



POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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2009 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Mass of Remembrance

Our Mass of Remembrance was celebrated at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in NYC on March 14th. **Bishop Gerry Walsh ('59)** was the principle celebrant with six other Power alumni concelebrating. The event was attended by approximately 200 friends and relatives of the deceased.. The Mass program included a tribute to Tom Brady written by **Jack O'Keefe**. A former teacher at Power and an admirer of Tom. *(The complete text of Jack's tribute appears on our Website's Home Page under "Quick Links")*

At the conclusion of the Mass **Brother Harry Dunkak** a lifelong friend of Brother D'Adamo came to the altar and gave a short but moving eulogy to Bro. D. The Mass concluded with the reading of 236 names of deceased Alumni.

Our thanks to **Joe DeFazio ('71)** for another memorable event.

At the reception that followed the Mass we had a chance to meet **Jonathon Czar**, our scholarship student at All Hallows, who had attended the Mass. Jonathon displayed a composure far beyond his years when asked to extemporaneously, say a few words to those present. He graciously thanked the Association for its assistance, noting that without it he would have been unable to attend All Hallows. He remarked on how impressed he was with the loyalty and friendship of the Power alumni and expressed the hope that he would have such relationships in his future.

St. Patrick's Day

WOW! We out did ourselves this year, sunshine and warm temperatures greeted the more than 180 marchers who assembled to participate in our 7th appearance in the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. As usual our contingent was trim and orderly, drawing many shouts of recognition and applause from the enthusiastic crowd. Our Alumni President Chick Pisano, who was resting a broken ankle, watched us from the reviewing stands and he says we were outstanding. *(he may be a bit biased)*. Terry McAdams who "got us back on the Avenue" was at the "Assembly Point" as was **Bro. Killelea**, who thanked us for honoring the PMA memory and to urge us on. Thanks to all the Marchers, the Marshals, the Pipers, the Banner Carriers and the Flag Bearers.

The only disappointment came when we learned that NBC had aired a commercial just as we came into the TV cameras range.

Following the Parade a party was held at Cathedral High School. It was attended by 120 Power alumni and guests from All Hallows. There was an open bar and a full delicious buffet that was enjoyed by all.. **Paul Krebbs**, President of All Hallow spoke to those in attendance, thanking them for their support and commenting on how proud they were of our scholarship student..

The 50/50 raffle, conducted by **Ed O'Keefe('61)**, was won by **Al Caldiero '(61)** who took home \$500, with an equal amount going to our Scholarship Fund.
A special thanks to **Mike Kelley(' 55)** who put both events together.

Plans Set For 2009 Reunion

Mike Kelly Reunion Committee Chairman and PMAAA Board Vice President have announced that plans for our 20th Annual Reunion are complete.

BY POPULAR DEMAND WE ARE GOING BACK TO A FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT
It will be held on **Friday October 23th** at **Cathedral High School, 350 E56th St. NYC** from 6 to 10 PM. It will include a buffet dinner with two carving stations a choice of hot and cold food, an open bar, dessert and coffee/tea. Price is being held at **\$ 50 per person**. Guests are welcome. Payment at the door is allowed. **ADVANCE PAYMENT IS PREFERRED.**

There will be a sports memorabilia auction, a 50-50 drawing (for the Scholarship Fund) and Power memorabilia available for purchase.

For additional information or reservations please contact Mike Kelly at 845-462-2865 or parades2@verizon.net

For Advance Payment.

Mail checks made out to PMAAA to Mike Kelly at 91 Hillis Terrace, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603. Please list names of all persons and class year as appropriate.

Board of Directors

The Spring Board meeting was held on May 12th.

John Minton ('61) was elected to the Board

The Board now consists of:

Chick Pisani '70 President

Mike Kelly '55 Vice-president

Kevin Bollbach '64 Treasurer

John Torres '70cretary

Tom McGuire '49

Joe DeFazio '71

Angelo Pino '86

Joe Maffia '77

Tom Cullen '72

John Minton '61

Tom Cullen agreed prepare a letter to the CBC requesting a continuation of their approval to use the Power trademark.

Kevin Bollbach will continue his effort to submit our application, to the USPS, for reduced rate mailing.

Tom McGuire reported additional information had been added to the Website's "Honor Roll" page. He is in the process of updating the "Scholarship Donors" page.

Kevin reported that our Pay Pal account is now in working order.

Joe Mafia reported that he has established a Power Facebook page and is awaiting information on content.

It was agreed that we would establish a "Classmates" Gold a account under the name of John Torres. This account will be used to search for and recruit new members.

Mike Kelly reported that plans for the Fall Reunion have been completed.

Chick Pisani reported that the Power memorabilia display cases at All Hallows & Rice will be installed by December.

PMAAA Website

The website has been moved to a new server. This gives us more capacity and ease of operation. We can now accommodate more pictures, so send any that you have to **John Torres('70)** at: JPMTJR@aol.com and he will get them posted.

The Honor Roll page has been expanded to now include brief biographical sketches of our brothers lost on 9/11.

Recognizing PMA

Disappointing news on this subject.. The Co-Op Board of **161 w 61st Street** has turned down our request to install a plaque at that location, commemorating PMA. In their response to our request the Board stated "*That it would be inappropriate to install a tribute to an institution that has had no intrinsic relationship to this condominium during its entire existence, no matter how worthy that institution may have been*". In spite of this setback we will continue our effort. We are now investigating the possibility of placing a plaque in the sidewalk outside the old Amsterdam Ave. entrance to the school. We are also continuing our effort to have W61st Street & Amsterdam Ave designated as "Power Memorial Way"..

We are still interested in obtaining PMA items for inclusion in the display cases that are planned for Rice and All Hallows High Schools. If you have items, e.g. pins, badges,

book covers, pennants, athletic letters, etc. and are willing to donate them to this project please contact **Chick Pisani('70)** at: a.chickpisani1@verizon.net

Power Notables

Brother Bob McGovern, Administrator at St. Josephs Residence in New Rochelle has conducted a number of interviews with the Brothers in residence there. They appear on "U-Tube" One of the interviews is with **Brother Michael Delaney** in which he discusses his life and vocation(see) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiOCCyTtSe8>

Another is with **Brother Walter "Rudy" Youghans** who was born in the Power building when it was a hospital and who attended Power.
(see) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwiqBCcStBM>.

Thanks to **Frank Flager ('68)** we have the following information about **Brother Edward Beyer ('42)**, currently teaching at Bergen Catholic High School. Brother is celebrating a number of big events this year. It is his fortieth year at Bergen High, his sixtieth year in the Brotherhood and his eighty fifth birthday. Long revered as an outstanding teacher and coach, Brother was honored with a school-wide holiday on March 16 , that was declared "Brother Beyer Day" A five page article about Brother appeared in the School's publication "Bergen Catholic Today" (*You can view the complete article from BC Today on our Website's Home Page under "Quick Links"*)

Eddie Trinka ('62) just retired from his position as doorman at the Plaza after 46 years of greeting such celebrities as Joe DiMaggio Richard Nixon and the Beatles. His brother **Chris ('68)** is also an alumnus

Brian De Vale ('81) (aka Leavy), principal of PS 257 in Brooklyn and Chairman of the Council of Supervisors was named "Man of the Year" by the New York City Department of Education Emerald Society.

Congressman **Joe Crowley** is the NYPD's Emerald Society "Man of the Year", as well. **Ed Quirke ('54)** residing in Florida get an "Atta-boy" for keeping us current with listings of "out of town obits" of PMA Alumni.

Terry Fitzsimmons ('49) now residing in Santa Fe, NM, became somewhat of a local celebrity when he came to NY to join us in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The local paper gave him quite a write-up, with detailed information on his Irish background. and his attendance at Power. The entire article can be viewed at:
www.santafenewmexican.com/Local%20News/Santa-Fean-returns-to-NYC-to-celebrate-Irish-heritage

Messages From Alumni

Bob Slattery('63) writes:" There are three time each year that I take the time to be with those whom have had a profound effect on my life, two days in March, one day in April, and three days in November. They are The Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association, The Emergency Service Unit of NYPD, and The 2nd Battalion 9th

Marines, USMC. I don't know how others feel about the people they have encountered throughout their lives, but I'm proud to have been a part of these three organizations and what they have accomplished."

David Gautier ('70) writes: "Please let my fellow alumni know that I lost my Dad. XXX He died peacefully at 89. He was honored at Calverton Military Cemetery, as he did his duty during WWII "

Ed Jennings ('74) thanks us for the prayers requested for his son Andrew in the last Newsletter. He wishes us to know that Andrew is doing well, he is back at home and has started back to school.

Brian De Vale('81) Asks for our prayers for his young son who has end stage renal failure and to whom Brian has donated a kidney.

Benny Giroux(' 72) asks us to remember in our prayers his mother Christine who passed away on April 9.

David Gautier('70) asks us to remember his Dad who died peacefully at 89. He was a WW2 veteran and was buried with honors at Calverton Military Cemetery on Long Island, NY.

The Health Spot

Spring heralds the start of the outdoor season. It is a good time to remind yourself of the dangers of the sun, the most serious of which is melanoma (skin cancer). It is predicted that there will be over 60,000 new cases of melanoma this year. White males over 50 account for half these. Most melanomas in men occur on the back and may be difficult to detect. Have someone else check your back.

Protect yourselfGET SUN SMART!!!

Seek the shade, especially between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day

Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses

See your physician every year for a professional skin exam.

Authors Corner

There is currently a "Paperback" that has been on the bestseller list for months and has sold over one million copies. It is "THE SHACK". It is the story of Mackenzie Phillips a grief-stricken father in mid-life who has an extraordinary experience with God in the form of three very different people. His great sadness began four years ago, when his 6-year-old daughter, Missy, was murdered. What he couldn't know then, but is about to learn, was God's purpose for Missy's death. Although the book has received wide acclaim and reviews such as "*this story reads like a prayer—like the best kinds of prayer, filled with*

sweat and wonder and transparency and surprise”, it is not without controversy. Some critics have called heretical and subversive.

We have started a thread on the websites “**Discussion Form**” titled **The Shack**. and would be interested in any comments other readers of this book have to offer.

Scholarship Fund

This is my first message to you as the new Chairman of our Scholarship Committee. When I stepped up to assume this responsibility I thought it would be important to inform you about the background of our Scholarship Fund and the financials associated with this endeavor...

When first conceived by the Board of Directors, the idea was to create a way to keep the Power name alive. In view of the fact that the school was closed there would come a time, in the future when there would no longer be any Power alumni. When that occurred, the name Power Memorial Academy and all its standards and traditions would be lost forever. To prevent this from happening, the idea of establishing a scholarship bearing the name of our school was proposed. If this effort was successful the name of Power would continue on even after all of us had passed away.

I would like to share with you some of the information surrounding the origin of this effort. This is important because over the last few years a number of questions have been raised pertaining to the Fund. Questions such as: Why have a fund? Why isn't it for children of Power grads? Why are All Hallows and Rice the schools of choice? Many of the same questions were considered at the time of inception. Our thinking was the scholarship should be to a Christian Brothers school. At the time there were three in the NY Metropolitan area All Hallows, Rice in NYC and Bergen Catholic in NJ. It was thought best to start with a NY school since that was where Power was located, but we could not select one of the Christian Brothers schools and ignore the other. That might appear prejudicial. So it was determined that we would try to support a scholarship at each school and maybe at a later date include Bergen Catholic. (*That is still a possibility*)

The next issue was a thorny one, how to select the candidates. If we attempted to do this by ourselves it would require forming a “Selection Committee” ,soliciting candidate names and setting criteria, or hiring an outside agency to do these tasks. A formidable undertaking for our newly formed association It was therefore decided that the best course of action would be to permit the selected schools to administer the scholarships and the Association would simply fund them. It was our hope that we would ultimately be able to provide for four students at each school, one in each term. We currently have one student in each school, who have been awarded scholarships, Jonathan Czar at All Hallows and Jude Chery at Rice. At present we have about two-thirds of the money needed to make a perpetual scholarship for one student at each school.

Now down to the “nuts and bolts”. Alumni participation has been woefully small. Donations over the past several years amount to about **One Percent** of our registered alumni, yet at our Reunion & Post Parade Party we regularly draw **10 Percent**. This has both surprised and disappointed

me. I know current times are tough but these figures go back through the years before the financial downturn.

My hope is that we can reverse this trend. Over the next several months the Scholarship Committee will be looking into offering events that will appeal to you. We hope to be able to provide some fun, some camaraderie and at the same time boost our Scholarship Fund. I would appreciate any suggestions you may have as to events you think would appeal to our alumni. My email is parades2@verizon.net or phone 845-462-2865.

I have opened a thread on the websites Discussion Forum under Scholarship Fund. You are welcome to post any comments. criticism, suggestions etc about our fundraising effort and the Fund in general

While awaiting these forthcoming events, **DONATIONS IN ANY AMOUNT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**. Don't hesitate because the amount seems small A ten dollar donation from each of our approximately 1800 members would get us about 75 percent of the needed funds to make our Scholarship self sustaining Make your check out to **PMAAA Scholarship Fund** and mail to **Kevin Bollbach**, at Cherokee Station PO Box 20493 New York, NY 10021-0068. You can also use the Pay Pal account by clicking the DONATE button on the PMA website. Remember all contributions are tax deductible. If your Company has a matching gift program please include the applicable completed form

Michael “ Mike “ Kelly ‘55
PMAAA Board Vice President and
Chairman of the Scholarship Fund.

President's Message

May 2009

Dear Brother Alumni,

I wish to welcome two new members to the PMAAA Board, Tom Cullen '72 and John Minton '61. Both have a lot to offer the Board with their enthusiasm. Tom is an attorney and will be very helpful with legal issues along with Sean Crowley. He runs his own website about Power's track teams: <http://www.eteamz.com/pma> . John has been very active in the past with all of our events and is especially resourceful. He is responsible for obtaining the Power flag from the ICB archives and holding it safe

At the request of some of our alumni, we researched other locations in New York City to hold our annual reunion dinner. We found them all to be very expensive and a few of them were a bit restrictive. The Board agreed that Cathedral H.S. is the most reasonable and convenient location for this event. If any of you have other suggestions, we'd be willing to listen, and to research them.

The year 2011 is approaching and will be upon us faster than we think. The reason I say this, is because 2011 is the 80th anniversary of Power. Our plan for this event is to return to the Armenian Church Centre again on E.34th Street. We will keep you all informed as we progress.

I am still in the process of making Power Memorial shadowboxes. These boxes will be presented to All Hallows and Rice H.S. for them to put on display in their schools. These items will show the New York City connection to Power. I have quite a few Power items, but still need more. Anything from a Power pen, hall pass, sticker, photo, letter, game ticket, etc. is acceptable. I know it is sometimes tough to part with such memorabilia, but whatever you wish to contribute with will be greatly appreciated. Please send me an email at: a.chickpisani1@verizon.net for further information.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all of the PMAAA Board members and committee members, past and present, for all of their contributions and dedication into making our association a successful one.

Purple and Gold Forever
.Andrew "Chick" Pisani '70 - President, PMAAA

Final Dismissal *(Requiescant in Pace)*

Edward Schooner ('42).....	March 2009
Dr. Joseph VanderHaute ('58).....	July 2008
Bro. John McGowan.....	
Robert Miller ('64).....	Nov. 2008
James Gay ('52).....	April 2008
Brian Dalton ('70).....	2008
Bobby Keenan('68).....	Dec. 2008
John Moore ('42).....	2007\
Stephan Shea ('41).....	Jan. 2006
John Dunham ('64).....	April 2009

If you are aware of the passing of any fellow alumni please forward their name to:
mactom@optonline.net

Note: Comments and/or suggestions regarding this Newsletter may be sent to the Editor:
Tom McGuire ('49) at: mactom@optonline.net