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A Merry Christmas



Gentlemen,
Ho, Ho, Ho, !!

First of all lads, I hope this “Shenanigans” finds you all in good “Health and Spirits” especially as my favorite time of the year is fast approaching, where families and friends get together for this extremely joyous occasion, . . . yes, its “Christmas time” again.

I cannot believe its December already, this year has flown by. Now that the holiday season is upon us, please take some time to think about the less fortunate people around us and try to spread “your” good will and help out as much as possible. This is truly a time for giving, even if it is just “simply” some kind words or a kind jester.

Also, please say a prayer for all our troops out there who risk their lives, every second of every day, to protect our freedom and pray for their families too who are home alone while they perform this difficult task. Thank you to each and every one of them and God Bless them all.

Well, we certainly succeeded in performing one of our most giving and rewarding endeavors, with the supervision of Raymond Costello, as we all, once again, came together at our Annual Thanksgiving Baskets day. We delivered three huge bags of groceries to 51 needy families, proving again that it is our tradition and our compassion that we put the needs and well being of others and their families first.

A tremendous thank you goes out to Raymond who worked endless hours setting this all up. Thanks pal, you are a true “Friendly Son” and a credit to our fine Irish club.

Kudos to Michael Sullivan and his crew, who did a brilliant job bringing back “Country Night” to our club. This was an extremely enjoyable night and a great success. Cary and his crew of elves, your cooking was top notch, my friends. There was tons of “craic” with laughter, cheers and yeeha’s to be heard everywhere throughout the hall and bar. As JohnnyD would say, it was outstanding my man, “Outstanding”. Well done lads. I never knew that there were sooo many steps to dancing. . . YeeeHa. . . GiddyUp !!

I am looking forward to sooo many great upcoming annual events fast approaching at our fine “Irish” family club. . . Barney Shannon and his. . . how you might say. . . “inSanity Claus” will once again be running our Annual Children’s Christmas Party, much to the delight of all our little shillelaghs. . . no not Marty, I meant the kids. Cheers to Barney and “Sanity Claus” for showing up while leaving his little elves working hard at home in the North Pole.

Our Annual Adult Christmas Party is set for Saturday Dec. 8th. Your VP Scott has been working extremely hard setting this all up and I personally think he is doing an exceptional job. If you have not booked your place yet try calling Scotty and maybe, just maybe, he can find you a spot. Buy him a large “Shirley Temple” and your in ;-)

On Sunday Dec. 16th, Tommy Dunn and his wife Annette will be hosting our Annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots event. Members are asked to be kind here and bring to the club a new toy or to choose an angel from our notice board which identifies the age and gender of a child that would love to receive a gift this Christmas or simply make a donation to participate in this very worthy event.

Upcoming we have also set up as a thank you, two “Membership Appreciation Nights”. Our “Christmas Holiday Spectacular” on Dec. 22nd and our annual “New Year’s Eve Party” on Dec. 31st. Live entertainment and party giveaways all night long. So come on down, the party can only be as good as “you” make it !!

Finally, thank you’s are in order from myself to many of you. . . To my E-Board members and Trustees for all your input and support throughout the year, to my communications crew for well. . . er. . . communicating !!. . . and delivering out all our club’s going on’s and information, to the lads that stepped up and helped in running all the events and numerous fundraiser’s that we are sooo involved in, to the many members that keep our premises strong, clean and stable, to the men who keep our finances in check to the penny every day of the year, and last but by no means least. . . to each and every one of you who continuously come down and support “Your” club throughout the year. . . Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for making this year an absolute pleasure to serve as your President, with your help and support you have made my job extremely enjoyable and very manageable.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and prosperous “Merry Christmas” and “Happy New Year”.

God Bless,
Cheers for now,
John



Good and Welfare

Please keep charity in your heart and hands, especially at this time of year.



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.

Don't Forget Your Hat...

December Meeting

Thursday, December 13th 8:30PM

Members Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8th
6:30 Start. Details inside.

Toys For Tots

Sunday, December 16th 1-7PM

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15th

Christmas Eve, Eve Saturday, December 22nd
Free Membership Appreciation Night #1

New Years Eve Monday, December 31st
Free Membership Appreciation Night #2

"Never Eat an entire bowl of dip in 1.2 minutes" – My Stomach

Year ending, that means officer nominations, and elections, get ready... Mardi Gras coming up like a happy Cajun rolled in crawfish gumbo. AND THE GREAT GUINNESS TOAST Friday, February 15th.

Please remember there is no better place for ALL Football games, try us, you'll be sacked with happiness



FSOS Pipes and Drums

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th

6:30 SHARP

The BEST.

\$50.00 per person (a member and significant other), Music, by the fabulous, tremendous (how DO we afford these guys?) Primitive Soul FULL OPEN BAR, Top Hat Caterings FINEST Hor D' Oeuvres, AND a Full Dinner. You STILL cannot top this anywhere in the known galaxy. Raffle tickets are available as well \$10. Scott Fitzgerald has tickets.



Children's Christmas Party

Saturday December 15th
10:30 AM

Barney Shannon, once again will be your host at the Majestic Theater, for a FIRST RUN motion picture to delight one and all. There will be Kringle and mirth, AND, very few wise men.

SANTA CLAUS, not Sandy Claws, will be discussing the Sanity Clause, as well as correct enunciation of his hallowed name. Bring all the children, this is a wonderful way to start the holidays.



TOYS FOR TOTS



Sunday, December 16TH

1PM-7PM

The 2nd part of our annual holiday sharing. At the pub, you will find a board with Christmas Angels, each associated with a child in need. Please come down and select an Angel, then simply acquire a \$20.00 gift and attach your Angel to the gift, and bring it to the event. If you cannot do this, a \$20.00 donation will also reap you Domestic Draft Beer, House Wine and a bite to eat at halftime!

Tom and Annette Dunn, as usual, will be your hosts. See you there !!!!



"Christmas, in its final essence, is for grown people who have forgotten what children know. Christmas is for whoever is old enough to have denied the unquenchable spirit of man."

– Margaret Cousins

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

Nominations will be accepted at the January Meeting for 2013 Elections. Criteria as follows:

"To be eligible to nominate or be nominated for any office in this organization, a member cannot be more than two months in arrears in the payment of dues and must have completed payment of the initiation fee as of the January meeting."

"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 23rd.

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



CLUB ELECTIONS AND BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, February 23rd

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 7PM.

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



"Popularity should be no scale for the election of politicians. If it would depend on popularity, Donald Duck and The Muppets would take seats in senate."

– Orson Welles



Christmas Eve, Eve

SATURDAY, December 22nd. 8PM. Membership Appreciation Night #1. FREE

Featuring Arnie Wendt, who has played with Primitive Soul, as well as Bon Jovi. Giveaways ALL night



New Years Eve

Monday, December 31st. 9PM. FREE membership Appreciation Night #2. Featuring Vinnie and EJ from Back Beat. Prizes, mayhem.

AD Book - # 102 - Joseph Munnelly

President's Joke of the Month:

This month I put together a list of my top ten stupid Christmas jokes. Enjoy!

Q: What do elves learn in school?

A: The Elf-abet!

Q: If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get?

A: Missile toe!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite.

Q: Why does Santa have three gardens?

A: So he can ho-ho-ho.

Q: Where do polar bears vote?

A: The North Poll.

Q: What do you get if you deep fry Santa Claus?

A: Crisp Cringle.

Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

A: Claustrophobic.

Q: If Santa rode a motorcycle, what kind would it be?

A: A Holly Davidson.

Q: What did the grape say to the raisin?

A: 'Tis the season to be jelly.

Q: What do you call a bunch of grandmasters of chess bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?

A: Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

GiddyUp !! Merry Christmas, boys and girls.



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