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Gentlemen,

First of all, I sincerely hope this Shenanigans finds you all in good Health and in the very best of 4th of July Family Celebration "Spirits".

Please say a prayer for all our members and their families who have lost loved ones and also please keep in you prayers our Troops out there who risk their lives every second of every day to protect our Freedom and pray for their families who are home alone while they perform this very difficult task. God Bless them all.

Well, schools are out and most of you have your little Shillelaghs home for the summer now, which has blasted its way here again with sweltering heat waves with the occasional brief shower here and there to cool things off a little. During these next couple of months, I sincerely hope that you get to enjoy plenty of family time together and hopefully get the chance to share a nice vacation with each other.

Our club itself has been enjoying some fun filled family times. As I reported last month, our 13th Annual Pig Roast (Muc Rosta) was a tremendous success with tons of little Shillelaghs on board to enjoy this great club family day. Days like these can only survive because of "Teamwork" from sooo many members who willingly step up every time for the good of the order, so I thank you all for this.

Next up, we enjoyed our Annual Day at the Races. Yes, it was a hot one that day my friend (no, the seas were not angry !!). The only thing that was not hot were my picks, actually I believe they are still looking for a couple of the nags that I had a little flutter on...

Happy Days...not ;-). Ah well, as my Dad would often say... "it's only money" !!

By the way, rumor has it we did in fact have some winners that fine day, the McCarthy's and the O'Schmidt's left the park with how you might say "heavier pockets". Congrats to them all.

During this years "Shillelagh Pick'em Competition" the excitement was electric and the competition fierce. The eventual winner was Ryan's friend Chris who outlasted Jackie P in extra races, so well done to you lad.

That same fine day, we also had the opportunity to enjoy the Irish Festival at the park. We witnessed some great Irish Bands, Bag Pipers and Drums, Irish Ceili Dancers and tons of Irish style food. This is truly a day not to be missed, so if you did shame on you.

Next year I will be co-chair of the festival, so be ready I may be pushing to turn this into a two day Irish Festival...GiddyUp !!

Our Annual trip to the Blueclaws Stadium was once again a great success thanks in part to the many endless efforts of Tommy Esser. According to the Blueclaws Times they may have to cease running another "Thirsty Thursday" as rumor has it our Shillelaghs did us proud and did not leave there... erh... "Thirsty".

Our improvements at the club are moving along nicely. The weather unfortunately messed us up a little on getting our new patio area completed but hopefully this will be crossed off our "Honey Do" list soon.

Thank you all for your help, especially the Building Committee.

Our keepers, Mike and Denis, are doing a great job in keeping our building and grounds in tip top shape, thank you also to the many members that come down to help out during their free time...displaying once again, our... "Teamwork".

Our Annual Jack Williams Golf outing is just around the corner now, so for those of you who are lucky enough to have a spot, I look forward to joining you for a great day of golf and hopefully we can share a cocktail or two later. Hey, I can't think of a better way to end a day after "playing around"...oop's...sorry Mims ;-).

Finally, I would like to finish with an honest, sincere message from my heart to you all...

Thank you all for your support over the last couple of years during the difficult times some of our fellow brothers and their families have unfortunately gone through. Your heartfelt condolences have been greatly received. We are a true family.

God Bless,
Cheers for now,
John.



Good and Welfare

Frank Doyle home recuperating, Tommy Dunn had improvement after surgery.



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.

Where To Now, St. Peter?

July Meeting - Thursday, July 12th 8:30PM

Jack Williams Golf Outing Monday, July 9th
Sold out

FSOS Wiffle Ball Tourney

Saturday, September 8th 9AM start.

FSOS Soccer Tourney Saturday, August 18th.
10AM see flyer inside.

Kelly Brothers Benefit Saturday, September 15th,
2/6PM flyer inside, or see Bart

FSOS Family Picnic Saturday, September 22nd,
1/6PM let's see everyone out there!

Coming up...

ENTERTAINMENT in the Hall!. SATURDAY, August 24th, Dinner Dance Fundraiser, we welcome back the THOMAS WESLEY STERN Band! August meeting is "bring a friend"



A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.



FSOS Pipes and Drums

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

FSOS FAMILY PICNIC



Saturday, September 22nd 1/6PM

This year, Jim Hartwyk and his crew of BBQ boys (and girls) will attempt to flatter your taste buds and cob your corn, please come down and sizzle.

\$15.00 per person pre sale, \$20.00 at the door.
Children 1 through 9 free, 10 through 20, \$5.00

This event has always been one of our “gifts to the membership” It would be heartwarming to actually see a LARGE MEMBER TURNOUT this year, remember it's your club.

NO Beer truck (but, yea, beer all over the place), all the food most of us could possibly ingest, Pony Rides(?), Super Slide. Please bring a chair. Please volunteer to help, low cost, but high maintenance event! LIVE MUSIC with the Backbeat Band (Vinnie and EJ)

There will be a great Raffle too! Please bring extra chairs too. See you all there??



Tour De Shillelagh Bike Run SAT., SEPTEMBER 22ND, 9AM

Great event to benefit SERF and the Food Pantry. 20 mile circuit from the club, all riders get a free T-shirt too. Questions - Contact Don Bruchez @ (732) 723-3560. Same day as our picnic, you can sweat it off, and then drink it back on, what fun! This is our 12th run!



“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, the education, the money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes.”

— Charles R. Swindoll quotes (American Writer and Clergyman, b.1934)

FSOS WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT

Back by popular demand, clear your schedule, start training!

SATURDAY, September 8th 9AM sign in.

Games begin @ 9:30, until, the last wiffle is balled.

\$125.00 per team entry fee (includes food and beer)

Sign up early, first come, first served

1st 11 teams to pay, play, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Food starts @ 1PM, Kegs tapped @ 10:30 AM

5 inning games Start with a 1/1 count; you can pitch no more than 3 innings per game; **5 player max** per team (guys and or girls) 4 on the field at one time, everyone bats. Substitutions at any time automatic hits,

NO RUNNING, whew! Thank God for that.

Contact Bobby Shanley.



President's Joke of the Month:

Fatal Golf Shot...A guy gets a call from the coroner, who wants to talk about his wife's recent death. "We were on the third hole," the widower relates. "My wife was standing on the ladies tee about 30 yards ahead of the men's when I hit my drive. From the sound when the ball hit her head and the way she dropped like a rock I knew immediately that she was dead. God only knows where the ball wound up." The coroner replies That explains the injury to her head, but what about the Maxfli embedded in her rectum" "Oh," says the man, "that was my provisional."

**20th Annual
Kelly Brothers
Scholarship Benefit**

In Memory of Bob & Dennis

Saturday SEPTEMBER 15th

2-6pm

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\$25.00 donation

(Children free)

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Hemophilia Association of NJ or H.A.N.J

Any questions, please call 732-679-1922.

President's Joke of the Month 2:

A Moment of Silence

A man and a friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer.

His friend says: "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man."

The man then replies: "Yeah, well we were married 35 years."



Atlantic City- Many songs, and verses have been written about this city of escape, but no one has captured the sheer joy of it as the FSOS. The Sullivan's, the Wagle's, and the Delany's, should be roundly applauded for running a small, below the radar trip , that ,at its start is full of giddy anticipation, and by its returning journey home, if full of song, (beautiful Dennis) and widespread merriment . Win or lose, we ALL had a great time.



As we grow up, we learn that even the one person that wasn't supposed to ever let us down, probably will. You'll have your heart broken and you'll break others' hearts. You'll fight with your best friend or maybe even fall in love with them, and you'll cry because time is flying by. So take too many pictures, laugh too much, forgive freely, and love like you've never been hurt. Life comes with no guarantees, no time outs, no second chances. You just have to live life to the fullest, tell someone what they mean to you and tell someone off, speak out, dance in the pouring rain, hold someone's hand, comfort a friend, fall asleep watching the sun come up, stay up late, be a flirt, and smile until your face hurts. Don't be afraid to take chances or fall in love and most of all, live in the moment because every second you spend angry or upset is a second of happiness you can never get back.

AD Book - #160, Nick Gerz



Membership News

Effective as of the June meeting.

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: None

New Members: None



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