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Gentlemen,

September was a fun filled month with many nice warm days and cool nights. October is going to be a great month to move indoors and enjoy the festivities in our warm and inviting club. I sincerely hope to see you in the near future, whether it is cheering on your favorite football team or at one of our shindigs slated for the month.

The month started off with the Annual Kelly Brothers Scholarship Benefit in memory of two special young brothers. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the McDades, the Agars and, of course the Kelly families for their hard work and dedication to the Hemophilia cause. This fundraising event is always a huge success and one we will all look forward to year after year.

Our Annual Tour De Shillelagh Bike Run was a great event. Special thanks to Donnie, Sue and Debbie for your hard work and volunteering your time running this charity event, which raises money for SERF and the Food Bank fund. This year's ride drew 55 participants who rode through the streets of Old Bridge and helped to raise \$2,600. Thank you to the Old Bridge Police Department for the escort and keeping our riders safe on the streets.

Next up, our Family Picnic was a tremendous success. This year's party was one of the best and I hope that everyone enjoyed the day as much as I did. A BIG thank you goes out to Jim Hartwyk on an outstanding day. The weather was picture perfect with warm temperatures and blue skies. The music was great, as well as the games. Thank you, to John Sheridan for spearheading the games and making me participate in the potato sack race. I think I won. The grills were fired up with lots of delicious choices including ribs, chicken, sausage, and burgers and dogs. It is with great appreciation that I extend my thanks to all the members who stepped up to make this another great day at the club. You know who you are and rest assured that the day could not have happened without all the cooks, bartenders, set up crew and cleanup crew (sadly, only five soldiers returned on Sunday morning).

Again, I would like to thank all those members who volunteer their time at the club keeping it up to date. Occasionally, things break and need to be repaired. Butch, Tim, John, Jack and Mike your dedication to the club always amazes me and your work does not go unnoticed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

It is with sadness that I mention that Joe Cavin's wife, Evelyn has passed away as well as Jim Gordon's father, Frank. I would like to extend our deepest condolences to their families. Please keep their families in your prayers and thoughts.

In closing, I would like to extend my best wishes and congratulations to Kathy and Charlie Donnelly as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. God Bless you on this special milestone event.

All the best,  
Scott

# Good and Welfare

## Right Between The Eyes...

**October Meeting** Thursday, October 10th 8:30PM

**Country Music Night** Saturday, October 19th  
7:30-12PM Details inside.

**Blood Drive** Thursday, October 24th 3-8PM  
Annual Walter Siecinski drive. Details inside.

**Children's Halloween Party**  
Saturday, October 26th, 11AM-2PM. See inside.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** Saturday December 7th  
Details coming soon! Save the night, do NOT miss it!

*"A couple goes to an art gallery. They find a picture of a naked women with only her privates covered with leaves. The wife doesn't like it and moves on but the husband keeps looking. The wife asks, "What are you waiting for?" The husband replies, 'Autumn.*

**Watch Pub Board for possible DARTS Social!**

**Former President Rob "Mac" McKiernan's Father passed. Joe Cavasins wife and Mike DePasquales Mother passed, Jim Gordon's dad passed as well. Please keep the 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**



# THE ORDER OF THE FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH OLD BRIDGE, NJ

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Gentlemen,

Right lads here we go, our second letter in on the history of our club as we prepare for the celebration of our "Golden 50th Anniversary". **Thank you to one of our Founding Members Wife, Mrs Cathy Dunnigan, for what she recalls from memory.** Now before I go any further, I want you all to take into account that this "Young Lady" is trying to remember back nearly 50 years ago. We all know some of us can't even remember what we had for breakfast. ;-) So give her credit for the memories, as I truly do. Soooo off we go...

We moved to Old Bridge in Oct 1964 from The Bronx. Bill's brother, Pat Dunnigan was already an Old Bridge resident and a member of the "Friendly Sons". He signed Bill up for a membership before we even lived here. I thought this was great – Bill would have some new friends in this foreign land of NJ.

In the beginning, meetings were held all over the place. Usually after about 3 meetings in the same place they were asked to leave – because of their good shillelagh behavior... I guess.

I don't recall the date when things got really serious about the property on Oak St and the idea of a "Club House". The membership was all going to take out a bond to finance this dream. When Bill first told me about this I thought, "He's lost his mind". We could just about pay our mortgage and he wanted money to build a "Boy's Club".

Materials magically appeared and the work began. Most of the work was done by the "Brothers". On Sundays we had to ride to Oak St to see the progress being made on the building. Little by little the building began to take shape and here we are today.

Who could ever have known ???



**REMEMBER...**"WE IRISH ARE THE BEST STORY TELLERS", SO KEEP THEM COMING LADS.

We are now only 1 year away from celebrating our "50th Anniversary". We had a very productive first meeting in September, soooo to keep the ball moving along in the right direction, we have arranged a meeting at 7:15pm on Thursday, October 10th in the Lounge area. Any member interested in serving on the committee or one of the many sub committee's should attend. We are specifically requesting that all Former Presidents and Founding Members attend, you gentlemen are automatically a part of the committee as you have a unique knowledge and experience spanning those 50 years and I personally believe that doing this without you makes no sense at all, so please attend if you can. The purpose of the meeting is to identify the committees and those interested in serving on them and also to seek "your input". In the weeks that follow committee assignments will be made. If you are interested but cannot attend then please contact me prior to the meeting. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to successfully create a "Golden Year" at our Friendly Sons.

Cheers for now,  
John P. Sheridan.

3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL

# COUNTRY MUSIC NIGHT

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# Kids HALLOWEEN Party

Saturday, October 26th

11AM-2PM



Ghouls and Ghosts, Fairies, and Princesses, the Kid's day to dress up and Party! Your host is the venerable Marty Cameron, DANCE CONTEST, Entertainment, Hot Dogs, Soda, and Candy! Can you say "SUGAR RUSH" Adults are welcome to dress up as well, if you dare.

## HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS

The inside scoop on jack-o'-lanterns and other Halloween traditions. The holiday was relatively obscure in late 19th century America. It was brought to the country by Irish and Scottish immigrants, combining the features of the Celtic and Christian holidays, and celebrated with feasting, divinations, and mischief making.

### Jack-o'-Lanterns

People had been carving gourds or pumpkins and using them as lanterns long before this practice was associated with Halloween. In 1850, for example, poet John Greenleaf Whittier mentioned the practice of his boyhood in "The Pumpkin": "When wild, ugly faces we carved in its skin. Glaring out through the dark with a candle within!"

We don't know exactly when and why these lanterns became associated with Halloween in particular, though we do know it was in North America. But by the start of the 20th century, the connection was firmly established.

### Hit the Road, Jack

The name "Jack-o'-lantern" has changed in meaning several times. It was first recorded as a nickname for a night watchman, dating back to 1663. Around the same time, it was used as

another name for a will-o'-the-wisp. It began to be used for pumpkin lanterns sometime in the 19th century. It's possible that the name simply went from the night watchman (a man holding a lantern) to the lantern itself.

On the other hand, an Irish legend tells of a miserly man named Jack who, while alive, tricked the Devil into agreeing not to take him into Hell. Upon his death, St. Peter wouldn't let Jack into Heaven, because he had been too stingy and sinful. The Devil wouldn't let him into Hell because of the deal they'd made. Jack was condemned to wander between Heaven and Hell with his lantern, looking for a place to rest and never finding one.

### Mischief Night

In late 18th century America, Halloween was a night for mischief and pranks. Boys would make "tick-tacks," cutting notches in the ends of a wooden spool and winding string around it. The spool would be placed right up against a window, with a nail serving as an axle. When the string was pulled, it made a loud and rapid "tick-tack" noise. Other noisy and startling practices involved throwing corn and decaying vegetables at houses.

While this was considered innocent fun, some pranksters began to go too far, especially with the move from country life to city life. News stories tell of students being expelled from schools, gangs of youths roaming through town covering people in flour, buildings being blown up, and so on.

### Trick or Treat!

The general practice of going door-to-door for treats is clearly similar to a much older practice, "souling," in which the poor would go from house to house begging for alms or food. However, the specific practice of "trick-or-treating" dates to around the 1930s. It is possible—though by no means certain—that it evolved as an antidote for the increasingly rowdy and costly Halloween pranks. It provided a healthier activity for the young and gave them an incentive not to play tricks.

We could easily make something up about the origins of Halloween costumes. We could say that people originally dressed as ghosts and witches to scare people, and that the practice eventually spread to include costumes of all sorts. But the fact is that we don't actually know where Halloween costumes came from, only that the practice, like trick-or-treating, appears to have begun in early 20th century America.

# BLOOD FOR BROTHERS

Thursday, OCTOBER 24th 3-8PM

Our **5th annual Blood Drive** named for our deceased brother Walter Siecinski. Please come down and roll up your sleeve, or if you cannot give, tell a family member or a neighbor to come down. Let's make Walter's Family PROUD! We want to surpass our record of 55 pints! Give a pint, get a pint, also a hot buffet will be available for those who donate. **Questions: Marty Cameron (732) 245-1559**



## THANKSGIVING

I know it's hard to believe, but Thanksgiving is in 11 weeks. At the club we take time to think of how grateful we are for all that we have. We put together a list of food items that we think will make Thanksgiving special for families in our community that may have fallen on hard times. We have been doing this since the 1960's, when our club was in it's infancy and hopefully we will do this at the club till the end of the world, or when families are all doing well and there is no need for our help.

The sign up list for food items is at the club. Pick an item, but please do not put a financial hardship on your own family, as some of these items are more expensive than you think. (Ask your wife). Get a few members together for the more expensive items.

**Next, if you know of a family that can use our help, please contact:  
Ray Costello; [elevatorray@gmail.com](mailto:elevatorray@gmail.com)  
732-500-6929**

or, you can leave him a note in the safe, with the name and how many members in the family, address of the family, and the ages and genders of the children. The reason for this is that we follow up Thanksgiving Baskets with Toys 4 Tots. So we try to make some of these families get toys for children, newborn to age 16, to make their Christmas special too.

We will be putting the baskets together on Saturday, November 23rd, 2013 at 8:30am. All food items should be at the club by 9pm Friday, November 22nd, 2013. Thank you one and all, for all your help in the endeavor. I will be having a 50/50 at the club every Sunday leading up to the Thanksgiving Baskets. This and your donations help us to pay for the turkeys, breakfast, and missing or lost items on November 22, 2013.

Please do not start bringing food items to the club before Monday, November 18th 2013. Our bartenders usually feed the turkey behind the bar about \$10 when they have a prosperous day. This is the most participated in event that is held at the club, and that is thanks to you and your wonder family!

# Membership News



## OCTOBER Anniversaries

**20 YEARS**  
ROBERT MAHONEY

EFFECTIVE AS OF THE **SEPTEMBER** MEETING

### 1st Reading:

Tom Kelly – Sponsor, Bob Kelly  
Dustin Schuld – Sponsor, Jeff Schuld  
Jeffrey Pronnicki – Sponsor, John O' Callahan  
John Werner – Sponsor, Frank Davis

**2nd Reading:** None

**New Members:** None

**Memories:** As we rapidly approach our historic milestone of 50 years, there must be volumes of memories, aside from the obvious, that mean something significant, or humorous to you. Why not jot some down and send them in to myself or John Sheridan, perhaps they can be collected and shared...

**AD Book:** 161 - Jim Morris

**F.I.L.F.F.C:** Jeff " I'm going to Houston" Schuld



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