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Next Meeting: Tuesday – August 13th

The next meeting of the John F. Kennedy Division #1, will take place on Tues. Aug. 13th at 7:30 PM in the O'Keefe Room at the GAC in Fairfield.

We have A LOT to cover: upcoming **MERTON HOUSE** visit, AOH-CT CHARITY **SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**, our annual Family Night out at **Bridgeport Bluefish**, annual **Commodore Barry Commemoration**, **Captain Bob Fox Fishing Trip . . .** and more! Then stop down to pub for post meeting fellowship with your Brothers.

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

Irish: Lúnasa

Pronunciation: loo-nah-sah

AOH - 8/24

On Saturday **August 24** JFK Division will be competing . . . so to speak . . . in the 3rd **Annual Connecticut State AOH Summer Softball Tournament**. We created and hosted the inaugural event and the Danbury Division did a bang-up job as last year's hosts (can't recall who won). So it's time for JFK to again be the host Division. We'll again be playing against Brother Hibernians from New Haven, Danbury, Hartford and more, for charity. We'll be playing on JFK's "home field" at Foote Field in Milford.

The Tournament will supply soda, water, hot dogs & burgers. Plus, there'll be a great **commemorative T-Shirt** marking this great date in Division (and AOH State) history. The whole package is just \$25 per head . . . and every cent over costs goes to charity. It will be a great day for sun, fun, laughs, and camaraderie with other Hibernians while raising funds for charity.

Bro. Chris Boyle promises another memorable post game pub crawl as well. He does not however promise another threatening hurricane to cut down on the lines in the various saloons. The Division will be reserving motel rooms for the occasion. Our rain date is the following day Sun. 8/26.

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THANK YOU!!! For two underwriting gifts from Bro. Jim Murray both related to Brain Tumor Awareness: **Michael W. McCampbell Scholarship Fund** and "**Gray Matter Matters**" the charity started by Jim's daughter Clare. This will help defray our costs . . . increase the amount we donate to Rachel's Vineyard and boost Brain Tumor Awareness at the same time.

TIME FOR ALL BROTHERS TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE:

Sign up as a player, benchwarmer, umpire, volunteer 1st or 3rd base coach, concession stand worker, set up crew or a cheerleading fan to help us help make a difference for young Alex. It doesn't matter if you haven't played softball in years or if you've hung up the glove for good...WE STILL NEED YOU TO BE A PART OF THIS EVENT! **Contact Activities Chairman Jim Murray for info and to get on the roster!**

activities@aohjfk.com or 917-596-5108. Please sign up NOW so that we can get the shirt order in.



We are donating all proceeds after expenses to a charity called **“Rachel’s Vineyard.”**

This group, founded by Priests for Life, partners with the Pro-Life Ministries of our Connecticut dioceses providing counseling and support for women and families who are emotionally damaged after having undergone an abortion . . . sometimes even decades later. Rachel’s Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Absolutely a group that we Catholic men support as part of our vow of true Christian Charity. Their motto is:

Healing the pain of abortion – one weekend at a time.

Merton House 8/16

Our Christian Charity quarterly Division outreach effort is scheduled for Friday Aug. 16. We again will be cooking up a sausage breakfast for our less fortunate brethren. We start at 8AM and leave at approx. 11AM. 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 portion of our motto. Bro. Jim Murray is looking for 7-8 men to step forward. Bring a son, grandson or nephew they can help, too! **NOTE: Qualifies for Division Service hours. Contact Jim activities@aohjfk.com or 917-596-5108.**



Last call for our **Annual FFBF (Friends & Family & BlueFish) Night** at Harbor Yard at 7:05 on August **29th**. Come out for Thirsty Thursday night (domestic beer specials). Field Box Tix are just \$13...for all Hibernians, friends & family. Reservations & payment to Chris Boyle right away.

Invite your favorite clergyman and the Division will cover his ticket cost. Seriously.

Commodore John Barry Day Sat 9/14

Commodore Barry's birthday is one of our Order's National Holidays. Please join the Division as we participate in the Fairfield County Board's annual Barry Day Commemoration at 10AM on Sat. 9/14 at Perry Green on Southport Harbor ... just minute from the GAC. There will be a color guard, piper, wreath laying ceremony, etc. Help us honor the Irish born founder/first flag officer of the U.S. Navy. A reception follows at the GAC.

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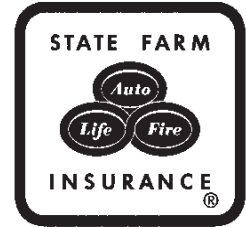
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