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Message from the President

Brothers,

Well, another St. Patrick's Day is past and I think we did well. I am still waiting on the final bills to be able to tally up what happened, but by all accounts, a good time was had by most.

The support for the St. Francis Dinner was great and I think it is a great way for us to work with the Good Samaritan Ministries and continue to strengthen our ties with both the Knights of Columbus and the community as a Whole. I would like to thank all of you who showed up and to let all of you were unable to attend that the food was great, the camaraderie was enjoyable, and the "Good Sam" raised over \$7,000. I even came away with an 1881 copy of the New Testament, which is in wonderful shape; I will try to remember to bring it to the meeting if you want to see it.

The Bishop was in attendance and was very pleased to see so many Hibernians. He also thanked us for our attendance and 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, with Spaghetti, just to get us out of the Soup/Stew mode. We also need to start thinking about the Brunett Medal for Social Justice that has been known to sneak up on us again if we are not careful. 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, Meagher Fest and An Ri Ra, since all three events are coming up very fast.

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Ladies Corner

Happy Easter to all. Hope that you will have safe travels if you are going out of town for the holiday. Spring is just around the corner. The weather is just flirting with us, one day at a time.

The ladies will be having their annual spaghetti dinner at the April meeting night. We will also be serving, salad, bread and dessert. The men are invited to join us at 5:30 p.m.

We have a few of our ladies who have had an accident and now recovery with therapy. Kathy Pahut and Joan Carlson with shoulder injuries. Carolyn DeMartino fell and broke it ankle. Please keep them in your prayers for a speedy recovery. Also keep those who have lost a relative or friend in your prayers.

JUST A HEADS UP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- LAOH charter dinner in June
- Virginia City activities in June
- Great Falls will host the Knock mass in August
- An Ri Ra in Butte in August
- Bi-annual Convention in Kallispel in Sept.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

Pat Therriault/President ♣

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The Irish Spud Bar, including set up and clean up for An Ri Ra will need to be discussed as well.

Mike has other information elsewhere in the Sentinel.

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 Traditions The McHugh Family at the Capitol for the Flag Raising 2006 and 2017 Doesn't Get Any Better



HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

LAOH ANNUAL DINNER

KC HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017

5:30 PM (AOH MEN INVITED)

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017

6:30 PM, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

VIRGINIA CITY MONTANA "IRISH DAY"

JUNE 9TH, 10TH, 11TH

MEAGHERFEST

STATE CAPITOL (SEE DETAILS PAGE 3)

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH - SATURDAY, JULY 1ST

MONTANA AOH/LAOH STATE CONVENTION

KALISPELL MONTANA

SEPTEMBER

Easter Blessings



Tír gan teanga,
tír gan anam
Pádraig Pearse

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

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

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July 1, 2017

Helena, Montana

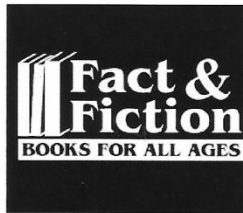
There will be music, dancing, dramas, historic
and cultural presentations, vendors,
and much much more!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE VISIT MEAGHERFEST.ORG
AND FOLLOW THE THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER ASSOCIATION ON FACEBOOK

Special Guest Poetry Reading Leanne O'Sullivan



Leanne O'Sullivan comes from the Beara Peninsula in West Cork and has published three collections of poetry, all from Bloodaxe Books, including *Waiting for my Clothes* (2004), Cailleach: *The Hag of Beara* (2009), and *The Mining Road* (2013). The winner of several of Ireland's Poetry competitions in her early 20s (including the Seacat, Davoren Hanna and RTE Rattlebag Poetry Slam), she was most recently given the Ireland Chair of poetry Bursary Award in 2009, the Lawrence O'Shaughnessy Award for Irish poetry in 2011, and she received a UCC Alumni Award in 2012. She is currently Writer-in-Residence at University College Cork.



In Missoula—**Fact and Fiction**
Poetry Reading
Thursday, April 20, at 7pm

In Butte—**Butte Brewing Company**
Poetry Reading
Friday, April 21, at 7pm

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