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AOH Division 61 December Newsletter

Upcoming Events

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting January 7th 8:00 PM
Home Association Meeting January 18th 7:00 PM
Shuffleboard Party January 22nd 7:00 PM
Quiz-o January 28th 7:00 PM
Installation of Officers January 29th 5:00 PM
AOH 61 Monthly Meeting February 4th 8:00 PM
Super Bowl XLV February 6th
March 9th Ash Wednesday

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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

Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity!

AOH DIVISION 61 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

President's Letter

Hopefully, everyone has had a Merry Christmas and has begun a Happy New Year. 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. We are asking each member to sell at least 15 chances.

As most of you know, our annual dues are \$45 per year, but unfortunately, we are still collecting dues for 2010 from too many of our members.

We will also be forming a New Members Committee, the purpose of the committee is to help introduce new members into the AOH, make them feel more comfortable, more active and also retain more of our new members. We often swear in a new member and never hear from them again, by assigning an existing member to "Sheppard" new members we should be able help them become Hibernians. Anyone interested in the New Members Committee can contact Sean Kearns @ 215-906-5620

Hopefully, we will see each other at the next meeting on January 7th, as always, I may be reached at 215-920-0910 or jgill@septa.org.

Yours in our motto,
Jack

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

Quiz-o for January will be Friday, January 28th 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:

NAME THAT TUNE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At Our December meeting we elected a few new officers all other officers remain the same: Congratulation to all new officers & Thank you for everyone who took the time and effort to run for office.

Treasurer: Tom Campbell
Steward: Mike Kinney
Marty Prendergast (Assistant Steward)
Sentinel: Shane Kelly
Trustee: Sean Kearns
Trustee: Chris Mullen

Gentlemen,

It is now January 2011 and with the New Year, new officers have been elected. I would like to thank the membership in electing me as our new steward. After being elected, I asked the membership in attendance if I could name Marty Prendergast as my assistant, which immediately was approved. I thank Marty for his willing to work with me. The role of the steward has not changed since Kevin Pierce was named the first steward but the tasks needed to be performed have increased. Since I have become a member, our hours of operations have more than tripled. With more hours, more inventory needs to be ordered and tracked. Having an assistant to help, will allow me to handle problems more quickly. Our hours of operations are Monday through Thursday noon until midnight, Friday and Saturday, noon until 2am and Sunday, noon until 10pm. Our hall is an excellent place to go out for drinks with your wife, your girlfriend or with a group of friends, so you can enjoy your time together in a safe, relaxing atmosphere. We live our motto "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity" everyday at the club and we would like to extend that to others. Please, all is asked, if you do have guests is to sign them in the guest book.

Also, I would like to extend an invitation to the membership to a home association meeting on January 18th at 7 PM. Although the upstairs hall has been redone, there are still projects that have to be finished. The biggest project is redoing our kitchen. Also the outside stairs, new plaster for the outside and a new tiles for the bar ceiling will also be discussed. So please attend with ideas, suggestions and especially time to volunteer. Thank you and enjoy your New Year.

Michael Kinney
Steward

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.

More information will be in next month's newsletter about online submission. See Sean Campbell for more details or questions.

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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.

Welcome

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

Mike Ferris & Mike Ferris, Jr.

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

DUES

2011 dues are now being collected. Dues are \$45 if paid before March 1st. 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.

Pope pushed for IRA to end H-Block Hunger Strike

Pope John Paul II put pressure on IRA members to end their initial hunger strike in 1980 at the H Blocks prison in Northern Ireland new documents have revealed.

The pope urged local clergy to put strong pressure on the IRA hunger strikers to accept food because their fast to the death violated Christian principles.

The information is contained in new documents released by the British National Archives and reported by The Irish Times.

The text of the pope's message was given to the British government, likely encouraging them to stand fast against the prisoner's demands. to be treated as political prisoners.

Ten prisoners eventually died on a later hunger strike led by Bobby Sands.

The papal messages related to the first hunger strike which was called off at the last moment with several men seriously ill.

British officials believed the message "had obviously been somewhat unwelcome" to the Irish bishops, "to judge from the lack of any announcement from Archbishop O'Fiaich (then Archbishop of Armagh and dealing directly with the issues) or any others, or the release of the text".

Archbishop Tomas O Fiaich was a staunch defender of the hunger strikers and was likely upset with the Vatican instructions.

But the British believed the pope's message helped then writing that the message was "clear enough: the Irish hierarchy should not address themselves merely to the British authorities (as they have up to now) but also to the prisoners themselves (which they have hitherto failed to do)".

The pope said: "The Bishops are urged not only to insist with the British Authorities but also to do everything possible in order to persuade prisoners to adopt a more human attitude, and I repeat, one more in keeping with Christian principles."

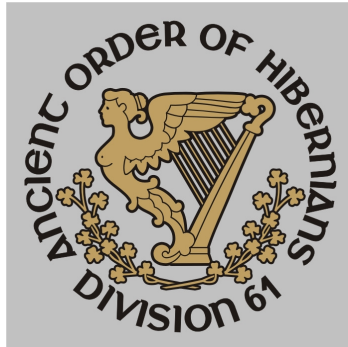
Former Sinn Féin director of publicity Danny Morrison, a key figure back then in the hunger strikes told the Irish Times the report was to be expected.

"This comes as no surprise: Bishop Cahal Daly, a well-known anti-republican prelate, was chief adviser to the Vatican on the North, and his fingerprints are all over this perverse advice."

T shirts & Hoodies

SHUFFLEBOARD PARTY

We're looking into getting T shirts & hoodies for our members. We'll have more information at the January meeting and will only order them if we have enough orders paid in advance. We'll be using this as our logo, the target price for the hoodie is \$30 or less and \$15 or less for the T shirt



The shuffleboard party will be on January 22, 2011. The Party and bar tab starts at 7:00. The tournament will begin at 7:30. \$5 buy in for the tournament. Non-league players are welcome at the party, there will be a \$15 charge for all non-league members.

The FDA technically classifies pancake batter as soup.

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