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Gentlemen,

From my "Family" to yours, Wishing each and everyone of  
"you and your Families" a Healthy, Prosperous and...



Last year had it's ups and unfortunately it's downs, so please, let's all try to  
build on our future but keep close to our hearts the memories and good  
times spent with our friends and especially...our loved and beloved ones.

God Bless you all,  
John & Miriam.

Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to extend again my sincere best wishes to you and your family for a safe, prosperous and "HAPPY NEW YEAR" and welcome you all into... "2013"... Happy Days !!

I sincerely hope and pray that 2013 will be a much better year for you and wish this year will bring you good health, happiness and success. I know 2012 had its ups and unfortunately... it's downs. Many of us had to say goodbye to beloved family members and friends. We too, as a club, lost some very loyal and friendly members. Please keep them all and their grieving families in your prayers. God Bless each and everyone of them.

In 2012 our fine club and membership performed an abundant amount of great deeds to aid the less fortunate and disabled, whether it was 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. We are truly all family and boy what a "Team" we make !!

As we move forward into this upcoming year, I must first reflect on the year's end that it was....."December". This is by far my most favorite of all months, where families and friends get together socially to enjoy each others company and reflect on the year gone by. The good, the not so good and even the sad times are all confronted, we try to turn our sad tears into happy memories of all the loving cherished moments and times spent together.

Our club's December was also a very busy family month. We had numerous parties and good deeds second to none. Thank you once again to Barney for making our building look so festive for the...."Ho Ho Ho" ....Holidays. Also to Barney and his special "Sanity Claus" for bringing the Christmas Spirit early to all our little shillelaghs at our Annual Children's Christmas Party.

Speaking of parties... Wow !!... Happy Days... thank you to Scott and Cathy Fitzgerald for all their 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 very well nourished, and to our Barmen Walter, Kenny, Fuzzy and Ryan who kept us all extremely well oiled !! And to you all for being a part of this joyous fun filled occasion.

Kudos to David Cummins, who once again went behind the scenes to capture every moment of this joyous occasion. Check out our Fsosdiary.com website to find your picture and witness his fine work and fun filled comedy wordings. Special thank you to my wife, Mims, for all her time spent in preparing all this years Christmas tree ornament gifts. Also thank you to all the Christmas raffle ticket sellers and congratulations to all the winners... Giddy Up !!

Well, it's good deeds time again... Yes, it's "Toys for Tots", thank you to Tom and Annette Dunn, with the help of many members, who once again produced a successful "Toys for Tots" fundraiser, which helped bring the Christmas Spirit to many needy families young children. This was by far our biggest year. Thank you to all who helped out and contributed to this heart warming club fundraiser.

Our Membership Appreciation "Christmas Bash Party" was great craic with tons of fun and shenanigans flying around the room all night long with laughter to no end. Arne Wendt and Marc Ribler kept us well entertained to the wee hours of the morning with hit tunes from the 70's, 80's and 90's, while Scotty helped me with providing all the tasty finger foods for your enjoyment. Another great night whilst preparing for Christmas itself.

Then, last but by no means least, came our final party of the year and boy did we send it out, 2012 that is, with an enormous 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 "The BackBeat Band" who performed sing along tunes and requested hits for our enjoyment. The food was once again endless, thanks to the helping hands of Chef DeMaio, Scotty and the members wives who contributed by bringing hors d'oeuvres to help share in the holiday fare for all. It was an absolute pleasure to see so many happy smiling faces with well wishes being greeted to and by all around the room ;-).

Finally, thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your continued help and especially your support throughout the year. With this you have made my job, as your President, without a doubt extremely manageable and very enjoyable.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and prosperous "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.

## Til' The BARS BURN DOWN

### January Meeting

Thursday, January 10th 8:30PM

### Belmar Parade Fundraiser

Sunday, January 20th

3-7PM, details inside and on the web

### Comedy Night

Saturday, January 26th 6:30PM-Midnight

### Mardi Gras

Friday, February 8th

### Great Guinness Toast

Friday, February 15th 8PM

Please remember there is no better place for ALL Football games, try us, you'll be sacked with happiness

## PRESIDENT'S... "WORDS OF WISDOM".

### Instructions from a sign posted at a Golf Club in Scotland...

1. Back straight, knees bent.
  2. Feet shoulder width apart.
  3. Keep your head down !!
  4. Stay out of the water.
  5. Try not to hit anyone.
  6. If you are taking too long, let others go ahead of you.
  7. Don't stand directly in front of others.
  8. Quiet please...while others are preparing.
- Well done. Now flush the urinal, go outside and tee off !!

(Thanks for the laugh, Jackie B.) Happy Days ;-)



## FSOS Pipes and Drums

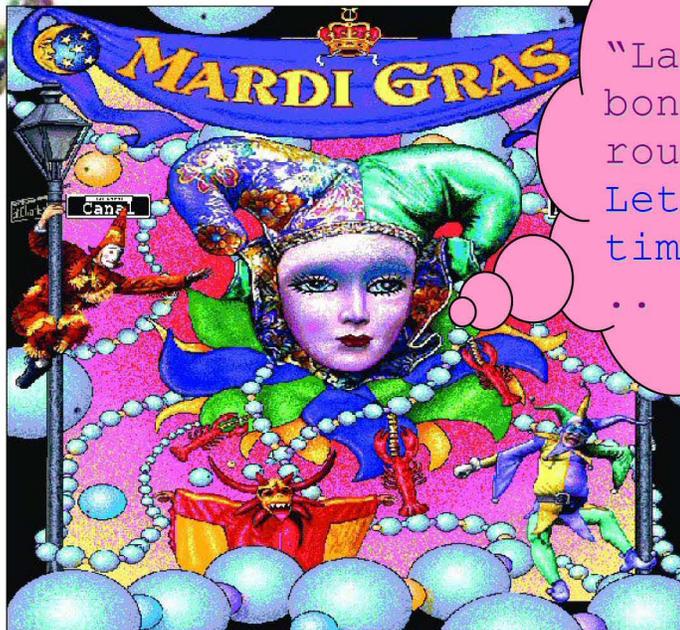
Anyone interested in playing Pipes or Drums, come down on Monday nights. - John Hatton

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**It's time for the...**

**FSOS MARDI GRAS PARTY**

**Friday Feb. 8**



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

# BELMAR PARADE FUNDRAISER



## SUNDAY, January 20th, 3–7PM

1st parade fundraiser of 2013! \$10.00 admission includes one complimentary drink, Hot and Cold Buffet. Music, by Burns and Cashman AND The FSOS Pipes And Drum Band!

See Charlie Donnelly if you have any pertinent questions.



## NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

**Nominations will be accepted at the January Meeting for 2013 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 23rd.

**Remember: Your Dues responsibilities also include your Ad Book payments, as outlined in our By- Laws.**



## CLUB ELECTIONS AND BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, February 23rd**

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 7PM.

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

# 9TH ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT

**Saturday, January 26th, Doors open @ 6:30PM, Show Starts @ 8:30PM**

\$40pp—Includes Buffet, Domestic Drafts, Wine, Soda, Cake and Coffee. All proceeds go to FSOS and S.E.R.F. Donations of canned and dried goods are greatly appreciated. For tickets and information contact, Dony Vrucchez (908) 705-4678, sndbrucchez@msn.com



## Strange New Years Traditions

### New Years Eve

- **Kissing at Midnight**—Origins of this well known tradition are not as popular as the act itself. At the stroke of midnight, kissing a loved one was said to ensure continued affections between the pair into the New Year. Its antithesis, not kissing anyone at midnight, is believed to bring one loneliness in the New Year.
- **Pots and Pans**—We've all spent childhood fighting heavy eyelids to midnight, so that maniacally banging pots and pans could be enjoyed without a fear of discipline. But this ritual was once used as a protective measure. The belief was that loud noisemaking would scare away evil spirits who could pass between worlds during the day of yearly transition.
- **He Who Enters**—An old superstition maintains that, after the clock strikes midnight, the first person to cross your home's threshold will be an influential force throughout the New Year. A comical sidenote: if redheads or blonde-haired individuals were the first to enter, it brought bad luck for a whole year.
- **Good Riddance**—At midnight on New Year's Eve, people once flung open every door in their house. The ritual was said to release the past year's misfortune—and let inside fortune in the New Year.

### New Year's Day

- **Black Eyed Peas**—It was once thought that, by eating black eyed peas on New Year's Day, the consumer would secure for himself a year full of monetary gains and good luck.
- **Winds of Fate**—At one time, New Year's Day wind patterns were studied by more than just the local meteorologist. Northern winds were said to symbolize a year's-worth of unpleasant weather. A Southern wind would bring prosperity and luck. Tragedy and loss would follow New Year's Day winds blowing from the East. Contradictory fates would be at the heels of a Western wind, bringing plentiful bounty and luck to farmers—as well as the passing of a cherished individual.
- **Pinching Pennies**—Those who lent money, paid bills, or settled debts on New Year's Day were said to bring bad luck onto themselves. For these acts, it was believed the person would be cursed with a year's-worth of financial trouble.
- **Singled Out**—On New Year's Day, superstition maintains that a single woman should gaze out the window of her bedroom the moment she awakes. If she sees a man—any man—outside, it is said she'll be married before the New Year is through.

### President's Joke(s) of the month

#### A little humor for all our adoring Shillelagh wives...

**#1.** A woman was waiting in the checkout line at a shopping center. Her arms were laden with a mop and broom and other cleaning supplies. By her hard glances and deep sighs, it was obvious she was in hurry and not a happy camper about the slowness of the line.

When the cashier called for a price check on a box of soap, the woman remarked indignantly, "Well, I'll be lucky to get out of here and home before Christmas!"

"Don't worry, ma'am," replied the clerk. "With a good tail wind and that brand new broom you have there, you'll be home in no time."

#### **#2.**

Kenny: "So, you say that you won the conversation with your wife yesterday?"

Kevin: "Yes, she came crawling on her hands and knees."

Kenny: "Really?.....What did she say?"

Kevin: "Come out from under the bed, you coward !!"

# AD Book - #76, Chef of the future, John DeMaio

## FILFFC-JOOOOOseph Patterson



### Membership News

Effective as of the December meeting.

**1st Reading:** Dennis McPartlan–Sponsor, Tom Esser  
James Walsh–Sponsor, Tom Esser  
Thomas Bannister–Sponsor, Mike Murphy

**2nd Reading:** Phil Dinsmore, Michael Casani,  
Frank Kenute, John Hayden

**New Members:** None



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