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Upcoming Events

Super Bowl XLVIII February 2nd 6:00 PM
AOH 61 Monthly Meeting February 7th 8:00 PM
AOH County Board Meeting March 5 @ Div 87
AOH 61 Monthly Meeting March 7th 8:00 PM
Hibernian Mass March 2, 10: AM St. Malachy
Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade March 16th
St. Patrick's Day March 17th
AOH 61 Monthly Meeting April 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**

Ancient Order of Hibernians
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AOH DIVISION 61

President's Letter

Brothers,

First, I'd like to thank Marty Prendergast, TC, Gary Thomas, Tommie Byrne & Jay Heron for all their hard work at the hall. The bar area has been painted, pictures have been reframed the display case has been cleaned out and a lot of little things have been worked on that has wade the club look great. So if you haven't been around lately stop by.

The club will be opening late (about 3pm) on Sunday February 23rd to perform some work that will affect our electrical power.

At the January meeting we began 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.

As you know there is no charge to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, all members are welcome, no matter how long you've been a member. We are asking each member to sell at least 15 chances. For those who were not at the January meeting we have mailed out chances, if you did not receive chances by mail please contact me because your mailing information needs to be updated. So, if you haven't received your fair share of chances stop by the club or see Mike McCrane.

Hopefully, we will see each other at the next meeting on February 7th @ 8 pm, as always, I may be reached at 215-920-0910 or jackfgill@msn.com

Yours in our motto,

Jack

AOH 61 now has Wi-Fi at the bar. So feel free to bring your smart phone or tablet and connect to the Wi-Fi while you enjoy time out with some friends and get some work or internet browsing done. See you at the division.

The 244th Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade is Sunday March 16th. Dress for the parade is green jackets from last 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. If anyone needs tickets or wants to donate a bottle please see Mike McCrane or the bartender on duty.

The Steward's message:

Winter is waning and the days are getting longer. Soon it will be our High Holy day to celebrate our patron saint, Saint Patrick. We have been busy here at the clubhouse and I want to thank the men who have transformed our house. New paint and new frames have made the bar area more inviting. So stop in to see what has been done. See you at the Division.

Michael Kinney
Steward

CLOTHES DONATIONS:

We are full up for clothes donations, please take any clothing donations to the Salvation Army or one of the many drop off points at malls and shopping centers

AOH Golf Shirts

Orders are now being taken for AOH 61 golf shifts. Each shirt is \$25 and are available in Navy Blue and Forrest Green with our division logo embroidered on the front. Sizes are available up to 4XL. Samples of each shirt are displayed at the club and order forms are there too. Shirts must be paid for in advance, please drop money in an envelope at the club. The order will be placed immediately after the March meeting and shirts should be available by St. Patrick's Day.

Saint Malachy Church will be hosting the Hibernian Mass on Sunday, March 2nd, 2013 at 10:00 AM. Saint Malachy is located at 1429 North 11 St. Philadelphia, PA 19122. The church itself was built in 1850 by Irish immigrants who escaped the famine only to experience great prejudice in the form of the Know Nothing riots. The church is a standing testament to the spirit and fortitude of our Irish ancestors and retains the original craftsmanship from the hand laid tile work on the Book of Kells to the symbols of prosperity and faith.

February Irish Music

February brings for our Monthly Irish music. **Every month on the fourth Wednesday @ 7 pm,** the

Division will be presenting the best in local Irish Music in our bar area.

This month's performer is:

Raymond Coleman



Welcome

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

No New Members

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

DUES

2014 dues are now being collected! Dues are \$45 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.

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It may have only seemed that the Bowl
Season is just wrapping up but March Madness will
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so will be

AOH 61 March Madness Pool

Brackets will be accepted by paper
at the bar or online through CBS Sports.
More information will be the March newsletter
See Sean Campbell for
more details or questions
soupy07@comcast.net or
sean.campbell@temple.edu or 215.527.6497

Hibernian Hunger Project

Celebrity Bartending and Karaoke Night @ AOH Division 39

Saturday, February 8, 2014

7:00 PM—11:00 PM

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