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Gentlemen,

I sincerely hope this Shenanigans finds you all in good health. January has come and gone as we prepare ourselves for the many tasks and tribulations that this new year will entail for us. Its "back" saving that we have not had too much of the white stuff falling upon us so far. As nice as it make everything look, I say bring on an early Spring.

Unfortunately four of our members recently lost loved ones and family. Our condolences go out to them and their families. Please keep them in your prayers as they try to move forward from their tragedy.

As we prepare for our fine clubs busiest time of the year, there are a couple of issues I need to address. Parade Day is a very special day where we are gifted the opportunity to display our true heritage as we lead the parade and march down Main St. in Belmar. This is a day that you are all well aware is your obligation as a member to participate in. This club was founded by a special group of Irish men who came together to pay tribute to their native land and their Patron Saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick. It is thanks to these gentlemen and the loyal men who followed them that we continuously are granted the opportunity to show our commitment to our club as we proudly form our "Sea of Green". This is a sight that you can never grow tired of seeing. It makes me so proud as an Irish man and I thank you all for that opportunity. At this time I encourage you all to please check your uniforms as you never know they may have.....er....."shrunk" during this past year !!

Anyway, getting back to the importance of Parade Day. I am going to tell you all about an individual who is in my honest opinion one of the many members that goes above and beyond the line of duty in aiding the smooth successful running of our club. This gentleman has always been there for not just myself this past year, but for many Presidents throughout the years. He has prepared our building and set up for anything asked of him, he has cooked, cleaned and helped organize for many special occasions especially during our most busiest time of the year, March. He does all this without hesitation. The only words I have heard coming from him during these times are.....Quote " sure, no problem. I will be there, what do you need me to do ? "...and then finally he would simply say, " okay ".

This man has do so much behind the scenes for this club that he is in my opinion a true " Friendly Son ".

So, at this time it gives me great pleasure to put forward and announce this years Parade Adjutant, my good friend...Mr. Walter Farrell.

Walter, it will be a pleasure having you aid in leading us to success during this years Belmar Parade. Congratulations to you my good friend.

Thank you's go out to Charlie and Cathy Donnelly as they once again successfully started off the parade fundraiser's at our Friendly Sons. What a great day was had by all as they were well entertained, well nourished, well oiled and even gifted a surprise visit by our very own award winning Pipes and Drums Band. As you know every parade fundraiser helps defray the expenses of the parade so members are encourage to attend these fun events which are advertised in detail on our notice board in the bar.

We just witnessed another great Comedy Night. Thank you to Donnie Bruchez and his crew from SERF for keeping us laughing all night and to the Dinner Dance Committee for keeping us well nourished and to our bar tenders Walter and Kenny for keeping us very well oiled. You can't beat Teamwork when it comes to our Friendly Sons.

One of our top events is fast approaching, yes its "Mardi Gras" time again. Will there be beads...hmmm... you may just have to come and see for yourself!!...and yes the "VooDudes" will be back to entertain us "New Orleans Style". Also in February we have our Annual Club Elections. To each and everyone of you who dedicate your time and step up to become an Officer, I thank you and wish you all the very best of luck in the upcoming elections. As a member please come down and show your support to these men by attending election day and voting. That same day we also need your support at our Annual Blood Drive.

Once again this years Annual Dinner Dance will be held at the Molly Pitcher Inn on Saturday, March 10th. For those of you who witnessed last years spectacular night we welcome you to spread the word and join us again for a classic night of entertainment and installation of our clubs upcoming officers.

Finally, congratulations are in order for all you Giants fans out there. You have grinded your way back to the "Big Show", now please take care of business and send "Belichick and his Brady Bunch" home empty handed with their tails between their legs !!

Lads, why not join us at the club as we celebrate with our very own "Giant Super Bowl Party" starting at 4:00pm.

Well, that's it for now.

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.

Indoor Fireworks...

February Meeting - Thursday, February 9th 8:30PM
Speeches by nominated candidates.

PARADE FUNDRAISER Sunday, January 15th

MARDI GRAS Saturday, February 11th
Details inside. Great Night!

GREAT GUINNESS TOAST
FRIDAY, February 17th 8PM
4th annual, music, toasts, prizes, see website for more.

BELMAR PARADE SUNDAY, March 4th
More to follow.

Club Dinner Dance SATURDAY, March 10th
Once again, at the lovely Molly Pitcher Inn,
Full details inside.

Now that the hot tub twins are back from plundering, well at least SOME islands, we can get back to "normal". David, a FINE job!



FSOS Pipes and Drums Schedule

Belmar Mass - Saturday March 3rd

Belmar Parade - Sunday March 4th

Seaside Heights - Saturday March, 10th

South Amboy - Saturday March, 10th

Club Dinner Dance - Saturday March, 10th

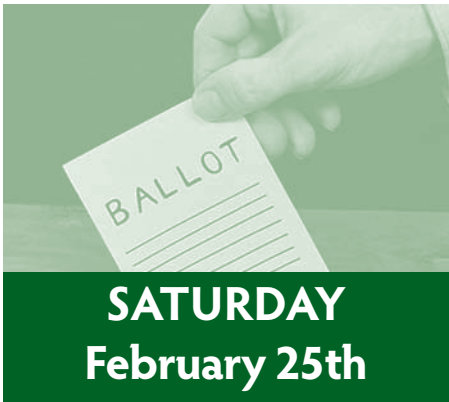
Woodbridge - Sunday March, 11th

New York City - Saturday March, 17th

Highlands - Saturday March, 24th

PUB NIGHT
SATURDAY MARCH 31ST
MUSIC BY
BOGSIDE ROGUES

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



Club Elections & Blood Drive

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

Voting commences at 12 Noon through 7 PM.

THE BALLOT POSITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

President:

- John Sheridan - Unopposed

Vice President:

- Scott Fitzgerald - Unopposed

Recording Secretary:

- Dave Cummins - Unopposed

Treasurer:

- Jim Hartwyk - Unopposed

Corresponding Secretary:

- Tom McGrath - Unopposed

Keeper of the Shillelagh:

(Vote for 2)

- Robert Mikulak
- Mike Murphy
- Dennis Pinkiewicz Jr.

Steward: (Vote for 1)

- Tom McCarthy - Unopposed

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



Membership News

Effective as of the January meeting.

1st Reading: Craig Cohen / Sponsor / Bob Hutcheon
Dominick Ryan / Sponsor / Kenny Shanley

2nd Reading: William Becker
Thomas Cleary

New Members: Cathal O' Brien WELCOME!

BELMAR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

SUNDAY
March 4th

Your parade day package includes 2 food tickets, after the use of said tickets; all sandwiches will now be \$3.00 due to rising costs.

FSOS UNIFORMS:
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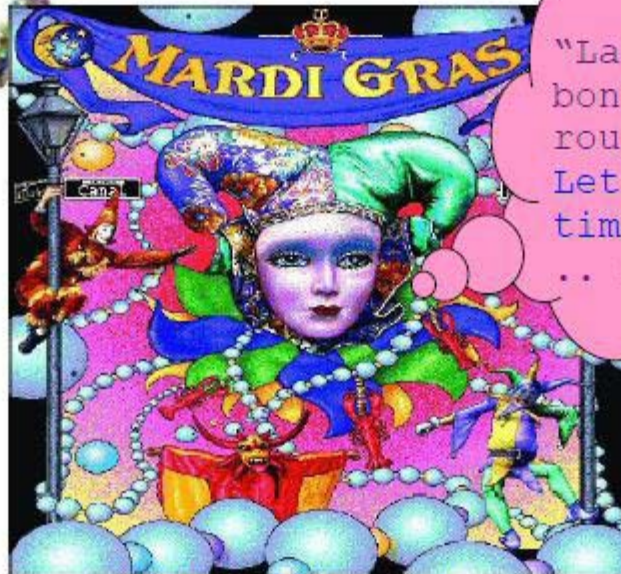
The day begins with 9:00 AM Mass at the club followed by a Continental Breakfast before Parade Registration. **Buses (6) will leave the club at 11:30 sharp. BUS Return: Transportation back to the club is scheduled as follows; 3 buses to depart approx. 2:00 PM directly after the parade, 1 bus will depart at 3:00 PM, LAST BUS HOME will depart at 4:00 PM. All buses will depart from MAIN STREET AND 5TH AVE. Congratulations to this year's Parade Adjutant, Walter Farrell, leading the penguin march up front. Please let us know ASAP if you need special transportation for the parade. We will have a special bus. Call Charlie D @ (732) 257-2866.** The club will be closed to all except those authorized to be in the building to prepare for our return from Belmar. The doors will remain locked until the first bus returns. All members are required to sign-in either at the club or in Belmar. If meeting in Belmar, please look for the Registration Crew. It is your responsibility to sign-in. Those not signed-in or excused WILL receive a censure.

All members are required to march. If you are unable to march, then prior to Parade Day you must submit your reasons to the Executive Board in writing requesting to be excused. There are NO automatic excuses issued due to residence, etc.

All members are to be in full uniform: Green blazer with club patch, gray slacks (no jeans), polished black shoes (no sneakers), club beret and badge, and official club tie. Please limit any accessory to those in good taste. If you have a question on something you would like to wear, please check with the Parade Adjutant, President, or Marshals to see if the item is acceptable. Smoking and drinking is not allowed during the march, you must step-off with the club. You will not be allowed to jump in line as we pass any local taverns you may have been in. You may be censured for this. Please do not embarrass the Friendly Sons or yourself. Proper conduct is expected at all times. **Remember, you are representing the finest Irish-American Club in the world. The spectators and other marchers deserve your courtesy and respect.**

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



"Laissez les
bon temps
rouler" ...
Let the good
times roll!
.. and rock

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Contact John Sheridan, Scott Fitzgerald or John DeMaio

\$30 per person with advance ticket purchase

\$35 @ the door

Beads, beads and more beads ...

Show the beads ... and then show ... uh ...

...how much fun you're having!!!

The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh *It's The President's Other Ball*

The Molly Pitcher Inn
Red Bank, NJ.
Saturday, March 10, 2012

Big Band Music
by
The Jazz Lobsters

Schedule for the Evening
5:30 - 7:00pm - Cocktail Hour
7:00 - 11:45pm - Dinner Dance

The dinner dance committee is pleased to offer the following ticket prices for the event.

***Members and Significant Other - \$70 per person**

***Friends of the FSOS - \$100 per person**

Contact Scott Fitzgerald or John Sheridan to reserve your tickets

Planning To Stay Over: Mention FSOS when you call reservations
@ (732) 747 2500 to avail of group discount.

*The actual cost per person attending this evening is \$154

President's Joke of The Month: Potential and Reality

A kid comes home from school with a writing assignment. He asks his father for help. "Dad, can you tell me the difference between potential and reality?" His father looks up, thoughtfully, and then says, "I'll demonstrate. Go ask your mother if she would sleep with Robert Redford for a million pounds. Then go ask your sister if she would sleep with Brad Pitt for a million pounds. Then come back and tell me what you've learned." The kid is puzzled, but decides to ask his mother. "Mum, if someone gave you a million pounds, would you sleep with Robert Redford?" "Don't tell your father, but yes, I would," she replies. He then goes to his sister's room. "Sis, if someone gave you a million pounds, would you sleep with Brad Pitt?" She replies, "Omigod! Definitely!" The kid goes back to his father. "Dad, I think I've figured it out. Potentially, we are sitting on two million quid, but in reality, we are living with two sluts."

AD Book - # 182 Thomas, "the quiet one" Keegan

F.I.L.F.F.C Of course, fueled by the ad book win, Keegan sprinted to the head of the line.



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