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Message from the President

Greetings to all,

Well, it is March and St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner. Our events are spread out over three days this year with the Parade on the 11th, Mass on the 16th and the Capitol events on the 17th. I hope that you can all attend all or at least most of the events to help spread our Irish culture and the Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity that we continually strive for in our lives.

The more of us that can be at these events the better for all concerned and the more that our message gets out to the community. We need to try recruiting more members for both the AOH and the LAOH and the only way to do that is to reach out to the community at events like these.

I urge all of you to celebrate safely, but have fun and remember that the Irish have a love of life and fun while maintaining our history and culture.

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On a more somber note, we also need to remember those members that have recently passed, including Mike Murphy and Jim Heffernan and keep them in our prayers. Jim passed this week and as we get further information, we will let you know.

See you at the events!

Slan'
Patrick♣

*St Patrick's Day Parade
Announcement*

We are proud to announce the 2023 St Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal and Colleen of the Day are . Grand Marshal is Pete Sullivan and Colleen of the Day is Ann Finnegan.

Come downtown this Saturday at noon for a fine parade.

SAVE THE

DATE

VIRGINIA CITY

IRISH WEEKEND

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH AND

SATURDAY JUNE 10TH



Beannachtai na Féile Pádraig

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY



HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting.

This Month in Irish History

- March 1, 1704 - Penal Laws passed in 1695, restricting Catholic civil rights, are strengthened.
- March 4, 1778 – Robert Emmet born
- March 7, 1848 – Thomas Francis Meagher first flew the Irish Tricolor on this day at 33 The Mall, Waterford City, Ireland.
- March 12, 1689 - James II lands at Kinsale and proceeds to Dublin
- March 17, 1828 – Maj Gen Patrick Cleburne, highest ranking Irishman in the Confederacy born in County Cork, Ireland. Killed November 30, 1864 at Franklin, TN. Buried Helena Arkansas
- March 17, 1866 – Thomas Francis Meagher gives speech in Virginia City, Montana
- March 17, 1882 – Newspaper told of the first formal St. Patrick's Day parade in Butte.
- March 17, 1889 – Formal Dedication of Anaconda's AOH Hall.
- March 20, 1920 - Tomás MacCurtain, (20 March 1884 – 20 March 1920) Lord Mayor of Cork, is killed on his 36th birthday in front of his family by Black & Tans disguised as policemen. The inquest into his death returns a verdict of willful murder against the RIC, and indicts Lloyd George and the British government
- March 23, 1847 - Choctaw Indians collect money to donate to starving Irish Hunger victims.
- March 1901 - Missoula Division, Division #1 of the AOH, Missoula Montana Formed,
- March 25, 1840 - Birth of Myles Keogh in Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow. Soldier in the US army, it is said by the Sioux that he is the last man killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn, where his horse is the only US survivor



**HAPPY AND BLESSED ST PATRICK'S DAY
FROM THE THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER
DIVISION OFFICERS**

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Veterans Note

New VA Policy to Offer Emergency Mental Health Services for Free

A large number of veterans grapple with mental health issues after returning from deployment, and for many, the effects of these issues can be severe. Recent reports have revealed that veterans have been found to have a higher risk of suicide than the general public, leading to a call for improved mental health resources.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has now announced a new initiative to try and tackle the issue of veteran suicide. Under the new policy, any veteran that has is having suicidal thoughts or behavior will be eligible for free emergency mental health care at a VA or non-VA facility. This includes up to 30 days of inpatient care and 90 days of outpatient care.

These benefits are available to veterans regardless of whether they are enrolled with VA Healthcare.

St. Patrick's Day Festivities 2023

Saturday, March 11th

♣ ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

12 noon ~ Downtown Helena

Thursday, March 16th

♣ CATHOLIC MASS

12:00 pm ~ Cathedral of St. Helena

Friday, March 17th

♣ ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING

8 am ~ Front of State Capitol

♣ ANNUAL CAPITOL ROTUNDA CELEBRATION

8:15 am ~ Capitol Rotunda

♣ Official Proclamations

♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers

All Events sponsored by the
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Helena Tiernan Irish Dancers

2023 St. Patrick's Performances

<u>Saturday, March 11th</u>	<u>Sunday, March 12th</u>
<p>12:00 PM – St. Patrick's Parade Downtown Helena, line up at Cathedral</p> <p>1:00 PM – Mt. Ascension Brewery 317 Cruse Ave,, Helena</p> <p>2:30 PM – Miller's Crossing 52 S. Park Ave,, Helena</p> <p>4:00 PM – The Confluence 40 S. Last Chance Gulch, Helena</p> <p>5:00 PM – The Windbag 19 S. Last Chance Gulch, Helena</p>	<p>1:30 PM – Beehive Homes 9 Bumblebee Ct (off of Janet St), Helena</p> <p>2:30 PM – Edgewood Assisted Living 3207 Colonial Drive, Helena</p> <p>3:30 PM – Mt. Ascension Nursing Home 2475 Winne Ave, Helena</p>
Friday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day!	
<p style="text-align: center;">Morning</p> <p>8:00 AM – Flag raising @ Capitol 1301 E 6th Ave, Helena (outside)</p> <p>8:15 AM – Capitol Rotunda 1301 E 6th Ave, Helena (inside)</p> <p>9:15 AM – Four Georgians Elementary 555 W Custer Ave, Helena</p> <p>10:15 AM – Rossiter Elementary 1497 Sierra Road, Helena</p> <p>11:15 AM – Broadwater Elementary 900 Hollins Ave, Helena</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Afternoon + Evening</p> <p>1:30 PM – Hawthorne Elementary 430 Madison Ave, Helena</p> <p>2:30 PM – Jim Darcy Elementary 990 Lincoln Road West, Helena</p> <p>3:30 PM – Touchmark 915 Saddle Drive, Helena</p> <p>4:30 PM – L&C Brewery 1517 Dodge Ave, Helena</p> <p>6:00 PM – Missouri River Brewing Co. 451 Spencer Ct, East Helena</p>



Dispensation for St. Patrick's Day

Over the 40 days of Lent, we seek to join ourselves ever more closely to Christ through the practices of prayer, fasting, and giving alms. During the sacred journey of Lent, Catholics are bound to abstain from meat on Fridays, an act of self-denial that leads to growth in the grace of Christian virtue. This year, the Memorial of Saint Patrick will be on a Friday during Lent. Considering the devotion of so many in our Diocese to this wonderful Saint and their desire to celebrate his witness, I will dispense the obligation to abstain from meat on that day. Those who wish to make use of this dispensation are encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day as part of their penitential practices of this Lent.

Whereas the law of abstinence from meat binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (canon 1252); and

Whereas this year, the March 17th Memorial of Saint Patrick falls on a Friday in Lent; and

Whereas Saint Patrick's Day is a significant cause for special celebrations in the Diocese of Helena;

I therefore decree that on Friday, March 17, 2023, all Catholics of the Diocese of Helena, no matter where they may be, and all other Catholics present here in the Diocese of Helena on that day are hereby dispensed from the obligation to abstain from meat.

Given on February 28, 2023, in the Diocese of Helena.

Most Reverend Austin A Vetter
Bishop of Helena

Ecclesiastical Notary

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