



# PMAAA Newsletter

POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

April 2022



A small, but very hearty contingent of PMA Alumni braved the weather to march in the 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

(Photo Courtesy of Gerry McGee – PMA '61)

## THE TRADITION CONTINUES!

### POWER ALUMNI BRAVE THE WEATHER AND MARCH UP FIFTH AVENUE

Despite the rain and wind, a group of approximately twenty alumni marched up Fifth Avenue to continue the tradition of representing Power Memorial Academy in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. After a two year hiatus due to COVID restrictions, government officials finally allowed the parade to resume.

Although the spectators that lined Fifth Avenue were much less than previous years due to the inclement weather and ongoing COVID concerns, it didn't diminish the enthusiasm of the onlookers. As the Power contingent moved up Fifth Avenue, the crowd cheered with excitement and admiration. Remarks, such as "where's Kareem," "great school," "my father went to Power," could be heard from the crowd.



Flag carrier, Tom Tuffey, seeks help from Chick Pisani to have the PMA school flag repaired.

(Photo courtesy Gerry McGee – PMA '61)

There was a mishap during the march up the Avenue. Around 47<sup>th</sup> Street, the Power Memorial Academy school flag became detached from the flagpole. Quick thinking flag carrier, Tom Tuffey, sought help from PMAAA President Chick Pisani who happened to have a roll of tape with him, and the flag was quickly reattached. Tom Tuffey rejoined the ranks with the repaired flag and continued up the remainder of the parade route without further incident.

As the marchers passed St. Patrick's Cathedral, President Pisani presented the



PMAAA Alumni as seen on television.



One of the many onlookers who welcomed the Power marchers as they marched up Fifth Avenue.

Bishops and other clergy with PMA memorabilia. Typically, Cardinal Dolan would have been one of the viewers in front of the Cathedral. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend due to the passing of his mother.

Unlike previous years, the PMAAA contingent made it past the television cameras in time before the parade broadcast went off the air, thus allowing PMA family members to view the marchers on television.

After the Power contingent completed their march up Fifth Avenue, most headed to Cathedral High School for the Post Parade Party. There, they were joined by other alumni who could not participate in the parade and family members. The attendees were treated with a selection of hot food and refreshments. Many alumni purchased Power merchandise that was available at the party.

Alumni took advantage of reacquainting themselves with old friends that they haven't seen in several years.

PMAAA President Chick Pisani addressed the group thanking all marchers for their dedication and perseverance for braving the elements and keeping intact the tradition of Power marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Members of Class of '61 pose for a photo at the Post Parade Party.



PMAAA President Chick Pisani welcomes the group to the Post Parade Party held at Cathedral High School.

(Photos Courtesy of Gerry McGee)

**POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
PRESENTS  
2022 PMA Summer Social Mixer




**LOCATION:**  
All Hallows High School  
111 East 164<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bronx, New York 10452

**DATE:**  
June 25, 2022 (Saturday)

**Time:**  
11 AM – 3 PM

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Join us at the **2022 PMAAA Summer Social Mixer**. **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at All Hallows H.S. 111 East 164 Street, Bronx, NY. 11 AM - 3 PM**  
(Lunch will be served)



Bishop Walsh giving the homily.

# DECEASED ALUMNI HONORED AT MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Approximately 50 alumni and family members attended the PMAAA Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, March 12, 2022. This was the first Mass to be celebrated since 2019. COVID concerns forced the postponement of the Mass in 2020 and 2021. Due to the inclement weather, participation in this year's Mass was less as compared to previous years.

The usual venue for this annual event, St. Paul the Apostle Church, wasn't available this year due to renovations that were taking place at the church. Instead, the Mass was celebrated at the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus located on West 51<sup>st</sup> Street in Manhattan.

The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Gerald Walsh – PMA '59 and was assisted by Father Lorenzo Ato, Pastor of Sacred Heart. As usual, PMAAA board member, Joe DeFazio - PMA '71, did a fantastic job in making all the arrangements with the church and leading the congregation in song at the Mass.

During the homily, Bishop Walsh thanked the attendees for giving up their Saturday morning to come to the Mass and honor the spirit of those alumni who have passed. Bishop Walsh also reminded the assembly of the importance of the Catholic faith that was instilled in us by the Brothers who taught at Power.

After Communion, the congregation remained silent as the names of the recently deceased PMA alumni were read by Kevin McGearry during the Necrology.

At the conclusion of the Mass, most participants retreated to the school cafeteria for cake and coffee.



PMAAA Mass of Remembrance organizer, Joseph DeFazio, leads the group in song.

Alumni (shown above and below) attending the 2022 Mass of Remembrance at the Church of the Sacred Heart.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## POWER ALUM FR. JAMES LLOYD, CSP CELEBRATES HIS 101<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY

Power Memorial Academy alumnus, Fr. James Lloyd, CSP, celebrated his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fr. Lloyd, graduated from PMA in 1939.

According to an article that appeared on the Paulist Fathers web page, Father Lloyd is both the eldest current Paulist Father and the longest-lived Paulist in the history of their missionary society. He currently lives at the Paulist motherhouse on West 59th Street in New York City, just blocks from where he was raised on Manhattan’s West Side. His parents were performers on the vaudeville circuit and performed under the name of Lloyd & Ardle. His father was a Russian-Jew, and his mother was Irish-Catholic. Fr. Lloyd often said that he was half Jewish, half Irish, and 100% Catholic!

Fr. Lloyd entered the Paulist novitiate in 1942 and made his first promises to the Paulist community on September 8, 1943. He was ordained a priest on May 1, 1948. (Fr. Lloyd was the first member of the Paulist community to celebrate a 70th ordination ceremony.)

After his ordination, Fr. Lloyd embarked on a very remarkable and successful spiritual career. He served as a missionary in South Africa from 1948 to 1955. He then led the Paulist Fathers' Catholic Information Center located near Columbus Circle in New York City from 1955 to 1965. From 1965 to 1968, Fr. Lloyd headed St. Peter's Seminary located in Baltimore, MD.

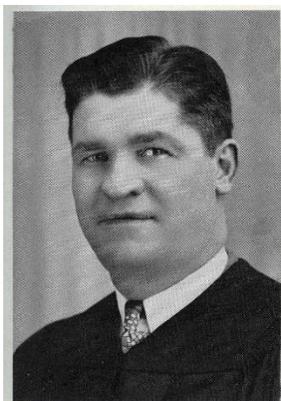
In addition to his other priestly duties, from 1958 to 1973, Fr. Lloyd hosted “*Inquiry*,” a television program which aired on Sunday mornings on WNBC (Channel 4). The program featured Fr. Lloyd interviewing authors, public officials and celebrities, including Mother Theresa, Jackie Gleason, William F. Buckley and Florence Henderson.

In 1973, Fr. Lloyd earned a Ph.D. in psychology from New York University’s School of Education. He was a professor for twenty years at Iona College’s graduate division of pastoral counseling. He also taught at St. Joseph’s Seminary in Yonkers, NY.

Currently, at the age of 101, Fr. Lloyd continues to hear confessions and provide pro bono counseling services.



PMA alum Father James Lloyd, CSP



MR. EDMUND V. BURNS  
Mathematics  
Varsity Basketball,  
Baseball Coach

*Edmund V. Burns*  
1949 Power Yearbook

# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

## POWER’S LONGEST TENURED TEACHER

Good educators are the foundation of every school. The dedication section in their yearbooks commemorates the impact a teacher has had on the school and leaves a tangible, lasting impression for co-workers and students to look back on. It is a tremendous honor to have school’s yearbook dedicated to you. Imagine for a moment the special, inspirational person who might receive TWO yearbook dedications. Now try to conjure a superlative accolade to describe a faculty member held in such high esteem, a yearbook is dedicated to them on THREE occasions!

With a faculty tenure spanning from the fall of 1944 to the spring of 1977, there’s a good chance you had him as a teacher, coach or activity moderator. He was a mentor to young men for 33 years. If there’s a Mt. Rushmore of Power Memorial Faculty, this man is surely on it.



**POWER'S LONGEST TENURED TEACHER** (continued from previous page)

Edmund Vincent Burns was born on November 9, 1912, in New York City to Irish immigrants Patrick and Ellen Burns (nee Barrett). The 2nd youngest of seven siblings, Ed grew up in the Hell's Kitchen area of Manhattan.

Edmund attended high school at All Hallows Institute, as it was then called, where he was active in sports. Athletics was in his DNA. His maternal uncles Edward ("Ned") and James competed in the 1908 London Olympic Games. A two-time British wrestling champion, Uncle Ned won Olympic gold in the team Tug-of-War competition and an individual bronze medal in the heavyweight division of the Freestyle Wrestling event. As for the young, athletic Edmund Burns, he was a three-sport letterman at All Hallows playing Varsity Baseball and Basketball as an underclassman before adding Varsity Football to the mix as a Junior and Senior.

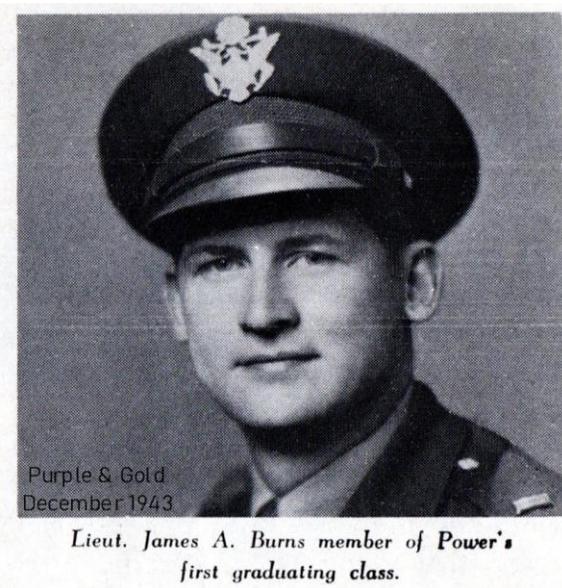
After graduating from All Hallows in 1932, Ed worked for the NYC Parks Department before attending Manhattan College and New York University where he earned degrees in Mathematics and Physical Education. His first teaching assignment was at Textile High School on West 18th Street in Manhattan, the largest vocational school in the country dedicated to one industry.

Mr. Burns' tenure at Power began in the Fall of 1944. We see a picture of Prof. E. Burns and his room 306 Freshman class in the 1945 yearbook. But even before joining the faculty, he had a connection to the school. His younger



Mr. Burns, identified as Professor E. Burns of the photo on right, appears in the 1945 Power Yearbook.

brother, James, was a member of the first graduating class in Power Memorial's history, getting his high school diploma in 1935. Sadly, James, a navigator on a B-24 Liberator, was killed in action while on a mission in the Pacific during World War II. His life and service to his country were warmly remembered in the December 1943 edition of the Purple & Gold, Power's school newspaper.



In the classroom, Mr. Burns taught a range of subjects with a primary focus in mathematics. Mr. Burns taught Advanced & Intermediate Algebra, Math 10, 11 and 12, Plane Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, English 9, Social Studies 9, Religion, Gym and Typing. During his teaching career he served as the Mathematics Department Chairman and Director of Physical Training.

Outside the classroom he moderated or coached a variety of afterschool activities: Varsity Basketball, Varsity Baseball, JV Baseball, JV Basketball, JV Football, Intramural Sports Moderator, Alumni Club Moderator, Math Club Moderator, and National Honor Society Moderator.

When 1953 arrived, Ed Burns added the title of husband to his growing resume when he married his wife Margaret (nee Gillen). In his spare time, Mr. Burns was a director at the Knights of Columbus camp and the Stryker's Lane Community Center on West 53rd Street in Manhattan.



**POWER'S LONGEST TENURED TEACHER** (continued from previous page)

His achievements as a varsity head coach include a third-place finish in the 1954 CHSAA NYC Basketball Championships. Among others, he coached “all-city” basketball players George Yarwood and Dick Percudani, the latter becoming a Power faculty member and basketball coach himself some years later. Mr. Burns retired from coaching after the 1966 baseball season.

The 1961 Power Yearbook staff had this to say about Mr. Burns when he was honored with a dedication for the first time, “...Former students in all walks of life- priests, brothers, lawyers, engineers, teachers themselves- acknowledge with appreciation and zeal, the self-sacrifice, the whole-hearted dedication of the lay faculty of Power Memorial. A more representative example of this total commitment to the hard work of Catholic education need not be looked for beyond Mr. Burns. The students of Power have long been the beneficiary of the talents of this modest man and the class of 1961 wishes him many more years of fruitful endeavor at Power Memorial.”

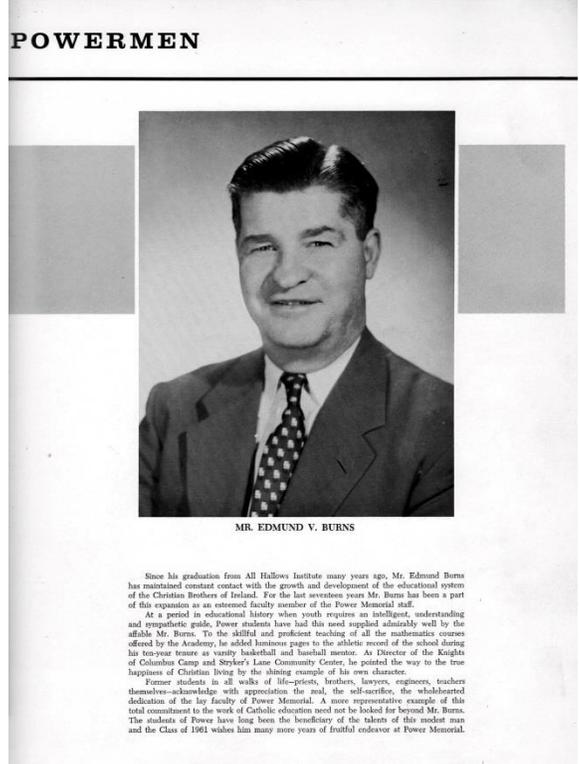
Mr. Burns was honored again with yearbook dedications in 1974 and 1976.

As a senior, instead of Trigonometry this author took Typing as an elective class. Mr. Burns was my teacher. It would be the last year at Power for both of us. As I remember, he had a gravelly voice, kind eyes with a friendly business-like demeanor. A few years after my high school graduation, I got a start in what turned out to be a 40-year career working in IT and IT related fields simply because I could type better than my co-workers. I have told that story a thousand times and will likely tell it a thousand more. I remain thankful to Mr. Burns for teaching me how to type. I have no doubt the many students he taught, mentored, or coached are thankful for the lessons they learned from him too.

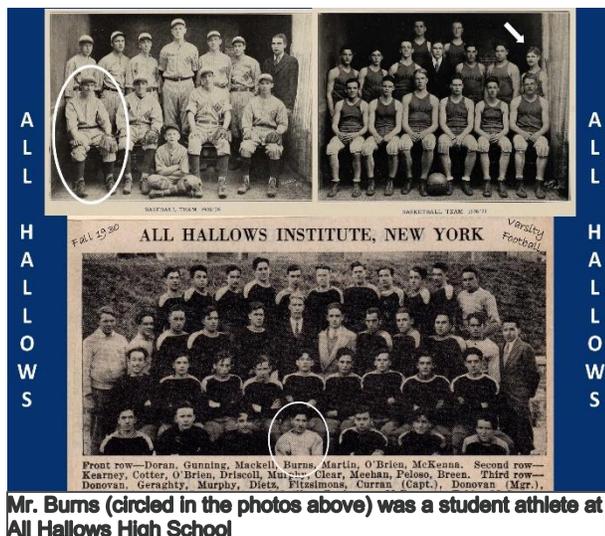
Mr. Burns was residing near Van Cortlandt Park when he passed away on September 13, 2000. He was survived by his many loving nieces and nephews along with a legion of former students in whom he planted seeds of knowledge. He had been pre-deceased by his parents, his siblings, and wife, all of whom he is buried near at the Calvary Cemetery in Woodside, NY.

Let us all say a hearty “well done” and a grateful “thank you” to Mr. Edmund V. Burns the longest tenured teacher in the history of Power Memorial Academy.

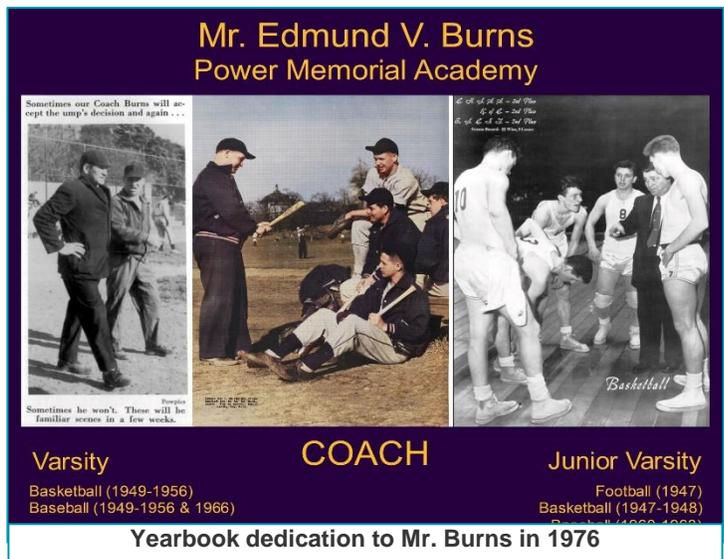
**Article reprinted from the PMA Track posting on the PMA Facebook page. Special thanks to Bruce Geaniotis – PMA '77**



**First Yearbook Dedication Honoring Mr. Burns in 1961**



**Mr. Burns (circled in the photos above) was a student athlete at All Hallows High School**



**Yearbook dedication to Mr. Burns in 1976**



# POWER YouTube CHANNEL PRESENTS:



Watch Steve Kallas interview 2011 PMA HOF Inductee Congressman Joseph Crowley. Joe discusses with Steve how he ended up going to Power, the loss to AOC, his two saddest days at Power, the Broadway show that he is co-producing (see flyer on page 12), and many more interesting topics. You can catch the entire interview on the PMAAA YouTube Channel by clicking the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HbcVJAKET3Y>

## POWERFUL THOUGHTS 14

by Dr. John R. Cleary, PMA '57

I cried the day our PMA JV basketball team lost. After the angst of not making the frosh team in 1953, this episode has since supplanted the former misery.

During my sophomore year at PMA, the school hired a new junior varsity basketball coach, Mr. J. Halligan. Mr. Halligan was assessing aggressive players who moved well without the ball on offense and who played intense defense -- my kind of playground basketball. I joined the junior varsity.

PMA played Mt. St. Michael's Academy in the Bronx at PMA during the 1954 -1955 season. I don't remember much of that season, save for this particular game. Until the present day, basketball was supposed to be a team sport. You looked for the open man and played as hard on defense as you played on offense. On defense, you yelled "pick" or "screen" or "switch" to help your fellow defender from committing a charging foul.

Back to the Mt. St. Michael's game. The competition played toe-to-toe the entire game. As the clock wore down, we had a slim lead. I had been resting on the bench. Coach Halligan called me in for defense. He admonished the team not to foul.

With only seconds to go, with only a one point lead, my opponent started dribbling to the left; I was right on his sneakers. Suddenly I smashed into their forward who had set a screen for my adversary. The whistle blew. "Charging! One and one" was the call. He sank both free throws and the Mt. took the lead. By the time PMA tried to set up a play, the closing buzzer blared. Game over; PMA lost.

I was first to run down to the lockers, punching a number of them on the way. I stumbled my way to my locker and dropped my head down on the door. Coach came over to console me, but it didn't work. I caused us to lose. I remained brooding for a long time after that.

In hindsight I realize that this would not have happened on my other teams (church, local and pickup) I played on. We helped each other out and talked to each other on offense and defense. As I much later analyzed the incident, our forward Frank never talked nor guided me through the pick. He did not play team ball and was only concerned for his personal prominence.

**Note: Dr. Cleary has offered to author a series of articles reflecting on his experiences at PMA. Alumni are encouraged to submit articles and share their experiences at Power Memorial Academy. Send your articles to: [brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com)**



## MAURICE ZUNIGA – PMA '81 JOINS PMAAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



After being vetted by the nominating committee, Maurice Zuniga was unanimously elected to the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association Board of Directors on February 13, 2022. He was nominated by current Board member, Carl Hall.

Maurice was born and raised in the Castle Hill section of the Bronx. After attending St. John Vianney grammar school in Bronx, he entered PMA in September of 1977 and graduated in 1981. Maurice joined the U.S. Army Reserves after graduating from Power. While in the Army Reserves, he served as a combat medic and an operating room technician until 1987.

Maurice joined the New York City Emergency Medical Services (EMS) after attending New York City Technical College. To this day, he is a Member of Service as an Emergency Medical Technician. He is currently on assignment at the NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM). There, Maurice has served as a Watch Commander, Watch Command Supervisor, Auxiliary Citywide Incident Coordinator, and currently a Health/Medical Specialist. Maurice has participated in support operations for many major events (e.g., New Year's Times Square celebrations, Papal visit to Ground Zero, World Series, etc.), many emergencies, including blackouts, fires, steam pipe explosions, building collapses, etc., and major weather events (blizzards, heatwaves, tornadoes, major storms, earthquakes, hurricanes like Sandy, Irene & Maria, Puerto Rican relief efforts). As a valued member of both the EMS and NYCEM, Maurice has received numerous awards and commendations for meritorious service and pre-hospital lifesaving. He is also a recipient of the FDNY's Rescuer Medal for service rendered during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Maurice is currently pursuing a degree in Emergency Management and certification as a (UAV) pilot to enrich and compliment his credentials as an emergency manager. He resides in Old Bridge, New Jersey with his wife of 19 years, Denise. He is the proud father of a son and two daughters, as well as being a grandfather of six grandchildren.

Maurice's goal as a board member of the PMAAA is to continue to keep the memory of our beloved Power alive!

## PMAAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS



The PMAAA Board of Directors met virtually via video teleconference on February 12<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The main focus of both meetings was to finalize plans for the Mass of Remembrance, St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Post Parade Party. Also discussed was the upcoming PMAAA Summer Social Mixer that is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> at All Hallows H.S. and the HOF Dinner. Due to a conflict at the Immaculate Conception Center, the HOF Dinner is now scheduled for November 12, instead of November 5, 2022. Board member Steve Lazarus also presented the new HOF nomination form. The meetings were chaired by the Association's president, Chick Pisani.

The next PMAAA Board meeting is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM.

Minutes of the latest meetings may be found on the PMAAA website: [www.PowerMemorialAcademy.com](http://www.PowerMemorialAcademy.com)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submissions from the alumni for the newsletter are always welcome. Please send any articles, pictures, memories of PMA, personal situations (including grandchildren, anniversaries, retirements etc.) to Brian McCann at [brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com)

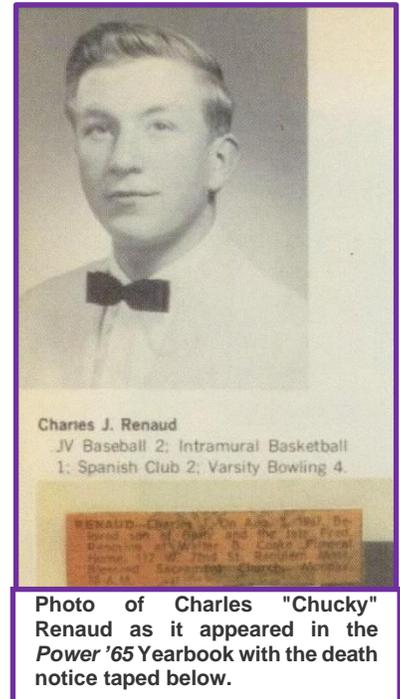
Please let fellow alumni who may not be aware of the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association or don't receive notices about association activities to register with the PMAAA by clicking on: <https://forms.gle/uHfDbdi76CqbYgSH8> and provide their contact information so that they receive future announcements of PMAAA activities.



# MAYBE MORE THAN JUST A COINCIDENCE?

## WAS DECEASED ALUM REACHING OUT TO HIS CLASSMATES?

While updating the Necrology for the 2022 Remembrance Mass, PMAAA Archivist, Kevin McGeary – PMA '72 wanted to check the spelling on a list of names from the Class of 65 against their yearbook pictures. He had two copies of the 1965 Power yearbook, one an original and the other a Classmates.com scanned version of a different 1965 yearbook. To be clear the scanned version was not a copy of the original yearbook. Kevin happened to choose the Classmates version as the book to check the list against. As he was skimming through the graduation headshot pictures, something unexpected caught his eye. It looked like a small newspaper clipping Scotch taped below the picture of one Charles J. Renaud. A closer look showed it to be a death notice for Charles dated August 1st, 1967, just 2 years after he graduated. Kevin called Norm Jardine, the '65 Class Captain and keeper of contact information for his classmates. Norm had no record of Charles being registered with the group, nor any record of his being deceased. Kevin asked Norm if he could send out a group email to see if anyone knew anything about this. Within hours, a classmate named Robert Skibar responded with the following email:



*"I grew up with and was best friends with a Charles "Chucky" Renaud. He lived on W.69th St. and I believe his services were held at Blessed Sacrament Church on W.71st St. He drowned in the swimming pool in John Jay Park at E.78th St and the FDR Drive in August of 1967. He worked for NBC. He hung out with Paul Whitney and me, usually in Yorkville. He died the same day I got back from Navy Intel School, and I was on E.78th St with my girlfriend when I heard the sirens. I thought it was just the cops chasing the guys using the pool after hours, something we did regularly. I was a pall bearer and we buried him in New Jersey. A real creepy part of this was, right after the funeral, I went to Vietnam only to get a "lost" letter from him 6 months later, stamped "Found In Presumably Empty Mail Equipment". Now fast forward 10 years later, I'm living in New Jersey and for no good reason I open up an old briefcase only to find his mass card...10 years to the day that he died. If this is the same guy, I think he's just saying hello!"*

Now, some might say that everything you've just read is nothing more than a series of coincidences, but it is Kevin's belief, as well as most of you reading this may agree, that this is more than a mere coincidence. What if Kevin had chosen the original '65 yearbook? What if he looked away just before the page with the clipping came into view? What if Robert Skibar never saw Norm's email? And all of this occurring just a week before the Mass while working on the necrology of Powermen who've gone before us. Chucky Renaud was saying more than just hello. He was telling us, "I'm here. I want to come home. I want to be back with my Power brothers." And so, he is. He'd reached out before, but the mechanisms weren't in place to make it happen. Third time was the charm, as they say. Welcome back, Chucky, it's great to have you back where you belong.

## FINAL DISMISSAL

The following Alumni have gone to their final dismissal:

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| ✚ Edward Coyne – PMA '44              | ✚ Eugene J. Manning – PMA '62 |
| ✚ Frank Csencsits – PMA '68           | ✚ Thomas J. Murphy – PMA '47  |
| ✚ George Duignan – PMA '66            | ✚ Edwin Moss – PMA '71        |
| ✚ Leslie Edwards – PMA '68            | ✚ Robert O'Connor – PMA '68   |
| ✚ Dennis Ferrante – PMA '68           | ✚ Jeff Ryan – PMA '79         |
| ✚ William "Bill" Harrington – PMA '75 | ✚ Joseph Sullivan – PMA '48   |
| ✚ Anthony LaJoie – PMA '64            | ✚ Kenneth Watson – PMA '62    |

+ May they rest in peace +



# JUSTICE JOSEPH P. SULLIVAN, PMA – '48 HAS PASSED BEST KNOWN FOR HIS GEORGE BRETT PINE TAR BAT RULING



Justice Joseph P. Sullivan 1931- 2022

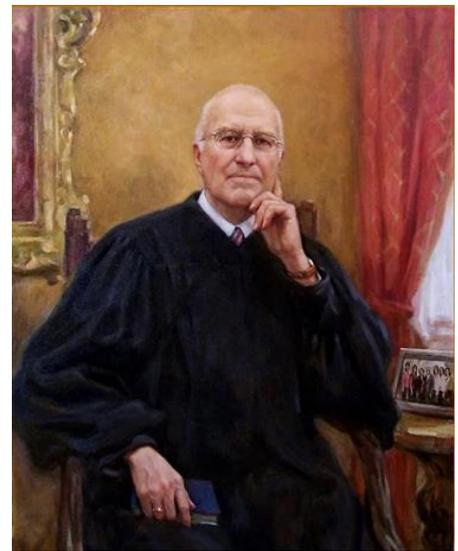
Justice Joseph P. Sullivan, passed away on March 12, 2022. He was 90 years old. Justice Sullivan graduated from Power Memorial Academy in 1948. Born in the Bronx in 1931, he was the son of a New York City Corrections Officer and a first generation American. Justice Sullivan has the distinction of being the longest serving Appellate Division Justice in New York State history having served 30 years.

He received his undergraduate and law degrees from St. John's University - B.A. in 1952 and LL.B. in 1957. Justice Sullivan later earned an LL.M. degree from the University of Virginia in 1984.

After his admission to the Bar, Justice Sullivan engaged in private practice in Bronx and New York Counties. In 1965 he became Law Secretary to Supreme Court Justice George C. Tierney. Judge Sullivan's judicial career began in 1968, when he was elected to the Civil Court of the City of New York, Bronx County serving four years. He was elected in 1972 to the Supreme

Court, Bronx County. In 1978, Governor Hugh Carey appointed Judge Sullivan to the Appellate Division, First Department.

Justice Sullivan's judicial career will forever be linked to the memorable 1983 New York Yankees - George Brett Pine Tar court case. When the home run hit by Kansas City Royals player George Brett was disallowed due to an excess of pine tar applied to the baseball bat, the President of the American League overturned the umpire's call and ordered the completion of the game. The Yankees then obtained a court injunction preventing the resumption of the game and the League appealed to the Appellate Division seeking vacatur (annul) of the injunction. When the ruling was issued, Justice Sullivan, putting aside his bias as a Yankee fan, declared "Play Ball," recognizing the fact that Major League Baseball has jurisdiction over the interpretation of baseball rules.



Justice Sullivan's Official Portrait

While at the Appellate Division, Justice Sullivan was nominated 10 times by the Commission on Judicial Nomination for appointment to the Court of Appeals, including twice for the office of Chief Judge. In 2000, Governor George Pataki appointed Judge Sullivan Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, a position which he held until 2001, when he turned 70. At that point, he became an Associate Justice once again, serving until the end of 2007.

Upon reaching mandatory retirement age after three recertifications to the Court, Justice Sullivan stepped down from the bench and joined the firm of Holland & Knight as counsel.

According to his obituary, Justice Sullivan's proudest accomplishments are his five daughters, 15 grandchildren, and his 63- year marriage to his wife Patsy.

## **PLEASE HELP US KEEP TRACK OF OUR ALUMNI!**

The Association requests your assistance in keeping track of our Alumni. Should you know of any former students who have recently passed, please notify Kevin McGeary at: [kevin.mcgeary@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:kevin.mcgeary@powermemorialacademy.com) or Joseph DeFazio at: [joseph.defazio@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:joseph.defazio@powermemorialacademy.com). Kindly provide the name of the deceased alumnus and the class year. All alumni who have passed will be acknowledged at the next Mass of Remembrance.



# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

APRIL 2022

Dear Brother Panthers

We are finally breathing a sigh of relief with many of the Covid restrictions being lifted from us. NYC is ever so slowly coming back to the way things were, specifically the reemergence of the St Patrick's Day Parade. The parade was small, but it was still full of its usual excitement and fanfare. Unfortunately for the 2022 parade, the weather tested the resolve of parade goers and marchers alike, but Power made a good showing. It was a small contingent, but in spite of the weather we persevered and marched with pride for our school and City.

This year St. Paul the Apostle Church was unable to host our Mass of Remembrance due to extensive renovations inside the church. We held the Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on 51<sup>st</sup> Street in Hell's Kitchen. Father Ato, the pastor was invited to concelebrate the Mass with Bishop Walsh. Sacred Heart has a long history with Power since many of its grammar school graduates continued their Catholic education at Power.

We have a new Board member. Maurice Zuniga was unanimously voted onto the board at the last meeting. He has already taken on a few tasks with the zeal of a true Powerman. Welcome aboard, Maurice!!!

Just as a reminder, we have our Social Mixer at All Hallows coming up on June 25th, and our Hall of Fame Dinner at the Immaculate Conception Center on November 12th. See you there!!

**Pro Christo Rege,**

Andrew "Chick" Pisani  
President, PMAAA

## UPDATE: POWER-ALL HALLOWS—RICE ("PAR") CHALLENGE/OUR ALL HALLOWS SCHOLARS

BY SEAN CROWLEY - PMA '83

As many of you know, I have the privilege of serving as a member on the *All Hallows High School* Board of Directors. In that capacity, I have had the pleasure of learning more about the resilient and pioneering work of *All Hallows*, as they continue to be a special venue where students are taught to realize their fullest potential and to acquire a lifelong love of learning and service to others. The value sets that *Power Memorial* and *All Hallows* share serve as the shared purpose of our special bond.

I would like to personally thank you, my fellow *Power Memorial Academy Alumni*, for your support of need based scholarships at *All Hallows High School*. The generosity shown for the PAR Challenge has been quite impressive. Specifically, the success of the *PAR Challenge*, a joint fundraising effort comprised of *Power* and *Rice* alumni, along with the heartfelt memorial fund in honor of my mother Mary Eileen Crowley, has been humbling and inspiring to see.

It is worth noting that the largesse of all of the momentum you have created, in the amount of \$107,796, in support of this important initiative was then most generously matched by Mr. Joseph Murphy. Mr. Murphy is a Rice graduate, class of 1952 and is one of New York's strongest champions of inner-city Irish Christian Brothers education, such as All Hallows. (*PAR Challenge: May 2021: \$52,901.66 | December 2021: \$32,189 | Rice Alumni: \$8,260 | Mary Eileen Crowley Memorial Fund: \$14,445.36*)

The \$500,000 that the PAR Challenge and other donations combined, triggered the \$500,000 match by Mr. Murphy. The PAR Challenge funds are being used to support students in the form of scholarships, which ultimately support operational costs. The matched Murphy funds of \$500,000 have been directed to the following capital projects: roof repairs, the brick pointing on the front of the building and repairs to the Brother's residence. In addition, Mr. Murphy backed the \$1 million mortgage in addition to the matched gift of \$500,000.

With respect to our scholars, Sebastian Ray Martinez, a 9th grade student at All Hallows, who received \$2,000 in support this year and will receive it per annum through his senior year if he upholds the academic expectations. Unfortunately, the other PAR Scholar left All Hallows due to other issues. The next step on the Scholarship would be to nominate a new Freshman for the 22-23 school year.

Additionally, please know All Hallows is very open to collaborating with the Power Alumni along the lines of mentoring and internship opportunities. The goal with these internships is to ensure that All Hallows students are afforded the opportunity to explore all business sectors and career pathways, as these types of experiences will assist them when choosing an area of study in college.

Power men making a difference!



## GREETINGS FROM NICHOLAS CORRADO, PRINCIPAL, ALL HALLOWS HIGH SCHOOL

It is indeed my honor to have the opportunity to address the much lauded and highly respected Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association. The fruits of our brotherhood continue to advance the important mission of this unique Irish Christian Brother’s school and for that you have my personal gratitude.

As I journey through my 17th year as an educator and 7th at All Hallows, I find myself continually blessed and grateful to have been given the opportunity and responsibility to lead and work with this special community of students, parents, faculty, staff and alumni at our home here on East 164th Street.

This past September marked our 113th year providing a Blessed Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Education to the young men and future leaders of our world who walk through our doors each morning. We take pride in and celebrate the rich legacy of those who have come before us as well as celebrate the achievements of today.

Our students arrive as boys and leave as men equipped with the knowledge, skills and tools necessary to succeed in our ever-changing world. We excitedly look towards our future which is full of promise and excitement and will not disappoint.

As principal it is my honor and pleasure to watch our students grow academically, socially, spiritually and athletically into these fine young men. I take pride in a highly dedicated faculty and staff that ensure our students past, present and future receive a quality Catholic education. I am blown away, appreciative and thankful to all the families that make great sacrifices to send their sons to All Hallows and the alumni who continue to learn, earn and return that help to support, mold and shape our school community. I can confidently say Blessed Edmund Rice is proud of the work that is carried out in his mission at All Hallows past, present and future.

A special thank you again to each and every *Power Memorial Alumni*; your dedication to our work and your generous philanthropy, continues to make a life changing difference in the lives of inner-city young men.

God Bless and Live Jesus in Our Hearts... Forever.

Nicholas Corrado  
Principal  
All Hallows High School



GET YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY OUT TO SUPPORT JOE CROWLEY’S - PMA ’80, VENTURE TO BROADWAY, THE 10 TONY NOMINATED MUSICAL, “PARADISE SQUARE”. JOE IS A TOP LINE CO-PRODUCER AND IT’S PLAYING AT THE BARRYMORE THEATER... NOT TOO FAR FROM 161 W 61ST STREET.

# FOLLOW PMAAA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

In order to help spread the word of the PMAAA, the Association is on social media. Board member, Rick Martin, oversees the social media activities for the Association. You can track upcoming PMAAA events and alumni activities on *Facebook*, *LinkedIn* and *Twitter*. The PMAAA *Twitter* account s “#PMA4Life.”





# FUND RAISING ALTERNATIVES

Since most of the 2020 and 2021 PMAAA events had to be cancelled/postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a substantial decrease in fundraising revenues. The funds contributed by the alumni benefit the PMAAA Scholarship Fund. There are several alternatives that the alumni may utilize to contribute to the fund, including the following:

- Send contribution by mail, by sending a check to the following address:

**Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association, Inc.**  
**Cherokee Station**  
**P.O. Box 20493**  
**New York, NY 10021-0068**

- An alum can click on the following link: [Donate to PMAAA](#) and donate utilizing PayPal from the PMAAA website.

The following are other methods that an alum can help the Association’s Scholarship Fund.

If you and/or family shop utilizing Amazon, an alumnus can shop utilizing an **AmazonSmile** account. Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases that are made on Amazon. There is no cost to the customer, and you still enjoy the same price that you would receive on your current Amazon account. To set up an **AmazonSmile** account, simply follow the instructions below:

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2. On the registration page, there is a box/section to search for your charity. We are listed as **Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association Inc.** Once you make PMAAA your charity, you fill out some other minor info, then you are set.

Lastly, Facebook has a program that allows FB users to raise funds for their favorite charity. FB users can sign on to the FB Birthday Fundraiser Program and select Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association as the charity to donate to. Facebook provides all the information you need to establish a fundraiser by clicking on the link below:

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Association is always seeking volunteers for the following initiatives:

- PMAAA WEBSITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

In order to improve the PMAAA website, the Board is seeking volunteers with website design expertise to volunteer their time and knowledge to assist with this initiative. Please contact Rick Martin at: [rick.martin@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:rick.martin@powermemorialacademy.com) or Dennis Mooney at [dennis.mooney@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:dennis.mooney@powermemorialacademy.com).
- SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISING PROJECT**

Volunteers are needed to work on ad hoc committees that may be formed for special purposes. The Board is currently seeking alumnus who can bring financial expertise to the recently formed fund-raising committee. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact PMAAA Board Member Carl Hall at: [carl.hall@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:carl.hall@powermemorialacademy.com).
- CLASS CAPTAIN INITIATIVE**

Class Captains are still needed for each graduating class. Class Captains play an important part in communicating with their classmates and getting the word out on various PMAAA events. All Class Captain volunteers will be provided with contact information for their corresponding classmates. Alumni who may be interested in volunteering to be a Class Captain, please contact Kevin McGeary at [kevin.mcgeary@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:kevin.mcgeary@powermemorialacademy.com) or Brian McCann at [brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com](mailto:brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com)



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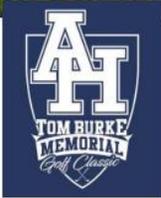
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