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Next Meeting: Tuesday – October 8th

The next meeting of the John F. Kennedy Division #1, will take place on Tues. October 8th @ 7:30 PM in the O'Keefe Room on the 2nd Floor of the GAC in Fairfield. Come on down to the GAC to hear about more of the great events we have planned for the upcoming months. Call a Brother-spread the word about the exciting things happening in the JFK Division.

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

Deireadh Fomhair [djeh-reh foh-ir]

Fr. Laurence Ryan, S.J.

We are delighted to announce that Fr. Ryan has graciously accepted our offer to return as Chaplain of John F. Kennedy Division #1.



Welcome Back!

Annual Deceased Hibernians Mass - Sat. 11/02

Sat Nov 2nd @ 4:00 PM ---Please hold the date for our **Annual Deceased Hibernians Mass**. Please join the Division and our sister Hibernians of Mae King Div. #65, LAOH as we gather to remember our recently deceased Brothers and Sisters . . . and our late Chaplain Fr. Brian Shaw. Our Mass will once again be said by Fr. Ryan at the beautiful Chapel at Fairfield Prep. *As ever, this will be a vigil Mass and fulfills your Sunday Obligation.* This annual event was reinstated three years ago following a hiatus during Fr. Small's illness. It has been a lovely event so please make every effort to attend to help us to continue to rebuild this important tradition. Refreshments follow the Mass.

Merton House 8/16; Next up 11/15

8/16: Many thanks to Bros. Bob O'Sullivan, Bernie Lee, Bob Fox, Tom Keane and the amazing Lovely family group: Ted, Ed and Ed's lovely daughters **Bridget, 9 and Brianna, 12**. We're sure their brother Edward of the Junior Division would have been there, too if he hadn't been away at wrestling camp – he's quite a young grappler. All of these Brothers and families can be proud to have helped out on our quarterly Christian Charity outreach effort.

NEXT DATE 11/15: We will be cooking up our annual holiday sausage & pancake breakfast for our less fortunate brethren. For this special meal we start a bit earlier at 7:30 AM and leave at the normal time of approx. 10:30AM. **PLEASE GIVE IT A TRY** --- we've never met a Brother who didn't enjoy the event and the opportunity to live out the True Christian Charity

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portion of our motto. It's especially important as we approach the Christmas season. Activities Chairman Bro. Jim Murray is looking for 7-8 men to step forward. Bring a son, daughter or grandkid - they can help, too! Please contact Jim at activities@aohjfk.com or 917-596-5108.

Commodore John Barry Day Sat 9/15

Once again --- Hat's off to Bros. Ted Lovely, Bob O'Sullivan, Bob and Marty Fox for their yeoman's service ensuring that Commodore John Barry Day (one of our Order's National Holidays) was a great success. Their efforts carried the day for this Fairfield County Board event. Without them we'd have been sunk. This event keeps growing in attendance, pageantry and meaning. Active and retired military members, Hibernians and the public enjoyed the Port 5 Naval Veterans' color guard, Knights of Columbus John Barry Assembly 4th Degree color guard, Fairfield Gaelic American Pipe Band, keynote address by Commander Regina Gallagher Marengo USN. Teresa O'Sullivan sang the national anthems. Fr. Victor Martin, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Fairfield (and JFK Brother) provided the opening and closing prayers. As always we were honored by Kay Egan of Danbury's wreath laying ceremony and Bro. Pat Kennedy providing "Taps." Well done.

Check out the fantastic video of the day prepared by Bro. Jim Murray: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_oQoGEa3Zo

Division Election News

Nominations for Division officers will be presented by the Nominating Committee at our November meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be entertained. Elections will be held at our December meeting. If you have aspirations of serving our Division as an officer, or would like to nominate another Brother, please contact the Nominating Committee:

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JFK Junior Division Report: Initiated new Jr. Hibernian **Danny Boyle**. At the most recent meeting learned about how the Irish influenced American country music. We also spoke about the influences of Irish Americans such as Lt. Commander Butch O'Hare, WWII Medal of Honor (O'Hare Field -Chicago) and Bridgeport's baseball legend James O'Rourke. Brother Ted Lovely has volunteered to assist at Junior Division meetings.

SAVE THE DATE:



1916 Easter Rising Memorial Benefit Concert - Thursday, Oct 17th at 7 pm -

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Great music for listening, toe tapping and Dancing. Tickets \$20. For Info: Mary Ann Doonan (203) 377-4586. Come out and shake a leg!

St. Patrick's Centennial - Saturday, November 9th. 4PM - commemoration celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Saint Patrick Church's Upper Church in Bridgeport. 4PM Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank Caggiano, Rev. Peter Lenox, Parish Administrator, and priests and deacons of the Cathedral Parish. Buffet dinner dance follows at 6:30PM at Vazzy's Four Seasons, Stratford. The public is invited to attend the Mass. Dinner tickets are \$50 per person and table reservations are available by contacting Dave Howe at (203)767-6519 or davehowe173@gmail.com.

Connecticut AOH State Softball Charity Tournament

On Saturday August 24 our Division hosted the third annual AOH Summer Softball Bash playing against Brother Hibernians from our Division to raise funds for Pro Life charity. It was a great day! Next year look for a full family picnic to be held in conjunction with the tournament!



Thanks to our JFK players, coaches and mess crew: Bothers C. Boyle, S. Boyle, Chuck Boyle, Callahan, McCoy, M. Ryan, Martin, **Jack Martin (Jr. Div)**, Murray, Lee, Dunne, B. Fox, M. Fox, Keane (& son Sean) McMahon. Pipe & Drum Team and Super AOH Fans- Bill & Bridget Flannery, Art & Connie Beagan, Frank Kearney, Jr., and State President John Wiehn. JFK again won the Heinz Catch-Up & Didn't Cut the Mustard Award.

Thank You to Bro. Jason King, Captain, and the rest of our Danbury guests!

JFK defended its consecutive runner-up streak. President Keane presents Danbury captain Jason King with non-runner up trophy.

Coming Next Month: Annual JFK \$10 Shamrock Drive. No Milford booth to underwrite this year so we'll again devote our Shamrocks to our Christmas For the Kids Holiday for the Needy program. Stay tuned!!

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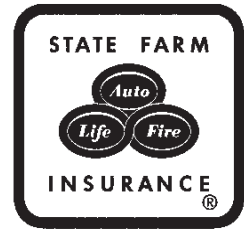
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