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Dear Fellow Members,

All good things must come to an end at some point in time. It is hard to believe that two years have gone by and I am now writing my last President's letter. I am thankful for being given the opportunity to lead this club and its members. It has been an honor for me to work along side so many good people. Over the past two years, this club has seen many changes as we continue down this path of success. We are financially sound and continue to be a prominent fixture in the community.

Our membership is full of talented people and when we get together, good things happen. In the sixteen years that I have been a member, it was my involvement and commitment that led me to where I am today. I appreciate and continue to encourage membership participation in all that is done. I admire the enthusiasm of our new members and believe that is what will continue to strengthen and solidify our organization.

How fortunate I am to have been able to work with such great people. I consider myself lucky to have been guided by John Wagle and supported by John Sheridan. The Executive Board has worked hard and I thank them all for their dedication to the membership. And to Larry McGrath, Walter Farrell, Frank Doyle, John Sellmeyer, and Jack McCarthy for managing the daily business of the club and for going above and beyond whenever needed. Best of luck to all those joining the Executive Board this year. The club is in good hands.

Marching in the parade is something I look forward to each year. Stepping off and looking our best is so important as it shows our support and belief in our heritage. As a club, each member has committed to marching together. How befitting it is for me to lead this fine organization one last time down Main St. in Belmar. We must continue to show our support to this parade, as a member you have committed yourself to participate in this event each year.

To my family, this has been a team effort and I am so lucky to have their support. From serving sandwiches on Parade Day to dying dozens of Easter Eggs over the years, Robert, Christopher, and Packy have done their share. And to Moe, I could not have done this without you. You have been there every step of the way and I thank you most of all!

Be well and God bless you all-

Mac





Please always, take a moment to think of all our troops and support staff overseas, and those less fortunate than us.

Good and Welfare information should be given to Barney Shannon @ (732) 254-6153, or to any officer.



SHENANIGANS DEADLINES

Please note, we are going to try and get the paper online sooner than usual from now on, that said, please have any items you want in the paper submitted by the 20th of the month. Thanks

DROPS OF JUPITER (DJ)

March Meeting - Thursday, March 10th. 8:30PM

FSOS Dinner Dance - Saturday, March 12th
All the juicy details inside.

St. Patrick's Day - Thursday, March 17th
The day, and night, join us please.

Widows Luncheon - Sunday, April 10th
Bob Quinn is the man in charge.

Presidents Cocktail Party - Saturday, April 30th. 7:30PM til midnight
With Alan Grant and Arne from PRIMITIVE SOUL.

THANK YOU - Another fantastic ,successful fun Mardi Gras Party. Thank you to Scott Fitzgerald ,John Chef DeMaio ,Gary Quiet Man Murphy, Tom Jambalaya McGrath, David Cummins aka TC King, Joseph Mulvanerton, Wayne more Garlic Miller, John Reilly and all who helped out . Cheers for now, John P Sheridan.

My note: Thank you ALL, this was , again one of our truly cosmic nights, tremendous super food, and music that sent you to another place (I'm still trying to get back!) TJM

"If toast always lands butter-side down, and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast on the back of a cat and drop it?"



FSOS Pipes and Drums Schedule



Belmar - Sunday, March 6th 12:30PM

Seaside Heights - Saturday March, 12th 12:00PM

South Amboy - Saturday March, 12th 2:00PM

Club Dinner Dance - Saturday March, 12th 6:00PM

West Orange - Sunday March, 13th 1:00PM

New York City - Thursday March, 17th TBD

Highlands - Saturday March, 19th 2:00PM

PUB NIGHT - Saturday March, 26th

Anyone interested in playing Pipes or Drums, come down on Monday nights. - John Hatton

Election Results



John Sheridan

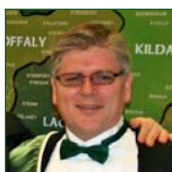


Scott Fitzgerald

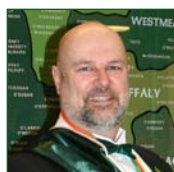
President: John Sheridan - 199 votes, Unopposed

Vice President: Scott Fitzgerald - 118 votes

Bill Jarvis - 114 votes



Dave Cummins



Jeff Schuld

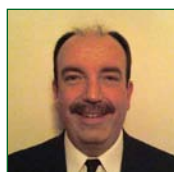
Recording Secretary: David Cummins - 201 votes, Unopposed

Treasurer: Jeff Schuld - 134 votes

Jim Hartwyk - 97 votes



Tom McGrath



Tom McCarthy

Corresponding Secretary: Tom McGrath - 199 votes, Unopposed

Keeper of the Shillelagh (2): Tom McCarthy - 160 votes

Chris Brady - 135 votes

Brian Smith - 112 votes.

Neil Beinert - 33 votes



Chris Brady



Dennis Pinckiewicz

Steward: Dennis Pinckiewicz Jr. - 170 votes

Paul Benoit - 52 votes

I'd like to personally thank all the officers I have had the privilege and honor to serve with, I see firsthand the level of difficulty and stress running the GREAT club can sometimes inflict.

Welcome to all the "new" guys as well. - TJM

Congratulations to all the participants for being a part of the process.

2011 Irishman of The Year



He was born in Newark NJ in March 1962 and grew up in Colonia, NJ. He's the second of three boys born to Robert and Shirley Brown. He attended elementary school in Colonia, Junior High in Avenel, and graduated from JFK High School in Edison in 1976. In 1986 he started his own construction company, Modern Design General Contractors. In June of 1990, he married his wife, Linda Reuter. They have two children, Devon, born in 1991 and Kyle, born in 1996. They moved to Old Bridge in 1997.

1994 was the year that Ken decided to join the FSOS. He's been an asset to the club ever since. A valued member of our E Board for 11

years! Projects that he has helped with over the years include: Installation of the siding, building the pavilion, installing the new roof, building the veranda off the lounge, raising the lounge floor to make it level with the main bar's floor and tearing out the old shrubs in preparation for new landscaping in front of our building. In short, anytime we need a backhoe or dump truck, Ken willingly obliges. His most recent project is our new shed in back of the building.

Without further adieu, I present the FSOS Irishman of the Year, Ken Brown.

CHEERS MY FRIEND!

Club Dinner Dance



Get Ready for another SMASHING FSOS Dinner Dance!

This year, we are re-locating
to the historic, and beautiful

Molly Pitcher Inn,

Red Bank, NJ.

Saturday, March 12, 2011.

4:00PM to 6:00PM Open Bar in the Molly Pitcher lounge bar.

6:00PM to 7:00PM Cocktail Hour in the main Banquet Hall.

7:00PM to 12:00AM Dinner Dance in the main Banquet Hall.

12:00AM Night Cap drinks in the Molly Pitcher lounge bar.

Your entire night includes all of the above plus full five course dinner.

Also live full Big Band entertainment for your enjoyment .

Total costs for this complete evening will be in or around \$16,000.

So if we divide that by 100 guests that amounts to \$160.00 per person.

Thanks to all the fundraiser's throughout the year organized by the Dinner Dance committee we are going to offer this night up to our members and significant other at \$60.00 per person .

So please sign up early at the club and include your choice of main course dinner.

Please make all checks payable to FSOS and leave an envelope in the safe addressed to John Sheridan.

Full tables will be sold at a first come first paid in full basis, 15 tables max.

Please have all checks in no later than Election Day , Saturday February 26th to facilitate planning for the event.

If you decide to stay over , we have reserved a block of rooms for the FSOS at approximately \$106.00 per room.

Thank you, we look forward to seeing you all there to enjoy this classy night together.

Cheers for now, John Sheridan.

Widows Luncheon



Mark your calendars, for SUNDAY, APRIL 10th.

Our wonderful annual Widows luncheon. Due to Easter falling on the last Sunday in April, the date had to be moved this year.

Invitations with food selections will be in the mail shortly. Please, if you are unable to drive, do not hesitate to invite a guest who can assist you.

As usual, Patrick Donnelly will provide the superb menu choices.

Former Presidents, please set aside this date and be sure to attend.

HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

Bob Quinn.



Membership News

Effective as of the **FEBRUARY** meeting.

1st Reading: Matthew Forthun; Sponsor - Chris Brady
Seamus O' Fianghusa; Sponsor - Chris Finnegan
Stanley Rasitz; Sponsor - Walt Farrell and Tom Howe

2nd Reading: John Maine

New Members: James O' Leary, and Mike Degenhart - WELCOME



AD Book: #012, Michael Lee Foster

F.I.L.F.F.C: KEEGAN, bloody Keegan, the obsession continues



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