



THE BRIMMER



WELCOME TO 2011

JANUARY 2011

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit!

Happy New Year Brothers! I hope this *Brimmer* finds you and yours in good health and spirits after celebrating the holiday season. I would like to thank you all for electing me to the office of division president; it is a responsibility that I will not take lightly. Please know that I am open to any and all suggestions from my fellow Brothers as long as they are presented in an appropriate and constructive manner.

I would like to thank Brother Tom Healey for serving the division as president for the past two years. Thanks also to outgoing board members George Lees, Jimmy McGinley and P.J. Driscoll. Your work was greatly appreciated. Welcome to new board members Bob McConomy, Jimmy Hughes and Moises Chris Asinos. Special thanks go to Brother Bill Kenny who is taking over the reins of the *Brimmer* and Brother John Jones who will soon be revitalizing our website.

On Sunday, Jan. 16, our division's annual Beef 'n' Beer will be held at Finnigan's Wake from 3 to 7 p.m. Brother Paul Moore and Friends are providing the musical entertainment. This is always a great day for the club and I thank Brothers Tug and Obie for once again putting this together. I hope to see you all there!

This past Christmas, the division was once again involved in the Secret Santa program. Secret Santa was able to help several well deserving families in our community. A big thanks goes out to Vice President Brother Kieran McGovern for his stewardship of this program and big thanks also to all the Secret Santas that donated so generously.

Parade season is coming up quickly Brothers! Jacket orders are being taken by Brother Michael McGovern. If you haven't seen Mike yet, catch up with him at the meeting or weekend afternoons at Binlids where you can try the jackets on and place your order. The after parade party will be decided at the January meeting. Past President Brother Tom Healey has been compiling pricing info from several establishments. It looks like we'll be deciding between Pilsudski, the Yacht Club and Point no Point (if not some others). Accommodations and cost will of course be the main factors of our decision.

Youse may have noticed that I was a bit Brother this and Brother that in my inaugural message here, well that was on purpose to remind us that we are a fraternity. The AOH is the largest Irish-Catholic Men's fraternity in the world. We would do well to treat each member as we would our own brother. Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Yours in our motto,

Jim

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TUG'S TALKIN' HERE

I hope that everyone enjoyed their Holiday Season, now, back to business, the Annual Beef and Beer Fundraiser, will be held, Sunday, Jan. 16, 3 to 7 p.m., (not the 11 p.m. that our editor, Perry White stated, who had a typo, last month). The affair will be held at Finnigan's Wake, Third and Spring Garden. Tickets are available now, either from me or my co-chair, Obie. The price is \$30, which includes draft beer, wine and food. There will also be reduced bottled beer and mixed drinks prices. The music will be provided by Paul Moore and Friends. It is always a fun time and a lot of interesting stories usually come out of it, right, Pat Dever?

The Peter J. Hanlon Memorial Jingle Bell Run/Walk was a rousing success. The crowd was bigger and even the pancakes were fluffier. The original race route took the runners past Penthouse on Castor Ave., but, smarter minds prevailed and the route was changed. Otherwise, we might still have runners out there at the "water stop," right, Pat Dever?

There are still some race shirts left, 2XL and 3XL, which can be had for \$10. Let me know if you are interested. It seems our haberdasher, Kieran, must have thought that a lot of oversized runners were going to be involved this year.



When you get your new 2011 calendar, mark down, Dec. 3, which, obviously is the date for the next JBR. Pay attention Jim Carty, who I hear won the Run version of this year's race. How, you might ask? Well, it seems that Jim showed up with his grandson a week earlier than the date of the race. Hal, you must be so proud.

During a recent Saturday evening at the Binlids, there was a performance by Bobby Murphy, who not only does commercials for hair products, he is now a hypnotist. During his performance, he just looked at his partner – to protect her identity, we will call her Peggy – anyway, she goes into a trance, he levitates her and lo and behold, she is now in the same trance, asleep on the shuffleboard table. Amazing performance by "The Amazing Murph." The following week, Murph made car keys disappear, his own.

Congratulations to the outgoing Exec Board and to the new Board. See you on the 16th, Finnigan's Wake, 3 to 7 p.m. "Door" Matty E. will be working the door. Don't get shut out. Get there early!

Tug

NONSENSE...

By Reds Falcon

IF YOU'RE IRISH, THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU

- Congratulations to Jim Cawley on his election as the Lieutenant Governor of Pa. He is the son of the late Jim Gooch Cawley former president of Division 87.



- There is a current member of the royal family in England that is so ugly; the tide wouldn't take her out.

- There is a member of the LAOH whose boyfriend's idea of romance is popping his beer can away from her face.

- Did you hear that Willie Nelson is starting his own political party; it's called the Tea Pot Party.

- The New York Giants didn't send DeSean Jackson a Christmas gift this year. They were afraid he would return it.

- Tug McGraw was going through security at the airport again last month. He chose the full body pat down this time. The TSA agent said don't worry my hands are still warm from the last guy.

- Bob Shaughnessy was helping our new President Jim Lockhart bone up on his writing skills because Jim has to write a column every month in the *Brimmer*. His first hint was remember "I" before "E" except in Budweiser.

- The early bird gets the worm but the second mouse gets the cheese.

- There is one good thing about snow; it makes your lawn look as good as your neighbor's.

- Reds will miss Tom Healey as president, like Frank and Keiran before him he was an easy target. I don't want to say he was slow but it took him an hour and a half to watch "60 Minutes."

- A member of the Division who has amnesia walked in Binlids the other day and asked Chewy, "Do I come here often?"

- Reds used to hate Michael Vick, now I hate pit bulls.

- Have you seen Michael Vick run, he runs like a pack of dogs is chasing him.

Happy New Year, REDS

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IRISH DOMINATE MEDAL OF HONOR LIST

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By John Concannon

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By a stroke of good fortune, I became involved in an Irish/Irish American book writing project that is dear to my heart.

Since I was a youngster, I have been fascinated by heroes, men who have risked life and limb to save another human, or defied death to accomplish a perilous mission.

A colleague, the late Gerard F. White of Lindenhurst, N.Y., and I worked on an unfinished book that would, for the first time, tell the full story of Irishmen who have "won," that is, been awarded the Medal of Honor. The honor, bestowed in the name of Congress, is the top award that "a grateful nation can bestow" to recognize valorous acts in battle "above and beyond the call of duty."

White, who labored in the Medal of Honor vineyard for more than 36 years, was a military historian and former secretary of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. In 1995, White and associates George Lang (a Medal of Honor recipient) and Raymond Collins compiled the premier book on the subject, a two-volume, 1,334-page history titled "Medal of Honor Recipients 1863-1994."



"Brothers of Ireland" by Don Troiani depicts the 69th New York and 9th Massachusetts Infantry regiments in battle at Gaines Mill, Virginia, during America's Civil War. At nearby Malvern Hill four days later, Pvt. Peter Rafferty of the 69th and Lt. John Tobin of the 9th, both Irish-born, would win Medals of Honor.



John King

The books list the 3,401 men who had received the Medal through 1994, presenting the information in several categories. A "birthplace" listing provides the state and town of birth for those medalists born in the United States and the country of birth for those born abroad. Thirty-three countries are listed as birthplaces of medal recipients. And I don't have to tell you that Ireland is the country with the largest number of medal winners — by far — with 258. Germany/Prussia is second with 128 recipients.

Of the 258 immigrants who noted on their enlistment papers that they were born in Ireland, 134 also provided their county, town or townland of birth. Cork leads the honor list with 19 medalists, followed by Dublin and Tipperary with 11 each. Limerick has 10; Kerry eight; Galway seven; Antrim and Tyrone tied with six; Kilkenny and Sligo each have five.

We Irish can proudly note that five of the 19 fighting men who won a second Medal of Honor were born in Ireland. They are Henry Hogan from County Clare; John Laverty from Tyrone; Dublin's John Cooper, whose name at birth was John Laver Mather; John King; and Patrick Mullen. Three double winners of the Medal were Irish-Americans: the indomitable Marine, Daniel Daly; the U.S. Navy's John McCloy; and the fighting Marine from Chicago, John Joseph Kelly.

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IRISH DOMINATE MEDAL OF HONOR LIST

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Over the years, the Ancient Order of Hibernians has had strong associations with the Medal. At least two AOH divisions have been named after Medal recipients, including Colonel James Quinlan Division #3 of Warwick, in Orange County, N.Y. Quinlan, a native of Clonmel, County Tipperary, was awarded the Medal for gallantry "against overwhelming numbers" while leading the Irish Brigade's 88th New York in the battle of Savage Station, Virginia, during the American Civil War.

Then there's the remarkable "super survivor," Michael Dougherty, from Falcarragh, County Donegal. Dougherty, a private in the 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry in the Union Army, won the Medal for leading a group of comrades against a hidden Confederate detachment at Jefferson, Virginia, ultimately routing it. The official report noted that "Dougherty's action prevented the Confederates from flanking the Union forces and saved 2,500 lives." Later, Dougherty and 126 members of his regiment were captured and spent 23 months in various Southern prisons, finally arriving in Georgia at the notorious Andersonville death-camp.

Of the 127, Dougherty alone survived the ordeal, "a mere skelton," barely able to walk. But he walked aboard the homeward-bound steamship "Sultana," crowded with more than 2,000 passengers, six times its designated capacity. The crammed steamship was slowly moving up the Mississippi River toward St. Louis, when, on the fourth night out, the boilers exploded, cracking the ship in two and tossing Dougherty and the other passengers into the Mississippi. Only 900 survived, including Dougherty, who somehow found the strength to swim to a small island, where he was rescued the next morning.

Finally, after an absence of four years, 21-year-old Union veteran reached his hometown, Bristol, Pennsylvania. That's why AOH Division #1 of Bristol, in Bucks County, is known as the Michael Dougherty Division.

Please contact John Concannon if you have any new information on Irish MOH winners, via e-mail at narrowback@thewildgeese.com.



Dan Daly



John McCloy



John J. Kelly

SICK AND DECEASED

PLEASE OFFER YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SOULS OF THE DECEASED LISTED BELOW

Committee for the sick: Bob McClelland, Tommy Meehan, Ted Pusko, Jim Simpson, Mary Daily, Danny Carr, Gerry O'Hanlon, Jack Brown, Joe Ward, Fran McGovern, Frank Gallagher, Lisa Murphy, Bill Ferris, Charlie Mullen, Mike Wytczak, Mary Jane Kaiser, Patty Palowski, Lori McDonnell, Marty Joyce, Pat McGee, Bill Eder, Glen Miller, Baby Boyle, Erin Martin, Dorothy Smith, Jack O'Neill, Bill Glenhill, John Scullin, Millie Hughes, Rich Hrap, Geraldine Garrigan, Joe Fenerty, Tim Murphy, Josie Fenerty, Tom Wallace, Mrs. Dumcheck, Sharon McIntyre, Bob Palmer, Edna Savers, Charlie Fox, Ron Hunter, Mike Kennedy (Chewy), Mike Sweeney, Vince Targlia, Mike Curran, Cameron Hames, Jimmy Hanratty, James Nolan, Caitlin Ring, Al McNamara, Ron Riley, John Holmes, MaryEllen Glackin, Nick Muzekazi, Linda Foley, Nick Gibbons, Dorothy Richardson, Chaley Thompson, Eric Murray, William "Moose" Mason, Edna Saver, Kim Bremmer, Francis White, Marie Dougherty, Carol Kowalko, Mr. Winning.

Deceased: Seamus McCaffrey, Faulkner Family, Jack Conner, Kim Pawlowski, Charlie O'Brien, Angie Spitzer, Jerry Brennan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AOH Div. 87 Annual Beef 'n' Beer

Day: Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011

Time: 3 to 7 p.m. (After party starts at 7:01)

Place: Finnigan's Wake, Third and Spring Garden Streets

Featuring live music by Paul Moore and Friends.

Draft beer, wine, food included. Bottle and mixed drink discounts.

Cost: \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door

Tickets: Call Tug at 215-570-7385

or Obie at 215-300-6332

Installation of New Division 87 Officers

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of Division 87 including President Jim Lockhart, Recording Secretary Robert McConomy, Financial Secretary Chris Asinos and Marshal Jim Hughes.

The installation of all new and returning officers for all Philadelphia County divisions will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29, with Mass at Father Judge chapel (6 p.m.), followed by a gathering at St. Dominic's Marian Hall, 8532 Frankford Ave.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Jackets

Brother Mike McGovern and his crew will be holding court at Binlids every Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon in the coming weeks to accept orders for our new Parade Jackets. Sounds like a tough job, but somebody has to do it.

To the dismay of some and perhaps the thrill of others, the blue and gold Fighting Irish ensemble has won the day. The price is yet to be determined as our Ralph Lauren-in-training ponders what type of cover we'll wear. After all, we wouldn't want our lids to clash with the jackets.

A variety of sizes will be available for sampling. So if you plan to march, get your order in early. More information will be on offer at the Jan. 11 Division 87 meeting.

175TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE FROM SEAMUS BOYLE

Brothers & Sisters,

After many months of planning for our 175th Anniversary and the hard work by the chairman, Ed Wallace, and especially his on the scene men, Tom Bierne and Jim Burke, and the rest of the committee, a decision has been made to have a Mass and a reception on May 21st 2011 at Old St Patrick's Church in Lower Manhattan. The Mass has been set for 11am followed by a reception in the Youth Center across the street from the church. National Chaplain, Fr Tom O'Donnell, will be in contact with Archbishop Dolan to see if he can say the Mass.

Originally, the committee and the National Board had set aside Columbus day weekend, October 7-9th in New York City, but this just proved to be too cost prohibitive. For a 2 night stay in a hotel, busing to and from Old St Patrick's, and a banquet outside the Hotel, (which would be much cheaper than in any hotel) would cost approximately \$700-\$800 PER PERSON, without travel expense, parking or bringing your spouse.

We felt, that in this economy, it was not feasible for our members to attend at such a cost. It was then agreed that a one day celebration, closer to our original organizational date, on Saturday, May 21st, was set.

The National Board meeting, in conjunction with the National President's Dinner, would be held on the original date of Columbus day weekend, October 7-9th, with the meeting and dinner on Saturday October 8th 2011, in Philadelphia. This would be less expensive and we will continue the celebration of our 175th anniversary at this function.

So we will have a celebration in NY on May 21st and the National Board meeting in conjunction with the National President's Dinner & the Sean MacBride award in Philadelphia on the weekend of October 7th-9th.

We are asking those who can attend on May 21st to contact Ed Wallace at 315-686-3917 or email him atewallac2@twcny.rr.com as we will need a head count as soon as possible.

In conjunction with the 175th anniversary, we have an add journal which will be distributed at the President's Dinner for those advertisers attending or will be mailed to all others. This Journal will be a history of the AOH for the last 175 years, as well as any division, county or state board who wants to write the history of their entity and sponsor that page. Our Historian, Mike McCormack is the chairman of that committee with Tom O'Donnell as the person to contact to write your own history or sponsor a page. The Journal Committee, besides Mike and Tom consists of Phil Gallagher, John Ridge, John Gara and others who wish to contribute. Contacts for both of these men are: Mike McCormack 631-732-1390 or aohbard@optonline.net Tom O'Donnell 215-698-7434 or nlhod@comcast.net.

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COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS

AOH 87 - Thurs, 3/3/2011 at 7:30PM
(Let's show a great turnout as meeting hosts.)
AOH 61 - Thurs 6/2/2011at 7:30PM
(June is County Board Officers Election meeting.)

NEXT DIVISION 87 MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2010
7:30PM sharp
Donnelly Hall
2171 Wakeling St
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HELP THE BRIMMER

We can only maintain an entertaining and informative newsletter with the support of the whole division. Please contact the editor with any announcements, corrections or contributions. His number is on Page 3.

As always, the editor will make every effort to put this together, get it printed and bring the copies to Donnelly Hall on the Thursday evening immediately prior to each monthly meeting (**January 6 this month**) for folding, stapling and posting. Volunteers are welcome and needed.

AOH to host Funkslaw

What: Rock/blues/folk band Funkslaw
performing live in concert

When: Friday, Jan. 28, 9 p.m.

Where: AOH Div. 87, 2171 Wakeling St.

Why: Because it'll be fun

How: Bring some bucks, drink some beers

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Beer (per 1/2 barrel).....	*
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Wine Coolers (case).....	*
Non-alcoholic Beer (O'Doul's) case...	*
Ice (40lbs).....	*

To arrange for rental of the hall, contact Tom Wenger at 215-779-7998

* - Call for prices

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For the celebration we have struck a Commemorative Coin. These are a beautiful bronze coin with one of the oldest AOH Logo's (1890's) on the front side and the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Bell on the reverse side. Jere Cole is the chairman for the coins and Sean Pender is also on this committee. Jere Cole can be contacted at : 973-632-7914 or jcole4838@aol.com. Sean Pender at paddyspeed@yahoo.com You may purchase a coin immediately so you get a lower number as all coins are numbered and will be sold in the order they are received. A form and a check must accompany each purchase so a list of numbers can be tracked. The form will be in each digest until the August/September edition.

The dinner committee will be chaired by Ed Dougherty & Nancy Cullen. Ed can be contacted at: 215-338-4315 or eddoc215@verizon.net and Nancy's contact is 215-322-0223 or ncp806@verizon.net More information will follow.

We are asking all division, county and state boards to celebrate our 175th year in existence. Take the time to write the history of your division, county or state or if you are relatively new or do not want to write the history, sponsor one of the many pages written by our National Historian. We are also asking each division, county and state to celebrate our anniversary throughout the entire year with a mass at some point and for our State Conventions to do something special to commemorate this pinnacle of our Order. How many organizations do you know who have achieved this honor of being in existence for 175 consecutive years? Right after the New Year a mass mailing will be sent out with all the information, forms, contact information and everything you will need to partake in this special time of our Organization's festivities.

You may contact the Add Journal Committee, Tom O'Donnell, Commemorative Coin Chairman Jere Cole or Sean Pender, or Dinner Committee co Chairs Ed Dougherty or Nancy Cullen immediately for more information, to purchase coins, to sponsor or submit History Adds or the make reservations for the dinner.

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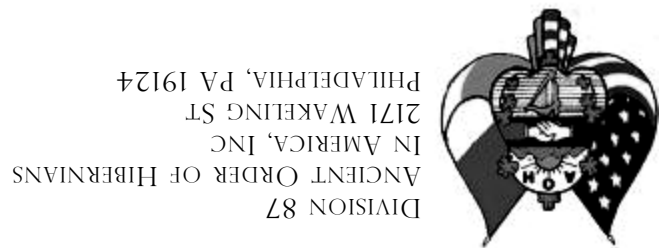
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If you know of anyone who would like to purchase an advertisement for the Brimmer, see Mike Nolan.

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