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Message from the President

Well just over a month until St. Patrick's Day and we have a lot of get done and talk about, so I hope to see all of you at our meeting on Tuesday, 11 Feb 2025 at 6:30 pm at the KC Hall.

One of the main topics will be the St. Patrick's Day Mass. For the first time in many (possibly 40 ?) years we will not be having Mass at the Cathedral. The secretary left me a message and said that we could not have a noon mass, she did invite us to the 7:00 am Mass, but with all of the events at the Capitol, that would not work. There was no discussion, it was a flat NO. We are still trying to find another venue and I hope to have some information on this at the meeting. We still have things to do for the Parade and the Day, so anyone who can help is welcome.

The State Convention is going to be in Helena in September and we are working on the issues, such as Venue, schedule and all of the other details that go into something like this, so if you have ideas or contacts, we can use the help.

Valentine's Day is coming up, so remember to celebrate the Massacre and make sure you eat some chocolate. For some odd reason, it also seems to be a day when a lot of people buy flowers. If anyone knows why that is, I am curious.

That is all for now, see you at the meeting.

Slan,
Patrick

HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

AOH MEETING

KC HALL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

6:30 PM

Regular monthly meeting.

ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES

(SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)

STATE AOH/LAOH CONVENTION

HELENA, MONTANA

SEPTEMBER 12TH THRU 14TH

This Month in Irish History

February 1st – St Brigid's Day - This is heralded as the first day of Spring (Imbolc). Similar to the United States groundhog tradition, if a hedgehog came out of his burrow on St. Brigid's Day.

February 1, 1796 - Theobald Wolf Tone, United Irish leader, arrives in France seeking assistance

February 2, 1880 - Charles S. Parnell addresses the U.S. Congress

February 2, 1882 – James Joyce, Irish author born.

February 4, 1868 - Birth of Irish patriot and revolutionary, Countess **Constance Markievicz, née Gore-Booth.**
Constance was the first woman to be elected to Westminster Parliament in London (where she refused to take her seat)

February 4, 1775 –Robert Emmet, Irish patriot born.

February 6, 1685 – Coronation of King James II

February 6, 1877 – John O'Mahoney, Irish patriot, died in New York City

*Slainte Augus Paidreach
(Health and Prayers)*

Tom Pahut had surgery this past week in Billings Montana. He is doing well and recuperating at his daughter's house in Billings.

Keep Tom, Kathy, and all the family in your prayers.

February 12, 1848 - John Mitchel publishes first United Irishmen.

February 12, 1989– Partick Finucane, Irish attorney, murdered by assassins.

February 13, 1689 - William and Mary - daughter of James II - are proclaimed king and queen jointly.

February 23, 1965 - Roger Casement's body is returned from England to be re-interred at Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin

February 24, 1692 - The Treaty of Limerick is ratified by William of Orange.

February 26, 1854 - William Smith O'Brien, leader of the 1848 rebellion, is pardoned.

St. Patrick's Day Festivities 2025

Saturday, March 15th

♣ **ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

12 noon ~ Downtown Helena

Monday, March 17th

♣ **ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING**

8:00 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**

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