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Dear Fellow Members,

And we're off, to another fine, fun year at the club. In order to keep things running smoothly, it is all of our responsibilities to work together to make each year a little better. We must continue to make building improvements as necessary, continue to utilize various outlets to communicate to our members, and continue to support club events and fundraisers.

It is just as busy down here in January as it is any other month of the year. It is always an honor for The Friendly Sons to host the first parade fundraiser of the season. As you know, each parade fundraiser helps to defray parade costs and members are encouraged to attend them as they can. Thank you to Charlie and Cathy Donnelly for organizing this event which was its usual success. How can you beat a day of entertainment, with a special appearance by our award winning Pipes and Drum band, fine food, spirits, but most of all friends? This years parade adjutant will be Dave Cummins. Dave has played an intricate part in creating and maintaining the "FSOS Diary" which has become an important communication tool here at the club. Thanks to Dave we can reach more members than ever to keep them up to date on what goes on around here. Thanks again and keep up the good work!! Congratulations Dave and we are honored to have you represent us!!!

Another point on the parade is that it is an opportunity for you to show your commitment to this club. One of the original purposes of this club was to form a band of Irishmen to come together and pay tribute to their Patron Saint of Ireland. This is also one of the promises each member makes upon their acceptance into the club. Although we encourage all of our members to participate in club activities, marching in the Belmar Parade is an obligation and one I look forward to sharing with all of you on Sunday, March 7, 2010.

Our dinner dance crew put together what is now the annual Mardi Gras night. Have you every arrived late at a party and when you get there you realize you missed a great night? Arriving late as I did is exactly what happened. A great time was had by all that's for sure. This committee goes to great lengths to make each event a success.

A special congratulations and thank you to the JETS, JETS, JETS for giving us three extra weeks of football and fun at the club. Falling short is heart wrenching, but with any luck we will get that extra game next year. Thank you to all those that helped prepare the food for all to enjoy during the football season.

The February calendar is full. The Shuffleboard League is underway and play will continue on Sundays through March. Club elections will also be held in February along with our annual blood drive. Keep in mind that there are many people in need of blood and your help is needed. In addition to giving blood, the club will also be accepting donations to the food bank and Project USE. Times are tough and I know that helping each other will make a difference.

Be Well and God Bless You all-

Mac



Sympathies to Mike Long's family, a 45 year member of all 4 clubs. Steve Hansult's wife, sweet Sue, is recovering from surgery. Please say a prayer for Jim Nolan. Congratulations to Chad Hobbs and wife Jackie, as they welcomed a son, Roy, in January.

Please always, take a moment to think of all our troops and support staff overseas, and those less fortunate than us.

Good and Welfare information should be given to Barney Shannon @ (732) 254-6153, or to any officer.



SHENANIGANS DEADLINES

Please note, we are going to try and get the paper online sooner than usual from now on, that said, please have any items you want in the paper submitted by the 20th of the month. Thanks

You can leave your Hat on...

February Meeting - Thursday, February 11th 8:30PM

Comedy Night - Saturday February 13th 7:00PM

SEE DON BRUCHEZ QUICKLY

Great Guinness Toast - Friday, February 19th 7PM

SEE JOSEPH PATTERSON

Pub Night - Friday, February 26th 8PM

SEE ANY BAND MEMBER FOR DETAILS

Club Elections/ Blood Drive -

Saturday February 27th

DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

Belmar/ Lake Como Parade - Sunday, March 7th

ALL DETAILS AND INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE

St. Patrick's Day - Wednesday, March 17th

BLIZZARD OF MAYHEM BEGINS AT 3PM, GO GREENER THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED! LIVE MUSIC ALL NIGHT!

Club Dinner Dance - Saturday, March, 20th 3PM

INFO INSIDE, AND ON FSOS DIARY.



"All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed."

- Sean O'Casey

CLUB ELECTIONS AND BLOOD DRIVE

The Election of new Officers for 2010 will be held at the club,

Saturday, February 27th 12 Noon to 7PM

The Ballot positions are as follows:

President: **Rob McKiernan - Unopposed**

Vice President: **John Sheridan - Unopposed**

Recording Secretary: **Bill Jarvis - Unopposed**

Treasurer: **Jeff Schuld - Unopposed**

Corresponding Secretary:..... **Tom McGrath - Unopposed**

Keeper of the Shillelagh: **1st Keeper - Jim Hartwyk**

Vote for each position **2nd Keeper – Joe Patterson**

Steward: **Dennis Pinkiewicz - Unopposed**

To be eligible to vote for any office in this organization, a member must be not 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. February 20th

Remember: Your Dues responsibilities also include your Ad Book payments, as outlined in our By- Laws

Blood Drive begins at 10AM, please come down and have a pint drawn from you, and then we will draw a few pints for you.

Voting commences at 12 Noon through 7 PM.

And be sure to come down to the pub election night to hear the results, welcome your new officers. AND don't forget to buy your DINNER DANCE TICKETS

The next time you think about NOT voting, remember Adolf Hitler was elected in a full democratic election.

BELMAR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

SUNDAY, MARCH 7th

The day begins with 9:00 AM Mass at the club followed by a Continental Breakfast before Parade Registration.

Buses (6) will leave the club at 11:30 sharp. BUS return: Transportation back to the club is scheduled as follows; 3 buses to depart approx. 2:00 PM directly after the parade, 1 bus will depart at 3:00 PM, LAST BUS HOME will depart at 4:00 PM. All buses will depart from MAIN STREET AND 5TH AVE. Congratulations to this year's Parade Adjutant, David Cummins (the tuxedo comes with a camera holder, no worries)! Please let us know ASAP if you need special transportation for the parade. We will have a special bus. Call Charlie D @ (732) 257-2866.



All members are to be in full uniform: Green blazer with club patch, gray slacks (no jeans), polished black shoes (no sneakers), club beret and badge, and official club tie. Please 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 to see if the item is acceptable. Smoking and drinking is not allowed during the march, you must step-off with the club. You will not be allowed to jump in line as we pass any local taverns you may have been in. You may be censured for this. Please do not embarrass the Friendly Sons or yourself. Proper conduct is expected at all times. **Remember, you are representing the finest Irish-American Club in the world. The spectators and other marchers deserve your courtesy and respect.**

Your parade day package includes 2 food tickets, after the use of said tickets; all sandwiches will now be \$3.00 due to rising costs.

The club will be closed to all except those authorized to be in the building to prepare for our return from Belmar. The doors will remain locked until the first bus returns. All members are required to sign-in either at the club or in Belmar. If meeting in Belmar, please look for the Registration Crew. It is your responsibility to sign-in. Those not signed-in or excused WILL receive a censure.

All members are required to march. If for any reason you cannot march, you must submit a written excuse to the Executive Board requesting to be excused prior to Parade Day. There are NO automatic excuses issued due to residence, etc.

FSOS UNIFORMS: RALPH QUICK AT TRIPLE CROWN SPORTS 18 THROCKMORTON LA. HAS A COMPLETE LINE OF UNIFORMS & PARTS. CONTACT HIM. 732-679-2231

BELMAR/LAKE COMO - PARADE FUNDRAISER

**MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE FUNDRAISER.
IT PROBABLY WAS OUR LARGEST TURNOUT EVER.**

KUDOS TO:

- The FSOS Pipes and Drums: For their donation and excellent performance
- Pat Donnelly in having more than enough food to feed a hungry crowd
- Jim Sullivan and his shuffleboard members in contributing to the affair
- Our lovely servers who made sure nobody overindulged their appetites: (Kathy D., Gerri L, Joan H., Pat McL., Maureen McK., and Eileen D.
- Parade Committee: (Jim B., Ben McL., Frank 1&2, Jack M., Ray C., Larry McG. & Dennis M.)
- Congratulations to Grand Marshall Charlie Flynn and Deputy Grand Marshall Janet McGrath (Widow of FSOS member Bill McGrath)

– CHARLIE D



Membership News ---

Effective as of the JANUARY meeting

1st Reading: Michael Murphy – Sponsor – Jackie Breen

2nd Reading: None

New Members: Ron Keaveney, Jonathan Banafato, Frank Banafato, Alex Lamb, Owen Henry, Welcome All!

Questions or concerns should be directed to Dennis Bohanan (732) 723-0776

Shrove Tuesday, February 24th, is in some ways similar to Fat Tuesday, Mountains of large Pancakes were devoured, overindulgence was expected, at times demanded. Shrove was also an old cut off point for romance, as no weddings could take place during Lent. Look it up.

CLUB DINNER DANCE

Saturday, March 20th

The Crown Plaza Hotel (609) 655-4775

\$55.00 per person.

4PM/ 12?

Welcome incoming officers. This event is more than celebratory, it is about HONOR and RESPECT of your club and your officers. it is ALSO a GREAT NIGHT OUT! Open bar begins in Yogi's pub at 4PM!!!!

Ticket price includes Cocktails, 4 Course Meal, Open Bar & Live Music. Be a part of a spectacular evening filled with fun, friends and pageantry (but NO BEAUTY CONTEST). Note: Members and wives in attendance will be eligible for a \$15 discount on Christmas Party tickets.

Music, early by Backbeat, and until late by Primitive Soul.

This is a GREAT package; go to FSOS Diary to see the full menu.

Rooms available, ALL Prime Rib End Cuts are taken by Kevin Morgan, negotiate as you will.

Support your club, and YOUR elected officers.



FSOS Pipes and Drums News

Pub Night - RESCHEDULED!

New Date! - Friday February 26th 8pm

Entertainment by The Bantry Boys and the Pipe Band

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/7 - Belmar

3/13 - Seaside 12pm &
South Amboy 2pm

3/14 - West Orange

3/17 - NEW YORK CITY

sign posted in club for second bus

3/20 - Atlantic Highlands &
FSOS Dinner Dance

4/11 - NYPD Auxiliary Police
Memorial

5/30 - Matawan Mem. Day Parade

5/31 - Sayreville Mem. Day Parade

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

AD Book: #320 Mike Duffy

F.I.L.F.C.: KEEGAN, doing a New Orleans 2nd line, to the food line!

Please remember to bring a canned food item every time you come to the club, there are many needy people these days.



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