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Upcoming Events

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting March 1st 8:00 PM
 Phila. St. Patrick's Day Parade March 10th
 St. Patrick's Day March 17th
 Quiz-o March 22nd 8:00 PM
 Beef-n-Bowl March 30th 6:00 PM
 Easter March 31st
 AOH 61 Monthly meeting April 5th 8:00 PM
 Night At The Races April 20th 7:00 PM
 Quiz-o April 26th 8:00 PM

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 March 10th we will celebrate our patron Saint Patrick, since 1771 Philadelphians have done so with the St. Patrick's Day Parade. **This year we have ordered new parade jackets, the dress for the parade is the new parade jacket, cream colored sweater, black / navy blue pants, tweed jeff cap and black shoes (no sneakers)**

Each year we ask our membership to sign up for the parade. We need to know how many people will be marching so we can reserve enough buses; we also need to know how many people will be coming back to the club for dinner. **So if you haven't signed up for the parade and intend to march, please let me know. Space on the bus will be reserved for those who sign up, we'll order as many buses and necessary but we need an accurate count.**

As a refresher and for the benefit of newer members, here is how the day unfolds; everyone marching needs to be at the club by 10:00 AM. Buses will transport us to the parade staging area on JFK Blvd. between 18th and 19th streets and pick us up at the end of the parade, which is at the art museum this year. The parade essentially starts at 16th & JFK Blvd., proceeds up 16th street to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, and continues past the Cathedral to the art museum.

Again this year our banquet will be at the club, since most people seem have been staying at the club following the parade anyway. The cost for food is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children with a cash bar. The club will open at 7 am on the day of the parade and on St. Patrick's Day.

As you know we don't charge anything for our members to march in the parade. But we do ask our member to sell a few chances for our basket of cheer, the proceeds of which are used to subsidize the parade costs. So if you haven't already done so please drop off you parade chances and basket of cheer donations.

Hopefully, we will see each other at the next meeting on March 1st, and at the Parade, as always, I may be reached at 215-920-0910 or jackfgill@msn.com.

Yours in our motto,
Jack

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NIGHT AT THE RACES

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Dom Roberto at 610-721-4107.

It may have only seemed that the Bowl Season is just wrapping up but March Madness will be here before you know it and so will be

AOH 61 March Madness Pool

Brackets will be accepted by paper at the bar or online through CBS Sports.

See Sean Campbell for more details or questions
soupy07@comcast.net or
sean.campbell@temple.edu or 215.527.6497

HIBERNIAN MASS

Saint Malachy Church will be hosting the Hibernian Mass on Sunday, March 3rd, 2013 at 10:00 AM. Saint Malachy is located at 1429 North 11 St. Philadelphia, PA 19122. The church itself was built in 1850 by Irish immigrants who escaped the famine only to experience great prejudice in the form of the Know Nothing riots. The church is a standing testament to the spirit and fortitude of our Irish ancestors and retains the original craftsmanship from the hand laid tile work on the Book of Kells to the symbols of prosperity and faith.

The 16th Annual AOH Div. 61 Camping Trip
is scheduled for **May 17–19, 2012** at
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After you have registered

please text Marty Prendergast 267-210-0662 with site number or any questions.

The 243rd Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade is Sunday March 10th. REMEMBER THE DAY OF THE PARADE IS DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (SPRING AHEAD). Dress for the parade is Again this year, the post parade party is being held at AOH 61 following the parade. As you know, each year every group marching in the parade must pay a fee and purchase parade ribbons for each person marching in the parade. Our division doesn't charge anyone to march in the parade, but we still need to raise money to cover parade expenses. Each year we ask members to donate liquor and wine for our St. Patrick's Day basket of cheer and sell basket of cheer chances. If anyone needs tickets or wants to donate a bottle please see Mike McCrane or the bartender on duty.

Welcome

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

No New Members

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 \$45 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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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 @ mrmemosmith@gmail.com for our Facebook page

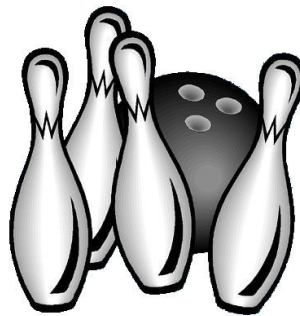
AOH Div 61 Beef and Bowl

March 30, 2013

Thunderbird Lanes - Holme Ave.

6:00 pm—9 pm

\$30 per bowler



If you don't have enough people, we can set you up with other bowlers

For more information, contact Chris Baker @ 215-651-1212 or bakersm9@yahoo.com

History of the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Irish in Philadelphia first celebrated St. Patrick's Day in 1771, five years before the Declaration of Independence was signed! The first documented St. Patrick's Day Celebration Parade in Philadelphia was held in 1771, marking over 240 continuous years of celebrations. In the very early morning of our country's history, the Irish were already celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Philadelphia. Before the American republic was founded Irishmen came together in 1771 to pay honor to Ireland's patron as founding members of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick for the relief of Emigrants from Ireland. George Washington, who has encouraged the many Irish soldiers under his command during the Revolution to fete St. Patrick's Day, was an honorary member of this society. Thus, the designation of March 17 as a day of special observance was a very early Philadelphia custom.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians initiated the first meeting of the St. Patrick's Day Observance Association and the group's chaplain, Rev. Thomas Riley presided. The Donegal Society, the Kerry men's Society, the Gaelic Athletic Association and other fraternal groups were represented. In February 1952 the first parade was planned and a delegation from the association visited Archbishop John F. O'Hara and requested his cooperation. This was granted and the Archbishop's aid assured participation by the city's large Catholic School network. This religious orientation of the parade was notable. It set the character of the parade in a definitive way and dictated its spirit and focus for all future parades.

Numerous civic and religious leaders influenced the parade after its formal organization in 1951. Among the most notable leaders are Monsignor Thomas J. Riley, a prominent educator, he viewed the parade as a public demonstration of religious values which was an important contribution to the community. Judge Vincent Carroll, Sheriff William Lennox, Mayor James H. Tate made significant contributions to the modern St. Patrick's Day Parade in Philadelphia. In addition, Judge Edward Blake and President Judge Edward Bradley joined other civic leaders in expanding the number of participants in the parade.

By 1980 Mayor William J. Green and William Brennan, president of the Federation of Irish Societies of the Delaware Valley helped to generate an Irish cultural revival throughout the area with concerts, lectures, dances and holiday trips to Ireland.

Throughout the years this celebration has honored this religious and cultural celebration. Thousands of marchers and spectators in their green bedecked finery, the bands and floats, the flags and music highlight one of the grandest parades in a city that loves parades.

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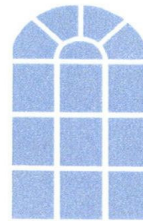
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