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Next meeting set for February 12 at GAC

The next meeting of the John F. Kennedy Division 1, AOH of Bridgeport takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12 (Lincoln's birthday) at the Gaelic-American Club.

Our most important event of the year, the Annual AOH Mass and

Communion Breakfast in honor of Saint Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland, is set for Sunday, March 9, 2008. Note: Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9.

We urge you to pay your Division dues as soon as possible. Please help your

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AOH National President to speak at Breakfast

AOH National President John J. (Jack) Meehan, Jr., of Quincy, MA and Watertown Division #14, which the future U.S. President John F. Kennedy joined 60 years ago, will provide the keynote address at our Division's 58th Annual AOH Mass and Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 9, 2008. This year our Mass in honor of St. Patrick will be

celebrated at St. Ann's Church on Brewster Street in Bridgeport's Black Rock section at 8 a.m.; our Breakfast will immediately follow at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn.

Division Treasurer Stephen Boyle is serving as event chairman; AOH Bro. Ray Baldwin, Trumbull's First Selectman, will serve as Toastmaster. Tickets at \$20 pp, Program Patron donations at \$10 and your 2008 dues at \$25 may all be paid by using a form at the bottom of a letter by

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Forty-Fourth Annual Saint Patrick's Scholarship Dinner

Monday, March 10

**6 p.m. Cocktails
7 p.m. Dinner
8 p.m. Entertainment**

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AOH NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO KEYNOTE...

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mail in early January. However, for your convenience you may now pay on-line using any major credit card; simply go to our website www.aohjfk.com and find the link that says "pay here." We now utilize a website called PayPal to handle the transaction so be assured the site is secure. Please remit your dues, breakfast ticket and Program Patron payment as soon as possible, thus avoiding future billings. Don't forget! A green necktie, suit or sport jacket is the uniform of the day. We look forward to your and your guests joining us on the 9th!

Join President Ted's E-Mail List!

Get the latest news, last-minute event time and date changes and whatever else our Division President has to communicate to you. Send your email address to Ted at: TEDL31417@aol.com...or if a Brother Hibernian would like to have a www.aohjfk.com email account, contact Financial Secretary/Webmaster Chris Boyle at: cboyle33@optonline.net or (203) 283-3512 to request one free of charge.

Next meeting set for Feb. 12...

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Division avoid the added expense of future billings.

Please make every effort to attend the 26th Annual Greater Bridgeport Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Monday, March 17 at noon through Downtown Bridgeport, and your brother and sister Hibernians marching behind our flags and AOH and LAOH banners.

Those brother Hibernians who plan on ordering an AOH polo shirt (see page 1 article) should do so by our February 12 Division meeting. Please don't delay!

Do you know of a brother Hibernian who no longer drives at night? Why not make arrangements to bring him to our meeting?

Feast of St. Bridgid on February 1

Known as both the second Patron of Ireland as well as the "Mary of the Gael," Saint Bridgid (Bride) founded the first convent at "Cil-Dara," the Church of the Oak, now Kildare, over which she presided for many years. Born in County Youth of parents baptised by Saint Patrick, she dedicated her life to aiding the poor and needy.

Prayer of Saint Bridgid

Lord, our God, grant that Your faithful spouse, Saint Bridgid, may kindle the flame of Divine Love in us for the everlasting glory of Your Church. Amen.

Ash Wednesday is February 9

Coming up soon...

February 1 -- Feast of St. Bridgid

February 8-10 -- CT AOH State Board's annual retreat, Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford. Call Past State Pres. Dave Howe for more info at 767-6519.

February 10 -- Fairfield County Boards, AOH and LAOH fund raiser and social, 1-4 p.m., Holy Family Parish Hall, 700 Old Stratfield Road, Fairfield. Contact Sister Katrina Shea at 261-3621 or her email at: kmsirish@sbcglobal.net.

February 12 -- Lincoln's Birthday; AOH Division meeting 7:30 p.m. at GAC. Also, Pasta Night in honor of 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal Bob Curwen, 5:30 p.m., Testo's Ristorante, Bridgeport, \$30 pp, proceeds benefit the 26th Annual Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade. For tickets call Dave Howe at 767-6519.

February 18 -- Presidents Day (observed)

February 22 -- Washington's Birthday

February 24 -- "50's & 60's" Nite at Tashua Knolls Golf Club, Trumbull, featuring "Flashback." 5-9 p.m., \$35 pp, buffet/raffle/cash bar, presented by the GBSPDCC. Call Pat McDonnell at 366-2417 for tickets.

February 29 -- Leap Year 2008

March 4 -- AOH Division meeting, 7:30 p.m. at GAC (note special meeting night).

March 9 -- 58th Annual AOH Mass and Communion Breakfast (see page 1 story). Daylight Savings Time begins.

March 10 -- St. Patrick's Scholarship Dinner (see page 1)

March 16 -- Palm Sunday

March 17 -- 26th Annual Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade. 8 a.m. Mass in honor of St. Patrick at the Cathedral of St. Augustine; City Hall Tri-color flag raising.

Grand Marshal's Breakfast, Grand Parade at noon, and post-parade luncheon follow. Full details in next month's *Bridgeport Hibernian*.

March 20 -- Holy Thursday

March 21 -- Good Friday

March 23 -- Easter Sunday

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The Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Committee is busy organizing this year's parade, its 26th, and will again feature a souvenir Commemoration Journal featuring your advertisements, memorabilia, tributes and photos. Please contact Cathy Curwen at bubcurwen@aol.com for more information. The deadline is February 29.



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