



# THE BRIMMER

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

JULY, 2010

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

I hope all of you had a safe and restful Fourth of July weekend and remembered to keep the members of our armed services in your thoughts and prayers. It's going to be 100 degrees today so check on your elderly family members and neighbors to see if they need anything and are drinking enough fluids. That doesn't mean you should bring them a six-pack Tigger! Unfortunately, the Division picnic was canceled due to lack of timely response and we lost our date. Thanks for the effort anyway P.J. Our next event will be the Inaugural Gene Spoerl golf tournament in early October. Kieran is putting it together so it's sure to be a good time.

I hope you all have a great summer and stay safe and healthy.

Yours in our motto,

Tom

### PICNIC UPDATE

Due to lack of interest, we have lost our date, and the planned Picnic has been cancelled.

### Bylaw Change Update

The bylaw changes that were published in the Brimmer last month were not voted on at the June, 2010 meeting. The proposed changes were postponed until the November, 2010 meeting. More information will be published as it becomes available.

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## TUG'S TALKIN' HERE

Well, here we go. Once again, the softball team, after finishing in 1st place in our division, played the 6th seed, Div. 17A, which obviously used the Albanian Nicky method of sandbagging. We got beat 12-5. Our General Manager, Billy Gibbons, gave Obie a vote of confidence for next year. Of course, Billy also gave George Washington a vote, once upon a time! The softball team would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us. See ya in April, 2011.

We all know that there are plenty of nicknames floating around Division #87, like "Tug", "Mo", "Obie", "Tigger", "Big Ed", "Jamie Moyer", "Shrek", "half ars bookie", "Wild Thing" and the "Mush". In fact, Obie is having a contest to have all of the above identified. You can text him with your guesses on the full names of these Division #87 Members. When we played Division 6B, their catcher in the 2nd game was nicknamed "Block Party", it seems that this enterprising youth finds out where block parties are, and crashes them. What a concept!

What a romantic guy that Hal "Back in the Day" Carty turns out to be. This might be a good idea for all of you married guys out there; Hal scheduled a "Spa Day" for him and his lovely bride, Pat. Oh wait! He scheduled dual colonoscopies at the same time, what a gem!

Ran into Bobby Murphy, at his new haunt, Bobby T's, and he informed me that he was planning a month long vacation in the French Riviera. No, make that North Wildwood. He will be in the vicinity of 4th & New York, staying in unit 209B. The reason that 209A was unavailable was that the room is full of his hair products. Also, he is now a proud member of the Elks down there, so if you stop by, the first drink is on him. Just tell the bartender to put it on his tab.

Congratulations to my nephew, Mike Respass who graduated from LaSalle University on a recent Sunday AM. Well, Mike being dedicated, wore this softball jersey under the gown so he could come right to the game. Then, Obie benched him because he had on the wrong cap!

Tug

## NONSENSE....

Famous last words: Is it the Fourth?

~~ Thomas Jefferson, US President, d. July 4, 1826

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Quote: "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new" Albert Einstein

Old Reds wife Cookie is going to have a birthday in September, I think I'll get her one of those newfangled GPS's, may be she'll be able to find the kitchen this year.

When he was at Nativity one of the Nuns ask Little Jimmy Fenerty to state one fact about Jesus's life. Jim's reply was "During his life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats.

The Phillies are going so bad this year even the pot heads in Kensington are mad at Rich Dube.

When Kieren McGovern was in St Anne's a nun asked him what was his favorite animal. Kieren's answer was Fried Chicken.

Bill Gibbons, Fireman Bob and Caddy Bill all were banned from Binlids by Tom Wenger. The reason, they wouldn't stop blowing their Vuvusulus during the World Cup games.

Whenever Tom McDowell needs money he has a Chinese friend that makes him a loan. The only problem is that a half hour later he's broke again.

Warren Buffett visited Binlids the other day. He didn't stay very long, George Lees kept asking him to sing Margaritaville.

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?  
Because the horse was too heavy to carry!

A Falcon Forever REDS

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## NATIVIST RIOTS OF PHILADELPHIA

### Part II of the Nativist Riots of 1844

#### **Southwark riots**

Governor David R. Porter allowed St. Philip Neri's church to create an arsenal. On July 3, Father John Patrick Dunn of the Church of St. Philip Neri in the Southwark District was warned in advance of a planned parade by the Native American Party that the church might be attacked. The Native American Party, a nativist political party similar to the American Republican Party, planned to hold a large parade the next day on Independence Day. To prepare in the case of violence, the church applied for an arsenal that a volunteer company would use in case the church was attacked. Pennsylvania Governor David R. Porter authorized the formation of a company and the procurement of twenty-five muskets from the Frankford Arsenal. Major General Robert Patterson, commander of the Pennsylvania militia, put the troops on alert in case of violence.

Five of the muskets placed in St. Philip Neri's Church were discovered to be defective and were sent back to the Frankford Arsenal to be repaired. There was no violence before or during the parade, but on July 5, a nativist mob numbering in the thousands gathered at the church after a few local nativists saw the five defective muskets being returned to the church. The nativists demanded that the sheriff remove the weapons, while Father Dunn and volunteers rallied to protect the church. The sheriff and two aldermen searched the church and removed twelve muskets. After leaving the church, the sheriff urged the crowd to disperse, and left a volunteer posse to guard the church. The mob remained, and a man who was injured in the May riots made a speech to the crowd, calling for a second search of the church. The sheriff, an alderman, and seventeen nativists went inside the church and found three armed men, fifty-three muskets, ten pistols, a keg of gunpowder and ammunition. To avoid inciting the mob, the sheriff decided not to remove the armaments, and the search party stayed in the church. Just after midnight, July 6, Major General Patterson ordered a company of city guards to clear the streets. After the crowd dispersed, the arms found within the church were removed.

Major General Robert Patterson. By midday, the crowds returned around St. Philip Neri's Church. General George Cadwalader ordered the crowds to disperse, but they did not. By the evening, the sheriff had arrived with a 150-strong posse. Throughout the evening, the military presence grew, and three cannons were stationed on the streets. The soldiers cleared the streets near the church, despite being pelted with rocks by the mob. In response to the rock throwers, General Cadwalader ordered a cannon to be fired at the crowd on Third Street. A man named Charles Naylor begged the general not to fire, and he and several others were arrested and held within the church. By the morning of July 7, most of the soldiers had left, but the crowds returned, being led by an alderman and the sheriff, and demanded that the remaining guard release Naylor. Everyone but Naylor was released. The crowds grew, and a cannon was brought from a nearby wharf and used to threaten the church. After further negotiations, Naylor was released and carried home to cheers on people's shoulders.

After Naylor was brought home, the mob attacked the church, damaging a wall with the cannon. A second cannon was brought from the wharfs and fired at the church, after which the mob pelted the building with rocks and broke in through a side door. The soldiers fired on the men breaking into the church, who promptly retreated. After retreating, the nativists negotiated with the guard who agreed to withdraw, allowing the nativists to guard the church. Responding to being pelted with rocks as they left, some soldiers fired back on the crowd, which only incited the mob further. The mob forced its way into the church, causing extensive damage to the interior. After about an hour a group of twenty men organized themselves to guard St. Philip Neri's, and the mob left the church.

By the evening, a large number of soldiers arrived with orders to clear the streets, only to be stoned in the process. After a captain was attacked, the order was given to fire on the mob, which resulted in seven people being killed and nine people being wounded. Not long after, people with muskets and cannons arrived, and fierce fighting broke out between the soldiers and the mob. The fighting lasted for several hours, with the soldiers being fired upon from alleyways and the windows of nearby buildings. The soldiers brought in two cannons of their own and fired on the mob; the mob returned fire using their own cannons armed with items such as nails, chains, knives and broken bottles. In an attempt to capture the mob's cannons, soldiers charged one cannon's position, only to be knocked off their horses by a rope tied across the street. The cannons were all eventually captured and by early morning July 8, the fighting had ended.

At least fifteen to twenty people, including both rioters and soldiers, were killed in the riot and at least fifty people were injured. Under Governor Porter's orders, state troops continued to arrive in the city in the days afterwards, but there was no further violence. An estimated 5,000 militia were used to stop violence. Troops began to withdraw from the city on July 10

and the church took over responsibility from the district of Southwark of protecting the church on July 11. As with the May riots, a grand jury blamed the Irish Catholics for the riots, but supported the military's response to the violence.

#### **Aftermath**

The riots had gained national attention and condemnation. The riots were used as an issue in the 1844 U.S. Presidential election, the Democratic Party condemning the growing Native American Party and the Whig Party which the Democrats accused were involved in the nativist movement. In Philadelphia, the Native American Party ended up making a strong showing in the city's October election. In New York City there were fears nativists would target New York City's Catholic churches. Archbishop John Hughes organized defenders for the churches and told the mayor that if any churches were burned that "New York would be another Moscow."

On July 11, 1844, Philadelphia passed an ordinance that gave the city a battalion of artillery, a regiment of infantry and at least one full troop of cavalry for the purpose of providing the preservation of peace within the city when necessary. The difficulty of quelling the riots and other crime led to the Pennsylvania General Assembly to pass an 1845 act that required Philadelphia, the township of Moyamensing and the unincorporated districts of Spring Garden, Northern Liberties, and Penn to maintain a police force of one man per 150 taxable inhabitants. In 1850, another act was passed that established that the Philadelphia police force would police the city and seven surrounding districts. The inability to effectively maintain order in Philadelphia's suburbs would be an important argument for the consolidation of the city in 1854.

After the riots, Bishop Kenrick ended his efforts to influence the public education system and began encouraging the creation of Catholic schools, with 17 being founded by 1860. The friars of the Church of St. Augustine sued the city of Philadelphia for not providing the church with adequate protection claiming \$80,000 in damages. The city argued that the friars could not claim their civil rights were violated, as the Order of St. Augustine were a foreign organization under the Pope. Furthermore the city argued that the friars took a vow of poverty and could not be property owners. The Augustinians ended up proving the Order was incorporated in 1804 and was awarded \$45,000. The church was rebuilt in 1848.

### *SICK AND DECEASED*

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

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**Deceased:** Joseph Hall, Cliff Hysor

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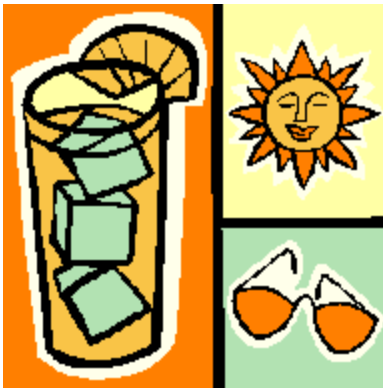
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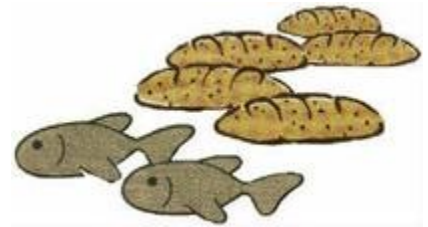
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## INAUGURAL GENE SPOERL GOLF OUTING



Plans are underway for the Inaugural Gene Spoerl, which we hope will become an annual event for Division 87. The expectation is for this golf outing to be held in early October. Division 87's Vice President, Kieran McKenna, is making preliminary arrangement for this event. More information



should be forthcoming at the next couple division meetings, as well as in the Brimmer. So, for now, stay tuned.

## NORTH CATHOLIC UPDATE BY FALCON MIKE

As everyone must know, Northeast Catholic has closed its doors. After trying to come up with a final update and farewell to Northeast Catholic, I was forwarded the following lyrics, by Joe Glackin, and family. I decided that these words speak for many of us alum of "The Northeast Catholic High School for Boys"

### "Farewell to North Catholic"

(Adapted from "The Old Man" by Irish Song Writer Phil Coulter)

The tears have all been shed now  
We've said our last goodbye  
The doors are locked  
And we are still in shock  
And we feel so all alone  
You were more than just a high school  
You were family, our best friend  
And you'll still be there in the memories we share  
When we gather now and then!

And we never will forget you  
For you made us what we are  
And though you may be gone  
Memories linger on  
And we'll miss you  
Old NC!!!

We came to North as freshmen, after stepping off the "El"  
Of the Oblates and Falcon Traditions  
Dear Mr. Fitz did tell  
And at our graduation  
Onward! Father Kilty did proclaim  
For those of us who ARE NC  
Life will never be quite the same!

We thought you would last forever  
You seemed so big and strong  
But the minutes fly  
And the years roll by  
For graduates and their school  
And suddenly, when it happened  
There was so much left unsaid  
No second chance  
To tell you thanks  
For all that you had done!

And we never will forget you  
For you made us what we are  
And though you may be gone  
Memories linger on  
And we'll miss you old NC!!!

To the North Catholic Community: Administration, Faculty, Staff, Alumni Association, Friends of Northeast Catholic High School (FONECHS), Fathers and Mothers Association (FAMA), Division 87 AOH/LAOH and especially the Oblates of Saint Francis De Sales, may God bless you and thank you for all you have done! They have closed our doors but we have taken hold and will never let go! "The Falcon will never die!!!"

Gratefully,  
Joe Glackin '73 and Family  
(Gratitude and apologies to Mr. Phil Coulter!)

### The Final Diploma

As many of you know, George Lees Jr, has always been a huge North Catholic supporter. His father, brothers and uncles all went to North. Unfortunately, due to George's Cerebral Palsy, he was not able follow in their footsteps and attend his beloved school, and count himself as one of the over 40,000 North grads. This never deterred George, and over the years, his support of North Catholic made him more of an alum than many who actually graduated there.

During the farewell barbecue for Fathers Smith and McCandless, Father Vince Smith, in a classy move, and what became his last official act as president of North Catholic, presented George with an official diploma from "The Northeast Catholic High School for Boys." Now, it is official, George Lees Jr can now count himself as a Falcon. George, on behalf of my alumni brothers, I welcome you into the fold.



George Lees Jr, (seated) the newest Falcon Alumnus, along with his "other family", the Glackin clan, at the final North/Frankford football game, Thanksgiving, 2009.

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July Meeting  
 Tuesday, July 13, 2010  
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Although 23 presidents of the United States have some Irish ancestral origins, only 7 have documentation to prove it.

1. George Washington, 1st President
2. Andrew Jackson, 7th President 1829-37
3. William Howard Taft, 27th President 1909-13
4. Woodrow Wilson, 28th President 1913-21
5. John F. Kennedy, 35th President 1961-63
6. Ronald Reagan, 40th President 1981-89
7. Barack Obama, 44th President 2009-Present

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