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Gentlemen,  
From my Family to yours, wishing you all  
a Healthy, Prosperous and.

# HAPPY



# NEW YEAR

God Bless you all,  
John & Miriam.

Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to wish you and your family a "HAPPY NEW YEAR" and welcome you all into 2012.

I sincerely hope 2011 was a good year for you and wish for this year to bring you good health, happiness and success.

I know this year has had its ups and unfortunately downs. Some of us have lost family, friends and as a club we had to say goodbye to some very loyal and friendly members. Please keep them all and their grieving families in your prayers. 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 each and everyone of them.

This year our fine club and membership has performed an abundant amount of great deeds to aid the less fortunate and disabled, whether it be through our fundraiser's for charity or our donations towards the special needs of families and children with illnesses. It makes me so proud to be a part of this and with the help of God, I sincerely hope that we can continue our tradition as an Irish club in showing our compassion in the way we put the needs and well being of others and their families first.

December was a very busy month. As mentioned in our previous Shenanigan's thank you once again to Barney and his special "Santy Claus" for bringing the Christmas Spirit early to all our little shillelaghs at our Annual Children's Christmas Party and to Barney for making our building look so festive for the...."Ho Ho Ho"....Holidays.

Speaking of parties....Wow !!....congratulations and thank you go out to Scott and Cathy Fitzgerald for all their preparations and hard work that made our Adult Christmas Party a tremendous success. Also thank you to Patrick and his crew from Top Hat Catering who kept us all well nourished, and to our Barmen Brian, Ryan and Travis who kept us all well oiled !!

Tommy and Annette Dunn, with the help of many members, once again produced a successful "Toys for Tots" fundraiser which helped bring the Christmas Spirit to many needy families, this was our biggest year. Thank you to all who helped out.

Our Membership Appreciation "Christmas Eve Party" was great craic with tons of fun and shenanigans flying around the room all night long. Alan and Arne keep us well entertained with tunes from the 70's, 80's and 90's, while Scotty and JohnnyD helped me with providing all the tasty finger foods for your enjoyment, thanks again lads.

Then came our final party of the year and boy did we send it out (2011) with a blast at our Members Appreciation "New Year's Eve Party".

Once again the craic was 90, the room was packed and the chilled Champagne was flowing endlessly all night long. We had music to entertain us throughout the night by "Pandoromania" who blasted out tunes from Country to Abba and to all requested hits. The food was once again endless along with the celebration. It was a pleasure to see so many happy faces with well wishes being greeted to and by all.

Thank you's are in order from myself to many of you.

To my E-Board members and Trustees for all your input and support throughout the year, to my communications crew for well...er...communicating !!...and delivering out all the goings on and information, to the lads that stepped up and helped in running all the events and fundraiser's that we are sooo involved in, to the many members that keep our premises strong, clean and stable, to the men who keep our finances in check to the penny every day of the year, and last but by no means least to each and every one of you who continuously come down and support "Your" club throughout the year...

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for making this year an absolute pleasure to serve as your President, with your help you have made my job extremely enjoyable and manageable.

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 drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing.

The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention but the drunk continues to sit there.

Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall.

The drunk mumbles, "ain't no use knockin, there's no paper on this side either!"

## Come See About Me...

**January Meeting** - Thursday, January 12th 8:30PM

**PARADE FUNDRAISER** Sunday, January 15th

### SERF 8th Annual Comedy Night

Saturday, January 28th

Doors Open at 6:30pm

Evening starts at 7:00pm/Show starts at 9:00pm

Cost: \$40 Tickets: Contact Don Bruchez

**MARDI GRAS** Saturday, February 11th

Details inside. Great Night!

### GREAT GUINNESS TOAST

FRIDAY, February 17th 8PM

4th annual, music, toasts, prizes, see inside for more.

**BELMAR PARADE** SUNDAY, March 4th

More to follow.

**THANK YOU - A deephearted, well deserved T.U. to John Sheridan, for the monumental effort put forth to re engineer our service bar, great job! and to all who assisted as well.**



**FSOS Pipes and Drums**



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

# Belmar Parade Fundraiser

**1st parade fundraiser of 2012!**  
**SUNDAY, January 15th, 3 to 7 PM.**

\$10.00 admission includes one complimentary drink, Hot and Cold Buffet. Music, including the FSOS Pipes And Drum Band!

Traditional Irish Music by Burns & Cashman

See Charlie Donnelly if you have any pertinent questions.



## President's Joke of The Month #2:

Cutting the Grass

Michael O'Leary was waiting at the bus stop with his friend, Paddy Maguire, when a lorry went by loaded up with rolls of turf.

O'Leary opined, 'I'm gonna do that when I win de lottery, Maguire.'

'What's that, Michael?' responds his mate.

'Send me lawn away to be cut,' concludes O'Leary.



## Membership News

**Effective as of the DECEMBER meeting.**

**1st Reading:** None

**2nd Reading:** Robert La Mountain  
Cathal O'Brien

**New Members:** None

# 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.

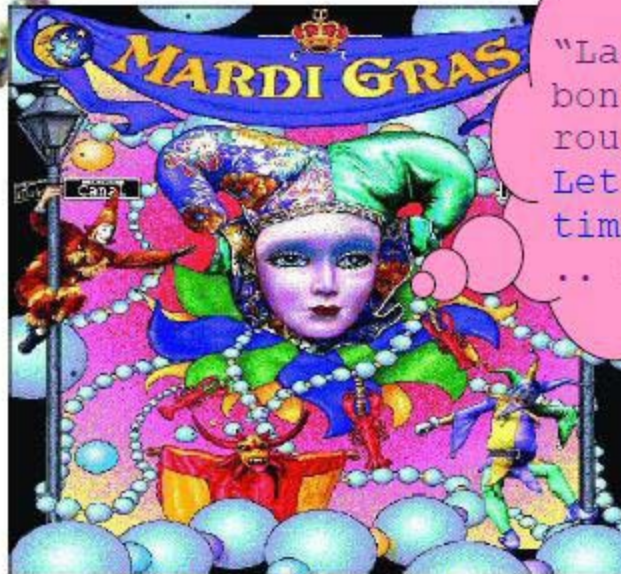
And be sure to come down to the pub election night to hear the results, welcome your new officers, and, well, get crapulous.



*“Christmas at my house is always at least six or seven times more pleasant than anywhere else. We start drinking early. And while everyone else is seeing only one Santa Claus, we’ll be seeing six or seven.”    —W.C. Fields*

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It's time for the...  
**FSOS MARDI GRAS PARTY**  
Saturday, Feb. 11



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