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Gentlemen,

First of all, it's been brilliant seeing so many of you down at the club recently during all our events and festivities. Yes, we have just witnessed another busy month. Members are asking how we fit sooo much into each month...well it's simply because we can...and this is only possible because of "Teamwork" from so many members who are willing to step up every month to make this possible, so I thank you all for this.

Well, we started the month off with what has become one of the most memorial days that I have personally witnessed during my membership at our club. We dedicated a day in remembrance of the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 and in honor of our friend and lost brother Charles Costello and also all the brave men and women who risked and lost their lives that terrible day. Father Joe Desmond performed an absolutely heart warming sermon for us all. Thank you's go out to the members of our Band that played a tribute at the end of mass, Dennis for singing and to all who helped with the setups and cooking of the Irish breakfast, especially Scott, John, Dave, the Murph and finally Mims for baking your white and brown Irish soda breads.

As the date would have it we hit Half Way to Saint Patrick's Day last month. So we decided to celebrate this with class by bringing in the Willie Lynch Band to entertain us in true Irish style. Willie and the lads had us singing and dancing all night long. Thank you to all who attended the party and cheers to our friendly barman Phil for keeping us all very well oiled !!

Once again we had a successful Blood Drive "to make a difference" in memory of Walter Siencinski. A great job was done by Jack, Walter, Marty and all the lads that help set up to make this worthy cause the success that it continuously proves out to be.

You have surely heard of the Tour De France..... hmmm....Amateurs. Well if you wanted to see some real bike riders then you should have checked out our recent Tour De Shillelagh, which is now in it's 11th year, raising money to help support those families that have fallen into difficult situations. Thanks go out to Donny Bruchez and all his Elves who successfully run this event every year.

The big boss upstairs played with my head leading into our Annual Family Picnic with a wash out forecasted for the day so we had to reschedule it for a week later. And so we had it. Congratulations goes out to this years host Mr. Jimmy Hartwyk who stepped up and organized this special day with the help of so many members that it, once again, reminds us all of how this club runs successfully.....simply it's with.....Teamwork.

The day was full of fun filled festivities, we had Jimmy ready for all your nagging with his Ponies. Kevin's (sede) Pirate boat was raring to go as needed. Mike, Scott and Butch had the grass cut sooo tight that even I could have putted on it, which lead to the smooth running of all the fun festivities we lined up for the young and not so young. We had potato sack, wheelbarrow, leap frog, steeple chase and dancing competitions. The (24 carat) Gold medals were distributed all day to the delight of all the participants. We giddy-upped to the beat of the Back Beat who once again played outstanding for us. A huge thank you goes out to our front gate crew, all the men who barbequed all day to keep us well nourished and barmen who kept us well oiled. We also had our Picnic raffle which was again a great success thanks to all who helped sell so many tickets, cheers to our top sellers TomMcGrath and Bart McDade and congratulations to all the lucky winners.

Finally, I hope your all enjoying your Sunday Football at the club with many thanks to our VP Scott for setting up all the halftime food. Also get ready to sharpen your points with our Darts social and get off our horses and kick up our heels at our Country night. So please keep checking your Shenanigans, the FSOS Diary and the notice board as we have a lot of events scheduled for the upcoming months, which I am very confident to say, that you will be very well informed of thanks to our communications crew.

God Bless, Cheers for now,

John.



Good and Welfare



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.

President's Joke of The Month:
A blonde calls her boyfriend and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get it started." Her boyfriend asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" The blonde says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a tiger." Her boyfriend decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a tiger." He takes her hand and says, "Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he sighed. . . "Let's put all the Frosted Flakes back in the box."

Into The Great Unknown...

October Meeting - Thursday, October 13th 8:30PM

Children's Halloween Party Saturday, October 29th
See Marty Cameron, details inside 2-5PM

Darts Social Saturday, November 5th
6PM (practice), 7PM start,
Tom Esser is your host, more inside. FUN

Country Night Saturday, November 12th
See more inside

THANKSGIVING BASKETS Saturday, November 19th
Our most giving and rewarding endeavor.

CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday, December 10th
THE BIG ONE. See Scotty.

Toys for Tots Sunday, December 11th
Details Soon. See Gunny Dunn



FSOS Pipes and Drums



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



FSOS Dart Social

Double elimination tournament



November 5, 2011 (Saturday)

Doors open 6:00 (for practice)

First dart thrown at 7:00pm SHARP!

Where: At the Order of the Friendly Sons of Shillelagh
15 Oak Street/Route 18
Old Bridge, NJ



*You do **NOT** have to be good at darts, actually we would prefer you not be!!
This is a social event; with couples encouraged to participate.*

\$25 per person

See: Tom Esser or Dennis Pinkiewicz for tickets

Only those who pay for tickets in advance will be reserved

**All-U-Can-Eat Buffet
Beer, Wine, and Soda**

Music, door prizes, first place trophy and 50/50 raffles
Special Door Prize entry for anyone that brings canned goods for the Food Bank,
Bags of clothes for the clothes drive, and/or USED sports equipment for Project USE



Please contact Tom Esser (732)986-2816 *(after 3pm)* or e-mail at:

Fizzed12000@yahoo.com

*"What a great way to meet some of your brothers and their significant others –
and all for a great cause!"*

**Proceeds will be donated to many qualifying charities including Camp Quality-A NJ
based camp for children with terminal cancer.**

Thanksgiving BASKETS

As you know from looking around the club, we have gone from 24 to 48 baskets. We would like to take this time to thank everyone that has signed up for food donations. We also ask you to let us know if anyone you know is in need of a basket. We think a great deal of people are hurting this year. Please leave the name of the family, the size of the family, and the genders of and ages of the children if possible. The reason for this is that Tom "Gunny" Dunn takes care of the children through Toy's for Tot's. If you know someone who needs help but doesn't want the basket delivered to their door, we can make special

arrangements to make this happen. The food is due Friday November, 18th. They will be assembled at 8:30 am on Saturday, November 19th. Any volunteers that need community service hours, there will be letter available that day. You can call Ray Costello at 732-500-6929 to leave a message. You can put an envelope in the safe and mark it Thanksgiving Baskets. We are trying to make Thanksgiving special for everyone, we can only do this with your help. So let us say Thank You in advance for the food, the names, and donations to this worth cause. Please keep in mind people in our area that were displaced by Hurricane Irene last month.

Ray Costello

President's Joke of The Month 2:

Ten Pints of Guinness. . .

A Texan walks into a pub in Ireland and clears his voice to the crowd of drinkers. He says, "I hear you Irish are a bunch of hard drinkers. I'll give \$500 American dollars to anybody in here who can drink 10 pints of Guinness back-to-back."

The room is quiet, and no one takes up the Texan's offer. One man even leaves.

Thirty minutes later the same gentleman who left shows back up and taps the Texan on the shoulder. "Is your bet still good?" asks the Irishman.

The Texan says yes and asks the bartender to line up 10 pints of Guinness. Immediately the Irishman tears into all 10 of the pint glasses, drinking them all back-to-back.

The other pub patrons cheer as the Texan sits in amazement. The Texan gives the Irishman the \$500 and says, "If ya don't mind me askin', where did you go for that 30 minutes you were gone?"

The Irishman replies, "Oh. . . I had to go to the pub down the street to see if I could do it first."

Children's Halloween Party

Saturday, October 29th 2-5PM



Marty "bloodsport" Cameron is your host, for eerie chills and creepy thrills, with Uncle John's Magic Show to complete your day of happy horror. Parents are welcome to bring cupcakes, candy, snacks, and or dessert.

Hot Dogs, and soft drinks will be provided for all the little revellers.

There will be arts and crafts too!

Bring your neices and nephews if you wish. Parents can also costume up, if you dare. Let's have a monsterful good time.

Marty Cameron 732-416-0070



CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th 6:30PM SHARP

LIVE MUSIC BY PRIMITIVE SOUL \$50.00 PER PERSON

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Tickets go on sale next month.

Saturday November 12th
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Presents

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at

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\$30 per
ticket after
Nov. 5th



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Effective as of the AUGUST meeting.

1st Reading: :None

2nd Reading: Robert Mikula

New Members: Bernard Murphy Welcome!

AD Book - # 195, Larry McGrath (happy birthday)

F.I.L.F.F.C Jeffrey Schuld, the fiber diet pays off !



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