



AOH Division 61 Joseph Patrick Schickling

Monthly Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting February 5th 8:00 PM

Super Bowl XLIV Sunday February 7th

February 17th Ash Wednesday

Club Cleaning Saturday February 20th 9:00 AM

Quiz-O Friday, February 26th 8:00 PM

Tir Na Nog Sunday, February 28th 3:00 PM

County Board Meeting at Div. 87 Thursday,
March 4th 7:00 PM

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting March 5th 8:00 PM

Pub Crawl Saturday March 6th Noon

St. Patrick's Parade Sunday March 14th

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

We've been working on the meeting hall since late December and the work is finished, including a new 55" LCD TV and sound system just in time for the Superbowl. So if you haven't been by the club recently, stop by and see how great everything looks. I'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard to transform our meeting hall into a spectacular space. The only thing remaining to do is refinish the floor, which will be done over the summer since we need to completely stop using the hall for a week to allow the floor work to proceed.

We've also started 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. So, if you haven't received your fair share of chances stop by the club or see Mike McCrane.

Just as a reminder, the club is open to all AOH / LAOH members in good standing regardless of what Division they may call home. Members may also sign in guests who wish to join us for a good time; just use the sign-in book at the front door. One thing to remember, members are responsible for the conduct of the guests that they sign in.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Ladies Division for their generous donation, we've ordered new seats for the bar, they should be in well before the Superbowl for all to enjoy.

Hopefully, we will see each other at the next meeting on February 5th, as always, I may be reached at 215-920-0910 or jgill@septa.org.

Yours in our motto,
Jack

AOH Annual Pub Crawl

Visiting the local AOH Halls, Saturday March 6th-Noon-8pm

\$30 per person includes bus,

long sleeve t-shirt, food at each location,

\$1 domestic drafts, Timmy Shots (if you don't know what a

Timmy Shot is, join the bus to find out!)

You must reserve your seat and pay in advance. If we have

enough interest, we will have 2 buses

This will sell out, as it has in previous years.

For more information or to reserve your seat, contact:

Tim Cawley

tpcawley@yahoo.com

267-303-9113

or

Sean "McLuvin" Campbell at the club

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

Division 61 will be open and fully stocked for Superbowl Sunday (2/7/2010). Starting 1/2 hour before kickoff and right until the last second of the game we'll have specials including domestic draft (Bud, Bud Light, Miller Lite, Coors light & Yuengling) for \$20 and food for \$5.

Our upstairs hall is finished and now features a new 55" LCD TV. This years game has all the makings of a classic so stop by and enjoy the game with some friends

240th Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade

The 240th Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade is Sunday March 14th. This year AOH National President Seamus Boyle will be the Grand Marshal. At this point we don't know if the AOH will march as individual Divisions or as a single unit. Either way each division will decide its own parade dress. During the February meeting we'll discuss the parade and what we'll be wearing.

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. These chances help defray the cost of the parade. If anyone needs tickets or wants to donate a bottle please see

Mike McCrane or any
bartender.

On Saturday, April 10th at St. Dominic's Marian Hall is AOH Division 61 annual **Night at the Races**. For a \$10 admission entitles each person to all you can eat: Hot Dogs, Meatballs, Beer, Wine and Soda. PLUS 10 HORSE RACES AND OTHER GAMES OF CHANCE. Doors open at 7 PM. You can purchase a horse for only \$5. The winning horse pays \$25. TICKETS ARE LIMITED!! For tickets or information call Dom Roberto at 610-721-4107.

Quiz-What?...Quiz-O!!!

Quiz-O will be held once again on the last Friday of the month. February 26th beginning at 8:00 PM. This month's theme - "To hell with the "North Boys"



The game will begin at eight o'clock. As always it's no more than four to a team. So come out and be part of taking down Jack "Gentleman" Gill, Jim "The Professor" Gallagher

Tir Na Nog

On January 26th Tir Na Nog had its monthly meeting. The kids wrote letters to our troops overseas and drew them pictures. After that we watched a movie and then had a Wii Bowling Tournament
Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 28th 3-6.

Welcome

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

Tom Byrne & Garrett Cremeans

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

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**. Entry fee will be the same as last year of \$10. With half of each entry fee going to the Harry B. Rutter Scholarship Fund. Brackets will be accepted by paper at the bar or online through CBS Sports. If you participated last year please pay attention for an email closer towards the tournament on how to submit this year's bracket. More information will be in next month's newsletter about online submission. For more information or to submit your entry fee please contact Sean Campbell at soupy07@comcast.net

AOH Camping Trip

Each year Division 61 runs a Father / Child camping trip. This year's site is Robin Hill Camping Resort. Located at 149 Robin Hill Rd Lenhartsville, PA 19534. Please call 610-756-6117 to make your reservations. The dates are Friday May 21 - Sunday May 23. When making your reservations make sure you mention you are with the AOH. Sites are \$46/night. Any questions please contact Chuck Payne at chuck.payne@mail.tju.edu or 215-380-6809

DUES

2010 dues are now being collected. Dues are \$45 per year 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.

The Irish and Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the holiest time of the Christian year in Ireland. For centuries, the faithful have gone to church on this day to have their brow symbolically marked with a cross of ashes. Traditionally, the ashes came from burning the palms saved from the previous Palm Sunday, but, in some areas, the custom was for people to bring ashes from their turf fire into the church to be blessed.

At least one person from every household attended the Ash Wednesday ritual and they would bring home a pinch or two, so that all family members could have their foreheads marked. And so, with the priest having used his right thumb to apply the ashes while saying the prayer, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return," the 40-day Lenten season commenced.

It was once a time of austere fasting. No animal products of any kind were eaten or used in cooking. This meant total abstinence from meat, eggs, butter, milk and animal fats. The frying pan was cleaned and put away.

For breakfast, a family might have had a small meal of dry bread, or porridge, washed down with black tea - and then the same for supper. For their midday dinner, the meal was usually potatoes seasoned with fish or onions. Families living on the coast most likely would have augmented the dinner menu with shellfish and edible seaweed.

Traditionally, children over the age of seven years received no milk; younger children were given it sparingly, and an infant, according to folklore was "allowed to cry three times before he got his milk on fast days".

Since Lent was supposed to be spent in penitential prayer, all socializing came to a halt. In fact, no merry-making of any kind was allowed or tolerated. That meant no music, dancing, card games or even visiting with the neighbors. In many homes, the musical instruments were stored away, and the deck of cards was burned. A new deck would not be purchased and brought into the house until Lent was over. Many people also gave up smoking as well as alcohol 'for the duration'.

By the middle of the nineteenth century, the rigid austerities of the Lenten fast had been greatly relaxed so that the majority of Irish people observed 'the black fast' - one meal and just water to drink only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There was also a welcome break from the long, somber days to look forward to - the feast of St. Patrick on March 17th.

STEW COOK OFF TO SUPPORT THE HIBERNIAN HUNGER PROJECT

On Sunday, February 28th from 2:00 PM until 5 PM there will be a stew cook off at Finnigan's Wake, to help support the Hibernian Hunger Project. Tickets are \$5 for tasting only and \$25 for beer/wine and tasting. The winners will feed the Vet's and St. John's.

We will have the new website up within the next week!

<http://www.phillyaoh.myubertor.com>

St. Francis Inn

Don't forget when cleaning out your closets for the winter season to bring all coats and blankets (in good shape) Div. 61 to be taken to St Francis Inn.


Reminder to our advertisers your 2010 advertising renewals are due. Anyone interested in advertising in the newsletter contact Jack Gill or Sean Campbell. We greatly appreciate our current advertisers and welcome any new advertisements.

Division 61 has Phillies World Series plaques (\$10) and window stickers (\$4) for sale. We also have 2009 NL Champions window sticker. So stop in and see your bartender for more details.

Walt Disney, the creator of Mickey Mouse, had a fear of mice.



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