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Thompson Tribute marks another year.



Photos by Trinity Kane

September 3 marked the annual Thompson Tribute. This year at the grave site of Gen. William Thompson the anniversary of his passing was marked by a traditional military "Toast." The toast to Thompson was offered by Division President Tom Kane which was followed by a toast to Thompsons men by Brendan Kane. A solar powered spot light was placed to illuminate the sites celtic cross. After the toast prayers were offered for intentions for Division friends and family.

Veterans outreach offered to AOH state conventioners



Photo by Rich Paullet

As part of the Veterans outreach program, Bill Irwin and new Division brother Rich Paullet manned the Freedom Team Salute table at the PA AOH State Convention held in Pittsburgh.

Local family recieves sign

A local family that has been praying for guidance and strength, suddenly recieved a sign that their prayers are being heard. This ocured when a "fish" symbol appeared on their porch step. The faithful who witnessed this call it a sign from God.



*Honor role
of departed members, family and friends*

*Robert Sullivan
Francis Hannon*

*May their souls and all
the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*



VIEWPOINT

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

This has been a rough year for our small, but active Division.

We have lost 3 members to death; Tom Vanner last year to cancer, Bob Sullivan, our oldest member at 93, to the inevitable that none of us can avoid, and finally just recently, Fran Hannon also to cancer. These were three brothers whose loss will be heartfelt, but we also know they all went to the reward that we all strive to obtain. I would like to think our organization with its deeds and spirit helped them and all of us in this objective.

You know, we all saw parts of Ted Kennedy's funeral on T.V. and I will not make comment on Senator Kennedy or the life he lived, his own son said he was far from perfect, but what I will point to is how our lives are reflections upon us and our Church. Reflections of what kind of Catholic and person we have been. What have we represented? How have we been models for our faith and heritage? Who and what principles did we stand up for or beside?

We can no longer hide behind what good we intend to do; it is too late for that. We are measured by what we have done and who we were. We are naked before God and those we leave behind. Nothing else matter.s The wealth, the fame, the power we may have held...it is all gone. What remains is the bare acknowledgement of what we were, what others thought of us as children of God and what HE will think of us when we hopefully enter our reward. I am proud of these three men and the rest of you as well. Let us recommit to do better in their memory and for our own eternal reward.

We toasted our namesake earlier this month. I now toast these men, that we actually knew, and the people they were and wish them and their families well as they travel into this new phase of their continued existence, both in our hearts and the rewards of heaven.

God bless them and all of you. Let us not forget our brothers and families who are suffering this year and provide them the support they need and deserve.

President's Podium



By Tom Kane



New Members "Cead Mile Failte" Rich Paullet

Congratulations to Bill Irwin on obtaining his Major Degrees

Prayer Intentions

Prayer works.

We ask that you keep the following in your prayers;

*Molly Finnerty continued health
Bill Rue continued health*

*Dan Lyons and Son
Cyndi Painley
Blaine Havice
Ann Irwin
Henry McGinnis*

*All of our friends and family serving in the armed forces
Our student members as they continue their studies
All the clergy served by the Division*

Please also remember special intentions for the families of Fran Hannon and Bob Sullivan



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I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me:
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me.