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Gentlemen,

Once again lads, I hope this paper finds you all in good "Health and Spirits", especially as the holidays are fast approaching with Thanksgiving and Christmas being just around the corner. This year seems to have gone by sooo fast that its nearly hard to keep up with yourself at times !!

Well now that we are in Fall season, it really is the most picturesque time of the year with all the leaves changing color on the trees, the mist steaming up from the ponds and the silent mirror reflections from the forest trees protruding up from the lakes and the grand fresh chilly mornings reminds me of my old Country, Ireland.

These are a few of the things that I love about Fall. What I dislike about this time of year is, you leave for work in the morning and its "Dark", you come home after work and its (you guessed it) "Dark", where did the sunlight go ?

And before I forget...what's up with it snowing in October?...on this note I would like to thank Gene Moore for once again keeping our property and parking lots safe worthy as he ploughs his way into the Shenanigans !!

I am proud to inform you of all the work that is going on at our club. Our keeper Tom McCarthy and Billy Jarvis spent a ton of time refinishing the storage area floor which looks spectacular. Tom and Brian have also spent time reframing and refinishing the storage area. Mr. David (Squire) Cummins had the inspiration and motivation to help me as we rebuilt the inside of Walters closet (yes, we did come out of it by the way), also with the fine painting ability of Mr. Bill Cronin. Another gentleman who stays quietly behind the scenes and spends endless hours maintaining the weather proofing of our building is Mr. John Walenzak. Iceman Butch, Walter, Frank and his morning elves are always there when needed. All these men deserve a hugh thank you, especially "Quiet Man" John.

On Saturday October 29th, Marty and his group of Elves put on another "Spooktacular" mischief afternoon as they hosted our Annual Children's Halloween Party. All our little shillelachs were entertained with magic, comedy, music, games, painting, gifts and prizes and last but not least a ton of candy. Great job all around, thank you everyone.

Rumor has it Marty went home with the biggest sackful of goodies much to the disappointment of all the children...pick on someone your own size next time ya bully...oh wait... you did !!

Well its that time of year again, where we all give thanks for our good health, our families and our friends. It is a time to remind ourselves of how lucky we truly really are. Our faithful and dedicated organizer, Raymond Costello, and the Friendly Sons members will be distributing Thanksgiving Food Baskets to many families in need on Saturday, November 19th. It is of the utmost importance that all items be accounted for by Friday, November 18th.

If for any reason you are unable to provide the item that you have signed up for, please be considerate and contact Raymond as soon as possible as a lot of planning and work goes into this worthy cause. This is our most giving and rewarding endeavor, proving once again that it is our tradition and our compassion that we put the needs and well being of others and their families first.

Finally, get ready for some fantastic parties that are arriving fast in the next couple of weeks. We have our sold out Country Night coming so get ready to get off your horse and kick up you heels to line your way into a dance or two. Following this is our Annual FSOS Christmas Party, on Saturday Dec. 10th., hosted by your VP Scott. Also this year I am going to put together three "Member Appreciation Nights" to end out 2011. We will start off with a "Thanksgiving Eve Party" on Wednesday 23rd of November and in December we will celebrate on Friday 23rd our "Christmas Eve Eve Party" and then toast the night away into "2012" at our "New Year's Eve Party" on Saturday 31st. There will be gifts and prizes galore during these Parties and yes the Champagne is chilling!!

So please keep checking your Shenanigans, the FSOS diary and the notice board for all the flyers of the upcoming events.

Looking forward to seeing you all for Notre Dame on Saturdays and on NFL Sundays as we cheer on our favorite teams together. Cheers to our VP Scott and everyone else who helps out preparing the halftime nourishments.

Thanks to this Kevin Morgan gets to eat for a week !!

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:

#### Drunk Needs a Push Joke

A man is in bed with his wife when there is bang on the door. He turns over and looks at his alarm clock, and it's four in the morning. "I'm not getting out of bed at this time at 4am," he thinks to himself, and puts his head back down on the pillow. Then, a louder bang follows. "Aren't you going to answer the door?" asks his wife. So he pulls himself out of bed and walks down the stairs. He opens up the door and there is man standing on the porch. It was plain to see the man was drunk. "Hello," slurs the man outside. "Can you give me a push??" "No, go away. It's four in the morning. I was in bed asleep," said the man and slams the door shut. He goes back up to bed and tells his wife what happened and she says, "Honey, that wasn't very nice of you. Remember that night our car broke down in the rain on the way to my mothers and you had to knock on some man's house to get our car started again? What would have happened if he'd told you to get lost??" "But this guy is drunk," said the husband. "It doesn't matter if he's drunk," says the wife. "He needs our help and it would be the right thing to do." So the husband gets back out of bed, gets dressed and goes back down the stairs. He opens up the door, and he can't see the stranger anywhere so he shouts, "Hey, do you still need a push??" And he hears a voice say, "Yes, please." He still can't see the stranger so he shouts, "Where are you?" And the stranger responds, "I'm over here, on the swing."

## Shadows In The Rain...

**November Meeting** - Thursday, November 10th 8:30PM

**Country Night** Saturday, November 12th  
See more inside

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

**Children's Christmas Party** Saturday, December 3rd  
See Barney, more inside.

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

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

**Incoming** – Nomination of officers , Mardi Gras,  
Whatever events John and Scott dream up next as well.



## FSOS Pipes and Drums



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

# Thanksgiving BASKETS

Just a reminder brothers; with the food mostly collected, the work is far from complete.

We will gather on Saturday, November 19th @ 830 am to assemble, and deliver these magnificent gives of love and charity to folks truly in need.

If you have never been a part of this day, PLEASE come down and help, or if you can't help, just watch, your heart will be filled to the brim with satisfaction.

Contact Ray Costello for more (732) 500-6929



## Children's Christmas Party

Saturday December 3rd 10:30 AM

Barney Shannon, once again will be your host at the Majestic Theater, for a FIRST RUN motion picture to delight one and all. There will be Kringle and mirth, AND SANTA CLAUS, not Sandy Claws. Bring all the children, this is a wonderful way to start the holidays.



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**Christmas Celebration**

Musical Guests

**Primitive Soul**

Saturday, December 10

6:30pm to Midnight

Tickets are \$50 pp.

The evening begins with Top Hat Catering's world famous cocktail hour at 6:30pm, followed by the Christmas buffet & desert tables with live music & dancing all night long.

Members may purchase tickets for themselves & their significant other, from Scott Fitzgerald



# TOYS FOR TOTS

Each year Annett & Tom Dunn with the support of family and friends work toward the Toys for Tots goal...

*"To deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters..."*

Please join us on Sunday, Dec 11,

Noon 'til 7:00pm

@ FSOS Hall to support Toys for Tots

Cost: 1 unwrapped toy or \$20 donation  
The Way You'll feel Afterwards: Priceless

Having put a smile on your own face for doing a good deed let us add to it, enjoy a domestic draft beer and a bite to eat inside... on us.

**Merry Christmas**

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# Nomination of Officers

Nominations will be accepted at the January Meeting for 2012 Elections.

Criteria as follows:

“To be eligible to nominate or be nominated for any office in this organization, a member cannot be more than two months in arrears in the payment of dues and must have completed payment of the initiation fee as of the January meeting.”

“To be eligible to vote for any office in this organization, a member must be not more than two months in arrears in payment of dues and must have completed payment of the initiation fee as of Election Day, the last Saturday of February.” February 25th

Remember: Your Dues responsibilities also include your Ad Book payments, as outlined in our By-Laws.



## **Club Elections and Blood Drive**

### **Saturday, February 25th**

Blood Drive begins at 10AM. Please come down and have a pint drawn from you, and then we will draw a few pints for you.

Voting commences at 12 Noon through 7 PM.

And be sure to come down to the pub election night to hear the results, welcome your new officers, and, well, get crapulous.



# Membership News

Effective as of the OCTOBER meeting.

**1st Reading:** Cathal O'Brien – Sponsor / John Sheridan  
Robert Lamountain – Sponsor / John Casey  
**2nd Reading:** Sean McCoy, John Mayer

**New Members:** Robert Mikula      Welcome!

**AD Book - # 312, Ray Costello**

**F.I.L.F.F.C** Joseph Patterson, cut Keegan off like a bullet train to Mexico



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