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Message from the President

Brothers and Sisters,

It was June 2019 that we were last able to meet in Virginia City to celebrate Irish Days. For those who were there, you will remember the snow storm, frozen hoses and the green haze on a slushy Wallace Street that was for but a moment, a carefully applied green centerline stripe.

On Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12 we will once again celebrate the Irish in Montana. We will gather with Father Beretta in Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Mass Rock. We will hear historians present their stories and Irish history of Montana. To note; *Ireland has one of the richest folklore traditions in the world.*

The tradition of storytelling is almost as ancient as Ireland itself. It is infused with the soul of the country to this day. This is primarily due to the fact that the Celtic culture in Ireland has been maintained for more than 2,000 years (allgoodtales.com). As is true traditional fare, we will enjoy the Gilboys' baked potato bar (donations graciously accepted), enjoy Irish dancers and pipers. And yes, the green stripe will once again grace the centerline on Wallace Street.

Thank you, Brothers, for traveling to Virginia City to meet with the Montana Heritage Commission manager, Chamber of Commerce, the Bale of Hay manager, Gary Forney, Kay and Gay and the Madison County Sheriff's deputy. Thank you all who tackled the 'to do' list to make our Virginia City Irish Weekend a reality. It will be one not to be missed.

Síocháin (Peace)

Jim ♣



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HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH DINNER MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

6:00PM

This Month in Irish History

- June 1, 1866 – American Fenians invade Canada.
- June 1, 1919 - Eamon DeValera begins his tour of the USA to raise money and support for the IRA's war against England. He stops in Butte, Montana.
- June 3rd –Feast of St Kevin – he is the patron of blackbirds, the archdiocese of Dublin and Glendalough, County Wicklow.
- June 5, 1868 - James Connolly born of Irish parents in Edinburgh.
- June 6, 1800 - Ordination of the first priests at St Patrick's College, Maynooth. The college was founded in 1795 as the National Seminary for Ireland.
- June 8, 1853 - John Mitchel escaped from Australia, eventually settling in the United States.
- June 9, 597 - Death of St. Colomcille
- June 14, 1690 - William of Orange lands at Carrickfergus
- June 21, 1877 - On a day that will long be remembered as Black Thursday, four members of the Molly Maguires - Alexander Campbell, John Donohue, Michael Doyle and Edward Kelly, shackled with chains, walk to the gallows specially constructed to accommodate four people: their lives are ended at the same split second
- June 23, 1704 - The Registration Act comes into force requiring all Catholic priests in Ireland to register in court, to furnish two £50 bonds for good behavior, and not to leave the county in which they are registered.
- June 29, 1915 -Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa (1 September 1831 – 29 June 1915), was an Irish Fenian leader and prominent member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood. His life as an Irish Fenian is well documented but he is perhaps known best in death for the graveside oration given at his funeral by Pádraig Pearse.

Weather forecast for Virginia City, Mt

Friday, June 11

67°/40°

Partly Cloudy

7%

Saturday, June 12

80°/45°

Mostly Sunny

0%

Sunday, June 13

84°/48°

Mostly Sunny

2%

AOH Past Presidents Appreciation Dinner

Do not forget about our June meeting to recognize all the past Presidents of the Thomas Francis Meagher Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Dinner will start at 6:00 pm at the KC Hall and will be cooked by our wonderful chef.

Thomas Francis Meagher Tricolor Celebration June 25th, 26th, and 27th

This year's celebration in Waterford Ireland will be virtual this year. That is good for us in Montana. You will be able to see the program from your own house.

Sounds like a great program the committee is putting together. From various speakers including overseas friends covering some of the countries that Meagher lived in and drama sketches, poetry, and walking tour of Waterford associated with the Meagher family. Stay tuned for details.



VIRGINIA CITY'S

IRISH WEEKEND



June 11 & 12, 2021

FRIDAY—June 11th

- ♣6:15pm—7:00pm Painting of the “Irish green stripe” down the center of Wallace Street – Everyone can participate.
- ♣7:30—10:30pm Comradery at the *Bale of Hay*.

SATURDAY—June 12th

- ♣10:00am Welcome Speeches & Irish Flag Raising at the Historical Madison County Courthouse.
- ♣11:00am Outdoor Catholic Mass at the Mass Rock at the Meagher Cabin on west Idaho St.
- ♣12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch (Baked Potato Bar) & Camaraderie at the Bale of Hay Saloon-A small free will donation.
- ♣1:00pm—1:30pm Annual AOH Parade following the path of Irish green stripe on Wallace St—everyone is welcome to Participate in this.

Afternoon Silent Movies at the Opera House
(if you are wearing green you can get in for \$3).

- ♣1:45pm—2:45pm Tiernan Irish Dancers at the Bale of Hay outdoor stage.
- ♣3:00pm—6:00pm Music at the Bale of Hay outdoor stage – Pickle Band.
- ♣6:30pm—9:00pm Panel Discussion and Live Podcast – Centennial of Civil War in Ireland and Montana’s connection – Elling House.



*Presented by the Thomas Francis Meagher Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians,
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