



AOH Division 61 June Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

County Board Meeting June 6th @ 7 pm @ Div 61
 AOH 61 Monthly Meeting June 7th 8:00 PM
 LIVE Irish Music @ Div 61 June 26th
 AOH 61 Monthly Meeting July 12th 8:00 PM
 AOH Pennsylvania State Convention
 July 18th-20th Pittsburgh
 Christmas in July - Saturday July 20th
 LIVE Irish Music @ Div 61 July 24th
 AOH 61 Monthly Meeting August 2nd 8:00 PM
 Wiffle Ball Tournament August 18th 9:00 AM

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

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President's Letter

Brothers;

On Sunday June 14th from 7 pm to 11 pm there will be a fundraiser for Georgie Landis at the new FOP Hall (11630 CAROLINE ROAD PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154-2110), the cost is \$30 and are available at the Club. Georgie has been diagnosed with Colon / Liver Cancer. Georgie has always supported the Division's fundraising efforts and events, and now we need to support her. We encourage all member, friends and family to attend.

As we reminded Division 61 offers one time membership dues amnesty. The way it works is this; any former member who had let their dues go un-paid may re-join by filling out an application and paying **this year's dues only, no back dues**. For anyone who has not already paid their 2013 dues, they are now late, our dues pay our County, State and National per capita fee; support the club and our charity work. We must pay our per capita fee for each member regardless if we collect dues or not.

We all know people who had been in the AOH at one time or another and have talked about getting back in the AOH, well this is the time. We also need the help of our current members, to spread the word, to any and all former AOH members who wish would re-join. No one should feel embarrassed to come back, we're all friends, and want our brothers back in the AOH. Please contact me or any other Officer with the name and phone number of anyone interested in rejoining Division 61, or for any current member who has not paid this year's dues.

Hopefully, we will see each other at the next meeting on June 7th @ 8 pm. As always; I may be reached at 215-920-0910 or jackfgill@msn.com with any questions or concerns.

Yours in our motto,
Jack

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.

Fans for Beer

It's the time of year again, it's getting hot out. Many people don't have the benefit of air conditioning, that's why we are collecting fans and extensions cords. Anyone who donates a new floor or table fan, will receive the beer of their choice.



The quarterly Philadelphia County Board meeting will be held at AOH 61 on Thursday, June 6th at 7:00 PM. There will be nominations and elections at this meeting. AOH 61 has several members running for various positions for the County Board for the 2013-2015 term. Please come out and support your follow brothers.



The Annual AOH 61 Whiffle Ball Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 18th beginning at 9:00 AM. This is a double elimination tournament, with the championship game being 1 game. Cost is \$100 per team and includes beer, water, food and t-shirt. Registration forms and forms can be left with the bartender. Any questions please contact Sean Devlin 215-713-6040 parkwoodkid@comcast.net or Brian Kelly 215-694-9141 brianpkelly@gmail.com As a remind participants must be 21 to play!

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The Steward's message:

The weather is heating up but the clubhouse is a great way to cool down. It's a perfect place to watch our own Philadelphia Phillies with our Phillies special of \$10 domestic drafts and \$10 buckets with 5 domestic bottles. We also have the Derry Brigade playing the hall on June 26th at 7pm. Plus, check out in the newsletter and our Facebook page on the Christmas in July party on July 20th. Please remember to sign in all guest.

June Irish Music

June 26th brings The Derry Brigade 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.



Welcome

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

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 being collected! Dues are now \$50 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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Phillies Special
Summer is here and we're right in the middle of baseball season. So why not come on out to AOH 61 and watch the boys of summer push for another Pennant.
Phillies Games:
\$10 for domestic draft beer and hot dogs
\$15 for domestic bottle beer and hot dogs
From first pitch to last out.

Division 61 Newsletter, Website & Facebook

Division 61 now has three ways to communicate with our members:

our monthly newsletter,
 the Division Website www.aoh61.com and
 Facebook. (A.O.H. Division 61 Clubhouse)
 Members may submit information to
 Sean Campbell at soupy07@comcast.net for the
 newsletter,
 Mike Ferris at ferrism@comcast.net for the
 website and
 Mike Kinney @ mrnemosmith@gmail.com
 for our Facebook page

June is the 136th Anniversary of the hanging of the Molly Maguires. Here is a little history into who the Molly Maguires were.

On the wall of the old county jail in what was then Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, is a handprint that, according to folklore, was made by Alex Campbell, one of four members of an Irish labor organization called the Molly Maguires, executed on June 21, 1877. Insisting he was innocent, Campbell declared that "this is proof of my words. That mark will never be wiped out." And it never has.

Molly Maguire was, supposedly, the leader of riots in Ireland against exploitative English landowners during the 1840s. In the 1850s, Irish coal miners brought the organization with them when they crossed the ocean to work in the anthracite coal fields of northeastern Pennsylvania. Conditions were terrible in the Pennsylvania mines - safety regulations were non-existent or neglected; breaker boys as young as six worked picking slate; families lived in poor company-owned houses, & were forced to shop at company stores; nothing except a few dollars compensated those injured or the families of those killed in this dangerous trade; & foremen frequently abused workers or undervalued the quantity of coal mined, which determined their wages.

We may never know whether the Mollies carried out any murders, & if any, connections existed among the Mollies, the murders, the local Democratic Party, the Order of Ancient Hibernians, & the union formed in the coal regions in 1868. What we do know is that Frank Gowen, the ruthless president of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, was secretly buying enough mines to gain control of the industry, & had starved miners into submission during the disastrous "Long Strike" of 1875 to break the back of the Workingmen's Benevolent Association. The Mollies, in league with the local Democrats, had their own political machine, which controlled a number of local governments in Schuylkill County.

In the early 1870s, Gowen hired the Pinkerton Detective Agency to infiltrate the Molly Maguires & eliminate the last opposition to his control of the anthracite mines. For two & a half years, James McParland, an Irish Catholic from Ulster, worked under cover, working, fighting, & conspiring with his fellow countrymen. After McParland's cover was blown, Gowen, serving as the district attorney of Schuylkill County, led the prosecution of the Molly Maguires who were indicted & then convicted largely on McParland's testimony. On June 21, 1877, the last of the Molly Maguires were hanged in the Carbon County prison in Mauch Chunk.

The execution of the Molly Maguires helped cement Gowen's control of the anthracite-coal industry, & crushed union activity in the coal regions for close to a decade. It also won the Pinkerton Agency national celebrity. The executions did not, however, intimidate workers elsewhere in the state. Less than a month after the Molly Maguires execution, the great rail strike of 1877 erupted in Pittsburgh, & then spread to rail yards across the state.

Despite all the confusion about the history of Molly Maguires, what is not at issue is what the trial of 1877 reveals about the domination of Pennsylvania business interests over the state's political & legal system. What took place, according to historian Harold Auerand, was "one of the most astounding surrenders of sovereignty in American history. A private corporation initiated the investigation through a private detective agency; a private police force arrested the alleged offenders; the coal company attorneys prosecuted them. The state only provided the courtroom & hangman."

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WIFFLE BALL REGISTRATION FORM
Sunday August 18th

Team Name _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Phone # _____

Shirt Sizes Player #1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

9:00 registration - Rain or Shine

9:30 1st pitches will be thrown

Double Elimination

Final Game will be 1 game!

\$100 per Team

If paying by check please make it out to AOH Div. 61

All Teams Must be Paid in Full by July 21st, 2013

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