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FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH

Gentlemen,

I hope this letter finds you all well and in good health!

February is upon us and that means club elections but wait, once again, everyone is running unopposed! That clearly means you enjoy your free time too much to run for office, OR we are doing such a wonderful job running the club. Either way, I think the speeches at meeting night will end in record time.

OLD BRIDGE/ NJ

If you missed Comedy Night (as I did this year), I was told it was the best ever! As usual, a great job by Donny Bruchez and team.

Next month, Sunday, March 3, 2019, will be 45th Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade. The FSOS day begins with a 9:00 am Mass in our club, followed by a brief outdoor prayer service at the monument for our deceased members.

All Members are required to march (in complete uniform). Marching in the parade to honor our Patron, St. Patrick, is one of the most important ways we show our support for this great Club, as well as demonstrate how proud we are of our Irish heritage. It is also a great honor every year to march behind our Pipes and Drums Band as they precede us up Main St.

If for any reason you cannot march, you must submit a written note to the Executive Board, prior to Parade Day, requesting to be excused.

I leave you with some Irish wit: "When Irish eyes are smiling, they're usually up to something".

Sláinte Jeff Schuld

TO 'DUE' LIST

2019 Club Dues and AD Book payments!

<u>Club Dues</u>: Payment of your Club Dues is now. Annual membership is \$100; active members who are 65 years of age or older by December 31 of the previous year, and with 10 years of continuous membership in good standing, are eligible for the senior membership rate of \$25 annually.

AD Book ticket renewals are sold as a 1-year subscription (March thru February) and must be paid by the March meeting. At the end of the March meeting, the AD Book program is closed until next year, so pay your money (\$60/ticket) or make a commitment to Jeff, Dennis or Bill before the meeting.

To reconfirm your AD Book number(s), there is a list with all names and numbers behind the register. Or, ask Jeff Schuld, Dennis Pinkiewicz, or Bill Becker; they should be available on Fridays, through March, to help with any questions.

If you no longer wish to keep an AD Book number, contact one of the above so they can remove your name from the list, and you will not be responsible for the payment.

There are some unsold tickets available for 2019, so see one of the above; makes a great gift for a family member or friends.

Remember, before you can purchase any AD Book ticket(s), you must pay outstanding unpaid balances from previous years, if applicable.

All future new members will be offered, and encouraged, to purchase any unsold AD Book ticket(s). If no tickets are available, then a waiting list will be started.

2019 FSOS BUILDING FUND

This is the Club's premier annual Fundraiser for the upkeep of our building and grounds. Only 600 tickets @ \$50 each, will be sold. First prize is 10,000 points, plus numerous multi-point secondary prizes. See Jim Hartwyk or call 908-307-7423, for your tickets. All ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets must be returned by Sunday, March 10, 2019.

Drawing will be Saint Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, 2019, approximately 7pm.

Payment Process

Write separate checks for your Club Dues, AD Book, and Building Fund payments, and *write on each check* which account it is to be applied to, so our Treasurer can properly credit your various accounts; a single payment check for these funds leads to confusion (which account was paid) and is a bookkeeping nightmare for the Treasurer.

Place all checks in one envelope and on the outside write your name, which accounts are being paid and their amounts. With respect to the AD Book payments, also include your e-mail address and AD Book number(s); refer to list behind the register for your number(s) so we can properly credit your AD book account.

Insert envelope into safe; or send checks by snail mail to club, addressed to John O'Keefe. Never mail cash or place cash into safe.

If you mail anything to the club, envelope <u>MUST</u> be addressed to "*FSOS, P.O. BOX 317, Old Bridge, NJ, 08857*". In the world of the USPS, 15 Oak Street does not exist.

FSOS, Old Bridge Chapter - High School Senior Scholarship Programs

Members with High School Senior Students: it's time to have them submit their applications for our annual FSOS High School Scholarship Programs:

I. Old Bridge H.S. Scholarship - open to club members' children or grand-children who are Seniors at Old Bridge High School only;

II. 3rd Annual Barney Shannon Memorial Scholarship - open to members' children or grand-children who are Seniors at any High School, including Old Bridge H.S.

To be eligible for either Scholarship, the HS Senior candidate must include with their application a detailed letter highlighting their academic achievements, and their involvement in community volunteer organizations and athletic achievements. Include their personal contact information; High School name, address and school contact information; where you plan to attend college, and your connection to the Friendly Sons, Old Bridge Chapter.

Contact Jeff Schuld (732-261-8952) for applications and details.

Do not e-mail applications. If you mail anything to the club, envelope **MUST** be addressed to "**FSOS, P.O. BOX 317, Old Bridge, NJ, 08857**"; attn. Jeff Schuld.

Deadline for submission of applications is Sunday, April 14, with awards tentatively scheduled for end of April.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Nights (7pm) and Sunday Afternoons (Noon)

Shuffleboard competition games are played on both days.

If you would like to be a substitute player for *either* league, come early and sign up.

All non-participants are invited to support the bar while supporting their friends, whether it is for the Friday Night or Sunday Afternoon games. Bring sandwiches or snacks but clean up after yourselves!

Thursday, February 14 - St. Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 14 - Meeting Night & Pre-Election Speeches @ 8:30pm

Nominees who are running for the 1st time, will give their 'Please Elect Me'speeches.

Nominees re-running, unopposed, will give their riveting '*Re-elect Me*' speeches.

Our 2019 Honorees for "FSOS Irishman of The Year", and "Parade Adjutant" for the Belmar/Lake Como", will be announced.

Special thank-you to **Ray Costello** our 2018 "FSOS Irishman of The Year"; and to **Robert Hobson** our "Parade Adjutant" for the 2018 Belmar/Lake Como Parade.

Friday, February 15 - 11th Annual Great Guinness Toast (St. Practice Day)

Joe Patterson will be our Toaster for **THE GREAT GUINNESS TOAST** as he forays into the dark mystic brew with the perfect head. For **\$5**US, you get one pint of Guinness and a raffle ticket for a plethora of giveaways throughout the evening. Joe will impress us with his poetic, sentimental and nonsensical toasts. Musical guests are Bob Hurst & Tim Murphy of the Bogside Rogues!

There will NOT be Friday Night Shuffleboard on the 15th as the evening will be dedicated to the Great Guinness Toast.

Saturday, February 16 - Monthly Work Party @ 9:00am

Saturday, February 23 - Annual Club Elections - 12 Noon 'til 7 PM

Criteria to vote in the Elections, as detailed in the FSOS By-Laws, are as follows:

"To be <u>eligible to vote</u> for any officer in this organization, a member must not be 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."

2019 FSOS Officer Ballot Positions & Nominees

<u>President</u>	Dennis Pinkiewicz Jr Unopposed New candidate	
Vice-President	Kenny Shanley - Unopposed New candidate	
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Thomas McCarthy - Unopposed	
Treasurer	John O'Keefe - Unopposed	
Corresponding Secretary	Thomas Jennings - Unopposed	
<u>Keepers of the Shillelagh</u>	Dominic Ryan and Michael Sullivan	
	New candidates for both Keeper positions*	
<u>Steward</u>	Rick Dealy – Unopposed	

*Vote for both Keepers! The person with the most votes becomes 1st Keeper

This year (4) out of (8) Executive Board positions will be filled by new faces. Come down and show your support by voting! And, at 7pm hear the results and congratulate your newly elected and re-elected Officers.

The membership cannot sufficiently thank the following men for their years of devotion and dedication to club

as members of the E-Board: outgoing President Jeff Schuld; Keeper Mike Murphy; and outgoing Keeper Kenny Shanley, although Kenny will be moving up the ranks.

Saturday, February 23 - Annual Election Day Blood Drive @ 10am

Blood Drive begins at 10am. Please come and bring a relative or friend, roll-up your sleeve, and have a pint drawn from your sumptuous veins. When done, we will draw a cold pint for you; a light lunch will be provided. The pint you give may save lives.

Friday, February 28 Students of Irish Culture Scholarship Deadline

The *Belmar / Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee STUDENT OF IRISH CULTURE SCHOLARSHIP* program is now accepting applications. The program is open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 to 18, who are currently enrolled or participating in a school or program for an Irish cultural activity. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one boy, and a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one girl. To download the electronic application visit **www.belmarparade.com.** Applications, essay & letters of recommendation **must be received by Friday, February 28, 2019.**

Sunday, March 3 - Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade

The FSOS day begins at **9am with a Mass** in our club, followed by a brief outdoor prayer service at the monument for our deceased members, and then a Continental Breakfast. After the hall is reset, parade registration begins, and then we load up the jaunting carts, and *away we go* for our 33rd year of our marching in the Parade!

Uniform Information: Full FSOS uniforms must be worn Parade Day. Uniform consists of gray dress slacks, white dress shirt, and black shoes (no sneakers), which you can acquire from any clothing store. Uniform components are the green Blazer; FSOS patch; FSOS neck-tie; beret and FSOS hat broach, which are available from TRIPLE CROWN SPORTS (TCS); see their ad in this newsletter. You need to visit the store soon to acquire everything prior to Parade Day, especially if you have a request for a special size blazer or beret.

Parade Day Etiquette

<u>All Members are required to march!</u> If, for any reason you cannot attend, you must submit a written note to the Executive Board, prior to Parade Day, requesting to be excused. Automatic excuses are not given due to non-residency, work, etc. Those who do not submit a request, or do not sign-in, WILL receive a censure.

Ensure your uniform is clean & pressed, and black shoes are polished (NO black sneakers). Limit any accessory to those in good taste. If you have a question on something you would like to wear, please check with the Parade Adjutant, President, or Marshals. You must step-off the parade with the club; you are not permitted to jump in or out of the line if we pass any taverns you may be interested in. Smoking and drinking are prohibited during the parade. Our Parade Marshals will take note of any transgression. Proper conduct is expected before, during, and especially after the parade.

DO NOT embarrass the Friendly Sons Organization, or yourself; you represent the finest Irish-American Club in the world. You may be censured for any transgression!

Bus Schedule: Buses will depart the FSOS at 11:30am sharp. In addition, there will be (1) mini-bus with limited seating, for those who cannot walk in the parade. Advanced reservations are required for this special roundtrip bus; a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board or call Jeff Schuld (732-261-8952) or Dennis Pinkiewicz (732-251-0333).

Once the buses leave, the Club is closed to all members, except those authorized to be in the building preparing for our return. The doors open when the 1st bus returns.

<u>Return Trip Bus Schedule</u> from parade to the Club:

Approximately **2pm**, directly after the FSOS completes the parade, (3) buses will depart from Belmar;

4pm: LAST bus departs Belmar; if you miss buses, you're on your own to get home!

ALL returning buses depart from MAIN Street and 5th Avenue, Belmar; the schedule of the times & location will be posted on board, but confirm as you leave the bus.

Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Savings Time - Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour

Thursday, March 14 - Next Month's Meeting @ 8:30pm

Saturday, March 16 - Next Month's Work Party @ 9:00am

Sunday, March 17 – Saint Patrick's Day

Kitchen opens at 3:00pm and will be serving corned beef platters, at \$ 7.00 per platter; more details in the March issue. Building Fund drawings will begin around 7pm.

Friday, April 5- Annual FSOS Installation Dinner Dance @ 6:45pm

The Dinner Dance will, once again, be held at the Battleground Country Club; located at 1 Covenhoven Road, Manalapan; (732) 462-7575. The cost will be \$85 per person, and includes a great dinner, open bar, and live music by The Phil Engel Band; plus, an appearance by the FSOS Pipes and Drums band. <u>Schedule for the Evening:</u> 6:45pm - 8:00pm – Cocktail Hour; 8:00pm – 12:00pm - Dinner Dance.

Contact Jeff Schuld (732-261-8952) to reserve your table; sign-up sheet will be posted.

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA.

1-day bus trip to Lancaster, PA to attend the show <u>"The Story of Jesus"</u> in the *Sight and Sound Theater.* Cost is \$130 per person, and includes coach bus, a continental breakfast, buffet lunch at Pennsylvania Dutch Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and your show ticket. The buffet will serve fish for those who don't eat meat on Good Friday.

Dennis Pinkiewicz wants to secure floor seats for the show, so the earlier we get 30 people to commit, the better our chances are. Payments must be in by March 4.

The bus will leave the Club at 11am and return approximately 11pm the same day.

Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board; if you have questions, contact Dennis. Check the show's reviews on Facebook, or online. We have been told this is the best show yet.

Saturday, April 27 - FSOS Pipes & Drums Pub Night

Save the date for a great time. The Eamonn Ryan Band will provide the entertainment as well as the world famous FSOS Pipes and Drums. More details will be forthcoming!

Saturday, June 15 - Annual Atlantic City Bus Trip

Save this date: Annual bus trip is booked, and we will be going to the Tropicana Casino; it is a bit early to determine the costs. Trip is open to members and one guest. Contact Dennis or Dotty Sullivan (732-238-1985) to give them a preliminary count.

BELMAR / LAKE COMO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE EVENTS

Fund Raiser Schedule

Sunday, February 10 - Marina Grille @ 905 Highway 35, Belmar

Sunday, February 17 - Boat House Bar & Grill @ 309 Main St., Belmar

Sunday, February 24 - F.S.O.S. - Belmar @ 815 16 Ave, Belmar

ALL events are 2 pm to 6 pm, with a \$15.00 donation per person, per location. Includes live Entertainment, Pipes and Drums, as well as Hot & Cold Buffet.

<u>Saturday, March 2</u> – Belmar/Lake Como Parade Investiture Day

Investiture Mass @ 10am in St. Rose Church - 601 7th Avenue, Belmar

Investiture Luncheon (only \$35 pp) to be held at Doolan's Shore Club, 700 State Route 71, Spring Lake / 732-681-6171, immediately following Mass; for details go to <u>www.belmarparade.com</u>.

FSOS Pipes & Drums 2019 Saint Patrick's Day Parade Schedule

Saturday, March 2:	Belmar, St. Patrick's Day Investiture Mass	Sunday, March 17:	Ennis, Ireland
Sunday, March 3:	Belmar / Lake Como Parade	Monday, March 18:	Limerick, Ireland
Saturday, March 10:	Asbury Park St. Patrick's Day parade (first time)	Monday, March 24:	Back to work for most; and for some the Betty Ford Clinic?



• The soda purchases for the month of December reached a beautiful figure of \$0.00;

• Once again, the Comedy Night Show was sold out beyond belief, and was phenomenal. A huge thank you goes out to Donny Bruchez;

• Almost every month we have small "over-rings" on the bar register. What this means is that someone incorrectly punched in the wrong amount on the register keypad but put in the correct cash, thereby creating a discrepancy at the end of the night between the total cash counted and the total on a paper tape located within the register, which records every sale. This creates additional work for the bar chairman when he reconciles the money taken in against the tape total, to determine if we in fact are even, missing money or have too much money in the register. So, if you inadvertently punch in the wrong amount, put the correct cash in the register, and on a piece of paper, write down the amount rung-up, amount put in the register, the date and your name, and place slip into the drawer; this will make the process of finding any "over-rings" easier; **NEVER** touch the actual register tape. There will never be any issue with mistakes. Ask for help if you do not know how to use the register.

<u>F.Y.I.</u>

• Scott Fitzgerald, our FSOS haberdashery agent, has a large supply of shirts of various styles and sizes with the FSOS logo embroidered on them, for sale. And, if you own a specific garment(s) such as a shirt, sweater or jacket you wish to have the logo on, see Scott; embroidery fees do apply, per item;

• A limited quantity of **FSOS logo car magnets** are available at \$5 each. See Dennis Pinkiewicz or John O'Keefe to purchase one, or two;

• <u>Membership Database</u> - Your contact information in our Database is a direct result of what you provide. If you have moved, changed your phone number(s) or *e-mail address, it is up to you to notify us,* so we can update your contact information; So, **e-mail your current information to <u>news@fsos.com</u> to ensure you receive the e-mail blasts of the monthly newsletter and club event notifications, and "FSOS Phone Messages".**

If you are not receiving the newsletter e-mail blasts, and you are reading a hard copy of this newsletter, check your "Junk Mail" box, as it may be going there. If not, send us with your e-mail address and we will re-enter it.

Good and Welfare



Call Jim Hartwyk (908-307-7423) with G&W; give information to an e-board Officer, or e-mail to **news@fsos.com**. If a member is in the hospital, provide member's name; details of their issue, hospital, room and phone.

GOOD:

• 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;

• Please bring a donation of non-perishable canned food such as stews, Italian foods, tuna, and the like. Peanut butter is always welcome. Toiletry items are also desired which include soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc., etc., etc., for the Old Bridge Food Bank;

- Let Rob Anthony know of other local Food Banks which may need the above items;

- FILFC: Mike Murphy
- AD Book: # 255 Mary Costello.

WELFARE:

• Erin Keaveney passed away suddenly about 2 weeks ago, at the age of 56. She was the widow of former FSOS and Band member, Ron Keaveney, who passed away approximately 5 years ago;

• Members who need our prayers: Charlie Agar, Pat Carragher Sr.; John Casey; Dave Furey; Rich Green; Jerry Kennedy; Bob McGowan, Bob McQuade; Kevin Morgan; Bud Murphy; Dan O'Malley; ED Quigley; Smitty Tolan; John Hoag's wife, Catherine

• Keep all other members and/or family members who are quietly attending to their on-going health issues, in your prayers;

• Visit our Memorial Monument to remember our deceased members;

• Remember our FSOS families who have members in the Armed Forces, as well as all U.S. troops stationed around the Globe; and our Disabled American Veterans, Wounded Warriors, and Veterans;

• The Repast committee is requesting your help: if you or a spouse are available to provide several hours to work any Repast luncheons for a deceased member, please contact Jim Hartwyk, Jeff Schuld or Dennis Pinkiewicz. Help is greatly appreciated.

All non-member guests over 21 years old, MUST sign Guestbook at the door; it's a requirement of our State of NJ liquor license.

If you are the last person to leave the building at night, turn off lights, TVs and the Fireplace. Physically walk to <u>ALL DOORS</u> <u>throughout the building</u> to confirm they are locked, not just closed; then deadbolt the front door, and drop the key into mail slot.

Hall Rentals Contact Banquet Chairman, Bill Dunnigan (732-251-2626) to reserve the Banquet Hall, Lounge or Pavilion for your 2019 events.

AN AD IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE! PLEASE PATRONIZE BUSINESSES ADVERTISED IN OUR NEWSLETTER

To place an AD in our newsletter, call the club @ 732-251-9840 and leave a message for Michael Falzone, or e-mail your request to **news@fsos.com.**





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