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Message from the President

**Christ is Risen, Alleluia. Happy Easter.
I arise today
Through the strength of Christ's birth
with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion
with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection
with His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for
the judgment of doom.
-St. Patrick's Breastplate**

Let's take this time to cast off the inconvenience of our health emergency and use it as an opportunity to realize and reflect on our blessings. The blessings of faith, family and the bountiful opportunities we enjoy. I often think of our Irish forefathers who came on famine ships with typhus, dysentery, tuberculosis and cholera. They were poor undesirables, and even worse, according to the culture, they were Catholic. They survived and flourished because their strength came from their faith, community and grit.

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**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.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh



Happy Easter

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Let us make Easter Day an everyday celebration of our 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.

I am looking forward for all of us to once again be able to meet in person.

Síocháin (Peace)

Jim ♣

This Month in Irish History

- April 2, 1914 – Cumann na mBan, Irish women's Republican movement, is founded.
- April 7, 1947 - Death of Henry Ford, automobile production pioneer and son of Irish immigrants.
- 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

*Slainte Augus Paidreach
(Health and Prayers)*

Tim Gilboy has transitioned to what they call sub-acute care. They had hoped it would be to a facility in Helena. Because of COVID-19, none of the places in Helena would take him. So, he is still in Great Falls at Benefis West. No visitors are allowed at this time.

We know Tim loves to get cards. So, if you can, send him a card. His address is:

**Tim Gilboy
c/o Benefis West
500 15th Avenue South Room 401
Great Falls, MT 59405**

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