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## AOH

### Day of Celtic Spirituality



Once again, our members were able to spend a day at our annual AOH Pre-Lenten retreat. What better place than out in the middle of the wilderness to take time out of our busy lives and experience the awakening of our own Celtic spirituality.

The annual trip to the mountains was at Jack Ward's lovely cabin on top of the Continental Divide. The spiritual day began with Jack shuttling us to his cabin with his chained-up truck. Thanks Jack. Led by our gracious Brother Gabe Brennan. His goal for the day was for us to feel the presence of God. Gabe accomplished his goal. We spent the winter day in prayer, song, scripture, and discussion of our Celtic spirituality.

It was a great opportunity to be with Hibernian brothers to think not only about our Christian faith, but to do it in connection with our Celtic heritage. It's the Celtic custom to see God in nature. What better way to spend the day in pray than to be surrounded by the peace and tranquility of the mountains. You could almost hear our Celtic ancestors speaking to us. ♣



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# Ladies Corner

We will have our regular business meeting at the Knights of Columbus hall starting at 6:00 P.M. with a Fat Tuesday Pot luck! The men are invited to join us!

Look for an email with the monthly newsletter for more information.

I am working on updating email addresses for our division. If you are not getting my emails, please send me a message at [mtpakrbakr1@msn.com](mailto:mtpakrbakr1@msn.com).

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner. Check out page 4 for the Agenda of events for Friday, March 16, 2018 and Saturday March 17, 2018.

Here are some dates to put in your calendar.

**Join Us for a Fat Tuesday Potluck  
Before the regular business Meeting  
6:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus**

**Bingo Trial Run February 18th  
Eagles Lodge, 801 N. Fee Street  
1:15 P.M**

**Bingo goes Live – March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Open to the Public  
Eagles Lodge 801 N. Fee St  
1:30-5:00**

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry dinners  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
Friday, February 23 and March 9 and 23, 2018  
Door open at 5:00  
Dinner served until 7:00 or the food runs out!  
Come early!**

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Kathy Gilboy /President♣

# Save the Date

**MINISTRIES**  
**ST. FRANCIS DINNER 2018**

"Homeless Jesus"  
Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mind, you did for me" Matthew 25:40

**THURSDAY, MARCH 1st**

A simple dinner in solidarity with the poor  
All proceeds benefit Good Samaritan Assistance Ministry

**5:30 PM**                      **6:00 PM**  
Doors Open                      Dinner & Program

**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Free will offering event  
Call 442.0780 to reserve your seat

Sponsored by:  
The Knights of Columbus &  
The Ancient Order of Hibernians



LAOH St Brigid's Mass

## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### FAT TUESDAY POTLUCK

JOIN US FOR A FAT TUESDAY POTLUCK  
BEFORE THE REGULAR MEETING  
KC HALL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018  
6:00 PM

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018  
6:30 PM  
Regular monthly meeting.

### ST FRANCIS DINNER (SEE PAGE 2)

Our Lady of the Valley Church  
Thursday, March 1, 2018  
Doors open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00  
Free will offering

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6:30 PM  
Regular monthly meeting.

### This Month in Irish History

February 1<sup>st</sup> – St Brigid's Day

February 1, 1796 - Theobald Wolf Tone, United Irish leader, arrives in France seeking assistance

February 2, 1880 - Charles S. Parnell addresses the U.S. Congress

February 2, 1882 – James Joyce, Irish author born.

February 4, 1775 –Robert Emmet, Irish patriot born.

February 6, 1685 – Coronation of King James II

February 6, 1877 – John O'Mahoney, Irish patriot, died in New York City.

February 8, 1587 – Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, executed by the English.

February 12, 1848 - John Mitchel publishes first United Irishmen.

February 12, 1989– Partick Finucane, Irish attorney, murdered by assassins.

## NEW FUNDRAISER "BINGO"

LAOH/AOH MEMBERS CAN YOU HELP????

For LAOH/AOH members and family fun only;

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Our first tryout is" SUNDAY" **February 18th** at the Eagles (801 N Fee St) 1:30pm.  
We are trying out the equipment to see how it all goes. Please come try it out with us. We can all learn together.

If all works out:

We are scheduled to go live on SUNDAY **March 4th** 1:30 at the Eagles. Open to all! Let's try to create a fundraiser that will work for both groups:

Everyone is needed to help get this off the ground.

## TIDBITS FROM THE PRESSROOM

**Dues are due.** The dues for 2018 are \$40.00. This notice is for you if you have not paid yet. Members are doing a great job in getting their dues paid this year. There are still a few out there yet to pay dues. This is a minor expense to get the satisfaction of supporting your heritage, religion and community. Get involved and participate in the great projects of the Thomas Francis Meagher Division.

You can mail your dues to:

AOH  
P.O. Box 1916  
Helena MT 59624

February 23, 1965 - Roger Casement's body is returned from England to be re-interred at Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin

February 24, 1692 - The Treaty of Limerick is ratified by William of Orange.

February 26, 1854 - William Smith O'Brien, leader of the 1848 rebellion, is pardoned.

February 28, 1884 - Seán MacDiarmada, revolutionary, is born in Kiltycolgher, Co. Leitrim

# St. Patrick's Day Festivities

## Friday, March 16th

### ♣ 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

## Saturday, March 17th

### ♣ CATHOLIC MASS

9:00 am ~ Cathedral of St. Helena

### ♣ ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

11 am ~ Downtown Helena

Call Joe at 459-6187 for Entry Information

### ♣ TENTH ANNUAL IRISH SODA BREAD CONTEST

1-2 pm ~ Bert & Ernies

For Rules, Recipes & Entry Info

Visit [hibernian.org](http://hibernian.org) or

Call Joe at 933-5759

### ♣ 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  
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