



# POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Our beloved school will be greatly honored in a multitude of ways this coming March of 2010. First off, New York City's Mayor Bloomberg signed into law the renaming of West 61<sup>st</sup> Street to "Power Memorial Way". Secondly, Fordham University has given our Alumni Association permission to mount a dedication plaque on their wall at the top of the cul de sac on West 61<sup>st</sup> Street. Thirdly, our fellow alumnus, Terry McAdams (PMA 1952) has been named Aide at Large to the Grand Marshal (NYPD's Commissioner Ray Kelly) by the St. Patrick's Day Parade Organization. We, the Board Members, feel that Terry's appointment is not only honoring Terry but all of the alumni of Power Memorial Academy.

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11:30 AM we will have our annual Memorial Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Church (60<sup>th</sup> and Columbus Ave.). After the ceremony we will have a procession from the church to West 61<sup>st</sup> Street and celebrate a dedication of the plaque and then a reception on the grounds of Fordham University. We hope that the new Power Memorial Way street sign will be mounted prior to this date but there is no guarantee that this will come to fruition.

You can ask anyone that has attended in previous years, the Memorial Mass has become a very touching ceremony. Joe DeFazio (PMA 1971) coordinates this event and has progressively outdone himself every succeeding year.

We wish to thank all PMAAA members that were involved for jumping through the bureaucracy hoops.

We especially would like to thank Sean Crowley (PMA 1983), Joe Maffia (PMA 1977), Mike Kelly (PMA 1955), and Chick Pisani (PMA 1970) for making this happen for us.

There will be many NYC Governmental and New York City Archdioceses dignitaries in attendance. I know that there will be no need to ask but please look and act your best.

## **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

We will again participate in **NYC's St. Patrick's Day Parade** on **Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. This will be our 8th consecutive time in the parade, since our return in 2003. As a result of our continued emphasis on marching formation and appearance we have won awards in each of these years. Let's keep up that sterling effort.

THIS YEAR THE PMAAA WILL BE HONORED BY HAVING TERENCE MCADAMS '52, ONE OF OUR OWN AS AN AIDE AT LARGE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL. Let's have the largest turnout ever to show our appreciation to the Parade Committee for honoring Terry and to show him our respect and gratitude for all he has done for the PMAAA.

Information on the assembly point and times and parade assignments will be posted on the website and via e-mail to Class Captains and those that register. For information or to register THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE: contact Kevin Bollbach at [kevin\\_tax@yahoo.com](mailto:kevin_tax@yahoo.com) or call him at 201-295-7853. Make sure to give him a reach email or phone number and your year of graduation.

## **Post Parade Party**

Following the Parade we will again hold a Post Parade Party at **Cathedral High School 56<sup>th</sup> Street and 1st Avenue, NYC**. There will be a full buffet and open bar. Admission is \$50 and all Alumni, faculty and guests are invited. (no children please) PLEASE CONTACT MIKE KELLY TO MAKE RESERVATION, PAYMENT IN ADVANCE PREFERRED. CONTACT HIM ON [PARADES2@VERIZON.NET](mailto:PARADES2@VERIZON.NET) OR CALL 845-462-2865

## **PMA Class of 1960's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

"Fellow classmates of 1960 PMA graduates: 2010 represents our 50th anniversary. We are hoping for a huge turnout to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City and to attend a post parade party (details to be announced). Many members of the Class of 1960 have indicated they are coming. Do not miss this now-or-never opportunity to meet and greet your classmates and catch up on what our lives have been these past 50 years! We are working on some 1960 PMA photos.

Please contact me as to whether or not you can attend either the Parade and/or party on March,17th.

Dennis Garvey (Class of 1960)  
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## **PMA Newsletter SPAM Folder Avoidance**

### **How To Prevent The PMA Newsletter Being Identified As SPAM**

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### **Last Call**

Joseph Gowing.....PMA 1946

Edward J. Kane.....PMA 1942

Neil Dorrian.....PMA 1941

Patrick C. Moran...PMA 1948

## **President's Letter**

Dear Fellow Alumni,

The Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association has recently achieved another goal toward preserving our legacy. On December 28, 2009 VP Mike Kelly '55, Bill Hind '55 and myself had the pleasure of attending the ceremony at City Hall where

Mayor Bloomberg signed Omnibus Bill 1103 into law, thereby renaming West 61st Street, Power Memorial Way. Councilwoman Gale Brewer, who campaigned for us was also in attendance. My heartfelt thanks go out to her and to Sean Crowley '83 and Joe Maffia '77 for their diligence in seeing this project through. We now have the bragging rights to say that 61st Street is "our street."

Another project was undertaken to preserve our legacy. It began with the idea of erecting a plaque honoring our school on the property of 161 West 61st Street. This project has been on the drawing boards for a few years. Ed O'Keefe '61, Board Member Emeritus, had the resolve to penetrate corporation after corporation to locate the actual owners of the property site of Power. Unfortunately, the owners chose not to see us. We tried several different approaches at various times and finally approached Fordham where we received a very warm welcome. They agreed to let us erect a plaque on their wall at the base of 61st Street and we are now in the final stages of the arrangement.

Saturday, March 13, 2010 is a big day for us. Not only is it the day of our Annual Mass of Remembrance, but immediately after the Mass, we plan to dedicate and bless the plaque that is to be erected on Fordham's wall and a reception will follow the dedication. If everything else goes according to plan, we hope the City of NY will have our street sign in place by March 13 and we can have the street name dedication take place along with the plaque. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

On January 13, 2010 Mike & Jane Kelly '55, Tom McGuire '48, John Torres '70 and I attended the installation ceremony of the Grand Marshall and the Aides for this year's St Patrick's Day Parade. We are especially proud this year since NYC Police Commissioner Ray Kelly has been named the Grand Marshall and our own Terry McAdams '52 is the Aide at Large. We have always received a very warm welcome from the parade dignitaries, but this year they have bestowed a wonderful honor upon us by naming Terry as the Aide at Large. Terry is also one of our founding Board Members.

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome Kevin McGeary '72 to the Board. He was elected at our board meeting on January 18, 2010. Kevin comes to us with many ideas for fundraising and like all of us, a deep love of our alma mater. I look forward to working with him to further our goals.

Just as a reminder, the following classes celebrate milestone years: Class of '80 - 30 years, Class of '70 - 40 years, Class of '60 - 50 years, Class of '50 - 60 years and Class of '40 - 70 years.

Please keep Board Member Tom Cullen '72 in your prayers. He is in Hackensack Medical Center undergoing a bone marrow transplant. I visited with him last week and he is in very high spirits. He is walking a few miles every day around the floor of the ward and photographing everybody. Way to go, Tom!!

Go Panthers!

Chick Pisani

President, PMAAA