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## Mission Statement

The Hibernian Society of Utah was formed to promote and preserve Irish history, culture and traditions within the State of Utah. We are a non-profit organization that strives to present a variety of events and activities throughout the year.

## Upcoming Dates

### December 1, 2018

Hibernian Society Christmas Party

### January 26, 2019

Hibernian Social Gathering

### January 31, 2019

Race to Promontory Point

### March 2019

St. Patrick's Day Parade & Siamsa - March 16<sup>th</sup>

An Evening with the Irish Poets-TBA



## *Hibernian Membership Christmas Party*

You and your family are invited to our annual membership Christmas party. We hope that you can join us for an evening of light refreshments, live music, Ceili dancing, raffle baskets, and great craic! Don't miss the announcement of

our 2019 Hibernian of the Year.

If your holiday tradition includes charitable giving, we hope you'll include the Hibernian Society of Utah on your list. In order to continue the efforts of the Society, we are looking to our devoted members and supporters to contribute and support in our ongoing efforts to provide the state of Utah with Irish culture, tradition and education.

**Where:** St. Ambrose Catholic Church Social Center  
2315 Redondo Avenue  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

**When:** Saturday, December 1, 2018, 6:30pm

Gathering starts at 6:30pm, with a short program to start about 7:30pm. Bring a bottle for the big raffle basket if you are able. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, main course will be provided.

## *The Race to Promontory Point: The Transcontinental Railroad & the American West*

On Thursday, January 31, 2019, the Utah Museum of Fine Arts will be hosting a preview of the exhibition which will celebrate the Joining of the Rails.

To reserve your tickets visit [umfa.utah.edu/celebration](http://umfa.utah.edu/celebration) or call 801-585-7174 or RSVP at [umfa.utah.edu](http://umfa.utah.edu)



## *Hibernian Bailiú Sóisialta*

**What:** Hibernian Society Social Gathering

**Where:** Fiddlers Elbow  
1063 East 2100 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

**When:** Saturday, January 26, 2019, 7:00pm

Come & meet fellow Hibernians as we gather for food, drink & perhaps a song or two. This is also a great opportunity to become a member & renew membership dues. Musicians welcome!

## *Membership Renewal*

If you have not renewed your membership dues, now is a great time. We have some fun & exciting events coming up & will require members to be current on their dues in order to receive a discounted member rate. Membership dues can be paid on our website at <http://www.irishinutah.org/pay-online/>



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

## *Consulate General Visit*

In September the Consulate General of Ireland to the Western United States, Robert O'Driscoll made a visit to the Beehive State. His visit was centered around the promotion of education in Ireland and the summer study and working holiday program under which matriculated graduate students can qualify for an Irish working visa for six months to one year after graduation.

Robert took meetings with the Salt Lake Tribune, the University of Utah as well as the Board & Trustees of the Hibernian Society and also introduced himself to those Hibernian members that were present at the informal meet and greet at Fiddlers Elbow. He was eager to know how the Consulate could be of assistance to the Hibernians and to the membership. He mentioned that they have access to exhibitions such as Yeats, Beckett, Joyce as well as an Irish in Latin American exhibit. We are eager to take advantage of

these wonderful resources and if you are interested in helping to plan one of these, please contact Meghan Gibson. Many thanks to Gary McDonough & Mickey Gallivan, who were instrumental in the planning & execution of Mr. O'Driscoll's visit.



*(L-R) Pat Dougherty, Mick Blewitt, Robert O'Driscoll, Dick O'Connor*



*(L-R) Katie McMahon, Pat Brown, Gary McDonough, Brent Peck, Collette Peck*



*(L-R) Tom Catrow, Carolyn Fredin, Stephen Duggan, Jennifer Eldredge, Meghan Gibson, Robert O'Driscoll, Gina Gottfredson, Janice Lawless, John Welsh, Rory Power*



## *2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade*

It's that time of year again and the parade committee is already hard at work planning next year's parade. Next year's parade will once again start at 200 South and 500 East concluding at the Gallivan Center where we will gather for our Siamsa.

The theme for the 2019 Parade will center around the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Golden Spike celebration.

We are pleased to announce that Union Pacific has awarded the Hibernian Society with a \$5,000 grant that will be used to educate members of the community on the historical Golden Spike event that took place May 10, 1869.

If you are interested, we are in need of volunteers to pull off this grand event, please contact Meghan Gibson. We are always in need of Parade Marshals, volunteers at the Siamsa, stage announcer at the Siamsa, etc. Please contact Meghan Gibson if you are interested.

## *Weird & Wonderful Irish Facts*

- Abbán was the real first saint of Ireland
- Dame Alice Kytler from Kilkenny was the last known witch in Ireland
- Turlough O'Carolan wrote the tune of the "Star Spangled Banner, he died 35 years before the American revolution
- Louth is the smallest county in Ireland
- Historians believe St. Patrick's real name was Maewyn Succat
- Eamon de Valera returned to Ireland from his American fundraising tour in 1920, via Liverpool, by hiding in a container filled with potatoes
- Countess Markievicz was the first woman to be elected to the House of Commons
- The United States was the first country to recognize Ireland's Independence
- Ireland's 15 principal railways are named after the leaders of the 1916 Uprising

- In olden days, a pig was often allowed to live in the house with the family on an Irish farm and was referred to as “The gentleman who pays the rent”
- According to legend, a ringing in your ears means that a deceased friend is stuck in purgatory ringing a bell
- The lease of the original Guinness Brewery in Dublin was for 9,000 years
- The majority of people attribute the Guillotine to the French (hence the name), but there is evidence of it being used in Ireland 500 years before it made its way to France. A man named Murcod Ballagh seemingly used it for an execution near Merton in county Galway on April 1st – the unfortunate victim and their crime is unknown.

### *Get Well Wishes*

Two weeks ago, our past President, Patrick Dougherty was diagnosed with a cancerous mass in his brain which caused paralysis on the left side of his body. Pat was scheduled for surgery two days later to remove the mass. We are happy to report that his surgery was a success & sensation is slowly returning to the left half of his body.

### *Stay Connected*

Members now have access to Hibernian pictures, Bylaws, & past issues of newsletters via Dropbox links. If you happen to have any old pictures from past Hibernian events, please contact Meghan Gibson, we would love to add them to our library.

#### **Bylaws:**

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ng7c7lj5e1rmw2s/AABqdFBxwKTKdqS-jk\\_OCKxa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ng7c7lj5e1rmw2s/AABqdFBxwKTKdqS-jk_OCKxa?dl=0)

#### **Newsletters**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3k2y7mr45epnqfk/AADgfGN1ss4xrM7ZyYgGuyOUa?dl=0>

#### **Hibernian Society Pictures**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gzledmhtvtg6keg/AAD6pwFejtmOT2umtRkC5y58a?dl=0>

#### **Story of the Hibernian Society**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rj2wwf83hx9e9yq/AAA0xh4bTs4uzT3eFsm-u37Ta?dl=0>



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