



AOH Division 61 October Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting October 7th 8:00 PM

LAOH Golf Outing October 9th @ Juniata Golf Club

Crab Derby October 22nd @ St. Dominic's Parish Hall

Major Degrees of the Order October 23rd
Registration 10:30 AM Start Time 12:00 PM @
Fireman's Hall

Quiz-0 October 28th 8:00 PM

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting November 4th 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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Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity!

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President's Letter

Brothers,

By now everyone should have received our Division Survey in the mail. The Survey includes questions concerning both the Division and the Club. The goal of this effort is to obtain honest and constructive opinions from all of our members. You can also take the survey on line at

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/637320/AOH-Division-61-Survey-2011>

If you don't have access to the internet and haven't received your survey in the mail, there are copies at the club or contact me and one will be mailed out.

We'd like to wrap up the survey and compile the results by early October, so if you haven't completed one, please do so soon. Remember, everyone's opinion counts.

On October 22nd is our annual crab derby, we race live crabs and serve all the crabs you can eat, this is our major club fundraiser so don't miss it.

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

Yours in our motto,
Jack



With October comes the middle of Football season. Both the **Monday**

Night and Notre Dame Football Clubs still have spots to join. Please see Jack Gill for the MNF Club. For the Notre Dame Club please see Mike McCrane, Jo-Jo or Brian Sickel.

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

Quiz-o for October will be Friday, October 28th beginning at 8:00 PM. Come out with friends, wife, Girlfriend, whom ever and impress them with your knowledge of nearly useless information.

Major Degrees of the Order

On Sunday, October 23rd starting with registration at 10:30 and Major Degree Ceremony beginning at 12:00 PM. Observers \$20.00 only if you wish to stay after degree for refreshment and food. To sit in on the degree ceremony totally FREE!

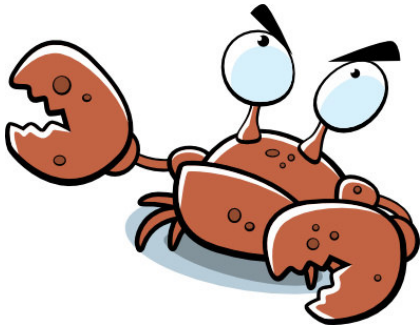
Candidates \$25.00 + \$5 for Degree Pin. Travel cards are required by all for admittance.

AOH Division 22 at 5th and Willow Streets. The Ceremony is open to all AOH members in good standing. Degreed members may also attend as observers.

HELP SUPPORT LAOH 61 CHARITIES

Only 100 Chances Being Sold
WINNER GETS \$2,500
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Mary Sickel - 267 549-6002
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Crab Night! Mark your calendars? Our 15th annual crab night is set for Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Saint Dominic's Marian Hall! The proceeds from our Crab Derby help offset the cost of repairs at our club and even more importantly helps keep the beer cold! This is the only fundraiser we do to benefit our home and we are working hard to make this our best night ever. For the benefit of our new members or for those of you have not attended one of our crab nights before we feature all-you-can-eat crabs, beer, wine and soda as well as Hot Roast Beef, homemade salads and a sweet table. In addition, we present five live crab races that you can bet on (like Night at the Races) as well as other games of



chance for your entertainment . In order to make this night a success, we need you help and participation. Obviously, we would like to have you come out and bring some friends. This cost of a ticket is \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. Another way you can participate is by helping to "sell" races. Similar to out Night at the Races, you can "buy" one of our racing crabs for \$5 and name it whatever you place (within reason-we are a Catholic organization). If you're crab wins the race, you win \$25! For more information or to volunteer contact Bob Cummings at 267-226-7369

Steward's Message

The beginning of fall is a great time to come down to AOH Division 61 to watch some football and playoff baseball. Come down to watch the games in a safe and friendly environment with your fellow brothers with three HD televisions and not a bad seat in the house. All guests are welcome but please remember to sign them in. The club is open everyday of the week, so stop down to the friendliest AOH in the nation!

2012 AOH State Calendars

John Joe Kelly will has 2012 AOH State Calendars at the next meeting, these calendars are \$35 each and support the Pennsylvania State board
For more information and number availability contact John at:
(215) 380-6093 or jjk3563@verizon.net

The **Hibernian Digest** is now on line, just click on the following link:

<http://www.hiberniandigest.com/> as is the **Wild Geese** at <http://www.thewildgeese.com/>

Welcome

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

Fran Schoettle

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 now \$50 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.

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IRISH HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS

The Celts celebrated Halloween as Samhain, 'All Hallowtide' - the 'Feast of the Dead', when the dead revisited the mortal world. The celebration marked the end of Summer and the start of the Winter months.

During the eighth century the Catholic Church designated the first day of November as 'All Saints Day ('All Hallows') - a day of commemoration for those Saints that did not have a specific day of remembrance. The night before was known as 'All Hallows Eve' which, over time, became known as Halloween.

Colcannon for Dinner: Boiled Potato, Curly Kale (a cabbage) and raw Onions are provided as the traditional Irish Halloween dinner. Clean coins are wrapped in baking paper and placed in the potato for children to find and keep.

The Pumpkin: Carving Pumpkins dates back to the eighteenth century and to an Irish blacksmith named Jack who colluded with the Devil and was denied entry to Heaven. He was condemned to wander the earth but asked the Devil for some light. He was given a burning coal ember which he placed inside a turnip that he had gouged out.

The tradition of Jack O'Lanterns was born - the bearer being the wandering blacksmith - a damned soul. Villagers in Ireland hoped that the lantern in their window would keep the wanderer away. When the Irish emigrated in millions to America there was not a great supply of turnips so pumpkins were used instead.

Halloween Costumes: On Halloween night children would dress up in scary costumes and go house to house. 'Help the Halloween Party' and 'Trick or Treat' were the cries to be heard at each door. This tradition of wearing costumes also dates back to Celtic times. On the special night when the living and the dead were at their closest the Celtic Druids would dress up in elaborate costumes to disguise themselves as spirits and devils in case they encountered other devils and spirits during the night. By disguising they hoped that they would be able to avoid being carried away at the end of the night. This explains why witches, goblins and ghosts remain the most popular choices for the costumes.

Snap Apple: After the visits to the neighbors the Halloween games begin, the most popular of which is Snap Apple. An apple is suspended from a string and children are blindfolded. The first child to get a decent bite of the apple gets to keep their prize. The same game can be played by placing apples in a basin of water and trying to get a grip on the apple without too much mess!

The Bonfire: The Halloween bonfire is a tradition to encourage dreams of who your future husband or wife is going to be. The idea was to drop a cutting of your hair into the burning embers and then dream of you future loved one. Halloween was one of the Celt 'fire' celebrations.

Blind Date: Blindfolded local girls would go out into the fields and pull up the first cabbage they could find. If their cabbage had a substantial amount of earth attached to the roots then their future loved one would have money. Eating the cabbage would reveal the nature of their future husband - bitter or sweet!

Another way of finding your future spouse is to peel an apple in one go. If done successfully the single apple peel could be dropped on the floor to reveal the initials of the future-intended.

Anti-Fairy Measures: Fairies and goblins try to collect as many souls as they can at Halloween but if they met a person who threw the dust from under their feet at the Fairy then they would be obliged to release any souls that they held captive.

Holy water was sometimes anointed on farm animals to keep them safe during the night. If the animals were showing signs of ill health on All Hallows Eve then they would be spat on to try to ward off any evil spirits.

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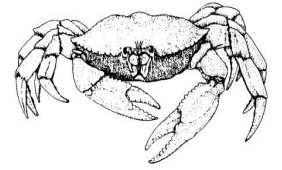
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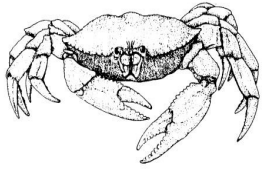
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Mark Your Calendar



AOH Division 61



14th Annual

CRAB NIGHT & DERBY

Saturday

October 22, 2011

St. Dominic's

Marian Hall

8532 Frankford Ave.



Includes **all you can eat crabs**

Beer/Wine/Soda and Roast Beef

PLUS 5 LIVE CRAB RACES

AND OTHER GAMES OF CHANCE

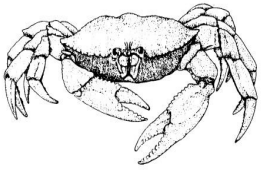
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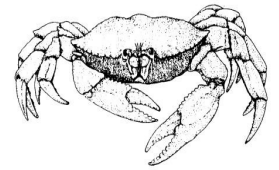
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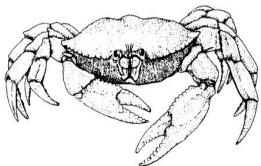


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|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| CRAB # | CRAB'S NAME (PICKED BY BUYER) Please Print Clearly | OWNER OF CRAB Please Print Cleary |
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| 2 | | |
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Seller of Race: _____

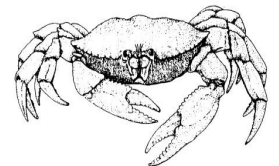
Racing Crabs are \$5 each. Name your crab – be creative, but, like our crabs, please be “in good taste.” If your crab wins its race, you’ll win \$25!!

Saturday, October 22, 2011
St. Dominic's Hall
8532 Frankford Avenue



Doors Open 7:00 pm / First Race 8:00 pm

\$30 Admission includes:
All the Crabs you can eat
Hot Roast Beef, Beer, Wine and Soda



PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE! A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS MAY BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR, BUT DON'T COUNT ON IT!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL BOB CUMMINGS AT 267-226-7369