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New Meeting Schedule – Third Thursday of Every Month

The John F. Kennedy Division #1, in an attempt to expose our organization to more potential members and offer our brothers more inducement to come to the Gaelic American Club for the meetings we have changed the day of the week for the meetings and the time in the month. From this day forward, the meeting will be on the third Thursday of the month. The general attendance at the GAC is much greater, livelier; and the kitchen is open and serving dinner.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JUNE 15.

The 2017 Membership Cards will be handed out at the June meeting. Come on down to celebrate the great things we've been up to and to hear about the great **Social and Charitable Events** we have planned for the upcoming months. Don't forget to recruit fellow Irish, Catholic men to join the AOH and share in our tradition of **Fellowship and Charity**.

This will be our June meeting . . . in the language of our ancestors this month is:
Meitheamh (Pronunciation: meh-huv)

2017 State Softball Tournament

The 2017 Softball Tournament will be held by the JFK AOH this year in Milford at Foote Field, which is the same place we held it, when we hosted the event two years ago. The date will be Saturday, August 26th (rain date Sunday, August 27th). The festivities will start at 10:00am and conclude around 2:00pm. We invite all Brothers, spouses and children to attend. We need players but if you just want to support our side that's ok too, but we would love to see you at the game. It's a great time, with food and drink for all. The fee will be \$25 and for that you can share in all the refreshments as well as get a commemorative t-shirt. If you want a t-shirt, please send your size requirements to Brother Jim Murray by July 15th.

Jim's email is: jmurraytn@aol.com

State and County Officers Elections

Anyone interested in running for State or County office, they are open for nomination. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary are all available if interested. If you wish to run or want to nominate someone to run for county office please contact Tom Keane, tkeane@optonline.com and or Phil Gallagher, jpgallagherct@dbcglobal.net .

For state nominations contact Bro. David Howe, 203 767-6519.

CT AOH/LAOH 2017 State Convention

The 2017 Biennial Connecticut AOH/LAOH State Convention hosted by Danbury AOH John A. Gildea Division 3 and LAOH Mary McWhorter Division 58 is being held **June 9, 10, and 11 2017**.

The Greater Danbury Irish Cultural Center, 6 Lake Avenue will host Convention Activities. The Banquet will be held at Michael's At the Grove, Bethel, CT.

The Maron Hotel, 42 Lake Avenue EXT. Danbury has been selected as the official hotel for this year's convention activities. The Convention rate of \$89 (King) NS \$99 (Double)(plus tax) per night is only guaranteed **until May 19, 2017**. Please call 866-209-9122 and ask for the AOH rate.

Pub Night – Convention weekend begins Friday evening June 9 at the Greater Danbury Irish Cultural Center with a Pub Night beginning at 7 PM featuring a buffet dinner. There will be a cash bar and entertainment by Ringrose and Freeman.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be obtained by submitting the registration form with checks payable to LAOH Division 58 to CT AOH/LAOH State Convention c/o Colleen O'Rourke GDICC 6 Lake Ave, Danbury CT 06810 corourke2@gmail.com 203 798-1807 by **May 26th, 2017**

Saturday Meeting and Registration – The State Convention opens on Saturday June 10th with registration beginning at 10:00AM and the meeting beginning at 12:00 noon. Delegate registration is \$25 for both AOH and LAOH Delegates. Checks should be made out to the Danbury AOH and LAOH respectfully.

Convention Mass – The Convention Mass will be celebrated at 5 PM Saturday June 10th at St. Peter's Church located at 104 Main St., which is 1 mile or approximately 5 minutes from the GDICC. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Jeff Couture, Chaplain for the AOH/LAOH of Danbury.

Convention Banquet – Following Mass, the Convention Banquet will begin at Michael's At the Grove, 42 Vail Rd, Bethel, CT 06801. Michael's is located approximately 15 minutes or 5 miles from St. Peter's Church. The Cocktail Hour (cash bar) begins at 6:30PM followed by dinner at 7:30PM.

Tickets for the evening are \$45 each and can be obtained by submitting the registration form with checks payable to LAOH Division 58 to CT AOH/LAOH State Convention c/o Colleen O'Rourke GDICC 6 Lake Ave, Danbury CT 06810 corourke2@gmail.com 203 798-1807 by **May 26th, 2017**.

Advance ticket purchase for the banquet is required. No tickets will be available at the door.

Election of Officers and Closing Events – Sunday June 11th brings the closing of the convention weekend, including election of officers for 2017-19. Delegate registration opens at 11:00AM with business meetings beginning at 1:00PM. Following the conclusion of business a light buffet will be provided to those attending the day's activities.

SAVE THESE DATES

Join your brothers for one of our upcoming events, we guarantee you will enjoy yourself!

- Commodore Barry Memorial Commemoration will be held either the first or the second Saturday in September, final date to be announced at next month's meeting.
- Merton House Breakfast – The next breakfast hosted by the AOH at the Merton House will be June 23.

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