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Upcoming Events
NCAA Final Four March 31 – April 1
AOH 61 Monthly Meeting April 6th @ 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday April 8th (Club Closed)
Night at the Races April 14th
April 15th Softball season begins
Tir Na Nog April 15th 3:00 pm
LAOH Flea Market April 21st
Communion Breakfast May 6th 9:30 Mass at
Night at the Races April 14th
St Dominic Parish, Breakfast to follow at
AOH Camping Trip May 18, 19, 20

DIVISION 61 CLUB HOURS
Sunday Noon-10PM
Monday 7PM-Midnight
Tuesday 6PM-Midnight
Thursday 6PM-Midnight
Friday 4PM-2AM
Saturday Noon-2AM

Come out and enjoy some good times!

Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity!
President’s Letter

First I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard on the Parade and Parade Dinner, we had a beautiful day, we looked great and dinner was (as always) delicious. Specifically I would like to thank, Jay Costello, Mike McCrane, Joe Campbell, Mario Saldutti (provided & drove the Parade Truck), Ed McGovern and the Shantees for a great concert along the Parade Route. Organizing the Parade and Dinner is no small feat, a lot of work goes in to making it look easy. This year I thought we look especially great along the parade route. We received a lot of compliments from our members and supports as they watched us march by. Although we might have had fewer members participate than in years past, everyone was in Parade dress and marched in order. We also had a higher percentage of our members march than some of the larger divisions in the region did. A good number of new members march this year, Thank You. For anyone that couldn’t make the Parade. Please try next year, it’s a great time, and our best opportunity to publicly celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and our heritage together.

Hopefully, we will see each other at the next meeting on April 6th (Good Friday), as always; I may be reached at 215-920-0910 or jgill@septa.org with any questions or concerns.

Yours in our motto,
Jack

5th Annual Kevin M. Pierce Scholarship Basketball Marathon

The 5th Annual Kevin M. Pierce Scholarship Basketball Marathon at North Catholic’s The Pit is scheduled for Friday Night April 20th and Saturday April 21st. The $150 team donation for up to 10 players includes a t-shirt, you can play Full or Half Court Among Yourselves. Individual donations are also accepted. Div. 61 will be playing from 4pm till 6pm on Sat the 21st, please show up if you are interested in playing. Contact Tim Cawley for more information @ 267.303.9113 or tpcawley@yahoo.com.

AOH Softball

AOH Div. 61 Softball begins it season on Sunday, April 15th. This year the Division will have two teams. The A team is coach by Ed McGovern and the B team is coached be Shane Kelly. Both teams home field this year is Penn Academy located at Holme and Academy. Come out and support Div. 61 on to victory this spring, as they hope a have a successful season and hopefully make some noise in the postseason. Pay attention to the newsletter for an update on the team.

10 Week Club

Tickets for the 10 Week Club are still available for purchase, however they are going quickly. Anyone who wishes to purchase a 10 week ticket or has any questions is asked to call Joe Watson @ 215-672-1294.

If anyone is not receiving the newsletter or would like to contribute an item please contact Jack Gill at jgill@septa.org or Sean Campbell at soupy07@comcast.net
Night at the Races

This year’s Night at the Races is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2007 at St. Dominic’s Marian Hall. The $10 admission at the door entitles you to all you can eat hot dogs, meatballs, beer, wine and soda. Plus 10 Horse races and other games of chance. Doors will open at 7:00 PM and the first race will begin at 8:00 PM. A reminder that all the profits go to the Division Charities, and 8th grade scholarships. Please help out in any way by selling a table or race form. For tickets or information please call Dom Roberto at 215–604-1062.

Welcome

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

Jim Craig, Michael Dowd, Daniel Turner

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

LAOH Corner

LAOH DIVISION 61’s BEACH BLANKET BINGO NIGHT

Come out and join LAOH Division 61 for a night of summer fun and bingo. On Wednesday, May 16th, 2007 at St. Dominic’s beginning at 7:00 PM. There will be great prizes and lots of door prizes. The $5.00 admission price covers 12 games of bingo plus coffee, tea, and dessert. All prizes and door prizes will have a summer theme. Prizes for games 5, 10, and 15 will be a BBQ pack (hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixin’s) and there will be an additional charge for these games. There will also be vendors selling their specialties, a Chinese auction and a raffle. All money raised at this event will benefit LAOH Div. 61 8th grade Scholarship Program. For ticket information or any questions please contact Judy Burn’s @ 215 837 2490.

LAOH DIVISION 61 FLEA MARKET

On Saturday April 21st, 2007 at AOH Division 61 from 8am until 1pm LAOH 61 will be holding their annual flea market. There will be coffee, donuts, soft pretzels, soda and water available to buy. Spaces are available and only cost $10, you must bring your own table. To reserve a space contact or any questions please contact Becky Puchalski @ 215 901 8921 or Rebecca_puchalski@ pepboys.com

DUES

2007 Dues ($45) are now being collected. 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.
St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Pictures
The Easter Rising

The Easter Rising occurred on Easter Monday, April 24, 1916, and centered mainly in Dublin. The chief objectives were the attainment of political freedom and the establishment of an Irish republic. Centuries of discontent, marked by numerous rebellions, preceded the uprising. The new crisis began to develop in September 1914, following the outbreak of World War I, when the British government suspended the recently enacted Home Rule Bill, which guaranteed a measure of political autonomy to Ireland. Suspension of the bill stimulated the growth of the Citizen Army, an illegal force of Dublin citizens organized by the labor leader Jim Larkin and the socialist James Connolly; of the Irish Volunteers, a national defense body; and of the extremist Sinn Fein. The uprising was planned by leaders of these organizations, among whom were the British consular agent Sir Roger David Casement, the educator Pádraig Pearse, and the poet Thomas MacDonagh.

Hostilities began about noon on April 24, when about 2000 men led by Pearse seized control of the Dublin post office and other strategic points within the city. Shortly after these initial successes, the leaders of the rebellion proclaimed the independence of Ireland and announced the establishment of a provisional government of the Irish Republic. Additional positions were occupied by the rebels during the night, and by the morning of April 25 they controlled a considerable part of Dublin. The counteroffensive by British forces began on Tuesday with the arrival of reinforcements. Martial law was proclaimed throughout Ireland. Bitter street fighting developed in Dublin, during which the strengthened British forces steadily dislodged the Irish from their positions. By the morning of April 29, the post office building, site of the rebel headquarters, was under violent attack. Recognizing the futility of further resistance, Pearse surrendered unconditionally in the afternoon of April 29.

The British immediately brought the leaders of the uprising to trial before a field court-martial. Fifteen of the group, including Pearse, Connolly, and MacDonagh, were sentenced to death and executed by firing squad. Four others, including the American-born Eamon de Valera, received death sentences that were later commuted to life imprisonment, although de Valera and some others were granted amnesty the next year. Casement was convicted of treason and hanged. Many others prominently connected with the rebellion were sentenced to long prison terms. The uprising was the first of a series of events that culminated in the establishment of the Irish Free State (predecessor of the Ireland) in 1921. Casualties were about 440 British troops and an undetermined number of Irish. Property damage included the destruction of about 200 buildings in Dublin.

Men executed for their role in the Easter Rising
Pádraig Pearse (1879–May 3, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
Thomas J. Clarke (1858–May 3, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
Thomas MacDonagh (1878–May 3, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
Joseph Mary Plunkett (1887–May 4, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
Edward (Ned) Daly (1891–May 4, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
William Pearse (1881–May 4, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
Michael O’Hanrahan (1877–May 4, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
John MacBride (1865–May 5, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
Eamonn Ceannt (1881–May 8, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
Michael Mallin (1874–May 8, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
Cornelius Colbert (1888–May 8, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
Sean Heuston (1891–May 8, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
Sean Mac Diarmada (1884–May 12, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
James Connolly (1868–May 12, 1916, Shot, Kilmainham)
Thomas Kent (1865–May 9, 1916, Shot, Cork)
Roger Casement (1864–August 4, 1916, Hanged, London)
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- Loving Husband, Father and Friend

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