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Next Meeting: Tuesday – April 8th

The next meeting of the John F. Kennedy Division #1, will take place on Tues. April 8th at 7:30 PM in the O'Keefe Room on the 2nd Floor of the GAC in Fairfield. 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. Call a Brother - - - spread the word about the exciting things happening in the JFK Division.

This will be our APRIL meeting ...in the language of our ancestors this month is:
Aibrean
Pronunciation: ab-rawn

64th Annual Division Communion Breakfast

Once again the weather cooperated and the Brothers and guests of the John F. Kennedy Division had a grand and memorable day. This year we returned to Black Rock and St Ann where Chaplain Fr. Larry Ryan was joined by Pastor (and new Hibernian) **Fr. Peter Lynch** in celebrating our Mass. Major kudos also to the music team at St Ann and our guest soloist **Margaret Mikan**, Bro. Bernie Lee's sister. They put their heart and soul into it. The St Ann community was warmly welcoming to us all.

After Mass we headed back to the GAC where the crew from **Brennan's Shebeen** again had a great Irish breakfast prepared for us. Once again our Division scored a coup having **Governor Dannel P. Malloy** on the dais . . . even if some other local pols couldn't make (or in some cases bother to respond). Keynote Speaker **Martin Galvin** sent out a clarion call for vigilance and action against the ongoing duplicity of the British state against the people of northeastern Ireland (civilians and Irish Republicans) and the requirements of the Good Friday Agreement.

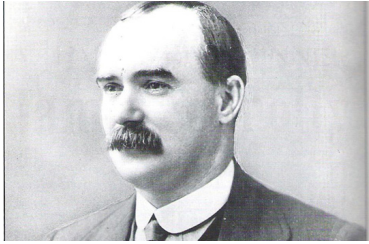
"THANKS" to our Communion breakfast Co-Chairs: Bro. **Pat O'Connell** Co-Chair/Catering and Brothers **Mark Ryan** and **Tom Donohue** Co-Chairs/Mass. They did a marvelous job in juggling the myriad details required in planning and delivering another spectacular day. Let's not forget anthem soloist bro. Kerry McCoy who arrived on the proper day and did a bang up job, even taking on The Soldier's Song in Irish.

Happy 2nd Birthday, JFK Junior Division

We are so very proud of these young men who have stepped forward to declare their interest in their Irish heritage and Catholic faith. The Junior AOH enables us to educate young men on Irish history and culture . . . that are not taught in their classrooms. The AOH needs to develop our future leaders who understand our commitments to community, family and our Irish Heritage

We are actively seeking **YOUR sons, nephews, grandsons and neighbors** ---to step forward to join our Jr. Division. Membership is open to Irish-American (by birth or adoption) Catholic boys between the ages of 8 and 18 years. Their parents need not be in AOH/LAOH. The boys will be asked to fulfill and follow our motto of: **"Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity."** But it's not all about Irish history, it's also about having fun with many activities planned activities. They ARE boys, after all!

Applicants can fill out an application online (www.aohjfk.com) or you can give them one in person. They'll meet fellows who will become their friends. Keep Hibernianism alive in our community and YOUR FAMILY ...even if it might have skipped a generation! Forward completed applications to: Chris Boyle, 50 Peck Lane, Milford CT 06460 or Chris@aohjfk.com



100th Anniversary Easter Rising Committee announces a Major Exhibition at the GAC.

James Connolly, Irish national icon, was a signatory of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic for which he was executed by a British Army firing squad. He was also an internationally known labor leader. In Dublin he formed his Irish Citizen Army organized to protect workers from anti-labor police and strike breakers. He led the Citizen Army into the Easter Rising in 1916.

This exhibition covers the considerable time Connolly spent abroad, particularly in the United States, where he witnessed the successes and failures of labor radicalism and unionization, and of working class conditions. This influenced his actions during the Dublin Lockout of 1913. **He insisted that the fight for Irish nationalism was inseparable from the battle for the rights of all workers, in factories as well as on farms.**

The **Irish Consulate General** has chosen the Committee to be one of a select group of hosting organizations. And, it's right here at our home, the GAC.

Thurs. 4/3: 6-9 PM; Fri. 4/4 & Sat. 4/5: 6-10 PM. Sunday 4/6: 11:30 - 2:30 & 4:15 - 7:00 in conjunction with **1916 Martyr's Mass & Commemoration**

Free admission. Donations gratefully accepted.

Annual 1916 Martyrs/1918 Hunger Strikers Mass & Commemoration

Mass; 3PM Sunday 4/6 @ St. Thomas, Fairfield. Chaplain Larry Ryan S.J., celebrant. Commemoration program follows at GAC. Guest Speaker Bro. Jim Gallagher, New London.

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SAVE THE DATE:

5/16 [Friday] **Merton House** Event. 8:00-10:30 AM. Contact Jim Murray activities@aohjfk.com or 917-596-5108.

ALSO, interested LAOH Sisters are invited to give us hand – call Bev Curley 203-372 or Helen Collins 203 374-5916.

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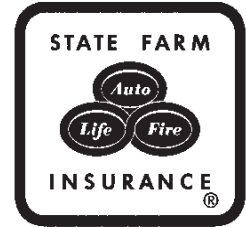
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