



# AOH Division 61 Joseph Patrick Schickling

## Monthly Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

- AOH 61 Monthly Meeting November 5th 8:00 PM
- Golf Outing November 7th @ Byrne Golf Club
- Mayfair Thanksgiving Parade & Soup and Chili Cook-off November 21st 1:00 PM
- Thanksgiving Baskets November 22nd 6:00 PM
- Thanksgiving Eve Party 7:00 PM
- Thanksgiving November 25th
- Quiz-o November 26th 8:00 PM
- AOH 61 Monthly Meeting December 3rd 8:00 PM
- Kathi McKenna Fundraiser for Pegasus Riding Academy Sunday December 5th 2:00-6:00 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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## AOH DIVISION 61 JOSEPH PATRICK SCHICKLING

### President's Letter

This month we'll have our bi-annual election of officers; there are a few incumbents who will not be running for re-election. The positions of Treasurer, Steward Trustee and Sentinel are open. I'd like to thank Jim, Bob and Mike for their years of service to the Division. Although all positions are up for re-election, we need to fill these open positions. If you're interested in any officer's position, please give me a call and we can discuss the individual responsibilities. Remember, the Division doesn't run itself; we need the help of our members if we are to remain successful.

Each year on the Monday before Thanksgiving (November 22<sup>nd</sup>) we provide and distribute Thanksgiving food baskets in conjunction with Visitation Parish. Many of our members generously donate baskets each year, we also accept donations and "pass the hat" during the November meeting to help fund this effort. Any surplus funds are donated to Visitation Parish. As part of Division 61's Christmas Party (Scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>) we ask all children to "give" Santa an unwrapped toy. These toys, along with food baskets are distributed to those in need in our community. Volunteers will be needed to pack and distribute toys and food on December 19<sup>th</sup>, this is a great opportunity for anyone required to perform community service to pick up a few hours.

Hopefully, we will see each other at the next meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>, as always; I may be reached at 215-920-0910 or [jgill@septa.org](mailto:jgill@septa.org) with any questions or concerns.

Yours in our motto,  
Jack

The 8th Annual AOH 61 Golf Outing has been rescheduled for November 7th at John F. Byrne Golf Club. Check-in will commence at 7 AM with the shotgun start beginning at 8 AM. The cost per person is \$85. Entry fee entitles each person to green fees, cart, dinner, and prizes. For more information or tickets please contact Jack Gill at

215-920-0910  
or

Mike Kinney at  
215-331-7209



### Mayfair-Holmesburg Thanksgiving Day Parade and Soup and Chili Cook-Off

Come bring the family and join us for the Mayfair-Holmesburg Thanksgiving Day Parade on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 1:00 at Rhawn and Frankford Avenues.

CALLING ALL CHEFS!!! We are looking for entries of your favorite soup, stew or chili. Please bring your entry (or entries) to the club (preferably hot) in your own Crockpot by 1 p.m. on the day of the parade. Please provide your own ladle and any accoutrements to your soup or chili (cheese, onions, any other toppings). The club will provide the bread and butter.

Following the parade, the Soup and Chili Cook-Off will take place. For a \$5 donation you can taste as many soups, stews and chili's as you would like. You will be able to vote for your two favorites. Winners will take home a gift

## Thanksgiving Baskets

On Monday November 22nd we will once again be distributing Thanksgiving Food Baskets in the Visitation neighborhood. We will be taking a collection up at the November meeting, or you can also donate a basket if you wish. We will meet at 5:30 at Division 61 or you can meet us at 6 PM at the St. Anne's Convent (Cedar & Tucker). Any questions please contact Jay Costello.

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

Quiz-o for November will be Friday, November 26th beginning at 8:00 PM. Come out with friends, wife, girlfriend whom ever and impress them with your knowledge of near useless information. This Month's Theme: **Organized Crime**

## THANKSGIVING EVE PARTY

Again this year we'll host our Thanksgiving Eve Party on Wed. Nov. 24 starting @ 7:00 pm Host Brendan "Buddy Love" Kane & the Shanty's will perform. Come on Out For a Great Time

### Welcome

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

NONE

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

## Benefit for Pegasus Riding Academy

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

AOH/LAOH Division 61 will host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual *Kathi McKenna Memorial Fundraiser for the Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Academy.*

As many of you know, our late LAOH sister and friend, Kathi McKenna, started this scholarship benefit in 2006. When Kathi approached several members of our division about hosting a benefit for a scholarship, we gladly accepted the challenge. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year hosting this benefit.

As a brief background, Pegasus was incorporated in 1982 with the purpose of providing disabled individuals with therapeutic activity and exercise in various forms, while concentrating on ability rather than disability. It is the only fully certified medically approved riding therapy program in the City of Philadelphia.

## Nominations of officers

will occur at our November meeting. All division officers plus one trustee position are up for election.

All members in good standing (dues paid!) are eligible to be nominated for office. The election will be held at our December meeting.

## **DUES**

***2010 dues are now due! They have now been increased to \$55. Dues 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.***

**AOH DIVISION 61 JOSEPH PATRICK SCHICKLING**

Ready to scatter the blood of a fresh-killed animal on your threshold and in the four corners of the house? It's what they did in old Ireland on November 10th, which is Martinmas - the eve of the feast of St. Martin. Autumn in Ireland often brings a cold snap followed by some mild, lovely weather. Similar to Indian Summer in the United States, this brief interlude before winter sets in is called Martinmas Summer.

In the old days, as in many countries that were predominantly rural, this time of year was spent in preparation for the hard months ahead. The harvest was in, and depending on how successful the growing season had been, farm families were able to estimate how much they would have to feed themselves and their livestock. Inevitably, there were always animals that couldn't earn their keep; these would be the fowl that didn't lay eggs, the cattle that didn't give milk; animals that couldn't produce offspring, and the ones that, because of youth, age or disability, couldn't pull their weight.

And then there were the pigs. They'd been feasting all summer and by St. Martin's Eve, would be plump and full of flavor. In any event, the livestock that could not be wintered over would be sold, given away, or slaughtered to provide the family a supply of meat for winter. Whatever wasn't used immediately was salted, cured and stored in oak barrels where it would last for many months.

In pre-Christian Ireland, it was the custom to sacrifice an animal on St. Martin's Eve and then sprinkle drops of its blood on the threshold, as well as in the four corners of the house. This was done to drive off any evil spirits and also to ensure prosperity for the coming year. History tells us that the animal most often selected for this ritual was a pig. Most likely, this was because it was the commonest and smallest of the domestic animals. Whatever was sacrificed, the sacrificial animal was later cooked and provided a hearty meal for the family. If it was a large animal, portions were traditionally shared with those who were less fortunate.

To this day, while the ritual of sprinkling blood may have long died out, it is still customary in Ireland to make a meal of fresh pork on St. Martin's Eve.

**Saint Malachy Church School Fundraiser Irish Concert**

**Sunday 7 November 2010, 2:00 p.m.**

**Mick Moloney and Friends**

St. Malachy's was an oasis to the many Irish immigrants who arrived in Philadelphia, founded and built by Famine Immigrants this year they celebrate their 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary . This school and its commitment to our ancestors may very well be the single greatest source of support through education. Today they need our help. They get no (or very little) support from the Archdiocese, and need our help.

Saint Malachy School is an independent Catholic Grade School in North Philadelphia that educates over 200 low-income minority children from all different faiths and Philadelphia inner-city neighborhoods. To provide students with a sound, affordable, quality Catholic education, Saint Malachy School's main fundraiser is the annual Irish Music Concert. Last year's Concert to benefit Saint Malachy School helped us to meet our financial goals, and we are asking you to consider supporting this year's annual Irish Concert which will also inaugurate our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

This is a critical fundraiser for us as it helps bridge the gap between tuition fees and the school's actual operating costs. Saint Malachy School is one of the most affordable non-public schools in the City of Philadelphia . 80% of our students meet the federal poverty guidelines. Most importantly, at a time when young children are at such risk in Philadelphia , Saint Malachy School provides a safe haven and a place for all students to achieve their highest potential.

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# AOH Division 61

## EIGHTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

SUNDAY November 7th 2010

### John F. Byrne Golf Club

215-632-8668

7AM Check-in, 8:00 AM Shotgun Start, Scramble  
4 Man Teams \$85.00 per person.

Entry fee includes:

**GREEN FEES,  
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A Full Course buffet Dinner will be served at Division 61 at the conclusion of the golf tournament.

For sign-up or information call:  
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or

Mike Kinney 215-837-0888 or  
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**AOH Division 61**

**EIGHTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

# SUNDAY November 7th 2010 7:00 AM Check In

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**Non refundable deposit of \$40.00 per golfer. Balance of fee due October 31, 2010.**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

**GOLFERS Please include names and phone numbers for foursome.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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## Kathi McKenna Memorial Fundraiser for the Pegasus Riding Academy scholarship fund

When: Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2010

Where: AOH Division 61

4131 Rhawn Street Philadelphia PA 19136

(Behind the Wachovia Bank)

Time: 2pm to 6pm

Cost \$20

Includes: Domestic drought beer, wine and food

Contact Patti Vogler at 215 -338-1607 or Pat McKenna at 267-593-8164 for more information. Come and have fun with us as we support a great program for children and adults with disabilities!