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Gentlemen,

It is September which means Football season is upon us, and the summer is over; time to close pools and get kids back to schools. Let's never forget the horrifying terrorist attack on our freedom on September 11, 2001 and lost of member Chuck Costello for whom our pavilion is dedicated, and the other 2,995 people who died that day. Please take a moment of silence on that day in remembrance them.

We had the Shillelagh Invitational Golf Tournament last month, held by the Belmar Club which was great; they did a nice job as usual. Next year it is our turn to host this event, so get your foursomes together early.

September also brings us to our annual Family Picnic / Rib cook-off contest; tons of great food, live music and rides for the kids. Over \$2,000 in raffle prizes to be had, so get in it to win it; see inside for more details! Looking forward to having a great day. We are always in need of many extra hands to ensure everyone has a great time and we can return the club to its pre- party condition.

Join us on Saturday evening, September 14th for Karaoke. We packed the house the last 2-times and everyone had a blast. I also hear we may have some celebrity appearances to sing, so join us. Finally, our 4th Whiskey Tasting Night is Friday evening, September 20th. See inside for details on all our upcoming events.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and hope to see you soon.

Salute !

Dennis

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SAVE THE DATES



FOOTBALL 2019 !!!!

College Football: Saturdays

Games are on every TV screen all day, thru-out the season, until their respective College Bowls. Games start at various times and continue until the night games end. Notre Dame games will always be televised!

NFL Football: Sunday Afternoons @ 1pm; Monday & Thursday Nights @ 8pm

Sunday games start at 1 pm and continues until the Game of the Week is over; food is served during the Sunday afternoon games. Both week-night games are also televised.

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day, 2019

Thursday, September 12 - Monthly Meeting @ 8:30pm

Saturday, September 14 - Monthly 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 Purcell-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 FSOS Essex Chapter (648 Prospect Avenue, West Orange), will host their 13th annual fundraiser to help *Conquer Childhood Cancer*, and needs donors willing to travel to West Orange and have their heads shaved for this charity; to date, more than \$800,00 has been raised. For those Old Bridge members who want to help or donate, go to their website: www.stbaldricks.org/events/shillelagh2019.

Friday, September 20 - Irish Whiskey Tasting & Steak Dinner: IV @ 7:30pm

The Irish Cultural Committee is planning their 4th Irish Whiskey tasting night, 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 are required to ensure everyone has a meal!

Event begins at 7:30pm and is \$50 per person, and includes a Steak dinner, tap beer and of course, the Whiskey Tasting. This year's Whiskey's include Lambay; Knockmore; Roe & Co; Red Spot & Middleton.

In addition, cigars will be available for those who wish to partake in that endeavor; clothes pins for those who don't.

Sign-up sheet has been posted on bulletin board. Payment must be in by September 13th to reserve your place at the table. Place your check (never cash) in an envelope and insert into the safe and notify John O'Keefe via text message at 732-705-1606 that you have done so, and for how many people. If you have any questions, call.

Wednesday, September 25 - Annual Walter Siecinski Blood Drive – 2:30 to 7:30pm

Support our annual 'Blood Drive for Brothers', named for our deceased brother Walter Siecinski. Please come down, roll up your sleeve and donate; if you cannot give, ask a family member, friend or neighbor to come down. Let's make Walter's family proud! We want to surpass a FSOS record of 55 pints! For those who donate, give a pint, get a pint, get fed and get entered in a free raffle; call Marty Cameron @ 732-245-1559.

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; prizes described below. As with all our outside functions, please bring your own chairs.

For the 5th 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, eat the competing ribs, and vote, 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 for setup, during the picnic and after this event for cleanup.

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
- 2nd Prize: 48" Smart TV
- 3rd Prize: 32" Smart TV
- 4th Prize: HP Chromebook Laptop
- 5th and 6th Prizes: Garmin GPS Watches
- 7th and 8th Prizes: Amazon Echoes
- 9th and 10th Prizes: Amazon Kindles.

Thursday, October 10 - Next Month's Meeting @ 8:30pm

Saturday, October 12 - Next Month's Work Party @ 9:00am

Saturday, October 19 - *Monster Mash Costume Party*. 7:30 'til 11:30pm

The FSOS Softball Team has exhumed the long dormant *Friendly Sons Adult Halloween Party* from its coffin! Yes, it was a big event for many years before it passed, but its back! Doors open at 7pm, costs \$30 per person, and includes a buffet dinner, tap beer, soda, and music by DJ Tim Black. Contact Mike Sullivan (732-406-2236) about this evenings event or see the bulletin board for the Sign-up sheet. Prizes for the best costumes and categories.

FSOS Mixed Bowling League

Time is running out to sign-up your 2-person or 4-person teams, singles or couples, for a Handicap League. It will be once a month, on a Saturday night beginning this month 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.



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

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

1st Reading

Aspiring Assets

Matthew King, Old Bridge
James Reid, Old Bridge
David Lynch, Matawan
Matthew Reagan, South Amboy

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Brian O'Kane
Ron Anthony

2nd Reading & Vote

Assets in Training: None

New Member

Affirmed Asset: None

Anniversaries:

55 years: Tom Cotter Gerard Kelly Robert Kelly Joe Mulvanerton Donald O'Malley William Fenning

20 years: Roy Fellrath Tom Robertson 15 years: Wayne Miller

Membership Database – 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

Síol Eáilíagh is Gaelic for Shillelagh !

- ♦ Attendance at our open August meeting was rather light; there were only about 60 members in attendance. However, we had about 5 gentlemen who attended and professed an interest in joining our club; we look forward to their applying;
- ♦ Remember, it's your club, so, if possible, attend the meetings. As a reminder, our monthly meetings are closed to all non-members;
- ♦ It is September and vacations are just about over and school are going back into session; 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: Gene O'Donnell; AD BOOK: # 106, Marty Cameron.

Beautification of the Main Bar

The Building Committee was 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 and re-use the perimeter finned-radiation (FTR) and install at ground level, instead of the current height; hide the hot water risers feeding the FTR; and perform any necessary electrical work 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 quotes are received, the plan and costs will be submitted to the membership. 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.

During the July meeting, the first reading was made, and after some discussions, a motion was made to proceed with a not-to-exceed dollar value. It was approved via a majority hand vote .

During the August meeting, a second reading was made and the motion to proceed was approved via a majority hand vote. At the upcoming September meeting, the third and final reading will occur, and a final hand vote will be taken. Be there to voice your concerns or approval.

HELP WANTED

- ♦ The FSOS Audit Committee needs a member who is able to donate some time to assist them; see President Pinkiewicz for details;
- ♦ 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 still 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: fsosphotos@gmail.com; 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;
- ♦ 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 ALL DOORS throughout the building 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.



2019 IRISH FESTIVALS

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

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

Manahawkin Lake Park, 260 E Bay Ave, Manahawkin

Saturday, September 21 - Bayonne Irish Festival: 12 - 6pm

Thomas DiDomenico Park @ 16th Street and Avenue A - Free Admission

Live music by The Bantry Boys, Ninemile House and A Band of Rogues

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).



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Historic Date in July

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Wednesday, September 11 - Patriot Day

America observes the 18th Anniversary of the deadliest terrorist attack on the U.S. Remember FSOS member Chuck Costello, and other members of the club who lost a family member or friend in the destruction of the World Trade Towers; the attack on the Pentagon and the crashing of United Airlines Flight 93 in PA.

Good & Welfare



Contact Jim Hartwyk (908-307-7423) with G & W; or 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;
- ◆ The Old Bridge Food Bank thanks the club for their continued support. 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

- ◆ David Dale Anderson and Robert 'Sunny' Lynch both passed away; *Féadfaidh Siad Chuid Eile I Síocháin*
- ◆ Jack Kiernan fell and was injured; he is recovering;
- ◆ 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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