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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Father's Day!

Brothers,

It's Summer time at 87 and that usually means things slow down around here as a contingent of our gang head down to the Jersey Shore or up to the Poconos every weekend.

Binlids will still be open for those of us who stay city bound this season and I encourage you all to stop in. Friday Happy Hours are still in effect with drink specials from 4 to 7PM. Wednesday evenings are open for our ever intrepid duffers with the one and only Tugger behind the taps. Thursday Nights shuffle board has really taken off and the weekends still rock with "Dancing" Pat Dever, "Obadiah Origlio" and "Sunday-Funday" Timmy Kober working their magic! So stop on in.....the beer is cheap, the abuse is free!

Our State convention will be held in King of Prussia at The Dolce Hotel from July 14 to 16. We will have more information at our June 14 meeting.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Fraternally,
Jimmy

NEXT DIV. 87 MEETING

Tues., June 14, 2011, 7:30 p.m. sharp
Donnelly Hall, 2171 Wakeling St.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Chris Asinos and George Lees on winning seats on the Philadelphia County Board. Chris won a six-year term as trustee, while George was re-elected as financial secretary.

Good job to all Div. 87 members who voted on June 2, including Mike Nolan, Bob McConomy, Jim Hughes, Chuck Welsh, Frank Sullivan, Jimmy Lockhart, Chris and George.

SOFTBALL

The Division 87 softball team is gearing up for the Philadelphia AOH playoffs with a 7-5 record heading into the last doubleheader of the regular season on Sunday, June 12, at Carmella Playground vs. Div. 88.

Our guys stand in fourth place after splitting a pair of one-run games with Div. 4 on June 5. They could finish as high as third in the standings heading into the first postseason round on June 19 at a site to be determined.

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TUG'S TALKIN' HERE

Well now that we have escaped rapture, it is time for my monthly rant about the doings and undoings of Division 87. As we speak, the softball team is 7-5, safely in 4th place and will be heading to the playoffs on June 19, which is Father's Day, a good way to bond with your dad or your kids, an AOH 87 doubleheader, which will probably be at our home field, Torresdale and Wakeling, vs. Div. 39. Check the website for any last minute changes.

There has been a clamoring for more Matty E. and Tigger stories. As luck would have it, I will share a few with you. On a recent Saturday evening, when I walked into Binlids, a gentleman overheard someone call me "Tugger." Then he chimes in that his sister really appreciates the dry-wall work that I did at her house in the Wildwoods. Well, a few people were surprised because they didn't know that my forte was drywall. I gently informed him that I was "Tugger not Tigger," 27 1/2 years on the Police Department, including 4 1/2 years detailed with the FBI. Now I am down to being confused with Tigger!

Our other Hero, Matty E., got done a shift at the club and went to Renzi's for a much needed sandwich. While in line, he receives a phone call from Wengo asking him if he wanted to go to dinner. Matty informs him that he was tired and was just going to grab a steak sandwich and head home. While our Zero, I mean Hero, was chatting with Mr. Wenger, Tommy seemed louder and louder. It took a few minutes for Matty to realize that Tommy was behind him in line. Oh Matty, you've done it again!

I had the misfortune of meeting Giuseppe the Hair Stylist, who in real life might be confused with Tom Healey. But anyway, Giuseppe was talking about his best customer, Bob Murphy, who he referred to as "Bobby



Bootblack." He went on about a 15-minute floor show about how he finely applies the black shoe polish to Bob's hair to get that jet black, well coiffed look. If you see Tommy, I mean Giuseppe, ask him about it, hilarious!

Speaking of Bob, I have a few of my confidential informants out in the field, trying to ascertain Bob's cha-teau for this upcoming North Wildwood Rivera vacation. So far, we know that he will be in the area of Third and New York, definitely the fourth of July week. Thanks Tim for that info, I mean, got some anonymous information.

There has been a debate among 87ers about who has better hair, the aforementioned Bobby Murphy or Pat Dever. So, the staff here at Tug's Talking have set up a hotline for everyone to text who you think the winner should be. The contest line is 215-519-4449. Text 1 for Bobby and 2 for Pat. Phone lines will be open 24 hours a day from June 12th to the 19th. You can only text five times in the 24 hour period, sort of like "American Idol." The winner will receive a free makeover by Giuseppe at his new shop which is opening in Ivyland.

Damage done, see ya next month!

Tug

BINLIDS HAS A/C

Come down and cool down on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 2171 Wakeling Street!

In conjunction with our golf league, Binlids will be open at "5ish" each Wednesday so that our hackers and duffers can take the edge off after a long afternoon on the links.

On Thursdays, the club is the place to be for our new shuffleboard league, thanks to Wengo and the rest of the shuffleboard ringers.

Friday Happy Hours have been brisk with the best prices in town: \$1 domestic pints and \$1.50 domestic bottles from 4 to 7 p.m.

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THE IRISH BRIGADE IN THE CIVIL WAR

By Robert McNamara, About.com Guide

Civil War regiments were often recruited and organized along ethnic lines, and one of the most famous fighting units in the Union Army was the Irish Brigade. At its peak, the brigade was composed of four regiments, New York's 63rd, 69th, and 88th and the Massachusetts 29th Regiment. Many of the brigade soldiers were Irish immigrants from New York City, particularly the Lower East Side.

Part of the recruiting appeal for Irish immigrants in America was the concept that military training received in the Union Army could eventually be used fighting the British to liberate Ireland.

Controversy Leads to Recruitment:

The original commander of the Irish Brigade was Colonel Michael Corcoran, who became famous when, out of Irish pride, he refused to have the 69th Regiment of the New York State militia parade in honor of the visiting Prince of Wales. A court-martial to try Corcoran was dropped in 1861 when the US government realized his potential value in recruiting Irish soldiers into the Union Army.

The original recruiting posters for what became the Irish Brigade often refer to "Corcoran's Irish Legion." At least one such poster defiantly proclaimed, "Irishmen, you are now training to meet your English enemies."

Off to the War:

When war broke out, the 69th Regiment was dispatched to Virginia. The *New York Times* of April 24, 1861 contains a story detailing the festive scene as the regiment marched down Broadway. A company of firemen led the march, and thousands of people lined the sidewalks to cheer. The newspaper noted that along with a "splendid silk Stars and Stripes," the regiment also unfurled "the colors of Old Ireland."

By late afternoon the procession had reached a pier on the Hudson River, and 1,200 of New York City's Irish left for what people hoped would be a short and glorious war.

Thomas Francis Meagher:

The most famous leader of the Irish Brigade was Thomas Francis Meagher, an Irish revolutionary who was living in exile in New York City at the outbreak of the Civil War.

In the 1840s Meagher had been involved in revolutionary activity in Ireland, and the British government convicted him of treason and sentenced him to death. His sentence was commuted to "transporation" and he was sent to the penal colony at Van Diemen's Land (now known as Tasmania).

Meagher escaped and made his way to New York, where he practiced law and was a well-known advocate for Irish freedom.

Early Action in Virginia:

In the summer of 1861 the 69th Regiment participated in the defense of Washington, DC, which followed the battle of Bull Run. The other regiments were assembled, and in early 1862 the fully constituted Irish Brigade joined General McClellan's Peninsula Campaign.

The brigade fought at Yorktown and Fair Oaks. Morale was high. For diversion, the "Chickahominy Steeple-Chase" was held by the Irish Brigade at the end of May 1862. Officers raced horses over hurdles, and to cap off the day, drummer boys raced donkeys. As the races ended, the brigade marched off to the Battle of Seven Pines.

Charging to Glory at Antietam:

Perhaps the Irish Brigade's greatest glory came at Antietam, where the brigade led a ferocious charge against Confederate riflemen entrenched in a sunken farm road that became infamous as "Bloody Lane."

Assembling on the morning of September 17, 1862, the entire brigade was given absolution, the late rites of the Catholic Church, by a chaplain on horseback. The men then battled toward the sunken road, finishing with a bayonet charge. Casualties were horrendous.

General Meagher had his horse shot out from under him, and critics spread the rumor that he had been drunk and toppled from his mount.

Slaughter at Fredericksburg:

Three months after Antietam, the Irish Brigade again found itself in the vortex of a crucial battle. At Fredericksburg, on December 13, 1862, the brigade made a series of charges against Confederate riflemen assembled behind a stone wall.

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SICK AND DECEASED

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

Committee for the sick: Bob McClelland, Joe Ward, Frank Gallagher, Lisa Murphy, Charlie Mullen, Lori McDonnell, Bill Eder, Glen Miller, Baby Boyle, Erin Martin, Jack O'Neill, Millie Hughes, Josie Fenerty, Mike Kennedy (Chewy), Vince Targlia, Francis White, Marie Dougherty, Carol Kowalko, Mr. Winning, Mary O'Donnell, Terry Orr, Mrs. Shiepe, Emma Connors, Richard Burke, Amelia Enright, Bob Gessler, Aiden Murphy, Pete Tyler, Bob Sumner, Marie Collins, Geraldine Garrigan, Karen McGinley, Marlene Murray, Don Brophy, Nick Fitzgerald Jr., Joe Bradley.

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IRISH BRIGADE CONTINUED

Out of 1,200 Irish soldiers in the attack, approximately half were killed or wounded. The scenes on the battlefield were ghastly, as the wounded were trapped under murderous rifle fire and many died before they could be helped.

Following Fredericksburg, the Irish Brigade held a requiem mass for its many fallen soldiers at the Old St. Patrick's Cathedral in lower Manhattan.

Valor at Gettysburg:

The Irish Brigade, with some of its wounded restored to active duty, was able to assemble approximately 600 men before the summer of 1863. At the Battle of Gettysburg the brigade again saw heavy action and sustained horrific casualties.

The focal point of the Irish Brigade's action at Gettysburg was in the area known as The Wheatfield. A green granite monument to the Irish Brigade soldiers placed at the site in 1888 features a Celtic cross and a wolfhound, a symbol of Irish loyalty.

The Brigade Nearly Destroyed:

By 1864 the Irish Brigade had lost so many men that it the entire brigade had shrunk to the size of a single regiment. The US Army absorbed it into other units.

The dream of a trained Irish-American unit that would liberate Ireland from British rule never came to pass, of course.

The 69th New York Regiment later saw service in other wars, including World War I and World War II. Soldiers from the 69th New York have also served in Iraq.

NONSENSE...

By Reds Falcon

- Four things you will never hear fathers say to their teenage children: "Can you turn up that music?"

"Go ahead and take my car. Here's 50 bucks for gas."

"I LOVE your tattoo. We should both get new ones."

"Here, you take the remote."

- "A father carries pictures where his money used to be." — Author Unknown

- One day Joe's mother turned to Joe's father and said, "It's such a nice day, I think I'll take Joe to the zoo." "I wouldn't bother," said father. "If they want him, let them come and get him!"

- Q: What day are there more collect calls made than any other day of the year? A: Father's Day

- Two cannibals ate a missionary in the jungle; they got a taste of religion.

- Gravestone in Dublin:

"Here lies the remains of John Hail, grocer. The world is not worth a fig. I have good raisins for saying so."

- "Man blames fate for all other accidents, but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole-in-one." — Bishop Sheen

- Tom Healey tried to be a tailor in his early days, but he just wasn't suited for it...mainly because it was a so-so job.

- A nun at St Ann's asked her class what they knew about Judas. Kieran McGovern said he was the worse apostle. They even named a terrible vegetable after him. Judas Asparagus.

- Overheard at Binlids: I always hold my wife's hand. If I let go, she shops.

- A jumper cable walked into Binlids. Chewy said, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

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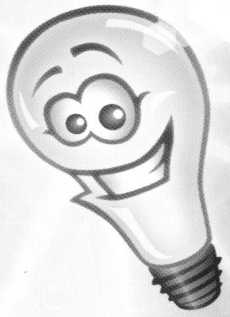
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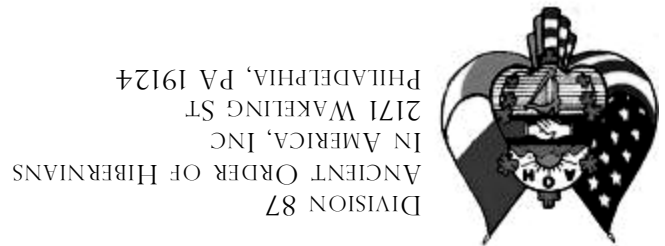


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