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First meeting of New Year is January 8

The John F. Kennedy Division 1, AOH of Bridgeport will meet on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. sharp in the Gaelic-American Club, Beach Road in Fairfield, the first Division meeting of the New Year.

Our recently re-elected Division

officers will be installed at this meeting, while Standing Committee Chairman and Immediate Past President Mike Meade will serve hot roast beef sandwiches, an Installation Night tradition. Please join us on the 8th, and bring a Brother Hibernian with you!

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. *(Continued inside)*

35th Annual March for Life set for Jan. 22

The 35th Annual March for Life commemorating the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. *(Continued inside)*

The Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee presents

Mr. and Miss Shamrock Contest and Dance

Saturday, January 26, 2008
8 p.m. to midnight at the
Gaelic-American Club
74 Beach Road, Fairfield

Entertainment by
Keltic Kick

Light snacks provided
Cash Bar, Raffle
\$20 Donation

Open to high school students
For tickets and information
call Allida at 268-6634/650-2629

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AOH NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO KEYNOTE...

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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 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!

35TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE ...

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22, 1973, will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 in Washington, D.C. This year's theme is "Build Unity on the Life Principles Throughout America. No Exception! No Compromise!"

Discussions recently in Congress and in the media about embryonic stem cell research and the recent Supreme Court decision on partial-birth abortions show that *Roe v. Wade* continues adversely to affect individual persons and our society as a whole. The above theme points out that we Pro-Lifers have an enormous job of educating Americans about basic "life principles" in order to overcome the *Roe v. Wade* errors which allow the evil of abortion.

In addition to the annual march, the March for Life Education and Defense Fund presents its Annual Convention January 20-21 as well as the 26th Annual Rose Dinner on January 22 at the Hyatt-Regency, Washington on Capitol Hill. Interested? Need more info? Call (202) 543-3377 or contact the Defense Fund at www.marchforlife.org. Locally, please contact the Rev. Ernest T. Esposito at the Catholic Center's Respect Life Ministry at 372-4301. Diocesan-sponsored buses will travel to Washington for the march for a nominal fee.

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.

Prayer to Our Lady of Life

Oh Lady of Life, Loving Mother, pray for us.
May your smiling embrace of Jesus,
Our sovereign King, Inspire us.
May you touch every yeart
And lift every spirit
To celebrate His gift of Life. Amen.

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Annual Diocese of Bridgeport

Pro-Life Mass

Most Rev. William E. Lori, STD
Bishop of Bridgeport
Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Tuesday, January 15
Saint Theresa Church
5301 Main Street, Trumbull, 7 p.m.
(Sacrament of Reconciliation available at 6 p.m.)
Prayer, Inspiration, Unity and Respect
for the Unborn Child

Forty-Fourth Annual Saint Patrick's Scholarship Dinner

Monday, March 10

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

**Holiday Inn of Bridgeport
Grand Ballroom
Formal Attire
Call Past President
Dave Howe for Tickets
767-6519**