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New Meeting Schedule – Third Thursday of Every Month

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, February 15, 2018

Be a part of the oldest Irish Catholic men's organization in America. The Ancient Order of Hibernians is a fraternal group that mixes social functions and Christian Charity on a regular basis. Recruit family and friends to join your fellow Irish Catholic brothers for good times and on-going charitable works, have some fun and it's rewarding as well.

This will be our February meeting . . . in the language of our ancestors this month is:

FEABHRA (Pronunciation: feow-rah)

Brothers You Did It Again!

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we were hovering close to the goal of \$1,500 for the Christmas Shamrock Drive, which generates a matching amount from the JFKAOH treasury. The membership exceeded the goal and got so close to \$2,000 that the treasury doubled the amount and presented Sister Teresa Tremblay and her North Avenue Mission with a check for \$4,000. Congratulations Brothers as always you came through again.

New Committee Formed

A new committee has been formed with a dual purpose. First, to develop recommendations for best options for the JFK division for fundraising. With the demise of the Fairfield County Irish Festival we need to develop some other approaches to generating funds for our charitable works. The other directive for the committee is to assess our current roster of charitable activities and recommend additions/deletions to maximize our mission effectiveness, as well as public awareness of our work in the community.

The committee members are Mark Ryan (chairman), Steve Boyle, Marty Casey, Bob Fox, and Brian Dunne. We are inviting all brothers to help our committee by contacting them with any questions, fundraising suggestions, comments or concerns. Any and all participation is encouraged.

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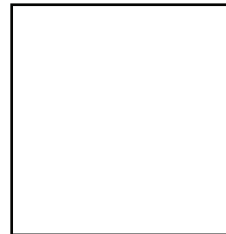
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2018 Membership Dues and Communion Breakfast Fees

A modest increase in the annual dues was approved at the membership meeting earlier this month. The increase is \$3.00 which makes the annual dues, \$35. As in the past, many brothers like to pay their dues and purchase their Communion Breakfast ticket and patron sponsor for the program. The bundle price which includes dues of \$35, one adult ticket to the breakfast, \$28 and one patron sponsor is \$10. Thus, the bundle is \$73. For reference, the cost for a child, (under 12) to attend the breakfast is \$13. To pay your dues, purchase a bundle or buy tickets to the Communion Breakfast, go to our website: www.aohjfk.com or send your payment to: Chris Boyle, Financial Secretary, AOHJFK, 50 Peck Lane, Milford CT 06460

Our Beloved Fr. Ryan S.J.

We received Christmas Greetings from Fr. Larry Ryan our past chaplain, who, unfortunately, had to leave us because of illness. He asked to be remembered to the Hibernians. Why not drop Fr. Ryan a note from time to time at: Campion Health Center, 319 Concord Road, Weston, MA 02493.

AOH National Request

A request from the AOH National Vice President was received making a request to all Hibernian Brothers. Every year, all members receive address labels with a request for a donation. The label program is the only direct request to all members and it helps support the charitable causes of the AOH National organization. Any and all donations are appreciated, and if unable to send any money, say a prayer for the success of the charitable efforts.

Upcoming Activities

State and County Board Meetings- On Saturday January 27th at 11am at the Greater Danbury Irish Cultural Center, 6 Lake Ave, Danbury, CT 06813. Snow date is Saturday February 3, same venue.

Merton House Dates – The next date for the AOHJFK to prepare breakfast at the Merton House is Good Friday March 30, 2018. The subsequent dates are: June 22, September 28, November 30, the day after Thanksgiving.

Sound Tigers Game - Sunday, April 8 at 3:00PM To encourage greater participation, the division will subsidize the cost of the tickets and charge only \$10 for any and all tickets. The division will offer all clergy a ticket for free. We need at least 15 participants to keep the price point.

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