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A periodic insight into the Montgomery County, Division 1, Notre Dame

# AOH Div. 1



November 2021

### 2022 Membership Dues

Please note that our new Financial Secretary is Brother Ed Costello, dues can now be paid via Venmo at [@Ed-Costello-7](#). Dues are **\$35.00**. You can still drop off your dues at a membership meeting or at the Pub. Payments can be mailed to: **135 Scarlet Drive, Conshohocken, PA. 19428**

### 2021-22 Division Officers

- President, Eddie Mongan
- Vice-President, Ron Trask
- Chaplain, Fr. Bill Grogan
- Recording Secretary, Kevin Willson
- Financial Secretary, Ed Costello
- Treasurer, Tom Nolan
- Standing Committee Chair, Jack Rodenbaugh
- Marshall, Hugh Quinn
- Sentinel, John Nolan Sr.
- Sentinel, Joe Daywalt
- Missions and Charities, Glenn McNulty
- Trustee, Sean Messenger
- Trustee, mark Ryan
- Irish History, Mark Ryan
- Veteran Affairs, Bobby Whitmore
- Current Parade Grand Marshal, Bobby Whitmore



**2021 VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**  
 On Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, AOH Notre Dame, Division 1 held our Annual Veterans Day Service. The weather was beautiful and the attendance of the Veterans and the Community was incredible! Participation by VFW Posts #1074 and #7878 rounded out the event. Irish Thunder and Color Guard performed as usual and Couzins Catering served 134 meals. The Veterans Day Committee did a wonderful job organizing the event.

*Left: Guest speaker U.S. Marine. Andrew Duncan at the podium, did a spectacular job addressing the crowd.*

**Next Membership Meeting-  
 Thursday, December 16th at 7:30**

### November Pub Draw Winners

- \$200 - #85 German Konig
- \$300 - #57 Tierney/Shorty/Conway
- \$500 - #25 Sandor / Tierney / Marcy & Sharon

2022 Dues are now being collected.  
 Pay before January 1, 2022, \$30.00  
 before March 17, 2022, \$35.00  
 after March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, \$40.00  
 Dues payment methods listed above.



**Bar Bingo / Quizzo / Irish Sessions**  
 12/2@7pm      12/7@7pm      12/10@7pm

## ***From the President...***

Brothers,

November, still being well underway, has seemed to go by very quickly so far. Election Day and Veterans Day have come and gone and now we have Thanksgiving right in front of us. I would like to continue last month's plea to **"practice Christian charity"**. Many of our neighbors are in need, let's all look around and see where we can help.

AOH Clothing Drive is underway! Items will be picked up on 12/1 so there is still time to donate your gently used clothes.

Read about our Veterans Day on Page 5

**2021 Division 1 Member Appreciation Night** will be on Saturday, December 4, starting at 5:00pm. This is for ACTIVE Division 1 AOH, ACTIVE Division 2 LAOH and ACTIVE Social Members only. You will be asked to present your current 2021 membership card at the door. This is a covered dish event with entertainment by **Ray McGroary**. This is typically, the night we announce the Grand Marshal for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade but we already know that **Bobby Whitmore** is our guy. However, Division awards will be presented. Open bar from 5pm to 7 pm.

**Irish Sessions are back** and will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> FRIDAYS starting at 7pm. Come enjoy some authentic live Irish music in the intimacy of our own Pub. **Next Session on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Bar Bingo** is back! "Black Jack" Rodenbaugh will be calling Bar Bingo on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 7pm. **Next Bingo is on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.**

**Quizzo Night** will commence on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. From there on, it will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month with alternating hosts. Prizes and drink specials. *See attached flyer...*  
**Next Quizzo is Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** hosted by **Shelly Moloney**

**The Isle of Erin Major Degree Team** has confirmed that the 100<sup>th</sup> Team Degree will be hosted by none other than, Notre Dame Div. 1!

**The Marines Toys for Tots** donation box has been staged at our Division 1 Club. Please consider dropping off unwrapped gifts for boys and girls this Christmas.

## **Happy Thanksgiving!**

In our motto,

*Eddie Mongan*

Division 1 President



## Charles Ruser 1938-2021

Charles was a Charter Member of Notre Dame, Division 1. Mr. Ruser is a relative of the Scanlan family. One of Charles' last wishes was to have the AOH at his funeral. I have never had the pleasure of meeting him but as Division President, I made the time to attend his service. While waiting in line in the church aisle, I read over a dozen impressive awards and acknowledgements that he had received. On a table with other cherished memories, I saw a plaque that looked familiar. It was a Division 1, Hibernian of the Year award given to Mr. Ruser in 1993. I wish I had a strong enough memory to have remembered half of the certificates on display that day in church. It would have been great to list them here. R.I.P. Brother

Below is Brother Charles' obituary.

Charles J. Ruser passed away on Thursday, November 4, 2021. He was 82.

Mr. Ruser of Eagleville owned and operated Ruser's Rubbish Removal and a service station. Charles was a member of St. Francis of Assisi church, Norristown. He was also a member of the AOH, Jeffersonville and Spring Hollow golf clubs. Charles was an avid bowler, golfer, dancer, and enjoyed playing softball and volleyball. Charles was born in Norristown on December 3, 1938 and was the son of the John and Mary (Regan) Ruser. He was the husband of the late Geraldine (Maguire) Ruser.

He is survived by his two sons Charles (Stacy), and Matthew Ruser. Two daughters Rose Marie (Richard) Lutz and Natalie White.

One brother Martin Ruser.

Five grandchildren Rachel, Rebecca, Faith, Matthew and Cierra.

Six great grandchildren,

Kyle, Caleb, Ava, James, Ellie and Joanna.

Predeceased by his granddaughter Valerie and 11 siblings.

# Irish Thunder Pipes and Drums

November 2021

## Pipe Band Report:

**Irish Thunder's** performed at,  
**Thursday, November 11 Veterans Day Service at Mission BBQ in KoP at noon.**  
**Thursday, November 11 Veterans Day Service at AOH Hall, Swedesburg at Dusk.**

**Upcoming Events,**  
**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Ambler Holiday Parade at 1:00 pm**

**Irish Thunder** merchandise is still available. Irish Thunder's first CD includes local Irish singers, including **Paul Moore, Sarah Agnew,** and **Tom McHugh,** and other area instrumentalists playing the violin and guitar. The CD is sure to be a great addition to your collection! The band is still selling their new 25 th anniversary t-shirts. The shirts are black in color, with silver color in many of the titles, and are in both mens' & womens' sizes. Please see a band member for a CD, shirt, magnet or pint glass. Band CD's are priced for \$10, pint glasses and magnets for \$5 and shirts for \$15. To purchase a Band CD contact Eddie Mongan

**The band is currently accepting interested gentlemen & ladies to join the band as a piper or drummer to improve the band's sound. Please see a band member if you're interested.**

Sincerely,

Sean Murray  
President/Band Manager,  
Irish Thunder Pipe & Drum Band  
[www.irishthunder.org](http://www.irishthunder.org)

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Members of Irish Thunder along with the Color Guard seen here with the Norristown ROTC before the Mission BBQ's 2021 Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup>.



# Notre Dame, Division 1

## 2021 Veterans Day Service

...was a tremendous way to show support for our Veterans. The joint efforts of our Division, LAOH, Irish Thunder and the Color Guard and Swedesburg Fire Company always make this annual event memorable for all who attend.

This year, having participation from both VFW Posts #1074 and #7878 really took it over the top. Their involvement really rounded out the service and added to the Military presence which made for an impressive night. The Color Guard, Rifle Squad, Bugle playing Taps and both post Commanders in attendance was such a privilege for us all to witness and we cannot thank you all enough, not just for that night but for your service and also for your continual dedication to our country and preservation of our history.

Our emcee, Bobbi Kelly-Liberace did an outstanding job, as always. Opening prayer by Rae Dispaldo.

A table front and center with 13 candles, one for each of the thirteen soldiers lost recently in Afghanistan. Another table adjacent to this one, held a large bell. This bell was rung once for each of those 13 brave Americans. Afterward, every veteran in attendance was invited up to ring that bell.

Finally, our guest speaker, Andrew Duncan, U.S.M.C. Andrew, an AOH Brother as well as, Irish Thunder Drum Major, marched down Jefferson Street with the Band playing his snare drum and when called to the podium, stepped out of formation and delivered a precise and powerful presentation.

Thanks to the Div. 1, Veterans Day Committee chaired by the longest running Grand Marshal in our St. Patrick's Day Parade history, Bob Whitmore.

Also, thank you to the Swedesburg First Responders and our Community for supporting and attending!

See you all next November

\*As a special thanks to VFW Posts #1074 and #7878 for their assistance, the Notre Dame division has donated \$250.00, on behalf of both Posts, to the Gladwyn VFW Post #6956, who had completely lost their building in Ida's storm. Anyone interested in contributing to this cause can do so by contacting members of either Post



# AOH Notre Dame Div. 1

## 2022 Pub Draw

**\$200.00 per Ticket**

- 100 Tickets
- 36 Chances to win throughout the year 2022
- Cash Prizes
- Tickets can be purchased by one person or teams

3 numbers drawn at each monthly Membership meeting.

- 1<sup>st</sup> number drawn wins \$200, then their number is returned into the drawing,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> number drawn wins \$300, then their number is returned to the drawing
- 3<sup>rd</sup> number drawn wins \$500

Prizes double in the December drawing!

**Tickets must be paid for prior to the first drawing to qualify.**

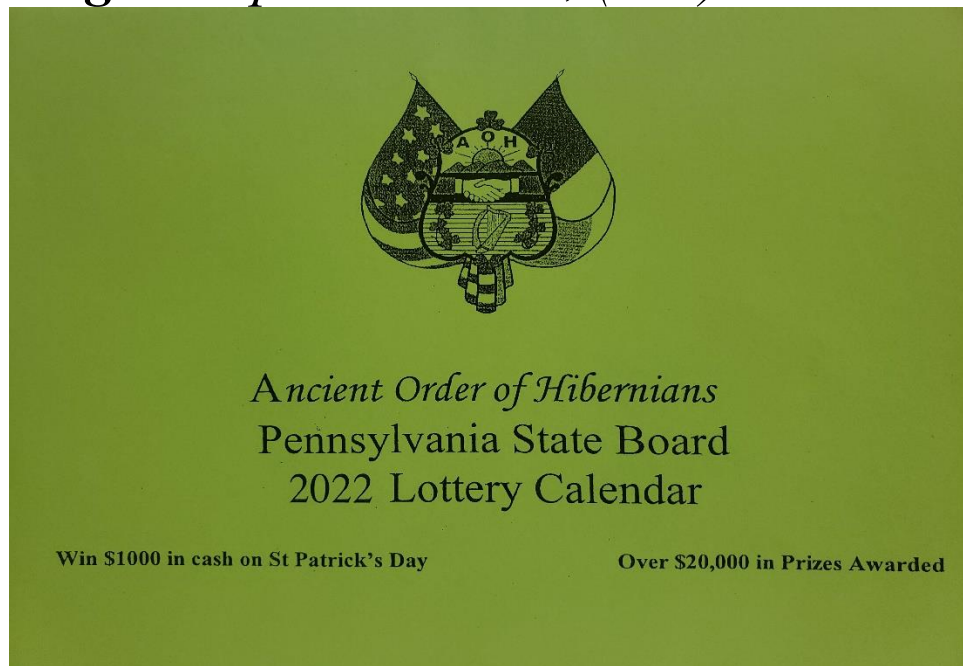
**Proceeds go to the AOH Charities Fund**

See a Director to purchase tickets.

# 2022 AOH PA State Calendar Lottery Sale

The AOH Pennsylvania State Board sells these Lottery Calendars every year as a very successful fund raiser. Division 1 has taken on 20 of them to sell. Each calendar costs \$40.00 but \$5.00 from each sale goes directly to the Division it was sold by. That will amount to \$100.00 to Div. 1, which will be designated to a charitable cause selected by the Division 1 officers.

*See Eddie Mongan to purchase one, (215) 385-4252*



**Win \$1000 on St. Patrick's Day**

## RULES

**\$40**

**Over \$20,000 in Prizes Awarded Each Year**

### No Exceptions

Please make checks payable to "PA State Board"

1. All numbers are played straight as drawn by the 3-number Pennsylvania Lottery (Night number - 7 PM).
2. All winners will be paid by check, mailed within four weeks.
3. Winning numbers will be determined by the Pennsylvania Lottery and the amount listed for that day.
4. Your name and lottery number will be registered with the Pennsylvania State Board Ancient Order of Hibernians.
5. Payouts and problems contact Joseph McCusker, 215-530-2513

**Friendship  
Unity  
Christian  
Charity**

Please cut on dotted line and send stub and check to address at right

**Year 2022**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Seller \_\_\_\_\_

No. 033  
No. 033

**This is your Lucky Number  
Year 2022**

Send all checks and stubs to:  
Joseph McCusker  
12832 Biscayne Drive  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19154  
215-530-2513  
mccuskerjoe08@gmail.com  
Please make checks payable to "PA State Board"

AOH PUB PRESENTS



**Quizzo**

Starting December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM  
And every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each  
month afterwards!

COME ON OUT FOR FUN AND  
PRIZES

\$5 PER PERSON

PLAY SINGLE, OR TEAMS UP TO  
4 PEOPLE

!

It's that time of year again!

7th Annual

# RACE FOR A REASON FOOD DRIVE

@Swedeland Volunteer Fire Company

A race *without* a reason quickly turned into two volunteer fire companies *running* with an idea, and creating a charitable event – so that the less fortunate children and elderly in the Upper Merion Area may have a Merry Christmas.

Food Drive Donations now  
through 12/07/2021

Items for Christmas Dinner

Turkey or Ham

Stuffing/Cranberry

Soups/Canned Goods

Cereal/Pasta/Sauce

Peanut Butter/Jellies

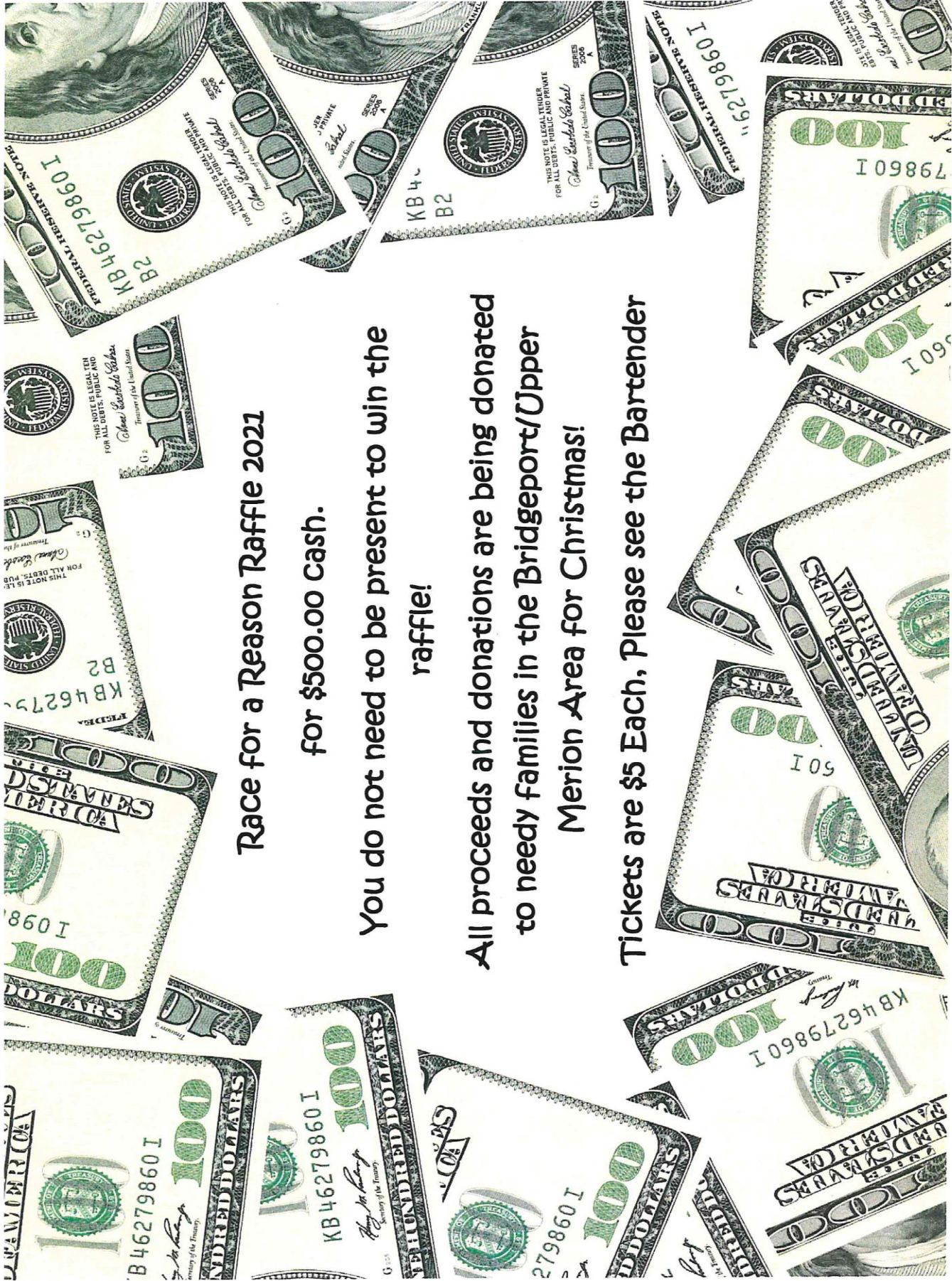
Non-perishable items

Baby Food/Formula

Gift Cards for Grocery Stores



Please drop off all donations to the  
Swedeland Volunteer Fire Company Social Hall  
Monday thru Friday - 11am to 7pm and Saturday & Sunday 12pm to 5pm



**Race for a Reason Raffle 2021**

**for \$500.00 cash.**

**You do not need to be present to win the  
raffle!**

**All proceeds and donations are being donated  
to needy families in the Bridgeport/Upper  
Merion Area for Christmas!**

**Tickets are \$5 Each, Please see the Bartender**

# SIXERS TICKETS RAFFLE



January 12, 7pm vs. Charlotte Hornets

4 tickets in Section **114**, Row **10**, includes parking pass.

## Donated by AIROS Medical

Winner to be drawn at Membership Appreciation Night



Happy  
Thanksgiving  
*from the grish*



NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

2021

# DECEMBER

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

MONDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
			7:00 pm Bar Bingo		Irish Thunder 1:00 Ambler Parade 7:00 Member Appreciation	
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	7:00 pm Quizzo			7:00 pm Irish Sessions	12:00pm Kids christmas Party	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			7:30 pm AOH Monthly Membership Meeting			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Merry Christmas!	
27	28	29	30	31		
				7:00 pm Toast to Irish New Years		