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Division meeting set for October 14

Our Division will meet on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gaelic-American Club, Beach Road, Fairfield. A 2009 Division Officers' Nominating Committee will be appointed. This committee will announce a slate of eight officers, President through Sentinel, during our November 11 meeting. As usual, nominations from the floor will be accepted at this meeting, with elections on December 9 and officers' installation on January 13, 2009. Nominees must be present on November 11.

Division Mourns the Loss of Maurice Kiely

Maurice B. Kiely, a Past President of our Division, died peacefully in his home on September 28, 2008 surrounded by his family. Maury was a Division member for more than twenty-five years and was serving as our Recording Secretary at the time of his passing.

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The Grand Marshal's Ball Honors Pete Bellew

The Greater Bridgeport Saint Patrick's Day Celebration Committee has set Saturday, November 8, 2008 as the date for its annual Grand Marshal's Ball. Long time member of the GAC Pete Bellew has been elected Grand Marshal and will lead the 2009 Parade. The Ball will be held at the Tashua Knolls Clubhouse in Trumbull beginning at 7:00 PM.

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AOH/LAOH Memorial Mass for Deceased Hibernians

Please mark your calendars for Friday, November 21 at 7 PM at which time our Chaplain, Rev. Edward Small, S.J. will offer our Annual Memorial Mass for deceased Hibernians. Mass will be offered at Holy Family Church in Fairfield.

Congratulations Brother Steve Roach

Long-time Division member Steve Roach was presented with the prestigious National Life Membership at our September meeting by President Ted Lovely.

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Connecticut Right to Life Convention

The Connecticut Right to Life Convention will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell.

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CHERISH ALL LIFE

Division Mourns the Loss of Maurice Kiely

Maury truly exemplified the true Hibernian as he lived the motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Lorraine and their family at this time of mourning. He served as chairman of the Freedom for All Ireland Committee assisting families of Irish patriots who sacrificed much for Irish freedom.

The Grand Marshal's Ball Honors Pete Bellew

A donation of \$60 per person includes dinner and one hour of open bar with hors d'oeuvres. The Eamonn Ryan Band will perform. Formal attire is preferred. Call Nancy Lovely at 268-9657 or Dave Ryan at 305-3379 for reservations. The deadline for reservations is November 3.

Congratulations Brother Steve Roach

Brother Roach has long been active in Hibernian activities particularly those pertaining to pro-life. In attendance for the presentation were members of Steve's family and National Director Frank Kearney.

Connecticut Right to Life Convention

The keynote speaker at the evening's banquet will be Vicki Thorn, director of the National Post-Abortion Office for Reconciliation and Healing and founder of Project Rachel, the post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church in the United States.

The cost of the convention, including the evening banquet, is \$40 per person, \$77 per married couple, and \$22 per student. Reservations should be made in advance by calling Janet Sayles at 203-878-4097 or the CRLC office at 203-757-5213.

For further information call Bill O'Brien, President, at 203-752-4403

Bloody Sunday 2009

The National AOH is finalizing plans for an AOH/LAOH Bloody Sunday trip in 2009. Trip would start Friday, January 30th and continue through Friday February 6th. It will include all ground transportation and lodging while in the North. Air travel to Dublin/Belfast would be the responsibility of travelers. Seating and availability will be limited: finalized itinerary and price can be obtained by emailing Sean Pender paddyspeed@yahoo.com. The schedule would include: Saturday evening AOH mass at Derry AOH hall and the Bloody Sunday March; A trip to include an audience with Sinn Fein Mayor Tom Hartley at the Lord Mayor's parlor; a visit to Stormont; a meeting with those involved with the escape of 1983 from the H-Blocks; etc. More information will be available at our October meeting.

Bible Study

Our Chaplain, Rev. Edward Small, S.J., will again this year offer a survey of the Old Testament on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM in the convent of Holy Family Church, 70 Laurel St., Fairfield.

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