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Gentlemen,

First off, let us reflect on the passing of three of our dearly departed members. Ron Keavney, Jack Riordan and Joseph Costello were loved and respected. Please remember their families in your thoughts and prayers and may God's love lift them up and give them comfort during this difficult time.

Starting the month off in fashion, we had our own Kentucky Derby Party. Thanks to Jim Hartwyk for coordinating the festivities. We had a good turnout as everyone was rooting for Black Onyx, (Jack Breen's son trains Black Onyx). A late scratch was disappointing but the evening went on without a hitch. Well done Jim, we look forward to next year.

To the FSOS Green team, the sod looks great. It took many hands and only a couple of hours to lay all the sod. We had 12 men that came down on short notice and got the job done quickly. Thank you.

The Pancake Breakfast was a huge success and allowed us an opportunity to honor our beloved Mothers and Grandmothers. There were pancakes (of course), eggs and sausage deliciously prepared by our members and enJOYed by all. Thank to all who gave of their time to make this a special event for our Moms. It was a JOYous event and all who attended enJOYed themselves.

The annual MS bike ride fundraising event which took place on a sunny Saturday with 60 degree temperatures was a big success. The event raises money for multiple sclerosis and our FSOS team collectively raised \$1,380. Congratulations to the team of Jim Burke, Chris Finnegan, Ed Finnegan, Charlie Collick and Donny Bruchez. Way to go, Gentlemen!

During the Memorial Day weekend, in honor of all those who died serving their country, the Pipes and drum, banners and flags, and roughly two dozen members paid tribute by marching down the streets of Sayreville.

The temperatures were cool, but the sun was shining. Thank you to all those who participated.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone that gives of their time so generously to keep improving our great club.

I hope to see you around the club soon.

All the best,

Scott

Good and Welfare

Stories Don't End...

June Meeting Thursday, June 13th 8:30PM

Entertainment Night

Friday, June 14th 8/11PM

JOHNNY ENCH, ACOUSTIC MUSIC FROM
THE 50'S TO CURRENT HITS!

Jack Williams Golf Outing

Monday, July 8th

Sold out, see message from Charlie inside.

COMING UP:

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

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." – Sam Keen

Brother Members
Ron Keaveney,
Jack Riordan, and
Joseph Costello
passed, please keep
their families in
your prayers



Please remember our
troops and support staff
all over the globe.

Please keep charity in
your heart and hands.

Good and Welfare information should be given to Barney Shannon @ (732) 254-6153, or to any officer.

FSOS Pipes & Drums



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



Tom Glynn's Daughter

The New Jersey Blaze are excited to reveal that Kerry Glynn, defensive-midfielder with the University of Vermont Catamounts, has been named as captain of the 2013 senior women's squad ahead of the upcoming season.

Glynn, who reached the America East playoff semi-finals this year in her sophomore year, has proved indispensable to her college, with one goal and five assists to her name in her short career with the north-eastern team in the highly-competitive D-I soccer conference.

This season, she was also named New England Soccer News Women's College Player of the Week after scoring the overtime game-winner against Stony Brook. Glynn also has international experience, having also played for the Republic of Ireland U18 team while in high school at Old Bridge.

Glynn will be handed the captain's armband for the organization's first game of the year at Buxmont Torch in PA on May 29th at 7:00pm. Glynn said: "I'm really looking forward to playing with the Blaze - it's exciting to be a part of the new program and I can't wait to see everything play out well this season. We're looking very competitive and I think this will be a great season for us"

Word has it that Walter "the Goods" Farrell may be moving, I do not believe there are words to describe the loss. Walter helped me find my footing in this great club, and his achievements, and constant unselfish work are immeasurable.

I guess he got a passing shot in on Pancake Breakfast day; finding Joy instead of oil, and unintentionally, at least figuratively washing out some mouths with soapy batter.

I will, as will we all, miss Walter, We may just have to rent that party bus and head south...

Good Luck, my friend, enjoy the journey.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE



The bereavement committee has been put in place to help our members families during their darkest hours. We help them, first of all by phone or sending someone to their home to represent the Order of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh and to offer our condolences from each and every member of the club.

We start off by explaining to the family member that this is what we do for each and every member of the Friendly Sons, this is our way of thanking the family for sharing their loved one with us for many years.

Then it is time to get down to business, We now try to find out if the details are finalized for the wake and the funeral, most times they are not. We now ask the family if they would like a piper for the church and cemetery the day of the funeral. The answer usually is yes so we now make a mental note to call the manger of The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Pipes and Drums, currently that is John Hatton (2013 Shillelagh of the year). John will then get on the horn and find us a piper for the family, What you may not realize is that on many occasions I have seen these fine gentlemen take a day off of work to make this happen.

We now ask the family if we can help them out with pall bearers and an honor guard comprised of brother Shillelagh's in full dress uniform, then we let them know that if there is any little thing that we can do to make this difficult time for their family any easier that is what we are here for. Next we explain to them that they are entitled to a repast luncheon at the club for their family and guests, we then need to find out how many guests they are expecting. How is that for a tough question, we usually ask a family member at the wake if they have an idea of how many people to expect at the repast luncheon. No one can really answer that question so we look at the size of the wake and make an educated guess.

For those of you who do not know Barney Shannon one of our charter members orders a large piece of flowers in the shape of a shamrock, for this time is of the essence we have to give the florist enough time to order enough flowers necessary to create our piece. If you know of the passing of a member please contact Barney Shannon as soon as possible, please don't wait for someone else to call him. (732-254-6153).

Next we need to get the word out to hundreds of members, we are now sending it out three ways,

1. You will receive a personal phone call.

(many times this is not possible because you got rid of your home phone and are using a cell phone so we can't call you and you won't receive the shout out!)

2. You will receive an e-mail notification.

(does the club have your e-mail address?)

3. You will then receive a computer generated phone call.

If all else fails you can get the information off the board at the club. The message will explain the member's name, the name of the funeral director, what days and times the wake is, and what time we will be meeting at the club.

Brian Smith makes sure that the flags are lowered to half staff to honor our deceased brother. **We ask you to please attend the wake in full uniform.** As you know we attend the wake to support the family of the deceased at probably the worst time of their lives.

I have personally seen this from both sides as a member of the family of the deceased, and as a club member supporting the family of a deceased member. A member of a family will tell you that the sea of green blazers that was overwhelming the room seemed like it went on forever. Please help to make the family proud at their saddest moment.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE CONT'D

Thanks also to Kenny Brown for supplying us with volunteer bartenders for the repast luncheons. Brian Smith, Walter Farrell and Kenny Shanley are usually first to volunteer. Jane Falzone and Walter Farrell make miracles happen usually on very little notice they do the shopping and cooking and keep asking me if I have a number of guests for them yet, I usually don't when they are shopping and cooking.

Dot Sullivan, Barbra Wagle are usually always willing to give a hand, Patrick Donnelly is also known to pitch in. We have to thank our call captains Mike Bell, Joe Murray, Mike Donlon, Tom Esser, Scott Howard, Marty Cameron, Ray Costello, Jim Hartwyk, Mike Falzone, Jim Boyle, Tom Keegan, Tom McCarthy, John O'Callaghan, Steve Hansult, George Keubler, Mike McGarry, Bill Flynn and John Connolly.

The bereavement committee consists of Bobby Quinn, Tom Keegan, Larry McGrath, Scott Fitzgerald, Jim Hartwyk and Ray Costello. Dave Cummin's and Tom McGrath have kept you informed through e-mails. At this time I want to let you know that Jim Connors is cleaning up the membership list, when he is done he will be e-mailing me the list to update our call captains.

At this time I must ask if any call captains want to retire, you guys are great! I also must ask for volunteers for Pall Bearers/Honor Guard. New Call Captains and help with the repast luncheons please contact Ray Costello at elevatortray@gmail.com if you or your bride can help us out in any of these areas.

Thank you all for your help with repast luncheons. Thanks again for all your help making this possible! The bereavement committee My predecessor Billy Whelan would get up and explain to the membership that he needed two weeks' notice to plan your wake service.



Local 1 Apprentice Drive

Local 1 Elevator Constructors of New York and New Jersey will be having an Apprentice Drive the weeks of June 3-7 and 10-14 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. It will be held at 47-24 27th St Long Island City NY 11101. If you or anyone you know is interested in get on our apprentice list they need to show up anyone of these days. Needed with you is your HS diploma, copy of diploma or GED certificate and a photo ID. They must be 18 years old. If they have not graduated yet from HS they need to bring the latest record of grades they can get from school.

Any questions call 718-707-9450.

**Denis Kilduff
Freddy McCourt**



Jack Williams Golf Outing

MON. JULY 8th

KNOB HILL GOLF COURSE 10:00AM

\$100.00 per/golfer (1st pay -1st to eat)

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CONTACT CHARLIE D 732-261-2031

Widows Luncheon

We held our annual Widows Luncheon on April 28th, 2013. I would like to thank ALL who came out to help; Sue Hansult for making the candy favors, and my wife, Agnes, for the flowers, and their help in the kitchen. My daughter Denise, for keeping me straight on the invitations. Former Presidents, Jim Fennessey, Bob Coyle, Ray Costello, Michael Lee Foster, Jack McCarthy (his 1st!), John Wagle, and John Sheridan; for all their help with serving the food and cleanup. Also to Frank Doyle and Walter Farrell, last, but not least, Patrick Donnelly, who had to miss a special engagement in his family to prepare the meal for the ladies.

Thank you, Bob Quinn



Pancake Breakfast

A "Joyful Day" was had by all. Our official taster, Kevin Morgan experienced a bubbly day. Although it was a slow start trying to locate some of the necessities, the committee was able to carry out a most successful day.

Thanks to the committee: Frank Lynch, Bob Quinn, John Wagle, Dennis Sullivan, Frank Hines, Kevin Morgan, Walt Farrell, Jim Hartwyk and Ryan Jennings

Pancake Charlie



Roasted Pig, Fried People

The day of pigs, was, as usual a fine Shillelagh day, temperatures were, cause to remark, that "it's ALMOST Too Hot To Drink", it wasn't.

Food abounded, Chef De Maio and crew were at their culinary best.

Walter looked like a disheveled rock star, working in the kitchen, tirelessly, only coming out to deliver fires and such. I do not know all the names of the tremendous members that manned the various stations around the lawn, but they all deserve a pint or three.

FATHERS DAY GIFTS

WE HAVE A SUPPLY OF FSOS LOGO GOLF SHIRTS, SWEATS AND WINDSHIRTS.

CONTACT CHARLIE D

The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Membership News

EFFECTIVE AS OF THE **MAY** MEETING

1st Reading:

James Stapleton – Sponsor, Larry McGrath
Jeremy Bakum – Sponsor, Dennis Kilduff

2nd Reading:

**Kevin Umbach, Kenneth Nelson,
Kevin Burns, and James Kelly**

New Members:

None



Anniversaries

20 YEARS

JAMES MCCARTY JR.

15 YEARS

BUDDY DEPALMA
FRANK HINES
THOMAS MCNAMEE
ROBERT MURRAY
JAMES PARK
LEE SMITH

10 YEARS

WILLIAM FIELD
MICHAEL WYER

5 YEARS

MIKE GALVIN
WILLIAM NOLAN
DICK RAYMOND

AD Book: # 039 Frank Hines

F.I.L.F.F.C.: Jim "Blues" Murtha, leaving a distraught Keegan at the crossroads.



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