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Gentlemen,

Summer is just about halfway over; boy it goes fast. I hope you are all enjoying the good weather with your families.

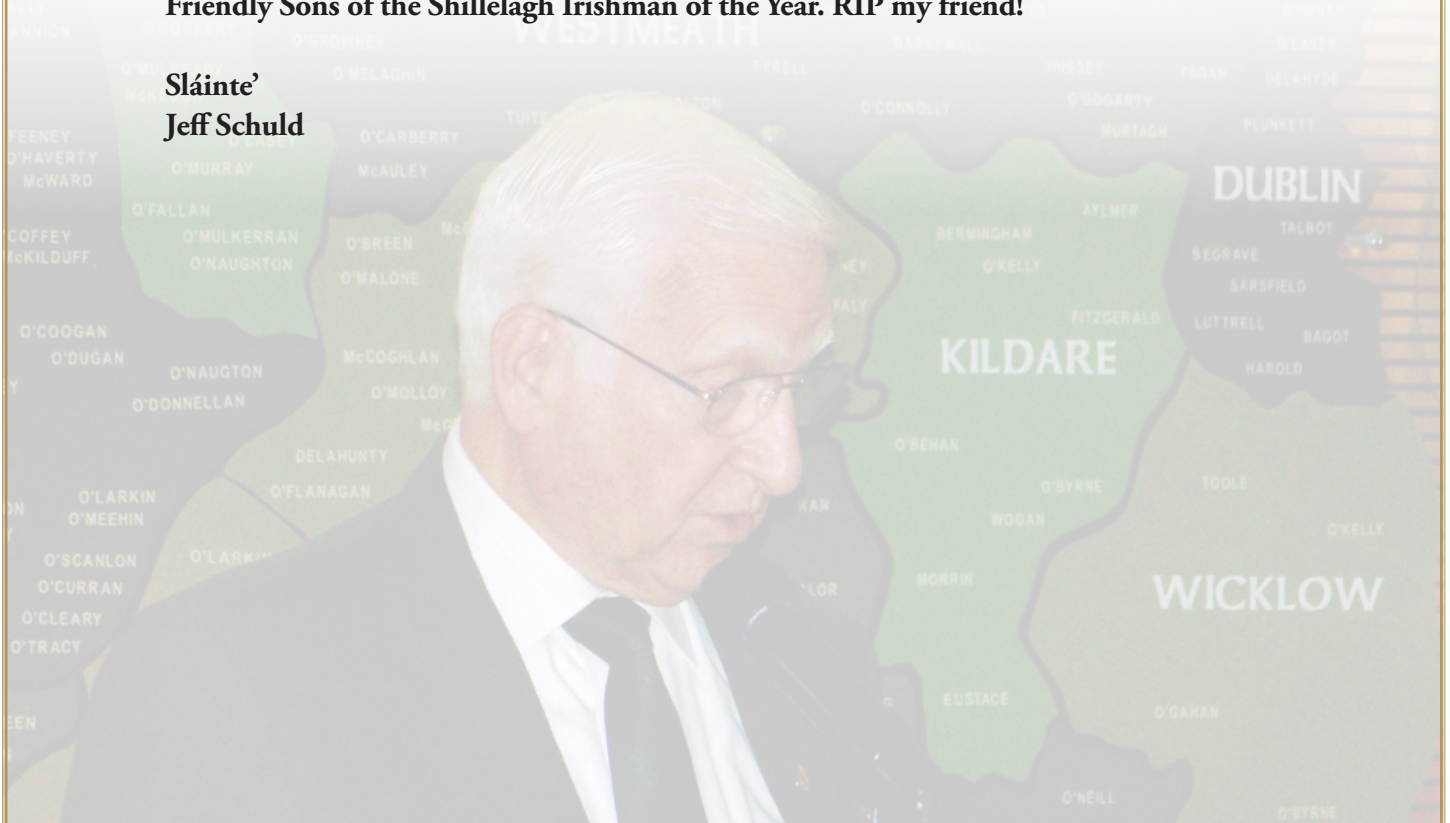
As of August 4th, we have a new front door card access system to gain entry into the building. A big thank you goes out to Tim Black for his time and efforts helping get this done. Please stop down meeting night, August 10th to pick-up your new access card; old access cards no longer work! If you can't make the meeting, try Saturday mornings between 10:00 am to 12:00 noon (check first that Tim, or I, will be there).

Next up, we will be updating the security camera system and adding an additional camera to cover the back of the building. Right now, we are looking to do that work in September, so if you would like to help, reach out to me.

By the time you are reading this, you will undoubtedly have heard of the passing of Charlie Donnelly. Charlie, the only 2 term president of the club (1982 & 1990), was a member since 1971. He passed away at 10:15pm, Saturday night August 4th, 2017, (only 5-1/2 months after his wife Cathy), with his family by his side.

In addition to his devotion to our club, Charlie was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks organization in Old Bridge. Charlie was active with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Irish Festival Committee, and the Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which he was named Grand Marshal, in 2002. Charlie was also instrumental in forming the Friendly Sons Jersey Shore Chapter in 1991. In 2014 Charlie was named the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Irishman of the Year. RIP my friend!

Sláinte'
Jeff Schuld





UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 10 - Monthly Meeting @ 8:30pm

This is our annual OPEN MEETING when we encourage members to invite their friends, with the goal of having them join this great Irish organization. New ASSETS are always wanted.

Saturday, August 12 - Monthly Work Party @ 9:00am

All candidates must attend (3) work parties, and their sponsor must attend (1) work party with their candidate, before the candidate is officially approved to be a member.

Thursday, September 14 – Next Meeting @ 8:30pm

Saturday, September 16 – Next Month's Work Party @ 9:00am

Saturday, September 23 @ 2pm - Kelly Brothers' Scholarship Benefit

The club will be hosting the 25th annual Kelly Brothers' Scholarship Benefit, in memory of brothers Bob & Dennis Kelly. A \$25 donation includes food, draft beer, wine and soda; a DJ, and games for Children, whom are free. If unable to attend, donations are greatly appreciated; checks can be made out to: Hemophilia Association of NJ, or H.A.N.J. Any questions, please call Bart McDade @ 732-678-1922.

Saturday, September 30 - Annual Family Picnic @ 1:00 to 6:00pm

Jeff Schuld and his crew of BBQ guys and gals will once again tantalize your taste buds with a menu that is sure to please. Although the menu is still being finalized, we are positive there will be more food than most of us could possibly ingest. As always, tap beer, wine and soda will be flowing. There will be live music, some children activities and a Raffle. As with all our outside functions, please bring chairs.

For the 3rd year in a row we will host the rib cook off, to register please contact Jeff Schuld. Can Billy

Farmer defend his 2016 title? You need to be present to find out.

\$20 per person (21 and over); children 10 years old through 20.99 years old: \$10; children 9 years and under are free.

This event is one of the club's "gifts to our membership". Please come down to Chill with your friends, and Sizzle with the food. It's always heartwarming to see a LARGE MEMBER TURNOUT each year; remember it's your club. Hope to see you there!!!

Many volunteers are needed before, during and after this event.

Saturday, October 21 – Bus Day Trip to Army vs Temple Football Game

The club has purchased 40 tickets for Army vs Temple University football to be played at historic West Point. Tickets are for members and their immediate family only; cost is \$100.00 each, and includes bus, game ticket, food & refreshments (i.e. beer). Game begins at Noon, so the bus will be leaving the Club very, very early (time to be announced). Tailgate with us, and enjoy the Fall atmosphere at West Point. Contact Jeff Schuld or Denis Pinkiewicz, or drop a check in safe, if interested.

Saturday, October 21 - Back to the 80's - Part III @ 7pm

The FSOS Softball team is sponsoring their 3rd annual, 80's Dance, featuring 'The Ronald Reagans'. They are more than a band, they travel 'Back in Time' on a musical trip to an era of one of the most diverse decades! Get into your attic or basement, dig out your 80's gear, and prepare for one great night, again. Prizes for the best dressed 80's style outfit, or 80's person or character. "Doc, this is heavy"!

Tickets are \$30 (21 and older); doors open @ 7pm for a Buffet meal, with draft beer, wine and soda. Music begins at 7:30 pm, and goes until midnight. Contact Mike Sullivan @ 732-406-2236. Tables must be paid for in full, prior to the dance.

(Continued inside...)



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Saturday, November 18 – FSOS Holiday Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA.

We are planning a 1-day bus trip to attend the show "The Miracle of Christmas" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. Package includes bus trip, a buffet lunch at Pennsylvania Dutch Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and a ticket for the show.

Reservations are required; price is \$115 per person, with payment due by October 27th. Bus departs from the club at 9am (real-time; not Shillelagh-time), with an approximate return time of 9pm. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board; see Dennis Pinkiewicz for details. Payments needed by October 27, 2017.

Friday, February 9, 2018 – Rangers vs Calgary - NHL Game

We have purchased 30 tickets (at \$85.00 per game ticket) for the NYRangers vs Calgary Flames game, on Friday night, February 9, 2018. Find your way into MSG, and find your way out of NYC, on your dime. First 30 checks in the safe, get to go. Based upon feedback from last year's game, many did not find their way to their seats.

FSOS Irish Cultural Committee

The next FSOS-ICC event being contemplated is an Irish Stew night with various Irish beers. Tentatively it is being planned for this Fall, but details are still being fermented. Also, John O'Keefe and Chris Finnegan welcome any cultural ideas from the membership for their review.

SHENANIGANS IN SHILLELAGH LAND

- To stimulate the FSOS economy, President Jeff Schuld has approved a \$0.50 discount off all drinks for members or significant others who come to the club to watch a Notre Dame game wearing their ND Shirt; just think, 40 drinks and the Shirt is paid for!
- The soda purchases for June went up to \$83; going in the wrong direction guys;
- The entertainment fee for June was \$22. Who does anything for \$22, and what did we get for it, one must ask themselves;
- So, there we were, sitting at the bar after the July e-board meeting, when suddenly there was a crash over by the fireplace. We turned around, and lo and behold, the FSOS drum head inexplicable fell out of its frame, and dropped to the floor; creepy;
- Ray Costello did everything right this month, he did not make the G&W list;
- Irish History Report: Please give a round of applause to Larry McGrath for his efforts to research, compile, type and then read a historical Irish story at the conclusion of each month's meeting. It takes a great deal of time to accomplish this every month. Great job Larry!
- FILFC: Tim Kearney.



NEWS ACROSS THE F.S.O.S. CHAPTERS

Monday, September 25 - The Shillelagh Invitational Golf Tournament

In recognition of the addition of the Ocean County FSOS Chapter, it has been agreed by all chapters that the name for our annual golf outing, "Tri-Shillelagh Golf Tournament" will be retired; hence forth it will be called "The Shillelagh Invitational Golf Tournament", and will be held annually, on the 4th Monday of September.

This year's Outing is being hosted by Essex FSOS, and will be held at The East Orange Golf Course, 440 Parsonage Hill Road, Short Hills. Registration, morning tee-off time, additional information and cost will be forthcoming!

OLD BRIDGE

Notre Dame's 2017 Shirt

Jamie O'Kane will be placing an order for the 2017 Notre Dame football "Shirt" soon. To order 'The Shirt', please see Jamie, or e-mail (Jamie.okane@yahoo.com). Specify male or female, size (from 2T to XXXL) and quantity; the short-sleeve Shirt is \$20.00, but if you prefer the long-sleeved option, they are \$30 - same as past few years. Jamie expects to place the order after this month's meeting, and have the shirts available after Labor Day. Here is the link to preview the 2017 Shirt: <http://theshirt.nd.edu/>.

ESSEX

Saturday, September 16 - St. Baldrick's Children Cancer Fundraiser

The Essex Chapter will host their 11th annual fundraiser, and needs volunteers willing to have their heads shaved for this charity. I believe our own Wayne Miller will once again be participating, and it is open to Old Bridge members who want to join Wayne for the trip to Essex. Contact Kevin Kinney at kjkinney@aol.com or 973-214-0170.

BELMAR

Saturday, July 15 – Live Entertainment in FSOS-Belmar @ 8pm

August 12 – 10th Annual Fluke Tournament

Based upon an entry of 175 boats, a total of \$ 10,000, for 6 prizes, will be awarded. For details see their flyer on our bulletin board, or go to www.fsos/belmar.com for an entry form. If you are going to participate in this event, there will be a Captain's meeting, Friday August 11 at 6:30pm, in the Belmar Club, to obtain your Tournament package.

Saturday October 7 – 4th Annual Shillelagh 5k and Mile Walk

Belmar is also hosting their 4th 'Shillelagh 5k and Mile Walk', beginning at Bar A, Lake Como. 8am registration and 9:30am start. You can register at jsrc.org or jerseyrunner.com; or contact Bill Ryan at info.fsosbelmar@gmail.com

If you wish to electronically receive all Old Bridge notifications, as well as the newsletters from the 3 other Chapters (when available), submit your e-mail address to any e-board member, or send to news@fsos.com.

FSOS Pipes & Drums

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

Good and Welfare



GOOD:

- Congratulations to Tim Black on the birth of his granddaughter;
- Remember our FSOS families who have members in the Armed Forces; as well as our U.S. Troops stationed throughout the Globe, and our Disabled American Veterans, Wounded Warriors, and Veterans;
- Thanks to every member who pitch-in daily to provide valuable help behind the bar; and to the men who help our Steward with their culinary skills during our monthly meeting, and other Club events.
- **AD Book:** # 180015: Mike Falzone.
- There are over 70 unsold AD Book tickets available for purchase each month. Please take a one year subscription at the next meeting; or ask a friend join in the fun.

WELFARE:

- Charlie Donnelly passed away Friday night, August 4, 5-1/2 months after Kathy, his wife of 53 years, passed away. Charlie has been a member since 1971, and served as president two times (1982 & 1990). As president in 1991, Charlie was a signatory on the Charter forming "The Order of the FSOS - Monmouth Division", ie: Belmar Chapter. In 2014, he was named our FSOS Irishman of the Year. Outside of his FSOS world, Charlie was a member of both the Irish Festival Committee, and the Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee; in 2002 he was Grand Marshal of the Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade;
- Kevin Wyer's mother, Anne, passed away;
- Tom and Bob Mahoney's sister, Patricia Salardino, passed away.

Féadfaidh Siad Chuid Eile I Síocháin (May They Rest in Peace!)

- The Repass committee is looking for your help: if you or a spouse are available to donate several hours to assist in working any future Repass luncheons for a deceased member, please contact Jim Hartwyk, Jeff Schuld or Dennis Pinkiewicz. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
- Keep Pat Carragher Sr.; Tom Esser's father; Frank Hines; Tom Keegan; Tom McGrath; Bob McQuade; Dennis Ryan; Jim Hartwyk's mother, and other members whose families have on-going health issues, in your prayers;
- Please visit our Memorial Monument to remember our deceased members
- Send G&W information to Jim Hartwyk, any e-board Officer, or to news@fsos.com. Provide member's full name; details of their issue, and if in the hospital, room and phone
- All non-members entering the bar MUST sign the Guestbook at the door; this is a requirement of our State of NJ liquor license. Yes, this includes your wife, girlfriend, friends or adult children
- We are continually updating the Old Bridge Membership Database; e-mail Corresponding Secretary (Tom Jennings) with your contact information.
- Please patronize the businesses advertised in this newsletter

Call Jamie O'Kane (732-425-8181) for an Ad which you, or a friend want published.

- **Hall Rentals** - Contact Tim Black (732-251-2626) to reserve the Banquet Hall, Lounge or Pavilion.
- Rental of the Pavilion is only for members and their family. Non-members cannot rent it; nor can it be rented for political events. If it is determined that there was some subterfuge with the rental, the event will be cancelled, even if it's the day of the event.

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2017 IRISH FESTIVALS

Saturday, September 16 - The Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore @12 noon

Sea Girt National Guard Armory, Sea Girt

Saturday, September 16 - The 36th Annual Great Irish Fair: 10am – 8pm

Ford Amphitheater, Coney Island Boardwalk, Brooklyn, NY - \$20 Admission

September 21 - 24 - Irish Fall Festival

Olde New Jersey Avenue, North Wildwood
4-Day Irish Festival features great entertainment, live music & plenty of vendors

September 22 to 24 - Sea Isle City Irish Festival Weekend

LaCosta Lounge - 4000 Landis Avenue, Sea Isle City

Saturday, October 14: 10am - 6 pm & Sunday, October 15: 11am - 6 pm

Smithville Irish Festival - Smithville, 615 East Moss Mill Road, Galloway

Here is a website with additional details for the various NJ Irish Festivals:

www.new-jersey-leisure-guide.com/irish-festivals.html

THIS MONTH IN IRISH HISTORY

August 16 thru 22, 2017 – the 58th annual 'Rose of Tralee International Festival', one of Ireland largest festivals, will be held in Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

August 21, 1879 – At 8pm on a rainy night in the village of Knock, Co. Mayo, 15 people witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, a lamb and cross, on an altar at the gable wall of their Parish Church. The site is now called Ireland's National Marian Shrine, and every year, tens of thousands of visitors make a pilgrimage to the Knock Shrine.

August 22, 1922 – During the Irish Civil War, the Irish National Army's commander-in-chief, Michael Collins, was assassinated in an ambush while travelling through the village of Béal na mBláth, County Cork. His funeral was the largest funeral procession ever held.

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