 21, 1919 - Dáil Éireann meets for the first time and elects Eamon de Valera as President of Ireland.

December 23, 1688- English King James II flees to France and William of Orange seizes the throne of England.

December 24, 1601 - The Battle of Kinsale. . Hugh O'Neill and Red Hugh O'Donnell are heavily defeated by Mountjoy.

Ladies Corner

SEASON GREETINGS

Our New officers for 2018 are:

Kathy Gilboy	President,
Cynthia Thornquist	Vice President
Pam O'Reilly	Finance Sec/Treasurer
Laureen Tutty	Secretary
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Joan Carlson	Catholic Action
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to all. God Bless
Pat Therriault/President ♣

AN IRISH BLESSING

MAY YOU BE BLESSED
WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE
SEASON,
WHICH IS PEACE,
THE GLADNESS OF THE
SEASON,
WHICH IS HOPE,
AND THE HEART OF THE
SEASON,
WHICH IS LOVE.



Updates from the Friends of Irish Studies – in the West

Upcoming Events – *Imeachtaí Chugainn*

Irish History Lectures: Professor Ruan O'Donnell from the University of Limerick is our current Fulbright Irish History Scholar in Residence. Ruan will be giving lectures in Kalispell and Butte. The title of his talks is, 'Fenians: The Irish revolutionary movement of 1867 and America.' He will be in Kalispell, Tuesday December 12 at 7:00 pm at Brannigan's Pub, 101 E Centre Street. The lecture in Butte will be at the Butte Silver Bow Archives at noon on Wednesday, December 13 at noon.



Going to Ireland – *Ag Dul go hÉirinn*

The Friends will post the itinerary of the trip to Ireland planned for next summer. As mentioned in the previous email, the dates of the trip are June 21 – June 29. The itinerary is designed to take in the west and south of Ireland, covering the counties of Galway, Clare, Kerry, Cork, Waterford, Tipperary and Limerick. It costs \$1,799 per person sharing, but there is \$100 per person off for members of Irish Studies. Numbers are limited so let us know as soon as possible if you're interested in joining us. www.friendsofirishstudies.com.