



THE BRIMMER



PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD-WILL TO MEN!

DECEMBER 2011

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nollaig Shona Daoibh.

'Tis the Season and this month's meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, will also be our Christmas Party. After a short meeting the festivities will begin!

As voted at our last meeting, annual dues will rise in January to \$35 a year. This was done to match the increase in the National Assessment. If you pay your 2012 dues before the end of the year, the cost will be \$30. So pay early and save five bucks.

The Booze Brothers – Tug and Obie are again heading up our annual Beef 'n' Beer at Finnigan's Wake. The date is Sunday, Jan. 15, from 3 to 7 p.m. The Paul Moore Band will be playing and the tickets are \$30. Brother Kieran McGovern is seeking donations for the Secret Santa Program, you can drop off a gift or a gift card at the club or give it to Kieran when you see him.

We need a few volunteers for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and after party. If you are interested in getting involved please contact me.

The Peter J. Hanlon Memorial Jingle Bell Run/Walk was a great morning and I was happy to see such a wonderful turnout. Thank You all for your support.

Here's wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Our Motto,

Jimmy



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Tug's Talking*
Page 2
- *Christmas Traditions*
Page 4
- *Reds Falcon ... Nonsense*
Page 5
- *Hibernian events*
Page 6 and 7
- *A Christmas poem*
Page 7

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

TUG'S TALKIN'	2
OFFICERS LIST	3
DEC.. FEATURE	4
SICK/DECEASED	5
REDS FALCON	5
MEETINGS	5
BEEF 'N' BEER	6
TURKEY DRIVE	7
DUES/RENTALS	8
SPONSORS	9

TUG'S TALKIN' HERE

Last month, I requested anyone that had any interest in reviving a few of our trips to contact me. So far, the only person that even mentioned anything to me was Hal Carty, who stated that he was interested in the Delaware Park trip. The only problem with that is I never mentioned Delaware Park. Good job, Hal! Notre Dame Harvey has a bus trip going to NYC for the Notre Dame (who else?) vs. St. John's basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 25. If we can enough class participation, Harv will have the bus pick US up at the Binlids. Again, let me know!

As you are reading this, I am probably in Miami with the Green Legion for the Eagles game. I know that they suck, but it is three hours out of a four-day weekend in South Beach. You do the math! Anyway, Quimby the leader of the Green Legion, who I swear by, has informed me that he will be running a bus trip to Baltimore with all of the bells and whistles that he is apt to do, in the Inner Harbor for the weekend of June 15-17 for the Phillies vs. Orioles series. Again, let me know and I will get you all of the particulars.

In a major upset, the golf champion for 2011 is Joe Magarity. According to Joe, it wasn't an upset at all, but his golfing partner/caddie, Joe Golden, swears it rivaled the 1980 Olympic Hockey Team in the upset category. Joe in the semifinals beat the Club Pro, Mo, outright and boy did Joe let everyone know about it! A great golf season on the links and with the drinks. See you guys in March for the next installment of the AOH87 Golf League.

Speaking of the club pro Mo, a funny story about him. Wild Thing and Brian were involved in a golf league that travelled further than Juniata — they went to Disney World to play in a tournament. When they got to the golf course, they registered and were told that the rest of the group had already teed off. When they got to the money hole, they call the organizer of the trip to tell him that they were all on the green for the money hole. They were then informed that they were on the wrong golf course. Not only that, it was a pretty exclusive one at that. They finished up their round of golf and exited, stage right. Obviously, there was more than one Goofy at Disney that weekend!

A co-worker of mine, who likes to dabble in Texas hold'em card games, went to a game, which he didn't know at the time, was involved with an organization that helped former alcoholics and drug users and born-again Christians. Well, he climbs the stairs to the second floor of the restaurant in Collingdale in search of this game, when he is met at the top of the stairs by a gentleman with his arms outstretched and asked Vince, "have you found him?" Well, Vince being a retired Phila. Police Lt., said, "Sorry, I just got here. Who are we looking for?" Obviously, the born again was looking for another convert! You think I can make this stuff up!

Our resident FreeJay, the one and only Tommy Wenger, had a misadventure recently after a job at Sweeney's during the October snowstorm. He was driving home and a speaker



kept hitting the back window. In order to prevent damage, he pulled over on Oxford Ave. He got out of his car and the door(s) locked behind him. Thus, the engine was running, the snow was coming down, the doors were locked. You say, "Well, that's easy, you just call your wife on your cell phone." Not so fast, my friend. The cell phone was safe and sound in the locked car.

So, being a child of the Sixties, he figured he would use a pay phone. Believe it or not, he found one at a gas station, but he only had a twenty-dollar bill and there was no change to be had. He finally got a quarter and called his darling wife at 3 a.m. and asked for the spare set of keys. When Mrs. Wengo showed up a tad bit later, obviously she was very happy and Tommy tried to figure out why it took so long. The snow and ice scrapper was in Tommy's locked car and it took a while using a plastic spoon to clear the windows for visibility! Good work, Wengo.

Our annual Beef and Beer is fast approaching, Sunday, Jan. 15, Finnigan's Wake with the Paul Moore Band in concert. Cost is \$30, which includes the draft beer, food, wine and reduced drink specials. Time is 3-7 p.m. This year, obviously, with the Eagles sucking, there won't any interference from them. So, get your tickets early or wait til day-of and get the Matty E. experience at the door.

Merry Christmas to All and to All, a Good Night!

Tug

DIV 87 CLERGY AND OFFICERS**Chaplains**

Rev Joseph Howarth
Resurrection of Our Lord
2000 Shelmire Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19152
215-745-3211

Rev Joseph F Okonski
Saint Athanasius Rectory
2050 Walnut Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19138
215-548-2700

President

Jim Lockhart Jr.
2442 E. Lehigh Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19125-2347
267-226-8843
fenianjim@gmail.com

Vice President

Kieran McGovern
2579 Memphis St
Philadelphia, PA 19125
215-425-5573; 267-249-7632
kieranmcgovern@pgworks.com

Recording Secretary

Robert McConomy
3214 Miller St
Philadelphia, PA 19134
hiberrise@comcast.net

Financial Secretary

Moises Chris Asinos
2021 Griffith St.
Philadelphia, PA 19152
215-284-4275

Treasurer

Michael Nolan
12421 Tyrone Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154
215-281-3346

Standing Committee

Edward O'Brien
3156 Aramingo Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19134
215-739-6560, 215-300-6332

Marshal

Jim Hughes
15050 Endicott St.
Philadelphia, PA 19116
215-671-1361

Sentinel

Shawn Gallagher
9213 Wooden Bridge Road
Philadelphia, PA 19114
215-331-5153

Immediate Past President

Tom Healey
41 Valentine Road
Ivyland, PA 18974
215-284-4126

Historian

Robert McConomy
3214 Miller St
Philadelphia, PA 19134
215-426-1779

Catholic Action

William Gibbons
3153 Englewood St
Philadelphia, PA 19154

Pro-Life

Joseph Golden
2318 Ripley St
Philadelphia, PA 19152

Freedom for All Ireland

John K. Coyne
6818 Roosevelt Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19149-2410
215-335-1237
UJT6655@yahoo.com

Webmaster

John Jones
11867 Colman Terrace
Philadelphia, PA 19154
267-608-9694
john_m_jones@comcast.net

HOME BOARD**Chairman**

Tom Lavelle, Jr.
6 Nancy Dr.
Richboro, PA 18954-1325
215-942-9745

Financial Officer

Chuck Welsh, Jr.
2817 Sellers St.
Philadelphia, PA 19137-1922

Recording Secretary

James McGinley
3255 Glenview St
Philadelphia, PA 19149
215-331-6239

Trustee

Ed "Mo" Moore, Jr.
3053 Belgrade St.
Philadelphia, PA 19134-5029
215-291-0453

Club Steward

Thomas Wenger
4050 E. Cheltenham Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19124
215-288-8140

The Brimmer**Editor**

Bill Kenny
1059 Harwood Road
Bensalem, PA 19020
267-249-1768
kennywj@hotmail.com

IRISH CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Ireland, like most countries, has a number of Christmas traditions that are all of its own. Many of these customs have their root in the time when the Gaelic culture and religion of the country were being suppressed and it is perhaps because of that they have survived into modern times.

THE CANDLE IN THE WINDOW

The placing of a lighted candle in the window of a house on Christmas eve is still practiced today. It has a number of purposes but primarily it was a symbol of welcome to Mary and Joseph as they travelled looking for shelter.

The candle also indicated a safe place for priests to perform mass as during Penal Times this was not allowed.

A further element of the tradition is that the candle should be lit by the youngest member of the household and only be extinguished by a girl bearing the name "Mary."

THE LADEN TABLE

After evening meal on Christmas eve, the kitchen table was again set and on it were placed a loaf of bread filled with caraway seeds and raisins, a pitcher of milk

and a large lit candle. The door to the house was left unlatched so that Mary and Joseph, or any wandering traveler, could avail of the welcome.

THE WREN BOY PROCESSION

During Penal Times there was once a plot in a village against the local soldiers. They were surrounded and were about to be ambushed when a group of wrens pecked on their drums and awakened the soldiers. The plot failed and the wren became known as "The Devil's bird."

On St. Stephen's day, a procession takes place where a pole with a holly bush is carried from house to house and families dress up in old clothes and with blackened faces. In olden times an actual wren would be killed and placed on top of the pole.

This custom has to a large degree disappeared but the tradition of visiting from house to house on St. Stephen's Day has survived and is very much part of Christmas.

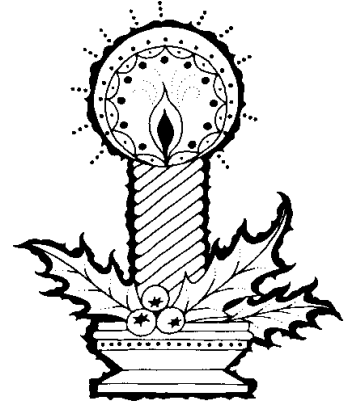
DECORATIONS

The placing of a ring of Holly on doors originated in Ireland as Holly was one of the main plants that flourished at Christmas time and which gave the poor ample means with which to decorate their dwellings. All decorations are traditionally taken down on Little Christmas (January 6) and it is considered to be bad luck to take them down beforehand.

TRADITIONAL GAELIC SALUTATION

The Gaelic greeting for 'Merry Christmas' is "Nollaig Shona Duit" ... which is pronounced as "null-ig hun-a dit."

(An article provided by The Information about Ireland Site. (C) Copyright <http://www.ireland-information.com>)



SICK AND DECEASED

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

Committee for the sick: Bob McClelland, Lori McDonnell, Baby Boyle, Erin Martin, Jack O'Neill, Mike Kennedy (Chewy), Marie Dougherty, Mary O'Donnell, Mrs. Shiepe, Richard Burke, Marie Collins, Don Brophy, Charles Fox, Stephanie Kaiser, Ruth Kelly, Mark McNulty, Dan Greavy, Tom McCusker, Joe Searles, Jude Fanning, Bill Haslet, Geraldine Garrigan, Terry Cahill, Margaret Coyne, Joe Luke.

Deceased: Patrick Field, Jim Dougherty, Lou Davis, Ginny McMonagle, Millie Caprara, Joe Frazier, Shane Kelly, William Kenny.

NEXT DIV. 87 MEETING

Tues., Nov. 8, 2011, 7:30 p.m. sharp

Donnelly Hall, 2171 Wakeling St.

FUTURE COUNTY MEETINGS

Thursday, March 1, 2012

Div. 87, 2171 Wakeling St.

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Div. 61, 4131 Rhawn St.

Email addresses wanted

In an effort to make it more convenient for Division 87 members to receive *The Brimmer* each month and to save a lot of money, we have begun electronic newsletters this month.

For those without computers or email, there is no need to be alarmed. You will still be able to get your paper copies via U.S. Mail. But the Division can save a lot each month on printing and postage by reducing the number of paper copies.

Visit the Web site www.AOH87.com to register for email delivery or call editor Bill Kenny at 267-249-1768.

NONSENSE...

By REDS FALCON

- I've never been to an Al-Qaeda Christmas party, but I have seen the invites. No music, no dancing, but we promise the fastest game of pass the parcel you've ever seen.

- We've all heard about Occupy Wall Street and Occupy Philadelphia. Now there is an Occupy Kensington. It's one guy in a pup tent on the NW corner of K & A.

- Did you hear that they closed the Fishtown aquarium. The clam died.

- Tug: Tell me Matt, what do you do, when nothing goes right?

Matt: It is very short and simple Tug, I go LEFT!

- A bear walks into Binlids and says, "Can I have a large Gin and Tonic Please?"

Chewy replies, "Yeah sure, but what's with the big pause?"

The bear holds up his paws and says, "I'm a bear!!"

- Conversation overheard at a LAOH meeting.

First LOAH member: Men are always whining about how we're suffocating them .

Second LAOH member: Personally, I think if you can hear them whining you're not pressing hard enough on the pillow.

- Billy Kenny, the editor, was complimenting me the other day about my column. He said you never make the same mistake twice Reds , because you make such a variety of them.

- Tom Healey was telling Jim Lockhart that there are vegetarians that eat fish. He said he's a vegetarian that eats fish, poultry, pork and beef.

- Kieran McGovern calls his car C-Rex; it's a Honda CRX. Someone else has named it Wash Me.

- Definition of Fiddlesticks: It's what you say when your fiddle gets stuck.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

REDS





AOH Division #87

Annual Beef n Beer

Sunday January 15, 2012

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Finnigan's Wake
3rd and Spring Garden Sts.

Entertainment By....

Paul Moore Band

(formerly of Blackthorn and Paddy's Well)

Donation: \$30.00



- Draft Beer/Wine/Soda
- Reduced Bottled Beer/Mixed Drink Prices
- Food

Tickets Available

Contact Tug at 215.570.7385/Obie at 215.300.6332

Hibernian Hunger Project



The HHP is collecting Turkeys and Super Market Certificates from now until Thursday, December 15th, 2011. Last year through the generosity of our members and Shamrock Foods we were able to help 50 families, with your continued support we hope to help double that number this year. Please dig deep to help those in need. Turkeys can be dropped off at the locations listed below or we will gladly pick them up.

If you can volunteer, we will be delivering the Turkeys on Saturday December 17th. We need packers and drivers - for a few hours only - approximately 9 AM to Noon.

Finally if you or someone you know needs help, please reach out to your Division President, an HHP committee member or contact Bob Gessler directly via e-mail gesslervs@hotmail.com or leave a message at 215.426.8050.

Thanks as always for your help and on behalf of the HHP we wish everyone a Blessed Holiday Season.



Drop-off locations:

Shamrock Foods
2251 Fraley Street (Off State Road)
Philadelphia, PA 19137
215.743.1778
Drop-off Days - M, T, Th, F
10 AM to 3 PM

Donna Donnelly
4540 Almond St.
Philadelphia, PA 19137
215.964.7830
Call First

CHANGE OF ADDRESS & DUES SUBMITTAL FORM

AOH Division 87

Port Richmond, Philadelphia

Member ID#, 36PH87_____

Name_____

New Address_____

City_____

State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____

Email_____

Amount Paid (\$30/year)_____

Check ___ Cash ___ Date_____

This form must be submitted to the Financial Secretary when you change your address.

Moises Chris Asinos
 2021 Griffith St.
 Philadelphia, PA 19152
 215-284-4275

Dues: \$30 per Year!

CLUB RENTALS

Hall Rental : 4 Hours

- \$225 for non-members
- \$200 for members
- \$175 for Brick Members
- \$35 for bartender
- \$20 cleanup

Overtime on rentals is available for an additional \$50, with a 1-hour limit. Weekday funeral luncheons are available @ \$175 for non-members; \$50 for members

- Beer (per 1/2 barrel)..... *
- Liquor (per liter)..... *
- Premium Liquor (per liter)..... *
- Wine (1/2 gallon)..... *
- Soda (case)..... *
- Orange Juice (1/2 gallon)..... *
- Table Covers (each)..... *
- Wine Coolers (case)..... *
- Non-alcoholic Beer (O'Doul's) case... *
- Ice (40lbs)..... *

To arrange for rental of the hall,
 Contact Gene Long at 215-594-9935
 * Call for prices.

Christmas Bells

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
 Their old, familiar carols play,
 And wild and sweet
 The words repeat
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
 The belfries of all Christendom
 Had rolled along
 The unbroken song
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way
 The world revolved from night to day,
 A voice, a chime,
 A chant sublime

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth
 The cannon thundered in the South,
 And with the sound
 The Carols drowned
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
 'There is no peace on earth,' I said;
 'For hate is strong,
 And mocks the song
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!'

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
 'God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
 The Wrong shall fail,
 The Right prevail,
 With peace on earth, good-will to men!'

Allstate
You're in good hands

Michael McBride
Agent

Allstate Insurance Company
516 Green Ln, 2nd floor
Philadelphia, PA 19128

Phone: 215-487-7666
Fax: 215-487-0630
Cell: 215-588-9411
After Hours: 215-487-3995
Email: mmcbride@allstate.com
www.allstate.com/02599

24 Hour
Customer
Service



Kerrigan's
FLORIST

1523 E. Susquehanna Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19125
215-739-5339

Joe's PRINTING HOUSE

North Wildwood, New Jersey 08260

- Business Cards
- Letterheads
- Envelopes
- Tickets - Forms
- Posters - Menus
- Circulars
- Wedding Invitations & Accessories



Phone: 609-729-1518 - Fax: 609-729-1519
Cell: 215-288-0400

Proud Member of the A.O.H.



DRISCOLL
Contractors


**"SPECIALIZING IN COMPLETE HOME
REMODELING & REPAIRS"**

Kitchens - Baths - Basements - Flooring
Windows - Doors - Siding - Stucco - Drywall - Roofs

267-767-1451 License #350253

- Free Estimates
- Emergency Repairs
- Hot Roofing
- Shingling
- Rubber Roofing
- Slate Roofing
- Siding
- Gutters
- All Metal Work

Gormley and Owens
Roofing



Call: 215-396-1848

24 HOUR MONITORING


BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS, LTD.
INSTALLATIONS & REPAIRS
FOR ALL YOUR SECURITY NEEDS

JOHN J. HOLMES
OWNER

215-677-4034

Hughes Electric


Jim Hughes
Master Electrician



Licensed & Insured
Registered PA070896
215 850-4720
hughes.electric@hotmail.com

Mother of Divine Grace School
A small school with a BIG HEART!

Mrs. Jane Ellen Lockhart
Principal



2612 East Monmouth Street
Philadelphia PA 19134
215-426-7325
jelockhart@motherdivinegrace.com
motherdivinegrace.com

STATE INSPECTION AUTHORITY, INC.

1797 Little Conestoga Road
Glenmoore, PA 19343

Richard J. Golashovsky
Inspector

(610) 450-4600 Office
(484) 450-4689 Fax
(610) 290-6412 Mobile

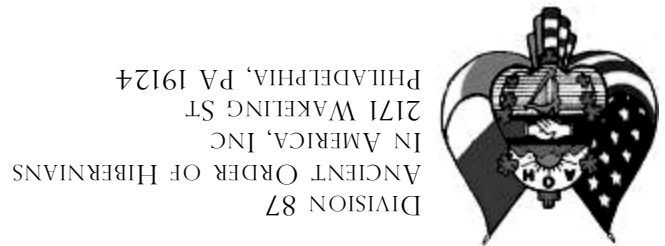


Hulmeville Inn

4 Trenton Road
Hulmeville, PA 19047
215-750-6893
www.HulmevilleInn.com

**Beer Scene magazine's
Best of Philly 2010**

Mailing Label Must Go Here



**AOH DIVISION 87
PORT RICHMOND**

2171 Wakeling St
Philadelphia, PA 19124
215-533-7070

ALL EVENT LISTINGS AT
WWW.AOH87.COM

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is a Catholic, Irish American Fraternal Organization, whose members strive to live by our motto of Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity. If you are interested in joining our organization, you must be of Irish decent and a practicing Catholic. Go to www.AOH87.com for more information on joining Division 87—Port Richmond.

FRIENDSHIP, UNITY AND CHRISTIAN
CHARITY