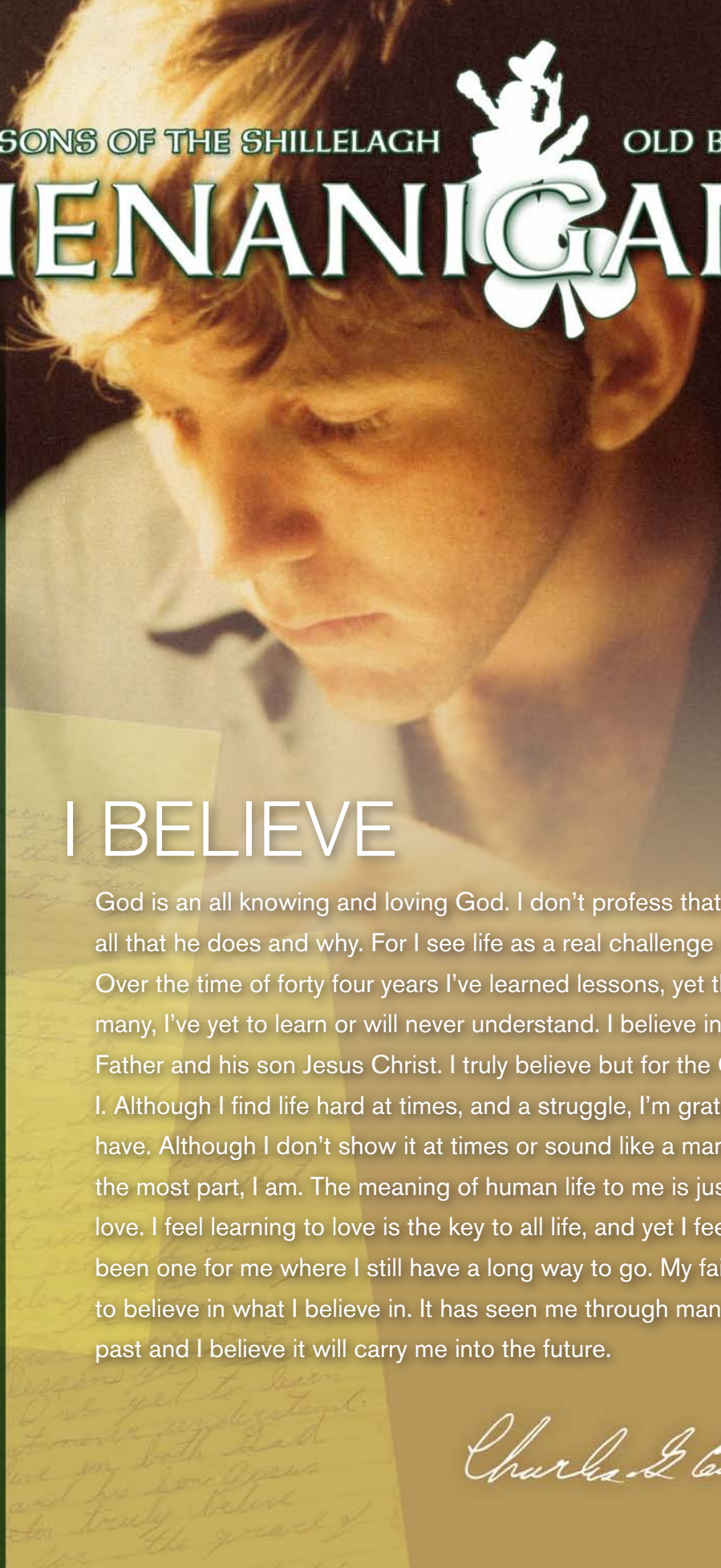


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I BELIEVE

God is an all knowing and loving God. I don't profess that I understand all that he does and why. For I see life as a real challenge in many ways. Over the time of forty four years I've learned lessons, yet there are many, many, I've yet to learn or will never understand. I believe in both God the Father and his son Jesus Christ. I truly believe but for the Grace of God go I. Although I find life hard at times, and a struggle, I'm grateful for all that I have. Although I don't show it at times or sound like a man of content, for the most part, I am. The meaning of human life to me is just plain learning to love. I feel learning to love is the key to all life, and yet I feel this lesson has been one for me where I still have a long way to go. My faith has taught me to believe in what I believe in. It has seen me through many situations in the past and I believe it will carry me into the future.

Gentlemen,

First of all, I hope this Shenanigans finds you and your families safe and sound after this weekends Irene encounter. I know that some of the township is still without power and from what I hear it might last a few more days so if anyone needs help please do not hesitate to call me.

I have been told that Squire Cummins was blasting out "Come on Irene" to the best of his vocals capability last week....well in the future we will insist that he keeps that to the privacy of his own shower, please !!

On a much more positive note, thank you's are in order to our Keepers Tom and Chris and all their helpers Billy, Brian, Mike, Joe and Mike for the fantastic work party performed in the cleaning and reorganization of our back storage area and keeping our building in tip top shape. And once again to Butch for stepping up in keeping us all cool as "Ice". Also Cathy please do not read this part, thank you Billy and Charlie for a job well done on the floor...rumor has it Charlie is the best "Scrubber" we have!!

Our last sporting event was our 2nd Annual Soccer Tourney which was a great success. My team actually had a 4-0 lead with ten minutes to go in the Semi-finals and in the interest of "Fair Play" we managed to allow our opponents come back to beat us 5-4...happy days...not!!

But fun was had by all who watched and played. Thank you to all who helped out cooking and cheers to our officials Scott and Timmy.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our communications crew who work endlessly behind the scenes to keep us all up to date on the clubs going on's. Cheers to Tom "my computer crashed again" McGrath, David "okay what time do you want to meet" Cummins, Matt "I will make it fit" Lee , Jonathan "I will email it" Banafato and Michael "I already sent it" Callahan.

Well lads, now that the "Bhoys" have finally sorted themselves out and football season is upon us come on down to "your" club and enjoy some great food and beverages on Saturdays while watching the Fighting Irish and especially on Sundays during the regular NFL season to cheer on your favorite teams and I promise you I will try to keep "The Mexican" under control.

On a very sad note, it is with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to our friend and fellow brother Russell who passed away. Our condolences go out to his entire family and friends, rest in peace Russell.

Former President Jack McCarthy unfortunately lost his Mum. Our sincere condolences go out to Jack and all his family. Rest in peace Marie.

Also lads try to stay up to date on all the upcoming scheduled events by checking your Shenanigans, the FSOS Diary and our notice board. One of our biggest events is just around the corner, our annual Family Picnic set for September 24th. You Dinner Dance crew have also set up for a Halfway to St. Patrick's day party with the Willie Lynch Band and an Oldies night with Patsy Palma and friends.

Finally, this September marks the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11. In honor of our friend and lost brother Charles Costello and all the brave men and women who risked and lost their lives that horrible day, we will be celebrating a full Mass in the Pavilion at 10:00 am followed by a **complimentary Full Irish breakfast** including Mims white and brown soda bread, served to all in attendance in our main hall. So please join me as we rededicate our Pavilion to Charles, Bless it and pay our respects to all his Family.

God Bless,
Cheers for now,
John.

President's Joke of The Month:

There was once an Irishman named Murphy who walked into an American Bar. He sat down and asked the Bartender "Give me three shots o' your finest Irish Whiskey!" the Bartender complies.

After about a week the bartender asks, "Murphy, would it be better for yeh if I put all three shots of Irish Whiskey into one glass?"

Murphy replied, "well no. See I have two other brothers back at home, Patrick and Owen, and everytime I come into a Pub or Bar I order a shot for each o' them so I can remember the good times."

Well, after another week of this routine, Murphy comes into the bar and only asks for two shots of Irish Whiskey. The bartender immediately says "Murphy, is everything ok? Did somethin' happen to one of your brothers?" "Oh no", Murphy said, "I just decided to quit drinkin!"



Good and Welfare

We lost a great member and a dear friend, Russell Fenlon, say hello to the Duke, Russ.



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.



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

BLUES BEFORE SUNRISE

September Meeting - Thursday, September 8th
8:30PM

9/11 Anniversary/ Pavilion Rededication
Sunday, September 11th

Half Way To St. Patrick's Day Friday, September 16th
Full details inside

Family Picnic Saturday, September 24th
All the goods inside

Tour De Shillelagh Bike Run
Saturday, September 24th
Details inside as well

Oldies Night Saturday, October 15th
Dinner Dance Fundraiser with entertainment by Patsy Palma and Friends

Darts Social Saturday, November 5th
Details inside



THANK YOU FROM THE FENLON FAMILY

We thank ALL the members of the Sons, for the kindness and friendship you showed Russell during his life, and for the honor and respect you showed him at the time of his death. God Bless you All

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Membership News

Effective as of the AUGUST meeting.

1st Reading: :Sean McCoy/ Sponsor/ Dave Jefferies
John Mayer/ Sponsor/ Dave Cummins

2nd Reading: Bernard Murphy

New Members: None

Moving on up: Brother member Ed Brannigan, was elected National Vice President of The Fraternal Order Of Police, CONGRATULAIONS Ed!!!

Tour De Shillelagh Bike Run

Sat., September 24th, 9AM

Great event to benefit SERF and the Food Pantry. 20 mile circuit from the club, all riders get a free T-shirt too. Questions - Contact Don Bruchez @ (732) 723-3560. Same day as our picnic, you can sweat it off, and then drink it back on, what fun! This is our 11th run!

2nd Annual Soccer Tourney

Another excellent Tourney this year, was great to see a mixture of young and not so young out playing on the great lawn. Congrats go out to the Orange team (not to be confused with the Orange men) with captain Vinny O' Toole leading the pack. MVP goes to Bridget McFadden.

We also got to see an exhibition of Gaelic Football after the Final. Gaelic football being like across between Rugby and Soccer invented in the days when men were men and sheep were nervous.

Big thanks to all who helped with the BBQ, and to our two excellent Referees Scotty Fitz and Timmy Black, they had a couple of suspect calls, but in general did a great job.

Burnsey and Shero will be looking forward to seeing you all again at next years tourney.

Darts Social

Saturday, November 5th

This is a fund-raiser for Camp Quality- a NJ based camp for kids with terminal Cancer and St. Judes Research Hospital as well as other charities. Doors open at 6- first dart at 7. Double elimination (winning and losing is not that big a deal). Live entertainment- all u can drink (beer, wine and soda), hot and cold buffet, 50/50's, door prizes, etc. This is a social event and couples are encouraged to attend (you do not play together). We will also be collecting used sports equipment (my foundation-project USE) and having a clothing drive as well. Any donation enters you in a raffle for a special door prize.

Blood For Brothers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th 3-8PM

Our 4th annual Blood Drive named for our deceased brother Walter Siecinski. Please come down and roll up your sleeve, or if you cannot give, tell a family member or a neighbor to come down. Lets make Walter's Family PROUD! Give a pint, get a pint, also a hot buffet will be available for those who donate. Questions: Marty Cameron (732) 245-1559

AD Book - # 177, John "I feel A Chili" Wagle

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