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OLD BRIDGE/ NJ

Gentlemen,

My last letter as FSOS President, whew that went fast. I must say it has been a fantastic ride, I can only hope I did the club proud. I truly had a wonderful support team all around me and for that, I thank each and every one of you. Running the club is certainly not a one-man-shoe. So, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

To be honest, what drove me was trying to consistently honor all who came before me. Honor them by keeping and maintaining our traditions, growing the club and hopefully leaving it in a little better shape than when I took office. I thank you all for the opportunity given to me.

On Sunday, March 3, 2019 we celebrated the 46th Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade. What a grand day it was! We started with Mass at 9:00 am, then held a quick outdoor prayer service at the monument for our deceased members, then some breakfast (along with a couple cocktails), and finally we boarded the buses to Belmar. The weather was perfect and we just beat the snow!!! Luck of the Irish for sure.

Next up St. Patrick's Day on March 17^{th} at the club. Come on down for a lovely corn beef and cabbage dinner, a pint or two, and of course we will have live Irish music from 6:00pm – 10:00pm from Paddy and The Pale Boys.

I leave you with the meaning of an "Irish Goodbye": It is a slang phrase rumored to have originated in the Northeast and refers to a person ducking out of a party or social gathering without bidding farewell. However, history attributes the phrase to the Potato Famine of 1845-1852, when many Irish fled their homeland for America. At the time, distance and technology meant that when someone went to America, they were gone forever, and it was unlikely they would ever again speak to or see friends or family back home. The departure was sudden and absolute. It is also suggested that emigrants left for America "without telling anyone what they were up to, thereby saving themselves sad, protracted goodbyes."

Good Health to You All!

Sláinte Jeff Schuld

OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE 2019 FSOS ELECTIONS

President (New)	Dennis Pinkiewicz Jr. – 77 votes	
<u>Vice-President</u> (New)	Kenny Shanley – 78 votes	
Recording Secretary	Thomas McCarthy – 78 votes	
<u>Treasurer</u>	John O'Keefe – 82 votes	
Corresponding Secretary	Thomas Jennings – 67 votes	
<u>Keepers of the Shillelagh</u>	Michael Sullivan – 64 votes (1st Keeper)	
(New Keepers)	Dominic Ryan – 47 votes (2nd Keeper)	
<u>Steward</u>	Rick Dealy – 78 votes	

Congratulations to our Officers, and we thank them for their desire to lead this club in 2019. 95 members participated in voting this year.

On behalf of the membership, a heartfelt thank you to outgoing President Jeff Schuld and Keeper Mike Murphy who, as members of the Executive Board, devoted many years to club. Also, good luck to Dennis and Kenny who have moved up the ranks.

2019 Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade Adjutant

Congratulations to **George Peylak** who was selected to be our Parade Adjutant for the Belmar / Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade, in recognition of his many years of commitment to the club. George is well deserving of this honor.

FSOS 2019 Irishman of the Year

He was born in May of 1958 in Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, Manhattan, the 2nd son born to his parents Peg & Des. He lived in the Kingsbridge section of the Bronx until the family moved to the Madison Park section of Old Bridge in February 1963.

He attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Perth Amboy; middle school at Our Lady of Victories, in Sayreville; and graduated from Cedar Ridge High School in 1976. He was always involved in the youth and high school sports, including basketball, Little League baseball, Pop Warner football, soccer and wrestling.

He is lucky to have a large Irish family which includes his siblings Dave, Keith, Joan, Ken, Doug, Maureen and Kelly. His sisters-in-law, Meredith, Amy Diane and Beth have given him 20 nieces and nephews.

He married his bride, Cathleen Johnson on June 12, 1982. They have four children, Bryan, Erin, Matthew and David. His son and wife gave him a grand-daughter, Liliana, a one-year old, and calls him Poppy.

When his children were of school age, he took great pride in coaching them in soccer and baseball. He loved soccer so much that he became a member of the Board of Directors of the Old Bridge Soccer League, and the later a soccer referee.

In 1982 he began his career in the family window treatment business and worked his way up to become CEO. He has grown 'Spotless' into the thriving and successful business that it is today.

He joined The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh in 2004 and has always been an asset to the club. He was a member of the Executive Board for many years, becoming Vice-President and eventually President in 2013 and 2014.

Although he is no longer an officer of the club, he remains a very active member: still making work parties on Saturday mornings, and is on our Election Nominating Committee. He has also taken over the handling of FSOS merchandise, which can be a thankless job at times.

I now present to you our 2019 Irishman of the Year, Scott Fitzgerald.

Presented by Larry McGrath

FINAL NOTICE FOR DUES !

Club Dues: Payment of your Club Dues is past due!

<u>AD Book</u> tickets (March thru February subscription) **must be paid at MARCH MEETING** (\$60/ticket/year). At meeting's end, AD Book sales are closed until next year.

2019 FSOS BUILDING FUND

This is the Club's premier, and only Fundraiser for the upkeep of our building and grounds. Only 600 tickets will be sold (\$50 each). First prize is 10,000 points, with 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.

If you snail mail checks to the club, envelope <u>MUST</u> be addressed to **"FSOS, P.O. BOX 317, Old Bridge, NJ, 08857"**, attention John O'Keefe. The USPS does not recognize 15 Oak Street as a mailing address.

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!

Friday Night Dinners - March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12 and 19 @ 5pm

Each Friday during Lent, Top Hat Catering will be serving meatless meals for your dining pleasure. So, bring the family and friends to enjoy a reasonably priced meal.

Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

At **2am** reset clocks, watches, and VCR if you still use one, ahead 1 hour.

Public Service Announcement: Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors are required in your house; they could save your life. At this time of year replace detector batteries when you reset your clocks for Daylight Savings Time. If your detectors are hardwired, have them checked to ensure they are connected and work. Important: test detectors every month, even after batteries are replaced. Detectors have an expiration date on the back of them; examine detectors and replace if necessary.

Thursday, March 14 - Meeting Night @ 8:30pm

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

ATTENTION all members, even if you live out of state! Your help is needed to clean and prepare the building for Karaoke Night that evening, and St. Patrick's Day, the next day. Contact your new Keepers, Mike Sullivan or Dominic Ryan, and ask what needs to be done.

Saturday, March 16 - St. Patrick's Day Karaoke Night: 8pm 'til 11pm

Bring your significant other, your date and friends to join DJ Mike Dworkin and your fellow Shillelaghs to sing your hearts out. Or just come in, have a couple of drinks, watch, listen, and even laugh a little. It's free and loads of fun; you will be surprised at the quality of singers we have. Bring a donation for the Old Bridge Food Bank. Contact Alan Purcell (732-570-9296) with questions, although how can you have questions, it's so simple. Wear Green and Go Irish!!.

Sunday, March 17 - Saint Patrick's Day (Anniversary of St. Patrick's death)

Náomh Sástá lá Pádráig Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

FSOS kitchen opens at 3pm to serve \$7 corned beef platters. There will be live Irish music performed by Paddy and The Pale Boys, beginning at 6pm until 10pm.

Building Fund drawings will begin at approximately 7pm

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

The Dinner Dance will, once again, be at the Battleground Country Club, located at 1 Covenhoven Road, Manalapan; (732) 462-7575. The cost is \$85 per person, and includes a great dinner, open bar, and live music by The Phil Engel Band. And, what would a FSOS party be without an appearance by the FSOS Pipes & Drums!

Cocktail Hour: 6:45pm - 8:00pm; Dinner & Dancing: 8:00pm - 12:00pm.

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

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

<u>Saturday, April 16 - Next Month's Work Party @ 9:00am</u>

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

1-day bus trip to Lancaster, PA to attend the show "The Story of Jesus" 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.

Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 27 - FSOS Pipes & Drums Pub Night

Save the date for a great time. Entertainment will be The Eamonn Ryan Band, as well as your hosts, the world famous FSOS Pipes & Drums. Only \$ 20 per person. Sign-up poster is on the bulletin board; its filling up fast!

Sunday, April 28 - 32nd Annual Widows' Luncheon @ 1PM

Invitations will be sent in April, so when you receive your invitation, please RSVP – ASAP, with your meal selection. Please feel free to invite a guest to accompany you to this wonderful afternoon as you renew old acquaintances and make new ones. We look forward to welcoming and serving you and hope you enjoy yourselves as much as we do. See Bob Quinn for details.

FORMER PRESIDENTS: PLEASE KEEP THE DATE OPEN; HELP IS NEEDED.

Saturday, June 15 - Annual Atlantic City Bus Trip

Our Annual AC bus trip is booked, and we will be going to the Tropicana Casino. Trip is open to members and one guest and is \$23 per person. Contact Dennis or Dotty Sullivan (732-238-1985) to give a preliminary count. Payment by Saturday, June 1.

OLD BRIDGE MEMBERSHIP_ (as of last Month's Meeting)

Membership Committee: Dennis Bohanan, Ben McLaughlin, Joe Murray, Bill Schneider and Rick Dealy.		
<u>1st Reading</u>	Aspiring Asset	Sponsor
	Eric Prael, Old Bridge	Gene O'Donnell
	Glen Gavin, Old Bridge	Alan Purcell
<u>2nd Reading & Vote</u>	Assets in Training - Ryan Starace & Edward Fischer	
<u>New Members:</u>	Affirmed ASSET - None	

Aspiring Assets must attend (3) work parties; their sponsor must attend (1) work party with their Asset, before the candidate will be approved for membership. If a candidate or their sponsor cannot attend a Saturday work party, contact our new Keepers, Mike Sullivan or Dominic Ryan to find out what needs to be done, and do it any other time when you are both available.

FSOS Anniversaries

40 years: John Dwyer 25 years: Daniel Dugan 15 years: Brian Summers 5 years: James McGeehan 35 years: John O'Callaghan 20 years: Tim Duggan 10 years: John Harris & Tom Layden

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

SHENANIGANS IN SHILLELAGH LAND

• Guinness Night was a success, as always. Thanks to Joe Patterson and his associate toastmasters for another night of fun;

• If you ever walk behind the bar to acquire a drink, and find yourself in the unenviable position of being the "We Have a Bartender" person, but you are unsure of what the price of a drink is, there is a price list behind the cash register;

• 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>

Any member who has photos of the 2019 Belmar Parade and would like to share them with the membership, please send to<u>fsosphotos@gmail.com</u>. Do not send large caches of photos as it will take too much time to sort thru every contribution;

• 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 and would like to have the FSOS logo on it, 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;

• 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.

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:

• Congratulations to Rick Dealy's family on their brave endeavor to participate in the 2019 Seaside Heights Polar Bear Plunge in February; Brrrrr!

• 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;

Inform Rob Anthony of other local Food Banks that may need the above items;

• FILFC: Mike Murphy

• AD Book: #029 Adam Borre.

WELFARE:

• It is with sad regrets that we inform you that Seán McCoy's mother passed away; Tom Bannister's sister passed away; and Joe Mulvanerton II Father-in-Law passed away (he resided in Ireland);

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

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

• Visit our Memorial Monument to remember our deceased members;

• 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;

• 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.

Hall Rentals Contact Banquet Chairman, Bill Dunnigan (732-251-2626) to reserve the Banquet Hall, Lounge or Pavilion for your 2019 events. Keep in mind that rental of the Pavilion is only for members.

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.**

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

<u>Brain Strain</u>

Grab yourself a pad and pencil, because this is a word game to stimulate your brain.

Using the following letters, make (4) six-letter words; (10) 5-letter words; (10) 4-letter words and (10) 3-letter words. The letters are: "W S T R E A".

You may have more than the minimum words for each category, and that is a good thing. Answers next month.

Sláinte





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