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Message from the President

Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and was able to spend time with family and loved ones. This time of year should be fun and hopeful as we move into a new year full of fresh promise and hopefully an end to some of the issues that have been plaguing us for a while.

With that being said, it is time for us to look at the upcoming year and begin to concentrate on the projects and events that make up our Hibernian calendar. In just two and a half months is St. Patrick's Day, we have a lot to do in the way of preparations and coordination and the sooner we get started, the better things will go when the time arrives. Remember the Parade will be on March 12, the Saturday before the actual day. We need as many people as we can get at all of the events, especially the Flag Raising. Last year we were almost stopped by a functionary from the Governor's Office, so we need a show of numbers to make sure that nothing like that happens again. This is the year that we start bringing back the celebrations of the past and start rebuilding the normality that will help our whole community.

Exactly a month after that is Easter and then Virginia City is again looming on the horizon. That is only half the year and it is a busy time for us all, especially as we are just beginning and recovering from the past couple of years that rocked all of back.

I hope that we can get all of you back into the events that shape our Hibernian Community and influence the Helena Area Community as a whole
Patrick♣



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Veterans Note

New Eligibility Standards for VA Home Loan Guarantees for National Guard Members:

A new law expands the definition of veteran for the purpose of a home loan to include National Guard members who have mobilized for full-time duty. The update has been made retroactive for prior members, regardless of service dates. Those new eligibility standards include:

- Mobilized to perform full-time Guard duty for at least 90 cumulative days, with 30 days of that service being consecutive.

- Full-time National Guard duty includes training or other duty in the member's status as a member of the National Guard (not including drills, basic training or initial training).

This will be impactful for National Guard members who have been mobilized to state active duty during the pandemic and for other state active-duty missions, where previously only Guard members with Federal mobilizations would qualify. If a National Guard member was previously denied a Certificate of Eligibility for a VA-backed home loan, due to either a lack of consecutive active-duty days or the days included training, then interested Guard members should contact a VA mortgage lender in their area to see if they now qualify. Advantages of a VA home loan include \$0 down payment and no private mortgage insurance, better known as PMI.

St Patrick's Celebrations 2022

The Thomas Francis Meagher Division will go forward and plan for St Patrick's Celebrations this year.

As of today, the St Patrick's Parade is planned for Saturday, March 12, 2022. Also, the get together after the parade at Bert & Ernie's is scheduled. Toby is looking forward to the celebration. So, mark your Calendars. Stay tuned too.

We will again raise the Irish Flag on our State Capitol at 8:00 am on St Patrick's Day.

Our St Patrick's Day Mass will be at the Cathedral of St Helena at noon.

We have decided not to have our St Patrick's Day dinner this year. For those that don't know yet, St Patrick's Day is Thursday this year.



HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

6:30 PM - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

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THIS MONTH IN IRISH HISTORY

JANUARY 1, 1892 - ELLIS ISLAND BECOMES RECEPTION CENTER FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS. THE FIRST IMMIGRANT THROUGH THE GATES IS ANNIE MOORE, 15, OF CO. CORK. JUST 15 YEARS OLD AND TRAVELLING WITH HER TWO BROTHERS, ANTHONY (11) AND PHILIP (7), ANNIE DEPARTED FROM QUEENSTOWN (NOW COBH COUNTY CORK, IRELAND) ON DECEMBER 20, 1891 ABOARD THE SS NEVADA, ONE OF THE 148 STEERAGE PASSENGERS. THE TRIO WOULD SPEND 12 DAYS AT SEA (INCLUDING CHRISTMAS DAY), ARRIVING IN NEW YORK ON THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31. THEY WERE PROCESSED THROUGH ELLIS ISLAND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, NEW YEAR'S DAY. ALL THREE CHILDREN WERE SOON REUNITED WITH THEIR PARENTS WHO WERE ALREADY LIVING IN NEW YORK. ANNIE MOORE IS BURIED IN CALVARY CEMETERY, QUEENS (APRIL 24, 1874- DEC 6, 1924)

JANUARY 1, 1602 - -- HUGH O'NEILL DEFEATED AT KINSALE, IRELAND, END OF OLD GAELIC ORDER.

JANUARY 1, 1863 - LINCOLN, AWARE OF THE PUBLIC'S GROWING SUPPORT OF ABOLITION, ISSUED THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION ON JANUARY 1, 1863, DECLARING THAT ALL SLAVES IN AREAS STILL IN REBELLION WERE, IN THE EYES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FREE.

JANUARY 7, 1922 - DÁIL ÉIREANN VOTES 64 TO 57 TO ACCEPT THE ANGLO-IRISH TREATY, CREATING THE IRISH FREE STATE.

JANUARY 11, 1921 - THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES THAT ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSON FOUND IN POSSESSION OF ARMS, AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVES IS LIABLE TO BE EXECUTED

JANUARY 10, 1922 - ARTHUR GRIFFITH IS ELECTED SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE IRISH FREE STATE BY DÁIL ÉIREANN

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JANUARY 12, 2000 – LIMERICK PEOPLE TURNOUT IN HUGE NUMBERS TO ATTEND THE SELL-OUT FILM PREMIERE OF ANGELA'S ASHES.

JANUARY 12, 1885 - THOMAS ASHE, PATRIOT AND NATIONALIST REVOLUTIONARY, IS BORN IN LISPOLE, CO. KERRY

JANUARY 13, 1800 - DANIEL O'CONNELL MAKES HIS FIRST PUBLIC SPEECH, OPPOSING UNION WITH ENGLAND

JANUARY 13, 1941– JAMES JOYCE, IRISH WRITER DIES IN ZURICH

JANUARY 15, 1861- YOUNG IRELANDER TERENCE MACMANUS DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA

January 18, 1885 – Miles City, Montana - AOH Division #1 Custer County formed.

January 20, 1897 – Joint Installation of Officers for the Anaconda AOH and the Anaconda Daughters of Erin

January 20, 1902 - Kevin Barry, medical student and nationalist revolutionary, is born in Dublin.

January 23, 1890 – Hibernian Hall, Butte Montana dedicated.

January 27, 1908 – D.J. Hennessy –past AOH National Director dies in Butte Montana.

January 29, 1794 - Archibald Hamilton Rowan, United Irishman, tried on charge of distributing seditious paper.

January 30, 1972 - In what is to become known as Bloody Sunday, the British Army kills 14 civil rights demonstrators in the Bogside district of Derry. A 14th marcher later dies of his injuries