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## Presidents Message

Brothers,

Greetings to you all, this is my first note as President after what has proved to be an all too short hiatus from that roll. I am also going to be including the Veterans Affairs info in this article. I will do separate articles in the future, as necessary.

We, as usual, have work to do, but this is November and that means Veterans Day. As a Veteran, I find this to be a serious month and one that we need to pay as much attention to as we can to remember those of our brothers who have served to protect us all. There many who have served over the years including Commodore Barry, TF Meagher, Thomas J. Callan (Little Big Horn, Montana), John E. Murphy, USN, Cuba, Thomas F. Prendergast USN, Philippines, Michael J. Perkins, Army, WWI, Audie Murphy, Army, WWII, Raymond G. Murphy, USMC, Korea, Lance P. Sijan, USAF, Vietnam, and many others.

On Veterans Day, we remember these people and all of the others, including our brothers, who have served.

In this respect, we will be raising the Flag at the Veterans Section of Resurrection Cemetery at 8:00 am (be there early, we will not wait). Then is the East Helena Parade that begins at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month. That is 11:00 am on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Again, be early, the Parade waits for no one.

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Our participation in these events has declined in the past couple of years for obvious reasons, but I would like to see more of us at these events. They honor many Irish Americans who have tried to create a better world, not just for themselves, but for all of us. I hope that you will join me at both the Cemetery and in East Helena on Thursday, November 11th.

November also brings Thanksgiving and the Thanksgiving Blessing. I am going to be looking for some volunteers to lead and participate in this event. With inflation and the supply chain crisis, people are really going to be needing our help this year. It truly is a Blessing to be able to help those in need and I hope that we all feel the same in this regard.

The Christmas season is coming up all too quickly and I hope that everyone has a happy and safe time with family and friends. But, all too soon comes St. Patrick's Day and we need to begin our planning for what is one of our major events of the year.

Montana has the newly recognized Copper Kings Degree Team and I encourage all brothers to consider taking this next step in your growth as Hibernians.

Yours in our Motto,  
Patrick♣

## AOH Memorial Mass

We have scheduled a memorial mass for all deceased members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. It is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

It will begin with a rosary at 5:45 pm and the mass to follow at 6:30 pm.

Hope you can make this mass. It is important to remember all our AOH brothers that have come before us.

## DIVISION ANNOUNCES 2021 RECIPIENT OF THE ALEXANDER BRUNETT MEDAL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.

This medal is awarded to a Montana Irish Catholic who has demonstrated a commitment to their community in any area of social justice.

The award is named in honor of Archbishop Brunett who was formerly the Bishop of the Diocese of Helena.

The committee again this year had very qualified candidates to choose from. Anyone of the candidates would be a great selection.

The committee has chosen Pat Therriault of Helena to receive this year's edition of the Alexander Brunett Medal for Social Justice.

**Congratulations Pat!**

Pat is a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, and she truly has lived up to the Hibernian Motto, Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. The presentation of the Alexander Brunett Medal was at the Thomas Francis Meagher Division's Charter Dinner♣

## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

6:30 PM

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

### VETERANS' DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

#### FLAG RAISING – RESURRECTION CEMETERY

8:00 AM

#### EAST HELENA CELEBRATION

10:45 AM ANNUAL VETERANS' DAY CELEBRATION IN EAST HELENA.

### ROSARY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

5:45 PM

#### OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CHURCH

MASS TO FOLLOW AT 6:30 PM

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

6:30 PM

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

## This Month in Irish History

November 2, 1950 - Death of George Bernard Shaw

November 5, 1688 - William of Orange arrives in England with 15,000 men.

November 6, 1649 - Owen Roe O'Neill - Catholic military leader against Cromwell – dies.

November 10, 1798 - Theobald Wolfe Tone tried and convicted of treason

November 10, 1879 - Pádraig Pearse Irish revolutionary, born

November 11, 1918 - World War I ends

November 12, 1954 - Ellis Island closes. From 1892 - 1954, over two million Irish immigrants entered the U.S. through Ellis Island. The first recorded immigrant was 14 year old Annie Moor from Co. Cork.

# VETERANS DAY Wednesday

**JOIN US TO HONOR OUR  
VETERANS**

This Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is of course Veterans Day and as usual our Hibernians **will raise the flag at our flagpole at Resurrection Cemetery at 8:00 AM, then we will join the East Helena observance at 10:45 AM.**

Let's remember, we've done this ever since we formed in 1984, and the East Helena people respect and appreciate us for it.

Please make the effort to join us and honor those you have served our county. ♣

## This Month in Irish History

November 22, 1869 - Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, Fenian, contests and wins a Tipperary by-election in absentia, but is declared ineligible as a convicted felon.

November 26, 1791 - First convicts from Ireland arrive in New South Wales, Australia

November 30, 1864 - Cork-born Confederate General Patrick Cleburne is killed in command of his division at a battle in Franklin, Tennessee.

# **New Musical on the life of Thomas Francis Meagher**



**Now, for the first time, his astonishing story is told on the musical stage!**

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