



# AOH Division 61 January Newsletter

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## DIVISION 61 CLUB HOURS

Sunday Noon-10PM

Monday Noon-Midnight

Tuesday Noon-Midnight

Wednesday Noon-Midnight

Thursday Noon-Midnight

Friday Noon- 2AM

Saturday Noon-2AM

**“There are no strangers here;  
only friends you haven’t met.”**  
W.B Yeats

## Upcoming Events

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting January 3rd 8:00 PM

Super Bowl XLVIII February 2nd 6:00 PM

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting February 7th 8:00 PM

Hibernian Mass March 2, 10am St. Malachy

AOH County Board Meeting March 5 @ Div 87

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting March 7th 8:00 PM

Philadelphia St. Patrick’s Day Parade March 16th

St. Patrick’s Day March 17th

## Division 61 Officers:

Jack Gill **President**,  
Sean Kearns **Vice President**,  
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**AOH DIVISION 61**

**President's Letter**

Brothers,

Hopefully, everyone has had a Merry Christmas and has begun a Happy New Year.

After years of service as Trustee, I'd like to thank Chris Mullen for all his help, hard work and guidance. Without Chris's hard work, the club would be cold in winter, hot in the summer and you beer would be even warmer. When we first bought the club Chris, somehow kept a bunch of old, antiquated equipment running and then work even harder to upgrade all our equipment. We also want to congratulate Jay Hull on his election as Trustee.

Starting at the January meeting we will be distributing St. Patrick's Day Basket of Cheer chances as well as collecting bottles for the Basket of Cheer. The proceeds from the Basket of Cheer go to underwrite expenses for the St. Patrick's Day Parade each year. There is no charge for any Division 61 member to march in the parade. We are asking each member to sell at least 15 chances.

Hope to see you at our monthly meeting on January 3, 2014 @ 8 pm

Yours in our motto,

**AOH 61 now has Wi-Fi at the bar. So feel free to bring your smart phone or tablet and connect to the Wi-Fi while you enjoy time out with some friends and get some work or internet browsing done. See you at the division.**

**This Saturday January 4th @ 8:10 Pm the Eagles take on the Saints in the first round of the NFL playoffs we have a great special for the game:**



- \$20 Domestic Draft & Food
- \$5 Food Only
- \$10 for 5 domestic bottles
- \$15 for 5 Premium Bottles
- Or
- Cash Bar

## The Steward's message:

A new year is here. As everyone does, the new year comes with a time of reflection. Well the past year, many changes have occurred during the past year and this year is no different. We added many new items, like a new jukebox, new cable and wireless system, renovated the bar and kitchen ceiling, added better security and lighting and added monthly live music. So this new year we need to build on past successes, but that cannot be done alone. All of the past year's improvements were from the help of the membership, and continued improvements will only be accomplished with the same continued support. Improvements to the kitchen and painting the inside of the clubhouse as well the outside are being planned, so please if you are able, please consider lending a hand so a year from now we can look back at even more successes.

**As it gets cold and snow begins to fall it means we have reached the half point of the NFL season and in full swing of the NHL season. For any Eagles and Flyers game here we have great drink specials:**

**\$10 domestic draft beer  
From whistle to whistle.  
and  
\$10 for 5 domestic bottle beers**

## January Irish Music

January brings for our Monthly Irish music. Every month on the fourth Wednesday @ 7 pm, the

Division will be presenting the best in local Irish Music in our bar area.

This month's performer's are: TBD



### Welcome

On behalf of AOH Division 61, we extend a warm welcome to the newest member of our family:

**Joseph White**

We hope you enjoy everything this organization has to offer and that you continue to live in *Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.*

## **DUES**

***2013 dues are now past due! Dues are now \$55 and may be paid at meetings, dropped off to the club in an envelope with your name and the amount or mailed to AOH Division 61 4131 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19136.***

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## **The Irish and New Year's Traditions**

Throughout the centuries, the Irish people have celebrated the dawn of each New Year in a series of special ways. Originally, the New Year was rung in during the end of October, during the Pagan festivals of Samhain. Over time, Ireland converted to Christianity, and this hallowed date followed annual Christmas celebrations instead. Today, the rituals of the past still offer a glimpse into Irish culture and tradition...many modern ways of celebrating the New Year can be traced back to the Middle Ages...

According to Irish superstition, the first person to enter your home after the clock strikes twelve on New Year's Eve will bring some kind of special luck - whether good or bad!

The magical properties of the tender mistletoe plant are often associated with Christmas - many people hold a sprig of this distinctive, white-berried plant over their heads, hoping for a kiss from a love interest. According to Irish New Year's traditions, women who tuck a bouquet of mistletoe under their pillows will receive special luck in love. In the New Year, they will find their true love, due to the mystical powers of this romantic winter plant.

The poignant Irish New Year's Tradition of honoring loved ones who have passed on still continues today. Many houses will feature an extra place setting, or multiple place settings, each one representing a deceased friend or family member. In the past, the front door would also be left unlocked, perhaps to allow spirits to move freely in and out of the home.

A fresh and spotless home is considered a conduit for luck in the New Year. Irish families will take pains to clean their homes meticulously, in the hopes that this immaculate environment will bring good fortune in the months ahead. This sense of "cleansing" is spiritual - making room for new memories, new joys, and new luck is the purpose of this tidying ritual.

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