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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Hopefully you are all reading this in the first copy of "The Brimmer" published in 2010. It took us some time to right ourselves after stumbling about aimlessly as we tried to replace our esteemed retired editor, Tom McDowell. It's true, you don't know what you have until it's gone. God knows what Billy Gibbons had the folding crew doing during the Brimmer's hiatus. Let's try not to think about it. That being said, Mike Ferris has agreed to edit the "Brimmer" and send it to Tug electronically for printing and distribution. Sounds like a well oiled machine, doesn't it. The truth is, if Mike hadn't arrived mounted on his white charger, festooned of course with North Catholic paraphernalia, Tug and I would still be spinning in circles. Thank you "Falcon Mike". Mike has taken this on despite starting a new job and taking up a new residence outside Baltimore.

Anyone wishing to advertise in the "Brimmer" should see Mike Nolan. We only received payment from four of our sponsors in 2009. I have asked Dr. Ferris to only include those businesses after this issue.

There are four events coming up in February and March that I would like to mention. On Sunday, Feb. 21st, a fundraiser to support the St. Patrick's Day parade will be held from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at the Mayfair Community, Battersby & St. Vincent. Cost is \$25.00 pp and includes beer, wine, soda, buffet and live Irish music.

A second fundraiser benefitting the St. Patrick's Day parade will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Con Murphy's Irish Pub, 1700 Benjamin Franklin Parkway (adjacent to Mace's Crossing). The cost is \$50.00 pp and includes gourmet hors d'oeuvres, open bar and music by 'Slainte'.

The annual AOH Pub Crawl is scheduled for Saturday, March 6th and will begin at 1:00pm. Several other divisions have asked to join the event, not sure which ones yet, I'll have that info at this month's meeting.

Last but not least, the St. Patrick's Day parade will be held on Sunday, March 14th. Our after parade party will be held at the Wissinoming Yacht Club again. More information will be forthcoming.

In closing I would like to thank you or your continued support.

Yours in our motto,

Tom Healey

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TUG'S TALKIN' HERE

Well, the ground hog as seen his shadow and then our President found a new Editor for the Brimmer, congratulations to Falcon Mike and thanks for taking over the paper, this will look good on your resume!

THE PARTY

Since we last spoke, a couple of things have happened in and around 87. On Jan. 15th, our hero, Obie, cashed in all of his change and threw a wonderful 21st Birthday Party for his darling daughter, Caitlin "Full of Soup" O'Brien, who was the guest of honor. I understand that there are a lot of "Face book" pictures on the internet, thanks to Bessie, who was our resident photographer. Obie went to Sears Surplus and bought a couple of pairs of dungarees. Yes, he was sans shorts, and actually got dressed up for the gala. He wore a bowling shirt. Think Charlie Harper, from "Two and a Half Men". And, as for the aforementioned dungarees; poor Erin Murphy, who unfortunately was Ob's salesperson at the store and had no idea what "dungarees" where. Ob, they started calling them "jeans" a few years ago. A good time was had by all!

BEEF AND BEER

We had our Annual AOH 87 Beef and Beer at Finnigan's Wake on Sunday, Jan. 17th. Yes, it was a long weekend! The staff at Finnigan's did their annual superb job, thanks to Jimmy and his folks who never disappoint. Paddy's Well, led by Paul Moore, were awesome. If you haven't heard them, do yourself a favor and check out www.paddyswell.com and go to a show near you. Also, special thanks to the "door" Matt and Bob for working the door, and P.J. Driscoll, who donated a wine cooler refrigerator for the Chinese Auction. Also, thanks to everyone who made our benefit another success!

Mark your calendars for Jan. 16th, 2011, when we will do it again!

"MR ANONYMOUS"

I did receive some info from an anonymous person. See, Jack?; I told you that I wouldn't give you up! But, anyway, Pat Dever and his brother Ernie, and this anonymous source decide after staying at Finnigan's, to go bar hopping in the area. Well, they go to Buckshot, down the street and our Past President of the Home decided to ride the Bull. He lasted for a few minutes, then got knocked off of the back of it. Believe it or not, no hair was out of place. Well, then Moe, Larry and Mr. Anonymous go to a few other watering holes in the area. When they return to Finnigan's, Pat realized that he didn't have his keys, wallet or phone. He went back to Buckshot and retrieved his belongings. On the ride home, with Pat at the helm, he hit a pot hole and blew out a tire. They were trying out for a pit crew for Jeff Gordon, but couldn't get the spare out of the trunk. Pat then called Barb to pick the "Three Amigos" up. Rumor has it, the Bull was tamer. Thanks Jack.... I mean, "Mr Anonymous", for this report!

HELP WANTED

This reporter could use a cub reporter at Bobby T's for updates on the doings of one Bobby Murphy. How about "Cubbie and Chubbie", could one of you guys report back to me on the happenings there?

UPCOMING TRIPS

Feb. 27th, there is a bus trip to Washington to see Notre Dame play Georgetown in basketball, with a stop at a few taverns in the area. Notre Dame Harvey is running this trip. Let

me know if there is any interest.

On Monday, April 5th, which is Easter Monday, there is a few different bus trips heading to Washington to see the Phillies opener which has been dubbed a "National Halliday." If you are interested, let me know and I will point you in the right direction.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH

That's All Folks, and thanks to Tom McDowell for all of his hard work, and to my new boss, "Falcon" Mike Ferris for taking over and saving the Brimmer!



EDITOR'S NOTE

As we get the new Brimmer up and running, we are looking for input from you for content. If you have an idea or would like to contribute, please talk to Tom Healey or send an email to "Falcon" Mike Ferris at

ferrism@comcast.net

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ANNUAL AOH PUB CRAWL

The annual AOH Pub Crawl is scheduled for Saturday, March 6th and will begin at 1:00pm. The expectation is that several divisions will join this year. It's a fun event and we'd like to have a good showing from Division 87.

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NORTH CATHOLIC UPDATE BY FALCON MIKE

Unless you've been living in a cave or getting all of your news from the Brimmer, you probably know that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced the closing of Northeast Catholic and Cardinal Dougherty high schools. There are efforts underway to save both schools and re-open both as private schools. But, since this column will mainly focus on Northeast Catholic, I'll give you an update on the efforts to save our school.

A group of North Catholic grads, including the alumni association, have devised a plan to open Northeast Catholic as a private school for moderate and low income families in the area. This new school will be part of the Cristo Rey Network.

[The Cristo Rey Network is comprised of 24 high schools throughout the United States that provide quality, Catholic, college preparatory education to urban young people who live in communities with limited educational options. Cristo Rey schools throughout the network have a demonstrated track record of success. 99.3 percent of the Cristo Rey Network Schools Class of 2008 were accepted to two or four year colleges. All Cristo Rey students participate in a work-study program that is managed by the school in partnerships with community businesses. The Cristo Rey development model seeks to integrate learning from the work program, the classroom and extracurricular experiences for the fullest benefit of its students.]

In January, 2010, there were two public meetings held in the North Catholic auditorium to provide answers to parents, students, alumni and anyone else with an interest in the continuation of the North Catholic tradition. These meetings were held to provide information about the team's efforts, as well as to dispel any rumors that may be floating around. Well, I attended

one of these meetings, and I'll admit that I entered with a lot of doubt. But, after listening to the work to date, as well as the plan for the future, I left the meeting with a renewed sense that North Catholic would prosper well into the future.

I've heard many people say, "But it won't be the same North Catholic that I remember." That's definitely true. But, when you think about it, is the North Catholic of 2009-2010 the same North Catholic of 1980-1981? Is it the same North Catholic as 1950-1951? Absolutely not! You see, times change, people change and neighborhood demographics shift. But, through all of these changes, North Catholic has been a beacon of hope in an area of the city where people work hard and value a good education for their sons. The new North Catholic will continue to be that beacon for the people in the area. The traditions will continue, and the school will still provide a quality education to a new generation of young men.

For more information on the efforts to save North Catholic, visit www.NCCRinfo.com.

Sports Update

- The Football Team lost to Wood in the Catholic League Championship game, but finished on a high note with a win over Frankford.
- The soccer team lost in the first round of the playoffs to a tough Ryan team.
- The basketball team is expected to make the playoffs at the time of this printing.
- The Wrestling team is competing in the state playoff tournament, after beating LaSalle in the Catholic League Championship.

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Election This Month

There will be an election held at Division 87's regular February, 2010 meeting. The seats that will be voted on are as follows:

- Home Association Chairman
- Home Association Treasurer
- Three Home Association Trustees

Nominations for these positions were held at the January, 2010 meeting. In order to vote, you must be current with your annual dues. Cards will be checked at the door. If you are not current, but would like to vote, see George Lees prior to the meeting.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

THE BRIMMER WILL RETURN TO DIVISION 87'S WEBSITE THIS MONTH. CHECK WWW.AOH87.COM FOR MORE DETAILS.

*MAY YOU HAVE WARM WORDS ON A COLD EVENING,
 A FULL MOON ON A DARK NIGHT,
 AND THE ROAD DOWNHILL ALL THE WAY TO YOUR DOOR*

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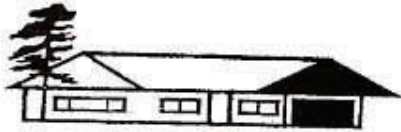
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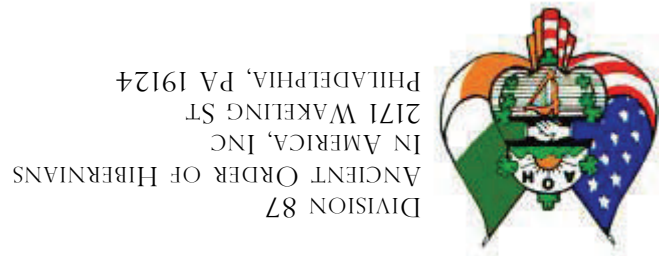


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