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## Message from the President

Greetings to all,

This month's note is going to be about family. Why, you might ask. Well, it is fairly simple. This is the time of year that my parents visit from Florida. While I am always apprehensive about this, it is always good to see them and have them in my immediate vicinity to help remind me of the importance of family.

As we get older, we tend to spend less time with our families and more time with people that we have chosen outside of our initial birth, growth and inspiration. At one time or another, we all wanted to emulate our fathers/mothers or even older brothers and sisters. That is as it should be. They were the first examples of what we could strive to be and all of them tried to help us move into the potential that our lives could become, because they do want the best for us.

So, as we move forward, let us remember our parents and all of our families, but especially our parents, for they gave us the gift of life and that is a difficult gift to repay. At the very least, we can strive to be the best we can and remind ourselves of the sacrifices that our parents and families made to help us to achieve that best. Maybe we need a new holiday call "Family Day", you heard it here first.

In reality, Mother's Day is just around the corner followed shortly by Father's Day. Remember them and if possible, call or visit. You will make their day, because they do love you and cherish you, despite how any or all of you may act.

In our Motto,  
Patrick♣



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## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL

**TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022**

**6:30 PM**

Regular monthly meeting.

### Virginia City Irish Weekend

June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

## This Month in Irish History

- May 1, 1170 - Arrival of Normans in Co. Wexford. Arrival of Richard de Clare, Earl of Pembroke, subsequently known as 'Strongbow'.
- May 1, 1697 - The Bishops' Banishment Act passed on 25 September 1696, requires most Catholic clergy to leave the kingdom by this date, and bans Catholic clergy from entering it - the Act will never be efficiently enforced.
- May 1, 1794 - Catholics are enabled by law to attend Trinity College.
- May 3, 1916 – at 6:00 pm Grace Gifford entered Kilmainham Gaol. At 11:30pm she walked into the prison chapel where Joseph Plunkett waited for her at the altar with a priest and two witnesses from the Third Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment. During the ceremony the couple was not allowed to talk to each other except to recite the words of the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony, Joseph was brought back to his cell and Grace left.
- May 3, 1916 – Pádraig Pearse, Thomas Clarke, and Thomas MacDonagh executed at Kilmainhan Gaol
- May 12, 1916- Seán Mac Diarmada and James Connolly executed at Kilmainhan Gaol
- May 15, 1847 - The first coffin ship "The Syria" arrives at Grosse Isle.
- May 15, 1847 - Daniel O'Connell, "The Liberator," dies in Genoa.
- May 17, 1650 - Cromwell's army is defeated in the second assault on Clonmel, suffering its heaviest losses.

## Veterans Note

Greetings to all,

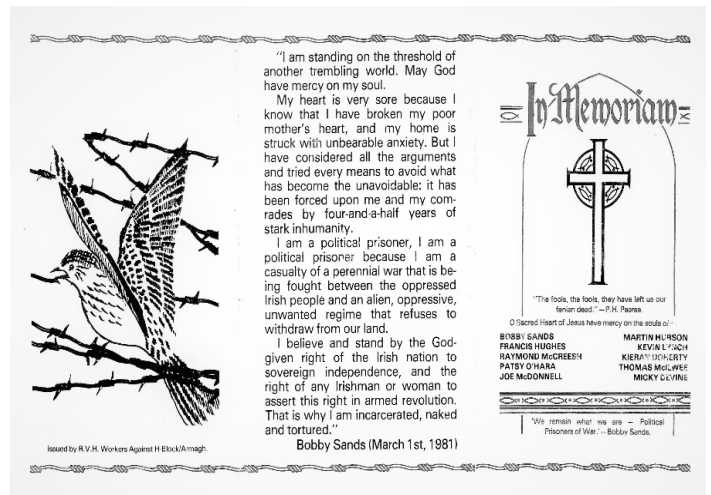
Memorial Day is right around the corner, and this is the time to remember those that have fallen in service to their country. We remember not only military personnel, but others who also have fallen while engaging in a service, such as the Honolulu Firefighters who were killed responding to the Pearl Harbor attack and those Firefighters and Police responding to the attacks on 9/11.

While you may not know any of the fallen personally, I am sure that you know someone who does, either family or friends. Take a minute to listen to their stories and make sure that we never forget the fallen and the sacrifices that they made for us and for our country.

I hope that many of you will be able to join us as we remember on Monday, May 30, 2022. We will be raising the flag at Resurrection Cemetery at 8:00 am sharp and later there is the East Helena Parade at 11:00 am. Make sure you are there early to line up.

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy month and that your Memorial Day is one of Remembrance and Honor for those that have fallen.

"All gave some, some gave all."  
In our Motto,  
Patrick♣



"I am standing on the threshold of another trembling world. May God have mercy on my soul.

My heart is very sore because I know that I have broken my poor mother's heart, and my home is struck with unbearable anxiety. But I have considered all the arguments and tried every means to avoid what has become the unavoidable: it has been forced upon me and my comrades by four-and-a-half years of stark inhumanity.

I am a political prisoner, I am a political prisoner because I am a casualty of a perennial war that is being fought between the oppressed Irish people and an alien, oppressive, unwanted regime that refuses to withdraw from our land.

I believe and stand by the God-given right of the Irish nation to sovereign independence, and the right of any Irishman or woman to assert this right in armed revolution. That is why I am incarcerated, naked and tortured."

Bobby Sands (March 1st, 1981)

© Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on the souls of:

BOBBY SANDS	MARTIN HURSON
FRANCIS HUGHES	KEVIN L'ECHE
RAYMOND MCCREESH	KIERAN DICKERTY
PATSY O'HARA	THOMAS MCCOY
JOE McDONNELL	MICKY GOVINE

"The fools, the fools, they have left us our former dead." — P.H. Pearse

"We remain what we are — Political Prisoners of War." — Bobby Sands.

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# VIRGINIA CITY'S 2022 "IRISH WEEKEND"

**Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

*All are Welcome*



## **FRIDAY—June 10th**

- ♣6:15pm—7:00pm** Painting of the “Irish green stripe” down the center of Wallace Street – Everyone can participate.
- ♣7:00pm—9:00pm** Panel Discussion and Live Podcast – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Irish Free State and Montana’s connection – Elling House.

## **SATURDAY—June 11th**

- ♣10:00am** Welcome Speeches & Irish Flag Raising at the Historical Madison County Courthouse.
- ♣11:00am** Historical presentation about Mass Rocks 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 participate in this.
- ♣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.

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