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Dear Fellow Members,

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? All other parade fundraisers have been posted on the bulletin board in the bar.

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 6, 2011. This year's Parade Adjutant is Mr. Tommy Cotter. Tommy is a long time member of the club and a huge supporter of the parade. Tommy has contributed much of his time to club events, as well as participating in many of the improvements to the facility. Congratulations Tommy on this well deserved honor! On behalf of the membership, we look forward to you leading us down Main St. this year.

A night that I have looked forward to and have always enjoyed is the SERF/Dinner Dance Committee Comedy Night. I don't know how they do it, but they always seem to find some very funny people willing to travel from 609 to 732 to entertain a bunch of Irish people. Thank you Donnie Bruchez for coordinating this event.

And let us not forget the JETS, JETS, JETS! Falling short is heart wrenching yet again, but the third time's a charm and next year will be their year to make it to the only game that counts. Thank you to all those that helped prepare the food for all to enjoy during the football season. Thank you Jets fans!!

The February calendar is full. Mardi Gras is quickly approaching, with a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the bar. 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. To all those running, I wish you much luck and success. Keep in mind that there are many people in need of blood and your help is needed.

This year's dinner dance will be held at the Molly Pitcher Inn on Saturday, March 12, 2011. This night will be spectacular. So please join us as our club installs its new officers for the upcoming year.

As we weather these record storms together, I need to mention how grateful I am to Gene Moore for keeping the lot clear. Gene spent many hours plowing the lot for the membership. Thank you also to Kenny Brown for moving the great mountain of snow from the lot onto the lawn. What a great example of teamwork!!

Be well and God bless you all-

Mac





Good and Welfare



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

THE RESCUE BLUES...

February Meeting - Thursday, February 10th 8:30PM
SPEECHES TONIGHT

Mardi Gras - Saturday, February 19th 7:30PM - 12AM
More info inside.

GREAT GUINNESS TOAST - Friday, February 25th . . . 8PM - 12AM
More inside.

Club Elections/ Blood Drive - Saturday February 26th
Details on the following page

BELMAR PARADE - Sunday, March 6th
Details inside.

FSOS Dinner Dance - Saturday, March 12th
All the juicy details inside.

St. Patrick's Day - Thursday, March 17th
The day, and night, join us please.

WIDOWS LUNCHEON - Sunday, April 10th
Bob Quinn is the man in charge.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS - Currently, Patrick has scheduled February 18th, and February 25th, so come early, then Guinness Toast the night away.



FSOS Pipes and Drums Schedule



Belmar - Sunday, March 6th 12:30PM

Seaside Heights - Saturday March, 12th 12:00PM

South Amboy - Saturday March, 12th 2:00PM

Club Dinner Dance - Saturday March, 12th 6:00PM

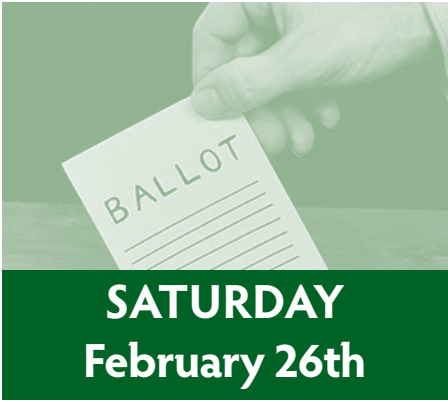
West Orange - Sunday March, 13th 1:00PM

New York City - Thursday March, 17th TBD

Highlands - Saturday March, 19th 2:00PM

PUB NIGHT - Saturday March, 26th

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



Club Elections & Blood Drive

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

Voting commences at 12 Noon through 7 PM.

THE BALLOT POSITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

President:

- John Sheridan - Unopposed

Vice President: (Vote for 1)

- Bill Jarvis
- Scott Fitzgerald

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- Dave Cummins - Unopposed

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- Jeff Schuld
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- Tom McGrath - Unopposed

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1st Keeper / 2nd Keeper

(Vote for each position)

- Neil Beinert
- Chris Brady
- Tom McCarthy
- Brian Smith

Steward: (Vote for 1)

- Paul Benoit
- Dennis Pinkiewicz

And be sure to come down to the pub election night to hear the results, welcome your new officers, and, well, get vociferous



Membership News

Effective as of the JANUARY meeting.

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: Michael Macey, James O' Leary and Michael Degenhart

New Members: William Kreppien, Bill Schnitzerling, and Raymond Foley - WELCOME

BELMAR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

SUNDAY
March 6th

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.

FSOS UNIFORMS:

Ralph Quick at TRIPLE
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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, Tom Cotter! 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.** 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 you are unable to march, then prior to Parade Day you must submit your reasons to the Executive Board in writing requesting to be excused. There are NO automatic excuses issued due to residence, etc.

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.

CLUB DINNER DANCE

Get Ready for another SMASHING FSOS Dinner Dance!

This year, we are re-locating to the historic, and beautiful

Molly Pitcher Inn, Red Bank, NJ.

Saturday, March 12, 2011.

4:00pm to 6:00pm.....Open Bar in the Molly Pitcher lounge bar.

6:00pm to 7:00pm.....Cocktail Hour in the main Banquet Hall.

7:00pm to 11:00pm.....Dinner Dance in the main Banquet Hall.

11:00pm to 12:00pm.....Night Cap drinks in the Molly Pitcher lounge bar.

Your entire night includes all of the above plus full five course dinner.

Also live full Big Band entertainment for your enjoyment .

Total costs for this complete evening will be in or around \$16,000.

So if we divide that by 100 guests that amounts to \$160.00 per person.

Thanks to all the fundraiser's throughout the year organized by the Dinner Dance committee we are going to offer this night up to our members and significant other at \$60.00 per person .

So please sign up early at the club and include your choice of main course dinner.

Please make all checks payable to FSOS and leave an envelope in the safe addressed to John Sheridan.

Full tables will be sold at a first come first paid in full basis, 15 tables max.

Please have all checks in no later than Election Day , Saturday February 26th to facilitate planning for the event.

If you decide to stay over , we have reserved a block of rooms for the FSOS at approximately \$106.00 per room.

Thank you, we look forward to seeing you all there to enjoy this classy night together.

Cheers for now , John Sheridan.

**DO NOT PASS ON THIS
EVENT, NOW A CAN'T
MISS STANDARD!**

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 19th
7:30PM - ????**

**Tickets \$35.00pp at door
& prepay special \$30.00pp
if paid by Sat., Feb. 12th**

MARDI GRAS

(NEW ORLEANS NIGHT)

Music provided by THE VOODOUES!

**Authentic Cajun Food, prepared by our real
deal cooks, lead by Chef De Maio. Beads, brew,
and dancing like a wild 2nd line in 4th gear.**

**There really are not words to describe just how
good this night is, just come.**

**See Le Roi, John Sheridan, for further details,
it will be a Tonnerre mes chiens night, and
remember, Lache pas la patate**

20th Annual Great Guinness Toast

Join us at 8:00PM on Friday
February 25 for an evening of
eloquent toasting as we raise
our glasses to Arthur Guinness,
perhaps the most beloved
Irishman since St. Patrick.

\$5 will buy your first pint and a
raffle ticket for the plethora of
giveaways this evening. Music
starts at 9:00PM

Musical Guests

Bob Hurst

of the Bogside Rogues

&

Joe Mullin

of Celtic Connection

**Don't miss what has become a standard
in the FSOS Old Bridge as Toastmaster
Joe Patterson leads us in an evening of
Toasts on St. Practice Day**



AD Book: #269, " NCIS"

F.I.L.F.F.C: Dennis, "slippery" Sullivan, still has a step.



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