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Gentlemen,

First of all, I sincerely hope and pray that this Shenanigans finds you all in good Health and Spirits.

Well now, boy did we just witness another fun filled busy month at our "Friendliest of Friendly Sons".

We went from...Pancakes to Bikes to Parades to Yeehaw's and ended up Roasted!!

Yes, congratulations to "Pancake Charlie and Kathy", along with their very own group of elves, as they out did themselves again in providing all the Mothers with a wonderful stomach filling breakfast to celebrate the beginning of Mothers Day.

Congratulations also to Donny and Michael as they successfully completed another MS Bike Run. A lot of months planning goes into this and they proved once again that they are up to the task in contributing to this very worthy cause.

Next along the road of May came the Memorial Day Parade. Where once again without notice "Blue Sky's" greeted us along with summer sweltering heat. Thank God we decided to leave our jackets and ties behind and dress smartly in our FSOS short sleeved white shirts. We really looked the part marching along with our Pipes and Drums band, who might I add sounded absolutely fantastic. It was once again my pleasure to march with you all on this spectacular day. It was also my privilege to announce this years Parade Adjutants, whom in my opinion completely deserved the honor. Congratulations to them both, Mr. Tommy Dunn and Mr. Barney Shannon. Thank you to Jimmy Hartwyk who aided in honoring our Adjutants by chauffeuring them down Main Street in his Thunder Bird. Rumor has it Barney tried to sell it a couple of times!!

It was absolutely brilliant to observe our Veterans enjoying their day so much.

Next up we enjoyed another fun filled "Members Appreciation Night", with plenty of craic, shenanigans, hoer d'oeuvres, drink specials and entertainment. The Thomas Wesley Stern Band had us stomping our feet and yeehawing till the wee hours of the morning. Cheers Barmen.

Last but by no means least, we just witnessed another amazing day, our "MUC Rosta Tri Cinn Deag Bhliantuil". Yes our 13th Annual Pig Roast.

Thank you to Scott Fitzgerald and Walter for all their running around and work prior to the success of this event. Thank you to Chef DeMaio, Bill Nolan and all the cooking elves for keeping us all very well nourished and to the barmen for keeping us all well oiled!!

Thank you also to all the men who came down to help with the setting up and breaking down at the end of the day.

Confucius say "Many hands make light work"...well we proved that quote right again, so I thank you all for you help.

A huge thank you to all the raffle tickets sellers, which helps defray the expenses for this great day, and congratulations to all the winners.

A special thank you to Linda [aka Rhodes] Brown for sprucing up all the landscaping before this event. Your endless help is greatly appreciated

On a very sad note, we had to say goodbye to another friend and fellow Brother. Edward "Ned" Farrell passed away. Our sincere condolences go out Ned's wife Kathryn, his daughter Megan and all his family. Rest in peace Ned.

Finally, it is with an extremely heavy heart that I must inform you all of the passing of one of the most pleasant young men that I have ever met.

My very good friends, Scott and Cathy, and your VP Scott tragically lost their son David to a sudden illness. My deepest condolences go out to Scott, Cathy, Bryan, Erin, Matt, and the entire family. David will be greatly missed. May his memory live in our hearts and souls forever.

Rest in peace, young David.

God Bless,
Cheers for now,
John.



Good and Welfare

We lost a brother member, **Ned Farrell**. He is at peace now, save a prayer for his family and friends.



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.

Papa Gene's Blues...

June Meeting - Thursday, June 14th 8:30PM

Day At The Races Sunday, June 10th

Details inside

NJ Irish Festival Sunday, June 10th

see above, segues nicely.

Jack Williams Golf Outing Monday, July 9th

Sold out, see message from Charlie inside.

Coming up...

- **Kelly Brothers Benefit , September 15th, more to follow, see Bart.**
- **Club Picnic in September.**



"I have always looked at life as a voyage, mostly wonderful, sometimes frightening. In my family and friends I have discovered treasure more valuable than gold."

- Jimmy Buffet



FSOS Pipes and Drums

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

A Day At The Races



Sunday, June 10th 11Am to 6PM

We have once again “acquired” a prime grove location.

\$20. per adult includes: admission into Monmouth Park, race program, food from Top Hat Catering and soda. You will also be entered into the Shillelagh “pick em” competition. See John Sheridan for tickets or to reserve a table, or if you know of a “sure thing”

This day is nicely tied into the NJ IRISH FESTIVAL, which is making its home at Monmouth Park this year.

Admission is FREE with a Monmouth Park admission

The Festival runs from 12 PM until 7PM

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Blood Drive



The blood banks, and therefore people are low on precious blood, please come down and give. There will be Dunkin Doughnuts, gift cards of an undetermined value given to each donor.

You may Help save a life.

Contact Marty Cameron if you need more information
732-245-1559 cell



Pub Life

I miss the days when a band of brothers and wives, occasionally mothers too, would be around on a warm Friday night come summer.

Tales told, waiting to see who would get up and go behind the bar, everyone instantly thirsty. Shuffleboard, Jukebox, pizza, in the little oven, staying out way too late.

Sometimes dirty laundry was aired out; the next morning though always washed the slate clean.

There are quite a few empty chairs now, plenty of ghosts.

Are we older, just too busy? I ask myself this often. The, "there're just so many summers and so many springs" line dances around.

Answers don't really materialize, wish the walls could talk.

Cheers.

President's Joke of the Month:

To celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, a couple returned to their honeymoon hotel. After retiring to bed, the wife said, "Darling, do you remember how you stroked my hair?" and so he stroked her hair. She reminded him of the way they had cuddled, and so they did. Then, with a sigh, she whispered, "Won't you nibble my ear again?"

With that, the husband got out of bed and left the room. "Where are you going?" cried the wife.

"To get my teeth," he said.

IT Coordinator



I'm pleased to announce that **Neil Beinert** and **Mike Callaghan** are taking on the role of IT Coordinator for the FSOS. Over the years our dependence on IT has grown. We depend on IT resources to not just help us communicate with our members but to aid us in lightening the financial burden of running a club of our size. Over the years IT has saved us many thousands in expenses and this is a trend we are actively looking to improve on. There was a time when the IT in the club meant the person responsible for tuning the TV...but it's grown a bit since then.

Today the post of IT Coordinator (appointed by the President) carries significant responsibilities, not the least of which are...

- **Hardware Services**

- Computer, Networking, Printer & Software support

- **Printing Services**

- Purchasing: Toner, Card Stock,
- Design, print all club related flyers & tickets

- **Web Services**

- Constant Contact, FSOS Diary, FSOS.Com related activities
- Posting Photos, Schedule of Events, Club articles, posting Shenanigans online
- Most importantly...insuring Pandora is always available.

While Mike and Neil have deep IT backgrounds they also recognize that they cannot do all of this work alone. To the members (too many to name) who have given and continue to give freely and generously of their time and expertise I say, "Thank You, and yes, we will continue to depend on you." I and the entire club are grateful for your contributions to IT and know that you will work well with Mike and Neil. Please take the time to reach out to Mike and Neil letting them know how you can help them with their effort to improve this great club of ours.



"He was all questions. But small boys expect their fathers to be walking lexicons, to do two jobs at once, to give replies as they are working, whether laying stones or building models...digging up a shrub, or planting flower beds...Boys have a right to ask their fathers questions...Fathers are the powers that be, and with their power and might must shelter, guard, and hold and teach and love...All men with sons must learn to do these things...Too soon, too soon, a small son grows and leaves his father's side to test his manhood's wings. "

– Roy Z. Kemp

Jack Williams Golf Tourney

Monday, July 9th, 10AM Shotgun start.

"first paid, eats first"

All monies due @ June meeting \$95.00 per duffer

CHECKS PAYABLE TO FSOS @ PO BOX 317, OBNJ 08857

**** Charlie has shirts etc, if you need Fathers Day gifts 732-261-2031**



Notre Dame Shirts

Sold out in May, now taking ORDERS for June \$20.00 e mail sizes to Jamie_okane@yahoo.com. Available meeting night.



"My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, 'You're tearing up the grass.' 'We're not raising grass,' Dad would reply. 'We're raising boys.'"

– Harmon Killebrew



Recycling one glass jar, saves enough energy to watch TV for 3 hours!

AD Book - #233, Joe Peel

F.I.L.F.F.C: Tom O' Reilly



Membership News

Effective as of the MAY meeting.

1st Reading: John Henry / Sponsor / Dave Cummins

Walter Evans / Sponsor / Dennis Pinkiewicz

2nd Reading: Ryan Jennings

New Members: Craig Cohen, Dominick Ryan,

John Gillick, and John Donegan **WELCOME!!**



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