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Message from the President

Greetings and welcome back from summer. I hope everyone had a safe and successful summer. It is no back to the grind of school, work and yes, AOH Meetings. Officer's Meetings will again occur on the first Tuesday of every month and any are invited to attend. Regular meetings are on the Second Tuesday and all are encouraged to attend. Both are held at 6:30 pm at the KC Hall.

This month we will have a report on the National Convention by our delegates and then we shall really start to work on the State Convention here in Helena in September 2025.

Big stuff this month, the play Carry Me O'er will be at the Myrna Loy on Thursday September 19, doors open at 6 pm, Play at 7 pm. It is by Neil Lewing and the Polson Players and should be at least as much fun at the last one about Meagher. We still need to sell a lot of tickets. So please come to the meeting, buy some for yourself and help us sell some so that we can make some money.

On the topic of money, we have a lot going on this upcoming year and things only get more expensive, so we need your help to raise money. Any ideas can and will be considered on how to raise money so that we can continue to fund those charities and projects that are so much a part of us. The State Convention will need some funding some will, of course, come from the State Board, but we will need to expend some ourselves, also any help on the project of setting it up and running the Convention will be wonderful.

See you at the meeting.

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Patrick♣

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HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

6:30 PM, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

AOH/LAOH PLAY – HALF- WAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY

"CARRY ME O'ER" AT THE MYRNA LOY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

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KC HALL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

6:30 PM, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

This Month in Irish History

September 1, 1864 - Roger Casement, British consular official and Irish nationalist, is born in Sandycove, Co. Dublin

September 2, 1752 - The Gregorian calendar is adopted in Ireland and Britain, 170 years after mainland Europe: 2 September is followed by 14 September

September 3, 1658 – Oliver Cromwell, the most hated man in Irish history died this day. He died after complications following contracting malaria in Cork.

September 4, 1844 - Conspiracy judgment against Daniel O'Connell is reversed by House of Lords

September 4th In the liturgical calendar, it is the feast day of St. MacNisse, baptized by St. Patrick, and considered the founder of Kells Monastery.

September 5, 1771 - Benjamin Franklin's visit to Ireland begins

September 7, 1695 - Penal Laws are passed which restrict the rights of Catholics to have an education, to bear arms, or to possess a horse worth more than five pounds

September 8, 1908 - Poet, educator and eventual Easter Rising rebel Patrick Pearse opens St. Edna's school for boys (Scoil Eanna), combining new European theories of education with a focus on the glory of the Gaelic past

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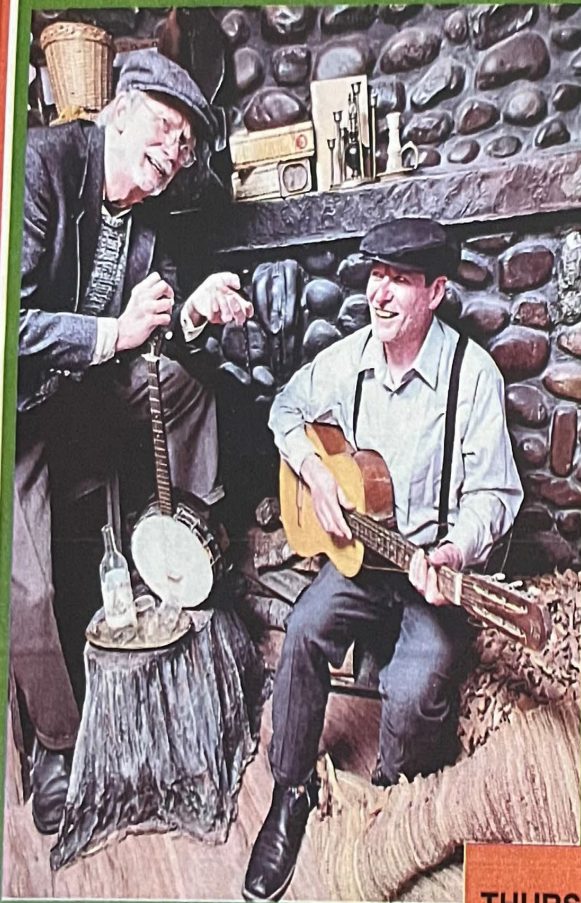


The General Meagher Division President Bob Fitzgerald of the Ancient Order of Hibernians submitted "Shamrocks are clovers, but not all clovers are shamrocks"

The word "shamrock" comes from the Gaelic word *Seamrog*, meaning "little clover"¹. As you all know, one of the traditional Irish symbols is a shamrock, and a shamrock appears on the flag of Erin Go Bragh, meaning "Ireland Forever", and Saint Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity with the three leaves representing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A shamrock can be found on the uniforms of Irish sports teams and on the tail of the national airline, Aer Lingus.

The use of the shamrock as Ireland's national symbol dates back thousands of years, but there appears to be confusion in today's world about what constitutes a traditional shamrock. By definition, a shamrock is a clover that specifically has three leaves, no more and no less. Do not confuse a shamrock with a four-leafed clover, which is NOT a shamrock. Some researchers note that the Druids (priests of the ancient Celts) claimed that a four-leafed clover was a good luck charm against evil spirits. These days, most people have forgotten about the "evil spirits" part and just remember that they are supposed to be good luck, and perhaps somehow confused that with the "luck of the Irish". You may find four-leaf, five-leaf, or even six-leaf clovers as a result of a genetic abnormality...but none of these abnormal clovers are shamrocks.

Half Way to St. Patrick's Day Celebration!!



The Thomas Francis Meagher
Division of the AOH and Mary
Ronan Division of the LAOH
Present

CARRY ME O'ER WITH THE PORT POLSON PLAYERS

Tim McGuire's heartfelt comedy

Set in 1924 Ireland, an aging
father, 70-year-old Cullan McGrath
asks his son to visit the family
homestead outside Waterford
Ireland on an autumn afternoon in
1924 with some earth-shaking
news to impart.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

6:00 pm (doors open)

7:00 pm (show)

\$30 (tickets now available!)



Myrna Loy Theatre
15 N. Ewing
Helena Mt

<https://themyrnaloy.com/happenings/carry-me-oer-with-the-port-polson-players/>



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Friday, September 13
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3:00 pm - 10:00 pm
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Free Admission

Food trucks – Local beers – Live bands – Dance
Performances – Arts & Crafts – Prizes – and more

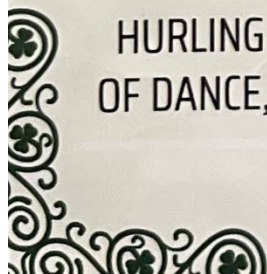


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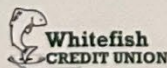
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