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Message from the President

Greetings to all! Well, it looks like we made it through another St. Patrick's Day without to many MAJOR injuries. It was a busy day throughout Helena, culminating in a Bill Signing at the Capitol with Governor Gianforte, Senator Mike Cuffe and Rossa Fanning the Attorney General of Ireland, establishing a Trade Commission between Montana and Ireland. We not only got to meet Mr. Fanning and the delegation from Ireland, but myself, Mike O'Connor, Tom Pahut and John Malia took the Attorney General out to the Meagher Statue in front of the Capitol. We found that we did not need to give him any sort of education about Thomas Francis Meagher, he had done his homework and was well prepared for Montana.

We have a few busy months coming up. Easter is, of course, right around the corner with Memorial Day in May, Virginia City Days in June and the Helena Highland Games in July

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. For Easter, we are working with Town and Country (the former Van's Thriftway) to see if they will partner with us for the Easter Blessing, however, we are exploring other avenues as well. Memorial Day will have the Flag Raising and the Parade as normal, details to follow. Virginia City details are in the final pre stages and will be forthcoming. The highland Games, well, we will see what happens there. We might try running a recruiting booth, so we may need people to help out, more to follow.

There is a lot coming, so I hope you can come to the meeting and help with the discussion and potentially help out with the events as they come over the horizon. See you on Tuesday...

Oh, by the way, the LAOH are doing a Chicken and Spaghetti meal before the meeting, so be there at 6 with an empty stomach.

In our Motto,

Patrick ♣

HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

LAOH ANNUAL DINNER

KC HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

6:00 PM

AOH HAS BEEN INVITED

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VIRGINIA CITY IRISH WEEKEND

JUNE 14, 2025

SAVE THE DATE

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FRIDAY JUNE 13TH AND

SATURDAY JUNE 14TH

The Ladies AOH is having a dinner Tuesday and both the LAOH and AOH are invited. They are having chicken, spaghetti, salad, and bread ready for dinner at 6:00 at the KC Hall for all that want to join.

Slainte Augus Paidreach

(Health and Prayers)

It is always hard to lose someone to death. Our brother Bill Kerns passed away. Bill was from Townsend. Rest grant upon him, and may he rest in peace.

This Month in Irish History

April 1, 1911 - 1911 - The Titanic is launched in Belfast

April 2, 1914 – Cumann na mBan, Irish women's Republican movement, is founded.

April 5, 1961 - Death of Oscar-winning Irish actor of stage and screen Barry Fitzgerald. Born in Dublin in 1888, he pursues an acting career at the Abbey Theatre and then heads for Hollywood where he becomes Paramount's resident Irishman in such films as "Going My Way" for which he won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar. His finest works are under director John Ford, including "How Green Was My Valley" and "The Quiet Man."

April 7, 1947 - Death of Henry Ford, automobile production pioneer and son of Irish immigrants.

April 9, 1981 - IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands wins a seat in the British parliament in the Fermanagh and South Tyrone by-election with 30,493 votes

April 10, 1998 – The Good Friday Agreement for peace in the North of Ireland is signed this day.

April 12, 1861 - The American Civil War begins; 150,000 Irishmen will serve with the Union forces, and 40,000 with the Confederacy

April 13, 1906 –Samuel Beckett, Irish writer born.

April 15, 1840 - The Repeal Association is founded by Daniel O'Connell

April 17, 1875 - Election of Charles Stewart Parnell as MP for Meath

April 20, 1176 - Strongbow, Anglo-Norman lord, dies in Dublin

April 23, 1014 – Brian Boru, High King of Ireland, defeats Vikings of Dublin at Clontarf Ireland.

April 22, 1834 - Daniel O'Connell introduces debate on Repeal of Union bill in the House of Commons

April 24, 1916 - On Easter Monday, the Irish Volunteers and Citizen Army seize the General Post Office (GPO) in Dublin and demand Irish sovereignty

St Patrick's Day 2025

