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FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH OLD BRIDGE, NJ  
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Gentlemen,

This Fourth of July, we might find ourselves barbecuing, congregating with loved ones and enjoying our precious free time. But July Fourth is also a time to step back, think carefully and appreciate the freedoms we enjoy every day. Please remember our Troops who risk their lives every day to protect our Freedom. Happy Birthday, America!

With summertime in full swing, I am hopeful that many of you are enjoying summer vacations. It is my wish that you enjoy spending this time with your families and friends. Please be safe and have fun.

Another Swine Fest has come and gone. This was our 15th year of roasting the pig and the food was fantastic with great music and ice cold beer. It was a perfect day but I am sorry to report that the attendance was a little on the light side. It is always a busy time of year with family obligations, but I really think that everyone that attended enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Jim Hartwyk and his crew for all their hard work in preparation for this event.

The Atlantic City bus trip was an enjoyable day. If you missed it, there was a little bit of gambling, a little bit of drinking and dancing. It was a beautiful sunny day and a good time was had by all. Rumor has it that Joe P. was the big winner taking some of the casinos money back to Old Bridge with him. I would like to extend a big "thank you" to Dennis and Dot, John and Barbara, and Dave and Charlene for once again organizing a great day trip.

For all you football fans, please feel free to come down to the club and bring your family and friends. The beers are ice cold and the club is comfortably cool. World Cup play only comes around every four years and even though the United States was eliminated it is still really exciting soccer. Or kickball as some would say.

Special thanks to "The Iceman", Butch Konopka and our ace landscapers, Ken Shanley and Mike Eilers. Operating our club is not an easy fete without the help of our members. Thank you for keeping our club running smoothly and looking good.

Please keep in mind that the meeting in August will be our official 50th Anniversary Meeting. Please make every effort to attend and inquire as to how you can be a part of making the 50th Anniversary of our great club a huge success. In addition, please feel free to bring a friend.

I look forward to seeing around the club.

All the Best,  
Scott

# Good and Welfare

## You've Got Those Bright Baby Blues...

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

**Mid Summer Night** Friday, July 25th, 6PM  
Details inside.

**Soccer Tourney** Saturday, August 9th  
More, read on...

**Kelly Brothers Benefit** Saturday, September 13th  
Details inside.

**50th Anniversary Spectacular**  
Coming, September 19th-21st

**Next month's meeting Thursday, August 14th**



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your heart and hands.

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## FSOS Pipes & Drums

Sumer Parades:

Milltown - July 4th



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



# MID-SUMMER's NIGHT OUT at FSOS

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On July 25th

**STEAK BARBECUE**  
**by TOP HAT CATERING**

**ENTERTAINMENT**  
**by JOHN ENCH**

## **MENU**

Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable,  
Desert & Coffee  
Chicken Optional

**Price: \$15.00 per person**

**Dinner @ 6 PM; Entertainment @ 8 PM**

Summer drink specials and light snacks  
later in the evening.

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## **Summer**

Idea, all you lads, on your way out, or to the shore, as long as you have a designated driver, why not use our great pub, as a **jump off point** for your weekend festivities. You cannot drink cheaper, ANYWHERE, you'll have a few pints, tell a few tales, and be primed for your nights work. I think this is brilliant! Tom



22nd Annual

# Kelly Brothers Scholarship Benefit

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In Memory of Bob & Dennis

**Saturday SEPTEMBER 13th**  
**2-6pm @ FSOS**

**\$25.00 donation**  
(Children free)

**Includes: Food, Beer, Wine, Soda,  
DJ & Games for Kids**

If unable to attend, donations greatly appreciated.

Checks can be made out to:

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Any questions, please call 732-679-1922.

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## Odd Summer Facts

1. The Dog Days of Summer are named after Sirius, the Dog Star, in the constellation Canis Major, which shines most brightly during this period. The ancient Greeks and Romans believed the star was responsible for the heat and blamed it for periods of drought, sickness, and discomfort, or as we know them, bad hair days.
2. Kangaroos lick their forearms to keep cool.
3. 15 pounds of watermelon are eaten per person each year in the U.S.
4. Count the number of cricket chirps in 15 seconds, add 37 = air temperature (in Fahrenheit).
5. Cool fact: A typical iceberg weighs up to 200,000 tons and is the size of a 15-story building!
6. Corny facts: a) Each ear of corn has about 600 kernels, arranged in bands of 14 to 16. b) One bushel of corn contains a total of about 90,000 kernels. c) There is one strand of silk for every kernel.
7. 808,897 is the US Patent number granted to inventor Willis Haviland Carrier in 1906 for his "Apparatus for Treating Air", a.k.a. the first air conditioner. Yay for Willis!



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

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

Gentlemen,

Right lads here we go, another letter in on the history of our club as we prepare for the celebration of our "Golden 50th Anniversary". Thank you to our 50th Anniversary History Committee Members, for what they recall from memory. Now before I go any further, I want you all to take into account that these "Young Men" are 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 them credit for their memories, as I truly do. Soooo off we go...

### FSOS History 1964 - 1974

The world changed dramatically during our first 10 years. A nation recovering from the tragic loss of a president fought against communism in the jungles of Vietnam and for civil rights in the towns and cities of our Nation. We saw the summer of love and we walked on the moon. In Old Bridge our changes were on a smaller scale...but they're still here. If you can remember them, well then you've been around for quite a bit yourself...and that's not a bad thing at all.

**1964** Forty men gather together to march in the Newark St. Patrick's day parade and from this origins the "Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh" originated. The name was derived from a segment of the famous "Jackie Gleason Show". Our logo "Leprechaun on a Shamrock" was inspired by an image on the cover of a Bing Crosby LP (that's "long player" for you kids) titled, "Shamrocks and Shillelagh's". And yes, you can Google it. Membership requirements haven't changed...male over 21 years old and 1/8th Irish ancestry

**1966** This was the year our award winning Pipes and Drums were formed with just 11 members. In this same year a bid was submitted to Old Bridge Township for property on Oak St. It was paid for by 200 FSOS members who took out a bond worth \$150 each from Amboy Bank for the purchase of the property and mortgage. This made the husbands very popular with the wives...really. Construction started and a good percentage was done by FSOS members. This was also the beginning of the good and welfare program, established for benefit of members

**1968** Two years after starting the construction was completed and building dedicated, we had a home. This was also the year we began another tradition... the annual blood drive was established. And to help us cope with the stress of all the work and giving... the annual golf tournament started. We're still hitting a lot of bogies on the way to the 19th hole.

**1969** As our tradition of being a family oriented club grew we had the Fathers and Sons trip to a New York Yankees game. Followed for the first time by Thanksgiving day baskets delivered to 12 families. This would grow to 24 baskets per year and in recent years, 48 families per year. In the past 50 years our members have provided Thanksgiving Dinner to over a 1,000 families.

In 1969 Santa Ho-Ho-Ho'd his way into the lives FSOS children as we started a tradition that is maintained to this very day, The children's Christmas party and movie.

**1970** After just 4 years in existence our Pipe Band and Members marched in both the New York City and Dublin parades in the same weekend. There was a little jet lag... but that's why God made Guinness. This year we established the scholarship fund for FSOS dependents and 44 years later we're still funding it.

**1971** This year marked the first of four Irish Feis's hosted by the FSOS. It was first held at Freehold Raceway and in subsequent years moved to the Arts Center. This was a year for dancing and so it was that the 1st annual former FSOS presidents dance took place. Apparently news was spreading about us because an FSOS Charter was issued to West Orange, NJ...we were growing. This was also the year we hosted the Children's Olympics.

**1973** With the list of recurring activities growing every year this year we added the Annual St. John of God Charity Dance to benefit the hospital

**1974** A decade after starting we established "fund raiser" fund to help people in need of financial help. e.g. "Tony Fund" auto accident, a child mauled by a dog, medical emergencies, etc.

Thank you Lads for a job well done. REMEMBER... "WE IRISH ARE THE BEST STORY TELLERS", SO KEEP THEM COMING LADS. Cheers for now, John P Sheridan.



# FSOS 5th Annual Soccer Tourney

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**10 AM Saturday, August 9th**

FSOS Grounds, 15 Oak Street , Old Bridge N.J.

**5 on 5, small goal, no keeper**

**Teams picked ahead of the event**

**No Slide Tackles, friendly Tournament**

**Entry Fee, \$25.00 per person**

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EFFECTIVE AS OF THE **JUNE** MEETING

**1st Reading:** None

**2nd Reading:** Patrick Mulvihill

**New Members:** Chris Styles, Mike Mischler,  
Mike Sullivan, **WELCOME**



## April Anniversaries

### 15 YEARS

TODD SMITH  
SEAN TIMMONS

### 10 YEARS

PATRICK GILLESPIE  
DAVID SCHMIDT

### 5 YEARS

THOMAS GLYNN  
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