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# Happy Anniversary!! FSOS Chapter is 55 Years Old

August 14 (1965 - 2019)

Gentlemen.

Hope I'm finding everyone in summer mode and enjoying this fine weather. Before you know it, we will be in September and ready for a new school year for the children, and then marching into Thanksgiving, so let's make the best of what's left.

I hope everyone is taking advantage of the Pavilion and our Great Lawn for your summer parties.

Want to reach out and give a thank-you to Mike Murphy for helping clean up the front; the Monument looks great. Anytime you're looking for a break, stop down at the club and help us keep your club looking good and then have a pint on us. Just ask the Keepers as to what they need help with.

The Family Picnic is coming fast so get your tickets early. There are door and Raffle tickets available at the bar and through your e-board members. Should be a great time this year, with plenty of great prizes to be had. Got to be in it to win it!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and come see us soon.

Dennis

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# SAVE THE DATES

#### Thursday, August 8 - Month's Meeting @ 8:30pm

<u>August is our annual OPEN MEETING</u> when we encourage members to invite non-member family or friends of Irish descent, to our meeting, with the goal of having them join this great Irish American organization. New ASSETS are always welcomed and wanted any time of the year.

#### Saturday, August 10 - Month's Work Party @ 9:00am

# Saturday, August 17 - Kelly Brothers' Scholarship Benefit @ 2pm - 6pm

The club will be the location for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Kelly Brothers' Scholarship Benefit, in memory of brothers Bob & Dennis Kelly. Your \$25 donation includes food, draft beer, wine and soda; a DJ, and games for children, whom are free. Any questions, please call 732-679-5679.

If unable to attend, donations are greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to: Hemophilia Association of NJ, or H.A.N.J.

As a side note: Bart McDade informed us that several club members' families have been beneficiaries of their scholarship program over the years.

# Monday, August 19 - Quad Shillelagh Golf Outing

This is our annual Golf Outing in which all four FSOS Chapters participate and enjoy the day as one Organization!

Shark River Golf Club, Neptune. Cost is \$125 / person.

7:15am - Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00am - Shotgun Start

Dinner back at the FSOS Belmar Club after the outing ends.

\$100 Hole Sponsors are requested.

Contact Ray Barnes at (856) 316-5437 or rtb9@yahoo.com, for details.

Thursday, September 12 - Next Month's Meeting @ 8:30pm

Saturday, September 14 - Next Month's Work Party @ 9:00am

#### Saturday, September 14 - Karaoke Night: 8pm 'til 11pm

Bring your significant other, your date, and of course your friends to join DJ Mike Dworkin and your fellow Shillelaghs to sing your hearts out; knowing the words is not important. It's free and loads of fun; you will be surprised at the quality of singers we have. In past events, Elvis (Purcell) Presley and Paul McCartney made special appearances. Who will it be this time? So just come in, have a couple of drinks, watch, listen, and even laugh a little. Contact Alan Purcell (732-570-9296) with questions, although how can you have questions, it's so simple!!

Bring a donation for the Old Bridge Food Bank.

#### Saturday, September 14 - St. Baldrick's Children Cancer Fundraiser @ 3pm - 8pm

The Essex Chapter will host their 13<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser and needs donors willing to have their heads shaved for this charity; to date, more than \$800,00 has been raised. We will have more information next issue for those Old Bridge members who want to help.

#### Friday, September 20 - Irish Cultural Committee's 4th Irish Whiskey Tasting Event

The Irish Cultural Committee is planning their 4<sup>th</sup> Irish Whiskey Tasting event, with dinner, under the Pavilion, in case you don't remember what happened at the past 3 events; so, plan to attend and wet your whistle, again. *Advanced reservations will be required to ensure that everyone has a meal!* Details about the time, entrée and Whiskies to be sampled have yet to be finalized; a Sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in August.

#### Saturday, September 28 - Annual Family Picnic: 1:00 to 6:00PM

This event is one of the club's "gifts to our membership". *Please come down and Chill with your friends and Sizzle with the food.* 

Our 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 not 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 by 'Crazy 8s', some children activities and a Raffle. As with all our outside functions, please bring chairs.

For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row we will host the rib cook off; to register please contact Jeff Schuld. Can Team Frank McFadden defend their 2018 title? You need to be present to find out.

\$20 per person (21 and over) in advance; \$25 at the door. \$10 for children 10 years old through 20.99 years old; children 9 years and under are free.

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, September 28 - Family Picnic Raffle @ 5pm

Over \$2,000 in Raffles and Prizes. Tickets available at the Bar!

1st Prize: Foursome at the Private Battleground Country Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 48" Smart TV 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 32" Smart TV

4th Prize: HP Chromebook Laptop

5th and 6th Prizes: Garmin GPS Watches

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Prizes: Amazon Echoes 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Prizes: Amazon Kindles.

#### Saturday, October 19 – Adult Halloween Party

The FSOS Softball Team will be sponsoring an Adult Halloween Costume Party. Details about this evening event have yet to be finalized and a Sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the near future.

#### **FSOS Mixed Bowling League**

Now forming: 4-person teams, singles or couples ,for a Handicap League. It will be once a month, on a Saturday night beginning September 2019 and going thru May 2020. The exact venue, start date, time, and costs are to be determined. If interested, there is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board; or contact Marty Cameron at (732)-245-1559.

#### Sight and Sound Theater Tickets

We have a small quantity of 'Sight and Sound" Theatre tickets available for future shows at this fine venue in Lancaster, PA. Tickets will be sold for face value, and excludes transportation and dining. Access their website for ongoing and upcoming shows. See Dennis Pinkiewicz for tickets.



## OLD BRIDGE MEMBERSHIP (as of last Month's Meeting)

Membership Committee: Dennis Bohanan, Ben McLaughlin, Joe Murray, Bill Schneider and Rick Dealy.

1st Reading Aspiring Assets Sponsor

Anthony Sill, Old Bridge Dennis Bohanan

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Vote Assets in Training: None

**New Member** Affirmed Asset: Thomas Tomy

#### **FSOS Anniversaries:**

25 years: Brian Donnelly 20 years: Ray Kelly

10 years: Charles Collick Michael DePasquale Matt Lee Peter Murray

<u>Membership Database</u> – We just reviewed our membership database and the Constant Contacts email list and have discovered we may have incorrect or incomplete information for some of our members. 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 news@fsos.com** to ensure you receive "FSOS Phone Messages", and e-mail blasts of the monthly newsletter or club event notifications.



# SHENANIGANS IN SHILLELAGH LAND

- The "Charlie Donnelly Memorial" Golf Outing was a huge success, and as always, it was sold out. Thanks to Jeff Schuld for all his work in planning the event;
- It was announced that once again there \$0 were spent on soda purchases;
- Attendance at our meetings has become rather light; there were only about 50 members in attendance last month. Remember, it's your club, so, if possible, attend the meetings. As a reminder, our monthly meetings are closed to all non-members, except for the August meeting;
- It is August and vacations are upon us; but that does not mean that the club is closed. On the contrary, it is open, so, continue to come to the club when you are free;
- FILFC: Kenny Shanley; AD BOOK: #109 Harry Humes.

#### Beautification of the Main Bar

The Building Committee was recently tasked with preparing an *extremely preliminary plan* to partially upgrade the main bar. At the June meeting, the president presented their concept to the membership. The concept is to strip all the walls of the old wood paneling (circa 1960's), and replace with a two-tier replacement wall, ie: wood paneling up to about 4 feet, with brickwork above it to the ceiling; remove the perimeter finned-radiation (FTR) and install at ground level, instead of the current height; hide the hot water risers feeding the FTR; and any necessary electrical wiring and outlets as needed.

As this upgrade is in the early development stage, any dollar value discussed is non-factual until an agreement on the design is reached; then we will get actual quotes. Once this is done, the plan and costs will be submitted to the membership for three months before a vote is taken. The bar, floor, ceiling tiles, nor anywhere outside the bar, ie., foyer, kitchen, lounge or main hall, will be modified. We will keep you abreast of all discussions as they proceed, but you need to attend the meetings when further discussions are scheduled.

#### HELP WANTED

- 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, Dennis Pinkiewicz or Kenny Shanley; help is greatly appreciated;
- The FSOS Old Bridge Chapter is <u>still</u> looking for an experienced person to develop and enhance a Social Media platform for the club. The Social Media platform currently includes the following: the website: www.fsos.com; the FSOS Diary page; possibly a Facebook account; our new e-mail account setup for members to send their pictures of the various events held throughout the year: <u>fsosphotos@gmail.com</u>; and a photo database to scroll on a dedicated Screen within the bar area. In addition, you will work with our other FSOS Chapters in creating links to their websites to expand communication amongst us and share ideas. If interested, please contact Dennis Pinkiewicz.

# HOUSEKEEPING STUFF

- Scott Fitzgerald has shirts of various sizes and styles with the FSOS logo, for sale. Or, 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;
- Scott Fitzgerald also has a limited supply of the 2019 Notre Dame Football, short-sleeved "Shirt" for \$20. They will be available for sale at the meeting. Here is the link to preview the 2019 Shirt: <a href="http://theshirt.nd.edu/">http://theshirt.nd.edu/</a>;
- FSOS magnets are available at \$5 each. See Dennis Pinkiewicz or John O'Keefe to purchase;
- All non-members over 21, MUST sign the Guestbook at the door. It is a requirement of our State of NJ liquor license;
- 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 and bolted, not just closed. The key for the front door is behind the register; use it to lock the front door deadbolt and drop the key into mail slot.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHERS**

If you took photos of various events recently held at the club, e-mail your photos to fsosphotos@gmail.com. We want to share them with the members. Do not send large caches of photos as it takes too much time to sort thru every contribution. In the Subject line, please identify which event your pictures are from.



This is the website with additional information for the NY Irish Festivals: www.new-jersey-leisure-guide.com/irish-festivals-html

August 23 thru 27 – 60th Annual 'Rose of Tralee International Festival"

One of Ireland largest festivals, will be held in Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland;

Saturday, September 7 - Ocean County Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Irish Festival

Manahawkin Lake Park, 260 E Bay Ave, Manahawkin;

Saturday, September 21 - The 38th Annual Great Irish Fair: 10am - 9pm

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

September 19 to 22 - 5-Day Irish Fall Festival Weekend

Olde New Jersey Avenue, North Wildwood

September 20 to 22 - 4-Day - Sea Isle City Irish Festival Weekend

LaCosta Lounge - 4000 Landis Avenue, Sea Isle City (visitsicnj.com).



\* Historic Dates in July



## August 15 to 19, 1969 - 50th ANNIVERSARY OF WOODSTOCK

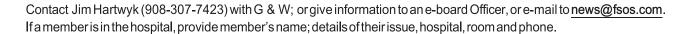
Woodstock was an out-door music festival, billed as "An Aquarian Exposition: 3 Days of Peace & Music". After many months of deliberations prior to August, the organizers finalized a site: Max Yasgur's 600-acre dairy farm near White Lake in Bethel, New York, 43 miles southwest of Woodstock. Eventually an audience of more than 400,000 attended.

August 21, 1879 - At 8pm on a rainy night in the village of Knock, Co. Mayo, Ireland, 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 County Cork, at the village of Béal na mBláth. His funeral was the largest funeral procession ever.

August 24, 1814 – British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to several U.S. government buildings, including the White House.

# **Good & Welfare**





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

#### WELFARE

- Members who need our prayers: Charlie Agar, Pat Carragher Sr.; John Casey; Dave Furey; Rich Green; Matt Hopman; Jerry Kennedy; Bob McQuade; Kevin Morgan; Bud Murphy; Patricia Murtha; Dan O'Malley; Joe Mulvanerton; ED Quigley; Bob Quinn; Smitty Tolan; Bob Hutcheon's father, Bob, as well as other members and/or their families, who are quietly attending to their own on-going health issues;
- Remember our FSOS members who have family in the Armed Forces, as well as all U.S. troops stationed around the Globe; and our Disabled American Veterans, Wounded Warriors, and Veterans;
- Visit our Memorial Monument to remember our deceased members.

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