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Gentlemen,

First of all lads, I hope this paper finds you all in good "Health and Spirits" especially as my favorite time of the year is fast approaching, yes Christmas. Can you believe its December already, this year has flown by. Now that the holiday season is upon us please take some time to think about the less fortunate people around us and try to spread your good will and help out as much as possible. This is truly a time for giving, even if it is just some kind words or a kind jester. Also pray for our troops out there who risk their lives every second of the day to protect our freedom and pray for their families who are home alone while they perform this difficult task. God Bless them all.

Well, we certainly succeeded in performing one of our most giving and rewarding endeavors, with the supervision of Raymond Costello, as we all came together at our Annual Thanksgiving Baskets day. We delivered three hugh bags of groceries to 56 needy families, 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.

A tremendous thank you goes out to Raymond who worked endless hours setting this all up, thanks pal.

This month we also witnessed our very first Country Night at the club. Michael Sullivan and his crew did a brilliant job to make this a great success and hopefully the first of many more to come. Well done lads. I never knew that there were sooo many steps to dancing... YeeeHa GiddyUp !!

Cary and Walter your cooking was top notch my friends. I think Joe Patterson still thinks that he is the Sheriff of the Sons... am I right Kevin ?

Our Thanksgiving Eve Party was tons of craic with laughter and cheers to be heard everywhere throughout the bar. Our live Pandora Band was, as JohnnyD would say, outstanding my man "Outstanding".

Unfortunately I could not make it to our Children's Christmas Party but I am hearing very good reports about their Muppet day. Congrats go out to Barney Shannon for once again running this to the delight of all our little shillelachs... no not Marty, I meant the kids.

Also thank you to, as Barney would say it, Santy Claus for showing up leaving his little elves working hard at home in the North Pole.

I am so looking forward to our Annual Christmas Party set for Saturday Dec. 10th. Our VP Scott has been working extremely hard setting this all up and I personally think he is doing an exceptional job. If you have not booked your place yet try calling Scotty and maybe he can find you a spot.

On Sunday Dec. 11th, Tommy Dunn and his wife Annette will be hosting our Annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots event. Members are asked to be kind here and bring to the club a new toy or to choose an angel from our notice board which identifies the age and gender of a child that would love to receive a gift this Christmas or simply make a donation to participate in this very worthy event.

Finally, thank you to all who helped out in the reconstruction of our new Hall Bar... Kevin, Kenny, Jack, Jimmy, Scott, Dave, Billy, Walter (for cleaning as I made a mess) and especially Jack Geiser who spent his vacation time doing all new electrical work to bring the new Bar up to code. I hope you all enjoy it, as this is another step in the right direction as we all come together to improve our fine club.

Well that's all I have for now. I hope to see you all in the very near future down at the club, whether it be during our upcoming parties or to cheer on your favorite teams during football Saturdays and Sundays.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and prosperous "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year".

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:
3 men were going on a hike through the desert there was an paddy englishman, a paddy scottishman and paddy irishman they agreed to come back an hour later with some supplies ... a hour went by so they all came back to that spot and the english boy says well its going to get hot so i got us some water. the scottish boy says well were going to get hungry in the desert so i got us some food. they both looked at the irish boy and said why do you have a car door? so the irish boy says well its going to get really hot so i can wind the window down and let some air in!

Feast Of Hearts...

December Meeting - Thursday, December 8th 8:30PM

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

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

Membership Appreciation Night #1
FRIDAY, December 23rd 8PM/12
FREE!, music, Giveaways all night! See inside.

Membership Appreciation Night #1
Saturday, December 31st,
NEW YEARS EVE!!!!!! Details inside

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



SUNDAY

DECEMBER 11TH 1PM/?

The 2nd part of our annual holiday sharing. At the pub, you will find a board with Christmas Angels, each associated with a child in need. Please come down and select an Angel, then simply acquire a \$20.00 gift and attach your Angel to the gift, and bring it to the event. If you cannot do this, a \$20.00 donation will also reap you Draft Beer and a bite to eat at halftime!

Tom and Annette Dunn, as usual, will be your hosts. See you there !!!!



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR YOUR FAVORITE SHILLELAGH!!!!!!!

AGAIN THIS YEAR CHARLIE D WILL HAVE HIS SHILLELAGH LOGO GOODS ON SALE. GOLF SHIRTS, SWEAT SHIRTS, JACKETS ETC.

SAT. DEC. 10TH 10:00AM TO 2:00PM IN THE LOUNGE.

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An Irishman goes to the Doctor with botty problems... 'Dactor, it's me ahrse. I'd loik ya ta teyhk a look, if ya woot'. So the doctor gets him to drop his pants and takes a look. 'Incredible' he says, 'there is a \$20 note lodged up here.' Tentatively he eases the twenty out of the man's bottom, and then a \$10 pound note appears. 'This is amazing!' exclaims the Doctor. "What do you want me to do?" 'Well fur gadness sake teyhk it

out, man!' shrieks the patient. The doctor pulls out the tenner and another twenty appears, and another and another and another, etc... Finally the last note comes out and no more appear. 'Ah Dactor, tank ya koinldy, dat's moch batter. Just out of interest, how moch was in dare den?' The Doctor counts the pile of cash and says '\$1,990 exactly.' 'Ah, dat'd be roit,' says the Irishman 'I knew I wasn't feeling two grand.'



*The abbreviation Xmas isn't irreligious.
The letter X is a Greek abbreviation for Christ.*

The FSOS Christmas Bash

Live at the FSOS

Friday, December 23,
8pm to Midnight

What better time to
show members that you
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Plan on a fun filled
evening with family and
friends at the Sons.

Drink Specials

The FSOS New Years Bash

Live at the FSOS

Saturday, December 31, 9pm to 1:00am

Happy
New Year

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Plan on a fun filled evening with family and friends at the Sons.

**FREE
GIVEAWAYS
ALL NIGHT
LONG**

*Midnight Champagne
Toast*

*Raffles and giveaways
every half hour from
9:15pm thru 11:45pm*

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.



*One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day.
Don't clean it up too quickly. ~Andy Rooney*



Membership News

Effective as of the NOVEMBER meeting.

1st Reading: William Becker/ Sponsor\ Larry McGrath
Thomas Cleary/ Sponsor\ Frank Davis
Scott Lamount/ Sponsor\ John Casey

2nd Reading: None

New Members: Sean McCoy, and John Mayer Welcome!

AD Book - # 038, Bob Gell

F.I.L.F.F.C John Sheridan, hand delivered, no onions



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