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Next meeting set for July 8

The John F. Kennedy Division #1, AOH of Bridgeport will next meet on Tuesday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. sharp at the Gaelic-American Club, Beach Road, Fairfield.

The results of the 21st Annual

Fairfield County Irish Festival (and more specifically, the success of our AOH/LAOH booth) and our upcoming Family Picnic are both on our meeting agenda. Please join us on the 8th!

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 Septem-

ber 1. There are plenty of worthy candidates 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

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94th Biennial Convention

AOH/LAOH New Orleans 2008

July 23-26, Sheraton New Orleans

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To our friends at Feile and Micalizzi Italian Ice...

Thank you for allowing the Bridgeport AOH and LAOH to once again be a part of the Annual Fairfield County Irish Festival and sell your fine product!

Curley-Flynn Scholarship comes to aid of 7th grader

On June 9, a 7th grade student at St. Theresa Parish School, Trumbull was presented a \$3,800 check payable to the school, allowing her to complete a full kindergarten-through 8th grade education in one of a dwindling number of Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

The gift came as a complete surprise

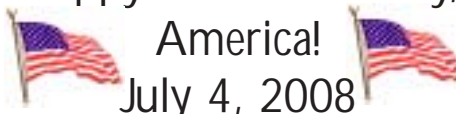
to the youngster; her mother and elderly grandfather were very appreciative. Without this donation, the girl would have had to complete her final year of elementary education in a public school. The check was presented to the family by AOH Bro. Ward C. (Ted) Lovely, President of Division 1 AOH and also representing the Mae King LAOH Division 65. The gift is the latest donation to an underprivileged student provided by the Bridgeport AOH and LAOH's Rev. Michael J. Flynn, C.S.Sp. – Robert

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Happy 232nd Birthday,

America!

July 4, 2008



CHERISH ALL LIFE

Nominate 2009 Grand Marshal?...

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(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.

Scholarship aids 7th grader...

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W. Curley Memorial Scholarship Fund.

To date, the Fund has provided over \$35,000 to youngsters in the Greater Bridgeport area in honor of two outstanding examples of Hibernianism.

Father Michael Flynn, of County Tipperary, followed in his late brother's footsteps to become Chaplain of our Division upon the sudden death of Father Sean Flynn. Father Michael returned to Connecticut after a number of years as a missionary priest in Gambia, West Africa.

Here, he was stationed at St. Raphael's Parish following his service at St. Patrick's Parish. Among his many responsibilities, he taught mathematics at both schools, and learned early on about the need of a fund which would allow the youngest sibling in a large family the opportunity to attend Parochial school despite a lack of family funding for tuition.

Father Flynn initially turned to the LAOH for help, and through his good friend, Past President Bob Curley, brought the AOH on board to help. The scholarships were originally determined to benefit the students of St. Raphael's School but soon the remaining five Catholic elementary schools in Bridgeport were included.

Upon Bro. Curley's death in May, 1994, Father Flynn named the scholarship in memory of his dear friend. Ironically, Father Flynn's own death would follow a scant eight months later.

The fund became known as the Robert W. Curley – Rev. Michael J. Flynn, C.S.Sp. Memorial Scholarship. Funding is limited to the Bridgeport Hibernians' participation at the Annual Fairfield County Irish Festival as well as private donations.

The mission statement of the fund is "to provide tuition assistance to a student or students who would not otherwise be able to afford a quality Catholic elementary school education."

Donations are cheerfully accepted – checks payable to "AOH" and mailed to President Lovely or LAOH President Ginger O'Sullivan are most welcome.

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.

Congratulations to the Kabels!

It's only July, but so far it's been a great year for the Kabel family. Firstly, on May 14, Past LAOH Junior Division Charter President and 1994's "LAOH National Junior Hibernian of the Year" Laura Kabel Legum gave birth to twin sons. Her husband, Ken, said Benjamin William was five pounds 13 ounces and Jacob Alexander was five pounds 14 ounces. The proud grandparents are Past LAOH Division President Alana Kabel and Past AOH Division Sentinel Will Kabel. The twins' great-grandparents were Past AOH Division President Alex Cavanagh (1953-54) and LAOH National Life Member Nora Cavanagh.

On May 17, the Kabels' son, AOH Bro. Alex graduated from Fordham University, earning a bachelor's degree in history. He will soon pursue a graduate degree in archaeology.

Finally, Alana and Will celebrated the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary May 27. Continued good fortune, Kabels!

Congratulations to John and Jessica

AOH Bro. John Butchko, Ph.D and Jessica Kalamarides were united in marriage on June 21. Bro. John is a full Professor of Film at SUNY in Purchase, N.Y. and was recently honored as "Professor of the Year." He also teaches English in Stamford's school system and serves at the Board's Curriculum Development committee.

Save the Dates!

July 4 – Independence Day BBQ at the Gaelic-American Club, from 3 to 8 p.m., and fireworks follow at Fairfield Beach, hosted by GAC President and AOH Bro. Pat O'Connell.

July 26 – "Mini-Cruise on Long Island Sound" presented by the Cathedral of St. Augustine Parish. 8 p.m. departure from Bridgeport, 11 p.m. return from Port Jefferson. \$25 per person, with music by Atwood Express. Call 368-6777 by July 14.

August 17 – AOH/LAOH Family Picnic 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. Full details in the next issue of the *Hibernian*.



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