



# AOH Division 61 November Newsletter

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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

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## Upcoming Events

Club Cleaning November 2nd 6:00 PM

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting November 4th 8:00 PM

Tir Na Nog November 6th 3:00 PM

Mayfair Thanksgiving Parade & Soup and Chili Cook-Off November 20th 1:00 PM

Thanksgiving Baskets November 21st 6:00 PM

Thanksgiving Eve Party November 23rd 7:00 PM

Quiz-o November 25th 8:30 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

Ancient Order of Hibernians  
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## Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity!

## AOH DIVISION 61 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

### President's Letter

Brothers;

Each year on the Monday before Thanksgiving (November 21st) 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 17<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 18<sup>th</sup>, this is a great opportunity for anyone required to perform community service to pick up a few hours.

We're about to wrap up our Division Survey and compile the results. 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>

Hopefully, we will see each other at the next meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>, as always; I may be reached at 215-920-0910 or [jackfgill@gmail.com](mailto:jackfgill@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

Yours in our motto,  
Jack

## Thanksgiving Food Baskets

**On Monday November 21st we will once again be distributing Thanksgiving Food Baskets in the Visitation neighborhood. We will be taking a collection up a the November meeting or you can also donate a basket if you wish. We will meet at 5:30 at Division 61 and car pool down or you can meet at 6:00 pm at St. Anne's Convent (Cedar & Tucker) Any questions please contact Jay Costello at (215) 435-1346**



## Benefit for Pegasus Riding Academy Sunday, December 4th from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

AOH/LAOH Division 61 will host the 6th 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 6th 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.

Cost \$20

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.

## Steward's Message

November is here. The nights are getting longer and the days colder, so stay warm with your Hibernian brothers in your home away from home. We are adding some new beers for the late fall and winter months. If you have a suggestion please send me a message and I will see if we can add it.

On November 2nd at 6pm, we will have a club cleaning so please, we are asking our membership to come out and help. The more people that come out, the faster the job will be done.

The Night Before Thanksgiving is the biggest party night of the year so stop by AOH 61, we will have entertainment with trivia and prizes.

Also, the clubhouse has a Facebook page, so you can keep track of all the events for the month. Please like us at [www.facebook.com/aoh61clubhouse](http://www.facebook.com/aoh61clubhouse).

## 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 EVE PARTY

Again this year we'll host our Thanksgiving Eve Party on Wed. Nov. 23 starting @ 7:00 pm  
Host Brendan "Buddy Love" Kane & Live Music.

We also have our Thanksgiving choose-up football game starting at 7:30 at Penn Academy Field @ Academy Road & Holme Avenue

## 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](mailto: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:

### **Steve Ditsche**

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 due! Dues are now \$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 College Bowl Pool

See if you have what it takes to pick every bowl game winner from the Dot.Com Bowl to the National Championship Game.

Entry fee is \$10 to pick ALL 35 games. Half of each entry fee will go to the AOH Division 61 Scholarship Fund. Bowl games run from December 17th-January 8th.

More information in next month's newsletter. For questions or to sign up please see Sean Campbell [sean.campbell@temple.edu](mailto:sean.campbell@temple.edu) or [soupy07@comcast.net](mailto:soupy07@comcast.net)



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

Quiz-o for October will be Friday, November 25th beginning at 8:30 PM. Come out with friends, wife, girlfriend, whom ever and impress them with your knowledge of nearly useless information.

## The Day After Samhain - All Soul's Day

In Ireland, it was once widely believed that the souls of the faithful departed would return to their family home on All Soul's Night. Great care was taken to make them feel welcome.

Rituals included sweeping the floor clean, lighting a good fire, and placing the poker and tongs in the shape of a cross on the hearth. A bowl of spring water was put on the table, along with a place setting for each deceased relative. In some areas, children would go "soul-caking" - they'd visit neighbors and beg for cakes in exchange for prayers to be said for the dead.

Families would usually retire early, but before they did, many of them went to the cemetery where their loved ones were buried. They would say prayers for each departed family member, make sure the gravesites were neat and tidy, and then they would leave a candle burning on each grave.

During evening prayers, the family would again light a candle for each of their departed relatives. Often, a candle would be placed in the window of a room where a relative had died. Or, it might be placed in a window that faced in the direction of the cemetery. Then, when evening prayers were over, the candles would either be extinguished or left to burn out.

The door was always left unlatched.

Historically, the Celtic nations have always had a great respect for their ancestors and they believed that at certain times of year, the boundaries between mortals and the souls of the dead cease to exist. This is especially true of the "Three Nights of the End of Summer" - Halloween, Samhain and All Soul's Day. The ancients also believed that the dead were the repositories of wisdom and lore and that one of the reasons they return is to speak to their descendants.

Its from these visits by a beloved ancestor that the more fortunate among us are given two very special gifts: the ability to remember old days and old ways, and a deeper understanding of how we are forever linked by blood to the past - and to the future.

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