

January, 2013

Happy 2013!

I apologize that my communications with you have been lacking since last June. A combination of my adapting to a new professional position, and the fact that the National Football Foundation has done such an improved job of keeping members updated with its regular e-mails, has allowed my formerly monthly messages to be less frequent.

I have attempted to keep you updated by forwarding e-mails about the events and activities of the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston, the 33 Touchdown Club, and MasterSports. I'm happy that the four organizations are sharing information and promoting each other's events. That wasn't the case several years ago and we've made great strides in that area.

Last year, our Chapter's founder and namesake Jack Grinold challenged the Board of Directors with a matching fund program. We raised \$1,000 that Jack matched and that has assisted in our financial stability.

This year, Jack has pledged \$3,000 in matching funds and wants to open up the challenge to all 86 members of our organization. I request that each of you take a look and see what you might be able to donate and help us make Jack's wallet a little lighter.

If you wish to contribute, you can mail your check to:

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Winthrop, MA 02151-1912

We are in the process of gathering nominations for our Scholar-Athlete Awards. Our Selection Committee Chair, Ed Schluntz, has decided that he wishes to step down. Bob Bancroft, a long time committee member, will co-chair with Ed this year and will take over as chairman in 2014. We cannot thank Ed enough for his contributions to the Chapter and this program, and we're confident that Bob will do a similarly outstanding job.

The Scholar-Athlete Dinner will be held at Lombardo's Banquet Facility in Randolph on Monday, May 13. Due to increased costs at the facility, we will be raising ticket prices to \$65.00 per person. It is a wonderful night, and I strongly encourage you all to attend.

Preparations are being made for our Annual Coaches Clinic at Boston College in March. Further information regarding that event will follow next month.

Thank you for your time, and please consider donating to the Jack Grinold Chapter.

Be well,

**Roger Crolsey**

President and Executive Director  
Jack Grinold Chapter  
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