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## *Message from the President*

Greetings to all,

It is again the Irish Season with St. Patrick's Day only a week away. We are trying to spread things out over the weekend so that we can increase our presence in the community thereby increasing our education and recruiting efforts. With all of the events we have planned on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, we have the opportunity to really reach out to our friends in the community. We can use these opportunities to help improve the view and the knowledge of what we as the AOH and LAOH are, what we stand for, and how the community can help us, by either joining or donating. We can also spread knowledge regarding the Irish and our history and how that has affected the United States and Montana. We can also talk about our Patron Saint, Patrick (Patricus to give him his Latin name) and how he has affected the Church, the history of Ireland, of the United State and Montana.

We have this opportunity, so let's not squander it. Let's use it to our advantage to recruit new members and spread the knowledge that we have to let people understand us as the Irish and not some silly caricature. We are a proud people and we should let others know that and allow them to help us celebrate the uniqueness that is the Irish and the AOH and LAOH.

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Only two weeks later is that Holiest of Days, Easter. As we get through the stresses and joys of St. Patrick's Day, let us remember what Easter means to us both as Irish and as Catholics. This is one of the core tenants of our faith, that "Christ died and rose again in fulfillment of the scriptures". We need to keep this in mind every day and remember the sacrifices that Christ made for us so that we would have the opportunity to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Please take some tie for yourself as we approach both of these days and remind yourself that we are Irish and Catholic and what that means for and to you.

Slan'

Patrick♣

**SAVE THE**

**DATE**

**VIRGINIA CITY**

**IRISH WEEKEND**

SATURDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>



*Beannachtai na Féile Pádraig*

**HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY**



## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024**

**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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## *St Patrick's Day Parade Announcement*

We are proud to announce the 2024 St Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal and Colleen of Day. They are Grand Marshal Patrick McKelvey and Colleen of the Day is Judy McKelvey. A husband-and-wife team.

Come downtown Saturday March 16th at noon for a fine parade.

# St. Patrick's Day Festivities 2024

## Friday, March 15th

- ♣ ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING  
8 am ~ Front of State Capital
- ♣ ANNUAL CAPITOL ROTUNDA CELEBRATION  
8:15 am ~ Capitol Rotunda
  - ♣ Official Proclamations
  - ♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers
- ♣ The Pipes and Drums of the Black Devils

## Saturday, March 16th

- ♣ ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
12 noon ~ Downtown Helena
- ♣ Flyover Montana Air National Guard  
120<sup>th</sup> Air Wing C-130H

## Sunday, March 17th

- ♣ CATHOLIC MASS  
11:00 am ~ Cathedral of St. Helena

All Events sponsored by the  
Helena Ancient Order of Hibernians  
And Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

## **Helena Tiernan Irish Dancers 2024 St Patrick's Performances**

### **Friday – March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am – Captol Rotunda**

**5:00 pm – Headwaters Crafhouse  
225 N Last Chance Gulch**

### **Saturday – March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**1:30 pm – Mt Ascension Brewing  
317 Cruse Ave**

**2:30 pm – The Confluence/Brothers Tapworks  
40 S. Last Chance Gulch**

**3:30 pm – Lewis & Clark Brewing  
1535 Dodge Ave**

**5:00 pm – Missouri River Brewing  
451 Spencer Ct, East Helena**

### **Sunday – March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**1:30 pm – Blackfoot River Brewing  
66 S. Park**

**3:00 pm – Speakeasy 41  
685 Barney St**

**4:00 pm – Ten Mile Creek Brewing  
48 N. Last Chance Gulch**

**5:00 pm – The Hawthorn  
46 N. Last Chance Gulch**