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## Message from the President

Brothers,

**'Ah sure it'll be grand'** (Irish National Motto) Is it any wonder that the Irish are the most optimistic people on the plant?

As we live with the travails of our dislodged routines, maybe a bit of our new reality is different, but not lost. It isn't what we are missing but how our current condition has blessed us. Our families are together more, and more often. Hey, the gasoline bill is much smaller. And, this Hibernian has come to appreciate these eight things to remember when going through tough times.

1. Everything can, and will, change.
2. You've overcome challenges before.
3. It's a learning experience.
4. Not getting what you want can be a blessing.
5. Allow yourself to have some fun.
6. Being Kind to yourself is the best medicine.
7. Other people's negativity isn't worth worrying about.
8. And there is something always, always, always to be thankful for. (lawofattraction.com)

To all of this I will add point number 9. When I see other's challenges, mine don't look so bad.

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## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### AOH MEETING (CANCELLED)

TUESDAY, MAY

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

### Virginia City Irish Weekend (Cancelled)

June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

## This Month in Irish History

May 1, 1170 - Arrival of Normans in Co. Wexford. Arrival of Richard de Clare, Earl of Pembroke, subsequently known as 'Strongbow'.

May 1, 1697 - The Bishops' Banishment Act passed on 25 September 1696, requires most Catholic clergy to leave the kingdom by this date, and bans Catholic clergy from entering it - the Act will never be efficiently enforced.

May 1, 1794 - Catholics are enabled by law to attend Trinity College.

May 3, 1916 – at 6:00 pm Grace Gifford entered Kilmainham Gaol. At 11:30pm she walked into the prison chapel where Joseph Plunkett waited for her at the altar with a priest and two witnesses from the Third Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment. During the ceremony the couple was not allowed to talk to each other except to recite the words of the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony, Joseph was brought back to his cell and Grace left.

May 3, 1916 – Pádraig Pearse, Thomas Clarke, and Thomas MacDonagh executed at Kilmainhan Gaol

May 12, 1916- Seán Mac Diarmada and James Connolly executed at Kilmainhan Gaol

May 15, 1847 - The first coffin ship "The Syria" arrives at Grosse Isle.

May 15, 1847 - Daniel O'Connell, "The Liberator," dies in Genoa.

May 17, 1650 - Cromwell's army is defeated in the second assault on Clonmel, suffering its heaviest losses.

May 23, 1998 - Britain's Prime Minister, Tony Blair, welcomes the resounding "yes" vote in the referendum on the Good Friday Agreement on Northern Ireland, calling it "a day for joy".

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So, it stands to reason that when we give of ourselves in service to others, we give only our best. Because in some way, as small as it may seem, changes lives.

As our Irish bonds are born in the Faith and forever in our heritage, so too we must serve in Friendship, UNITY and Christian Charity.

Síocháin (Peace)

Jim ♣

## Activities of the AOH Thomas Meager Division cancelled until further notice.

We are all dealing with this pandemic. In time we will get through this. Stay strong. The risk of group gathering will pass soon. We are all in a wait and see status.

Your officers did meet in May and they did use social distancing. So, things are still moving ahead at a low speed.

What does this all mean. There will be no regular meeting of the Thomas Meagher Division in May. Also the officers have decided to cancel the Virginia City Irish Days that was scheduled for June.

*Slainte Augus Paidreach*

*(Health and Prayers)*

Good news regarding Tim Gilboy. He has made it back to Helena. Although he still has a long road ahead of him.

**Welcome home TIM!!!!**

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