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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)

68th Annual Communion Breakfast

This year we will be celebrating our 68th Communion Breakfast on **Sunday March 4th, 2018. The Mass will start at 8:00 am at the Egan Chapel on the campus of Fairfield University.** Our chaplain Fr. Allen will celebrate the Mass. Breakfast will follow at the Gaelic American Club, 74 Beach Road, Fairfield CT.

We will begin to assemble at **7:30 am** in the Campus Ministry area in the lower level of the chapel where carnations will be provided. Procession to Mass will start at **7:50 am**.

The ticket prices for this year are \$28 for adults, \$13 for children under 12 and active junior Hibernians are free. And don't forget to be a program patron for \$10 to help defray the cost of the event. **All payments for the breakfast, program patrons and dues must be received by March 1st, 2018.** For your convenience, you can make payments through our website www.aohjfk.com and look for the pay option in the header. Or you can send your payments to: Chris Boyle, 50 Peck Lane, Milford, CT 06460. Make checks payable to: Bridgeport AOH.

This year's guest speaker is Neil Cosgrove, AOH National Board Chairman of three separate, important Committees: Political Education, Anti-Defamation, National Irish History Month.

2018 Dues/Membership Renewal

Coinciding with the Communion Breakfast, this is the official notice that your dues for the upcoming year are due. The fee for 2018 is \$35, an increase of \$3.00 from last year. At the January meeting it was voted and approved to increase the dues to help fund some of our charity causes, since we no longer have the Irish Festival as a major fund raiser. Why not consider bundling your dues with a ticket to the Breakfast and a Patronage for just \$73. Again dues can be paid by visiting our website: www.aohjfk.com or mail payment to: Chris Boyle, 50 Peck Lane, Milford CT 06460. Make checks payable to: Bridgeport AOH.

54th Annual Saint Patrick's Scholarship Dinner

The 54th Annual Saint Patrick's Scholarship Dinner will take place on Monday, March 12, 2018 in the Grand Ballroom of the Bridgeport Holiday Inn. In 1965, a local group of businessmen organized the Saint Patrick's Scholarship Fund to assist a full-time college student with his or her tuition regardless of ethnicity, religion or origin for each of four years from the dinner's proceeds. 6pm cocktails/ 7pm prime rib dinner/ 8pm keynote speaker/ 9pm entertainment. \$125.00 pp/ formal attire required. \$100.00+ donors' names will be listed in the 2019 program. Tickets: davehowe173@gmail.com or (203) 767-6519.

Don't Forget To Show Your Irish Colors

Before you know it, the St. Patrick's Day Parades will be on us. We will be sending out email notices regarding the details of assembly for both the Bridgeport and the Milford parades. The Milford Parade is Saturday, March 10th and Bridgeport's Parade will be on Friday March 16th.

Upcoming Activities

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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