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Next Meeting – Tuesday May 12, 2020 7:00 p.m. Virtual Zoom Meeting

President's Message:



Brothers,

This is the most challenging message to date that I have made an effort to write. In a typical year, I would have numerous events, stories and anecdotes to share, not the least of which would be recent memories of another successful and enjoyable Irish Festival full of laughter, music and Brotherhood. Instead I look back on the last few weeks since our first "virtual" Dooley Division meeting and have to wonder where those weeks gone and with no significant events planned or held, how did I fill my time?

I expect others are asking similar questions whether that is related to family life, work or our Division. Without offering too much cliché, I would suggest that as an individual I need to and as a Division, we need to focus on what we can control. The COVID-19 pandemic has been the most unusual and disruptive experience likely for any of us causing exceptional uncertainty and lack of clarity to every routine we are familiar with. Understanding that, as a Division we have set out to maintain as much normalcy as possible with our monthly business meeting as the cornerstone. We will hold the 2nd of our virtual Business meetings on May 12, 2020 at 7 pm. We will hold the Division Officers Meeting from 6:15-6:45 on the 12th just prior to the regular Business meeting. I've asked Pat Shea to set up the Zoom session starting at 6:15. The Officers will take a break for a few minutes to allow Brothers to "Zoom" into the regular Business Meeting at 7 pm. Maintaining that interaction, even if it is in a small rectangle on a screen, allows us at least to hear each other's voices, share a laugh and a prayer together. Those are after all at the core of what we do as Hibernians.

There are a few updates I wanted to share that we can discuss further at our meeting:

- I was informed on Friday that Saint Michael's will remain closed, with all events cancelled though July 1st, at which time scheduling and events will be reassessed. I don't know if that duration applies to Masses but as far as how that affects the Dooley Division, our June meeting has been cancelled.
- As of this weekend, we have no further update on rescheduling or canceling of the Irish Festival, in turn relating to our discussion of setting a date for the raffle drawing.

We need to hope for the best that the Festival can be rescheduled at a time suitable to closing out our raffle sales but plan for the worst, which is the Festival is cancelled outright for 2020.

- Raffle Chair Jim Woods and Financial Secretary John Costello have received several more dues payments or tickets and \$100 in lieu of dues. However, more than one-quarter of the Brothers have not yet paid dues. If you can pay your dues of \$35 or \$10 (>75 years) or sell 10 raffle tickets to waive the dues requirement and turn in the tickets and money to Jim or John, that will be much appreciated. If there are any challenges or hardships affecting businesses large to small which in turn have reduced or eliminated a Brothers work, hours or income, please let someone know so that can be accounted for.
- The National AOH convention is still scheduled for July in Orlando, Fla. National AOH President Jim McKay is assessing the viability of holding the Convention based on a poll of those registered to attend as well as local, State and Federal guidance including related to travel. A decision will be made by June 15 regarding the Convention. What we can control related to that is choosing delegates for the Convention, in the hopeful event it goes as planned in Orlando, or some alternative virtual plan is developed. We will discuss and vote on that Tuesday evening.

In the meantime, I am looking forward to our 2nd virtual meeting and our effort to maintain some normalcy despite nearly every point of discussion being something out of the ordinary. It may be slightly melodramatic but as Irish-Americans, everyone of us has one or more Irish descendants who at some point in their lives faced the uncertainty of leaving behind the land the knew to face the uncertainty of a starting a new life in America. In comparison to that, the uncertainty we may be working through presently as Hibernians, pales in comparison.

Stay safe and healthy. See you virtually Tuesday evening.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Mike Canning
President Major James Dooley Division
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Richmond, Virginia

Upcoming Events:

Dooley Division Business Meetings in 2020 at 7 pm every 2nd Tuesday of each Month, except for July and August, at St. Michael Catholic Church. 2019 Meeting Dates - 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, **12/10 (Officer Installation)**

All events are tentative based on Chinese Wuhan Coronavirus (COVID-19) scare

May 18 & 19, 2019 Sat/Sun - Fishing Trip to Chesapeake Bay, -Cancelled- Chinese Wuhan Corona Virus

(May 16-17, 2020 Sat/Sun - Fishing Trip to Chesapeake Bay, fish early on Sunday morning; Captain Crabbe fish charter. -CANCELLED-

(TBC) 4th of July Picnic at Columbian Center (Family Event) with the KOC 4th Degree Assembly. Ashland Parade.

CONFIRMED – June 12, 2020, at 7:05 pm (Irish Night)– Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Outing (Family), The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 - (Tim McDonnell - Chair) (ph 804-678-9764; tmc1918@gmail.com – let Tim know how many tickets you'd like).

July 22-26, 2020 - AOH National Convention in Orlando, FL. Status is still pending as of 05/10/2020

(TBD) August 23, 2020, Sunday - Our Lady of Knock (8/21/1879) Mass at 11 am at St. Michael's Church? Party afterward (late afternoon?), location TBD.

September 17, 2020, Thursday at 6 pm - Happy Hour - Halfway to St. Patrick's Day at Rare Olde Times.

**AOH Dooley Division Prayer List
For April 14, 2020 Meeting**

Please contact Fr. Jim Arsenault if you need him to visit and pray for and with someone in the hospital. Contact him at M 804-221-1508 and/or jarsenault@stelizcc.org

From Previous meeting and since then:

- **Kin Headly** – Friend of Scott Nugent – Brain cancer
- **Jeffrey Gargulo** – Friend of Brian Kiernan and others – Various ailments prior to having gallbladder surgery
- **Rita Hastings** – Tom Hastings' mother – Hip operation, gallbladder removed
- **Juanita Collins** – Wife of Mark Collins – Released from hospital. COPD. Virus infection
- **Phyllis Collins** – Mother of Mark Collins – Had seizure. Has brain tumor. Age 87.
- **Joanne Kennedy** – Aunt of John Kennedy – Breast cancer. Operable. Good success for recovery.
- **Tom Edwards** – Brother-in-law of Jim Donahue – Esophageal cancer. New chemo regimen started.

From Prior Meetings:

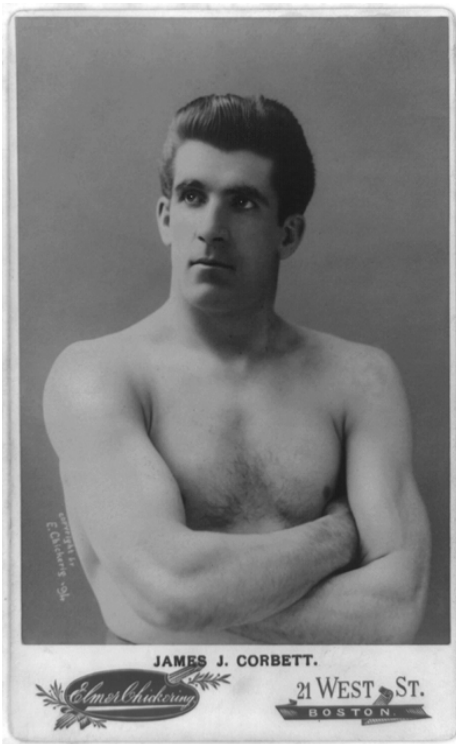
- **Barbara Laroza** – Aunt of Tom Nolan
- **Siobhan Mooney** – Relative of Jack Griffin - Diagnosed with lung cancer
- **Brian Kiernan** – Having hip replacement in April. Leg is good. Hand is good.
- **Stokes McCune** – Had triple bypass heart surgery and is recovering. Doing much better.
- **Tom Forbes** – Diagnosed with Stage 4 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Having sixth chemo. Then six week break.

- **Dover Harper** (Social Member, Good friend of Jack Cassells) – Recovering from Triple Bypass Surgery
- Mark Atchinson – Brother **Daniel Atchinson** – Quadruple bypass in August, spot on lung discovered, biopsy indicated cancer, determining treatment.
- **Fr. George Zahn** - Keep our Chaplain in your prayers. Weak. Is now at Our Lady of Hope.
- Chad Costello's brother-in-law (**Doug Dakins**, Alisha's brother). 48 years old, colonoscopy found cancerous mass in his colon. Doc removed a large stage 3 tumor and is confident he got the margins and will be fine after chemo
- **Paulie McFadden** skin condition and his wife, **Mary Ellen**, back pains
- Jim Whelen, wife Alesia's Mom, **Norma Oakley**, had cancerous kidney removed a couple weeks ago, cancer in spleen/lungs, in hospice care
- Hugh Naughton's wife, **Jessie Naughton**, has lower back, migraine issues and other ailments
- Tim McDonnell's friend, **Rob Northern** – recurrence of cancer
- Billy Spicer's brother-in-law, **William McCracken**, had an infection on the brain and had brain surgery to remove it. Also his heart is very weak. And he has emphysema as well. He's been doing better recently.
- **Pat Saizan**, sister of Larry Keefe, reoccurrence of breast cancer. It is now in remission
- **Don Lattanzi**, AOH Brother, had 2 back surgeries, pneumonia and breathing problems

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The Fight that Changed it All

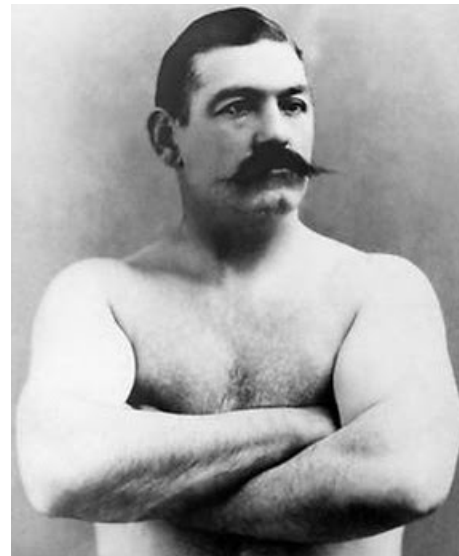
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Taking some courses in college and working as a bank clerk doesn't necessarily qualify someone as a 'gentleman'. But if you were a professional boxer in the 1890s with that sort of background – a little education and a bank job – that may have set you apart. That was why James J. Corbett was so different from most of his peers. That, and the fact that he wore his hair in a full-grown pompadour, dressed in well-cut clothes and spoke excellent grammar, meant that he was well entitled to his famous nickname, Gentleman Jim.

In 1854 Jim Corbett's father, Patrick, immigrated to America from Ballinrobe, Co Mayo. Corbett was born into a working-class Irish family in San Francisco in 1866. He had a high school education, some college and was a literate and articulate man. He learned his craft of boxing not from the street but from a coach. He refined the art of boxing and fighters copied his style. He began his career in 1886 and fought all his matches wearing gloves under the Marquis of Queensberry rules.

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bare-knuckle champions who pounded each other without hours in marathon matches that lasted as many as 75 rounds. the Heavyweight Championship title in 1882 by knocking Ryan and had successfully defended it for 10 years. To be Heavyweight Champion at this moment of time was to be famous man in the world. And Sullivan's championship attracted thousands.

As Corbett rose through the ranks, he regarded his fellow John L. Sullivan, with envy. Sullivan, twenty-five pounds Corbett, was a bruiser who specialized in overpowering stepped into the ring with him. Corbett's approach was scientific and deliberate. He studied his opponents and went fight with a game plan and used his athleticism and maneuverability to stay out of trouble to wear down his man.

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On September 7, 1892 the two men met in New Orleans in a Heavyweight Championship match governed by the Queensberry rules. The Sullivan-Corbett fight marks a turning point for professional boxing as the sport moved out of the shadows of criminality into the world of acceptable public entertainment.

Jim Corbett later published a book describing that night. We begin with a synopsis of his account. *From the beginning of the round Sullivan was aggressive – [He] wanted to eat me up right away. He came straight for me and I backed and backed, finally into a corner. While I was there, I observed him setting himself for a right-hand swing...I sidestepped out of the corner and was back in the middle of the ring again, Sullivan hot after me. I allowed him to back me into all four corners, and he thought he was engineering all this...But I learned what I wanted to know. He had shown his hand to me.*

The New Orleans crowd was not pleased at what they perceived as Corbett's reluctance to mix it with the champion. A section of the audience began to hiss 'Sprinter'. Corbett kept moving around until the third round, when he started swinging, and broke the champion's nose and Sullivan bled profusely for the remainder of the round.

In the seventh round, Corbett shifted his attack to the body and began to bury punches in Sullivan's midsection. By the 14th round, Corbett was easily landing punches and Sullivan wasn't offering much in return. The match was hardly competitive, Corbett boxed beautifully dancing around the ring, sidestepping Sullivan's punches and peppering him with counters. A minute and a half into the twenty-first of the scheduled twenty-five rounds, Corbett ended the fight with a vicious combination of punches which left Sullivan on the canvas.

After the fight was over, Sullivan gathered himself, he stood on the ring apron and announced to the crowd: "Gentlemen, gentlemen, I have nothing at all to say. All I say is that I came into the ring once too often – and if I had to get licked, I'm glad I was licked by an American. I remain your warm and personal friend, John L. Sullivan."

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