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Message from the President

Brothers,

Well, the Parade was a success and we are on the short run up to St. Patrick's Day and all of the effort this entails for our Division. I hope to see most, if not all, of you at the various events celebrating that Glorious Apostle of Ireland, St. Patrick.

As the events of the various days are listed elsewhere in the Sentinel, I will not repeat them here. We will also be setting up for the Dinner after the Meeting on Tuesday, so I hope to see a lot of you there to help with the plan. Many hands make light the work, as they say.

One piece of Good News is that the Bishop has granted a Special Dispensation for the consumption of meat for members of the Diocese, with the provision that in place of that normal Lenten requirement, we replace it with "an appropriate time of prayer or work of piety or charity." This means that we must do something that we normally would not complete. Our St. Patrick's Day Mass, as it is normal event will not suffice in this particular case. You can perform something individually or with a group, we will also discuss a large group event at the meeting.



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Also coming up in March is the St. Francis Dinner which is now on March 30. We are coordinating activities with the Knights of Columbus and we have had several meetings with Good Samaritan Ministries. They are asking that we again help with the setup and cleanup, and that we expand our participation and circulate among the guests and talk about the AOH, how the AOH started the Dinner and how we appreciated the support this worthy cause.

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Ladies Corner

The St. Patrick's celebration has just begun. This weekend we had the parade. Maura Gruber was our Colleen of the Day. The ladies were going to have a float acknowledging their 25th Charter this year. The weather was not cooperating as we were planning on building the float on Thursday. It was such a cold day that even the parade route was a little sparse with spectators. We did what we did and finished the march. We had our after parade party at the KC Hall this year. A lot of good food provided by the ladies and a fun game of Jenga. It was a great time.

This Friday starts with Flag raising at 8:00 am followed by the annual Rotunda celebration of Irish singing, Tiernan Dancers and the Pipes and Drums of the Black Devils. Mass will be at 12 noon at the Cathedral of St. Helena. St. Patrick's dinner at Knights of Columbus Hall with door opening at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm.

The Bi-Annual Convention is just around the corner in September. There is no LAOH Division in Kalispell there for the LAOH State Board has the responsibility of planning for the LAOH Divisions at the State Convention.

Drive and be safe during this changing weather.

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Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

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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: p.e.flaherty44@gmail.com.
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Patrick Flaherty♣

St Patrick's Day Parade

Congratulations to this year's St Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal and Colleen of Day are Toby DeWolf and Mara Gruber.

The weather might have been on the cool side but all the parade participants were marching with warm hearts because of how proud they were of their Irish heritage.

The 9th Annual Soda Bread Baking contest was a great success at Bert and Ernie's after the parade. A fund time was had by all.

St. Francis Dinner *Save the Date*

Good Samaritan Ministries along with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to our St Francis Dinner, Thursday, March 30, at Our Lady of the Valley Church. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and features homemade soups. This is a free-will offering with funds going to Good Samaritan Assistance Ministry.

HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting.

ST FRANCIS DINNER (GOOD SAMARITAN)

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

FREE WILL OFFERING

6:00 PM

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CHURCH

ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

**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, 1866 – Thomas Francis Meagher gives speech in Virginia City, Montana (see page 5)

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.

March 23, 1847 - Choctaw Indians collect money to donate to starving Irish Hunger victims.



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

**PATRICK JOE DAN
JACK PJ JOE BOB**



This is the site that Thomas Francis Meagher flew the Tri-colour for the first time. On March 7th 169 years ago at 33 the Mall in Waterford City, Ireland

St. Patrick's Day Festivities

Saturday, March 11th

♣ ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

12 noon ~ Downtown Helena

Call Joe at 459-6187 for Entry Information

♣ NINTH ANNUAL IRISH SODA BREAD CONTEST

2-3 pm ~ Bert & Ernies

For Rules, Recipes & Entry Info

Visit hibernian.org or

Call Joe at 933-5759

Friday, March 17th

♣ ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING

8 am ~ Front of State Capitol

♣ ANNUAL CAPITOL ROTUNDA CELEBRATION

8:15 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

Irish Stew - \$10 per person

Knights of Columbus Hall

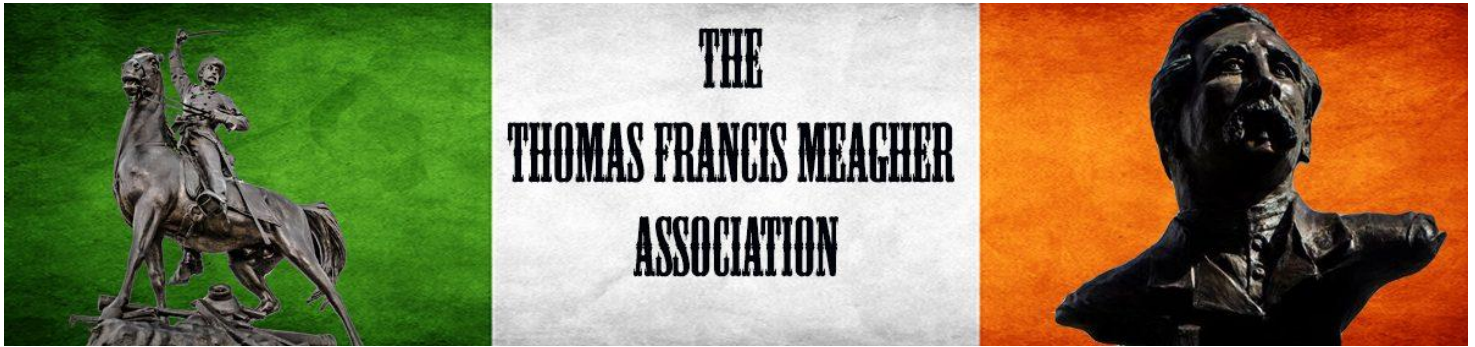
(LIMITED SEATING COME EARLY)

5:30 pm ~ Doors Open 6:00 pm ~ Dinner

♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers

♣ Lady Hibernian Raffle

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



The Thomas Francis Meagher Association announces details regarding upcoming MeagherFest '17. This international history/culture/arts exchange festival commemorates the life and legacy of Thomas Francis Meagher, the Irish patriot who became Montana's first acting territorial governor. (He's the statue on the Montana state capitol lawn.)

Part I of the festival opened last week, in Waterford Ireland, where Meagher was born on August 3, 1823. A big congratulations to the "1848 Tricolour Celebration" committee. Great Job!!! and a big Thank You from the Montana Delegation for treating us so well. Part II will take place July 1st in Helena Montana. This festival will coincide with the 150th anniversary of Meagher's mysterious disappearance in Ft. Benton, 1867. He was not quite 44 years old; his body was never recovered.

Meagher's brief but colorful life touches four continents and his legacy remains as relevant today as a century and a half ago, especially for Montana. His legislation, often bitterly contested, laid the groundwork for Yellowstone Park, the Montana National Guard, religious and education reform, Native American relations and ultimately, Montana statehood.

Festival events include, but are not limited to historical presentations, demonstrations, guided tours to relative historic sites, panel discussion by field experts, music, dance and poetry, kids' activities, and more.

For details, visit meagherfest.org and follow/like the Thomas Francis Meagher Association on Facebook. TFMA is a 501c(3) non-profit organization and can be contacted through the website or at info@meagherfest.org.

Win a Trip for Two to Ireland



Tickets on sale at:

Missoula:

Rockin' Rudy's

Stone of Accord

Thomas Meagher Bar

Grizzly Hackle

All Noons Stores

Helena:

Bert and Ernie's

Butte:

Cavanaugh's County Celtic

Granite Mountain Bank

Butte Silver Bow Archives

For Information:

FriendsOfIrishStudies.com



Raffle will be held Sunday, March 26th, 2017. Need not be present to win.