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## Next Meeting: Tuesday – December 10th

The next meeting of the John F. Kennedy Division #1, will take place on Tues. December 10th at 7:30 PM Come hear about all that the Division has been doing to fulfill our mission of **TRUE CHRISTIAN CHARITY** . . . and then join us for some Holiday Cheer.

Call a Brother-spread the word about the exciting things happening in the JFK Division.

**If you haven't been to a meeting in months, or years, why not "come home" for Christmas?**

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

Nollaig

Pronunciation: null-ig

## A Month of Brothers Giving Back Merton House Holiday Sausage Breakfast 11/15

Thank You to the following Brothers who stepped to help at our 11/15 Merton House Breakfast: **Frank Carroll, John Gavigan, Thomas P. Keane, Bernie Lee, Ted Lovely, Bob Fox, Tom McShane, Bob O'Sullivan,** and Activities Chair **Jim Murray.**

## Annual Deceased Hibernians Mass 11/2

On Saturday 11/2 our Chaplain, Fr. Larry Ryan, S.J said our Annual Deceased Hibernians Memorial Mass in the Chapel at Fairfield Prep. It was a special Mass held just for JFK and Mae King (LAOH) Divisions. Fr. Ryan provided us with a marvelous liturgy and inspiring homily. A brief reception followed in the atrium of Arrupe Hall. It was wonderful event in a warm and welcoming setting. Thanks to Bro. Art Beagan for piping us in & out of the chapel and for his work on the whistle.

Please make a point of doing the right thing to honor our deceased Brothers and put this important event on your calendar for next year . . . Always the first Saturday in November: Saturday 11/01/14.



# Annual \$10 Shamrock Drive - 2013 -



**CONGRATULATIONS, Brothers!!**

Our annual JFK Division \$10 Shamrock Drive dedicated to providing a Merry Christmas for the kids of Sr. Theresa Tremblay's Mission on North Avenue in Bridgeport . . . a/k/a *Christmas for the Kids* . . . is a rousing success!

The Executive Board again agreed to match all funds raised in excess of \$1,000. Last year you raised \$1,100 which with the Division treasury match enabled us to provide \$2,200 in much needed, and greatly appreciated, Christmas help for Sr. Theresa's kids.

**This year we set a stretch goal of \$1,500 to be raised by you Brothers. With the Division Match that would create comes \$3,000, etc.**

**You did it! You have blown past \$1,500 in Shamrocks. The drive closes at the conclusion of our December meeting. We'll have the final tally that night but needless to say you and your friends and families are going to ensure many poor kids & families good Christmas memories this year.**

Make your Shamrock donations on the link provided on our [www.aohjfk.com](http://www.aohjfk.com) website, or mail a check to Financial Secretary Chris Boyle, 50 Peck Lane, Milford, CT 06460

## Division Election for 2013

Nominations for Division officers were presented by the Nominating Committee at our November meeting. With one nomination received from the floor the official slate submitted, seconded & approved consists of:

President - Tom Keane*	VP- <b>Mark Ryan**</b>
Recording Secretary- Tom Sullivan*	Financial Secretary - Chris Boyle*
Treasurer- Steve Boyle*	Marshal – Bob Fox*
Sentinel – Dave Ryan	Standing Comm. – Charles Boyle*

\* Incumbent; \*\* new Executive Board member

The Executive Board thanks our outgoing Sentinel **John Gavigan** for his service. Dave Ryan will be switching to the Sentinel role while Mark Ryan joins the Board as VP.

The election will take place at the December meeting with the Installation ceremony in January. Thanks to Bros. Owens, O'Sullivan, and Lee for their service as our Nominating Committee.



***Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh.***  
(Null-ig Huna AH-guhs AH-vleen- fwee WAH-shuh HEEV).

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Hibernian Brothers and their families!

### **Irish Blessing for the New Year**

May the New Year bring  
The warmth of home and hearth to you.  
The cheer and goodwill of friends to you,  
The hope of a childlike heart to you.  
The joy of a thousand angels to you,  
The love of the Son and God's peace to you.

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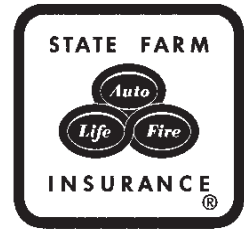
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