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Next meeting set for August 12

We are looking for a large attendance on Tuesday, August 12. All will be treated to the fine culinary talents of Bro. Mike Meade with food and beverages following the meeting. Many important topics

will be discussed, including the upcoming AOH/LAOH Family Picnic and the details of the National Convention addressed by Bob O'Sullivan, as well as other pertinent topics. Hope to see you there!

2009 Parade Grand Marshal nominations now open

The 27th Annual Greater Bridgeport Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be here before you know it. But long before it arrives, a panel of Past Parade Grand Marshals will select the next individual

or two to receive the honor and serve as 2009 Grand Marshal(s). Nominations are now open, June 1 to September 1. There are plenty of worthy candidates

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94th Biennial Convention was a great success

The AOH's 94th Biennial Convention in New Orleans was called a great success and a grand time was had by all in attendance.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America has elected a new slate of officers for 2008-2010 as follows: President, Seamus Boyle; Vice President, Brendan Moore; Secretary,

Thomas McNabb; Treasurer, Judge James McKay; Directors, Joe Brady, R.I., Frank Kearney, CT; Keith Carney, DC/MD; Danny O'Connell, OH; Martin Kelly, NY, and Chris Norris, PA.

Reports from the National Officers will be available for your perusal at our next Division meeting on Tuesday,

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AOH/LAOH Family Picnic at home of the Meades

On August 17, the AOH/LAOH Family Picnic will be hosted by Past Division President Mike Meade and his wife, Paulette, at their home at 79 Cutspring Road, North Stratford, adjacent to the Mill River Country Club. The Meades are graciously opening their spacious home to Hibernians and their guests.

If you need directions, call President Ted Lovely or Bro. Bob O'Sullivan at 261-9041. Please call Bro. Bob or Ted and Nancy Lovely at 268-9657 by Wednesday, August 13 so we can prepare enough food and beverages.

Cost per family is \$25 (mother and father and children under 16); Singles are \$10 per person.

Come join us from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for a fun day. The menu includes liver, bacon and onion sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, corn-on-the-cob, salads, watermelon, desserts, soda and BYOB.

Tag Sale fundraiser coming up
The 3rd Annual Tag Sale fundraiser for the Robert F. Curley/Father Michael Flynn Scholarship will take place in September. Please save any usable items

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Nominate 2009 Grand Marshal?...

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out there and each *Hibernian* reader must know at least five!

Simply submit a letter of nomination to AOH Bro. and G.B.S.P.D.C.C. Chairman Dave Ryan, outlining your candidate's qualifications. He, she, they (a married couple, perhaps) need only be of Irish birth or descent as well as having served the Irish-American community of Greater Bridgeport. The two criteria listed above make nominating any number of people a simple process. Send your letter to:

Dave Ryan, 420 Midland Street, Bridgeport, CT 06605. Remember, the deadline is September 1st.

Biennial Convention report...

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August 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gaelic-American Club on Beach Road in Fairfield. Hope to see you there!

Tag Sale fundraiser...

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you are planning to get rid of, for all contributions will be gratefully accepted after Labor Day.

An Irish Blessing

*May the raindrops fall lightly
on your brow;*

*May the soft winds freshen
your spirit;*

*May the sunshine brighten
your heart;*

*May the burdens of the day
rest lightly on you;*

*And may God enfold you in
the mantle of His love.*



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Prayers are requested

Your continued prayers are requested for our Brother and Sister Hibernians who are recovering from illnesses – specifically, AOH Division Vice President John Casey and AOH Division Pro-Life Chairman Stephen Roach.

Fairfield County AOH honors Commodore John Barry and Fairfield's Retired Fire Chief

The Fairfield County Ancient Order of Hibernians requests the honor of your presence as we acknowledge the accomplishments of Commodore John Barry, First Flagship Officer of the United States Navy.

John Barry served our nation with bravery and distinction during the American Revolution.

Our honoree for 2008 is Dave Russell, retired fire chief for the town of Fairfield, and World War II veteran with the United States Navy. The event will be held on Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m. at Perry Green, Southport. Perry Green is located near the Pequot Yacht Club, 669 Harbor Road, Southport.

Refreshments will follow the program at the Gaelic-American Club, 74 Beach Road, Fairfield.

We regret the errors

Our *Hibernian* newsletter had three typographical errors in last month's issue, and we regret the errors. We'll work harder to try and make sure this doesn't happen again.

Thanks for your understanding and forbearance.

Recording Secretary and *Hibernian* Editor Maury Kiely

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