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Upcoming Events

AOH 61 Monthly meeting April 5th 8:00 PM

LIVE Irish Music @ Div 61 April 24th

Night At The Races April 20th 7:00 PM

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting May 3rd 8:00 PM

AOH Division 61 Camping Trip May 17—19
EAGLES PEAK CAMPGROUND

LIVE Irish Music @ Div 61 May 22nd

County Board Meeting June 6th @ 7 pm @ Div 61

AOH 61 Monthly Meeting June 7th 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

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President's Letter

Brothers,

The St. Patrick's Day Parade was one of our best efforts in years the Shanty's and Clancy's Pistol did a great job of organizing the music and coordinating our reviewing stand performance. I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard on the Parade and Parade Dinner, especially Mike McCrane for his dogged pursuit of Basket of cheer donations and chances, the proceeds of which are used to underwrite our parade expenses. If you couldn't make the parade this year, it's a great time, and our best opportunity to publicly celebrate St. Patrick's Day and our heritage together. Hopefully you'll be able to join us next year.

April 20th is our annual Night at the Races and will be held at Saint Leo Parish 6658 Keystone St Philadelphia, PA 19135 this event is the major source of funds for our general charities. Horses are only \$5, so please consider buying a few, especially if you can't make it on the 20th. There are race forms and more details about the Night at the Races in the newsletter.

Over the past two months the club has been able to host live Irish Music on a few occasions, we will now have live Irish Music on the 4th Wednesday of the month (April 24th @ 7 pm) this month we'll host Bobby Hurst of the Bogside Rouges. The last Irish Music performances have been a great time. So come on out, these events are open to all AOH / LAOH members from any Divisions as well as guests (just sign them in at the door).

Hopefully, we will see each other at the next meeting on April 5th, as always; I may be reached at 215-920-0910 or jgill@septa.org with any questions or concerns.

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.

Night At The Races

On Saturday, April 20th at St. Leo's Parish is AOH Div. 61 Annual Night at the Races! Price of admission is \$10 entitles each person to all you can eat: Hot Dogs, Meatballs, Beer, Wine and Soda. PLUS 10 HORSE RACES AND OTHER GAMES OF CHANCE. Doors open at 7 PM. You can purchase a horse for only \$25. TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

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- Drawing goes by Pennsylvania (3-digit) evening lottery number.
- All tickets must be paid up to date to be eligible for prizes.
- Numbers are first come first serve.

For info or tickets contact Chuck Payne at 215-380-

The 16th Annual AOH Div. 61 Camping Trip
is scheduled for **May 17–19, 2012 at**
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the Division Website www.aoh61.com and Facebook. (A.O.H. Division 61 Clubhouse)

Members may submit information to Sean Campbell at soupy07@comcast.net for the newsletter,

Mike Ferris at ferrism@comcast.net for the website and

Mike Kinney @ mrnemosmith@gmail.com for our Facebook page

STEWARD'S MESSAGE:

With April comes exciting news to the club. We have made a change to our cable provider which now provides the club with wireless internet service. This new service is making it possible to watch Irish sports via the internet. We are still working out the details but please keep your eyes on the newsletter for updates. Also, we are hosting live Irish music sessions every fourth Wednesday of the month. April's performer will be Bobby Hurst of the Bogside Rouges. These additions not only help the club but also promote our Irish culture. As well as bringing Irish sports to the club, April brings back our PHITGHING PHILLIES! We will have our Phillies special of \$10 domestic draft and \$10 buckets of 5 domestic bottles. There are a lot of fun and exciting reasons to see you at the division. Don't forget to like our facebook page to get the latest updates facebook.com/aoh61clubhouse

Welcome

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

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

DUES

2013 dues are now being collected! Dues are \$45 if paid before the April meeting 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.

AOH DIVISION 61 APRIL NEWSLETTER

April 24th marks the 97th Anniversary of the Easter Rising & the following gives a summary of that week & the beginning of Irish independence.

The Easter Rising was an insurrection, mostly in Dublin city, that lasted from April 24th until April 30th 1916. The insurgents in Dublin amounted to 1,200 men & women from the nationalist militia the Irish Volunteers, the socialist trade union group Irish Citizen Army & the women's group, Cumman na mBan.

The Irish Volunteers had been founded in 1913 in response to the blocking of Home Rule, or self government for Ireland by the Ulster Volunteers. The Citizen Army was formed during the Dublin Lockout of 1913 to protect strikers from the police. James Connolly afterwards directed it towards pursuit of an Irish socialist republic.

The Volunteers split after the outbreak of the First World War into the National Volunteers & the Irish Volunteers. The National Volunteers, over 120,000 strong, led by Irish Parliamentary Party leader John Redmond, were pledged to support the British war effort & over 30,000 of them joined the British Army. The remaining 13,000 Irish Volunteers, led by Eoin MacNeill, were committed to keep their organization intact & in Ireland until Home Rule was passed.

The Rising was planned in secret by seven men, mostly of the Irish Republican Brotherhood or IRB, who had formed a "Military Council" to this end just after the outbreak of the First World War. They were, Tom Clarke, Sean McDermott, Patrick Pearse, Thomas MacDonagh, Joseph Plunkett, James Connolly & Eamon Ceannt.

Their plans were not known to the membership of the Volunteers at large or to the leaders of the IRB & Volunteers, Dennis McCullough, Bulmer Hobson & Eoin MacNeill. They had arranged with the Germans for a large importation of arms to be delivered on Good Friday, April 21st, but this shipment was discovered by the British off Kerry & its cargo lost.

At the last minute, the plans for the Rising were revealed to Eoin MacNeill who tried to call off the rebellion by issuing a "countermanding order", but actually just postponed the outbreak from Easter Sunday to the next day, Monday.

The insurgents proclaimed an Irish Republic with Pearse as President & Connolly as commander in chief. They occupied positions around Dublin at the General Post Office (GPO), the Four Courts, the South Dublin Union, Boland's Mill, Stephen's Green & Jacobs' biscuit factory. Over the following week, the British deployed over 16,000 troops, artillery & naval gunboat into the city to suppress the rising. In the week's fighting, about 450 people were killed & over 2,000 wounded.

The rebels' headquarters at the GPO was bombarded into surrender, which Patrick Pearse ordered on Friday, 28th April. However the fiercest fighting took place elsewhere, at Mount Street Bridge, South Dublin Union & North King Street.

There were also risings in county Galway, Enniscorthy in Wexford & Ashbourne in county Meath, but apart from an action at Ashbourne that killed 11 police, these caused little bloodshed. Sixteen of the rebel leaders were executed, 15 in a two week period after they had surrendered & one, Roger Casement, in August.

Over 3,000 people were arrested after the rebellion & over 1,400 imprisoned. The Rising was not widely supported among the Dublin public & was condemned by the Irish Parliamentary Party & much of nationalist as well as unionist opinion. However, combined with other factors, such as the continued postponement of Home Rule, the growing casualties of the First World War & the threat of conscription, the Rising & its repression helped to increase the strength of the radical nationalists in Sinn Fein.

This party, which had not participated in the rebellion, was adopted as a vehicle by the veterans of the Rising & pledged to withdraw from the Westminster Parliament & set up an Irish one.

Sinn Fein went on to win three by-elections in 1917 & a general election in 1918, leading to their proclamation of an Irish Republic & the start of the Irish War of Independence.

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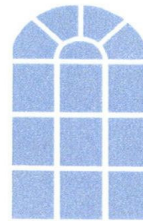
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SAINT LEO PARISH HALL
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Doors Open 7:00 pm / First Race 8:00 pm

**\$10 Admission at the door includes:
All you can eat
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PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS TO THE CLUB BY APRIL 13, 2013