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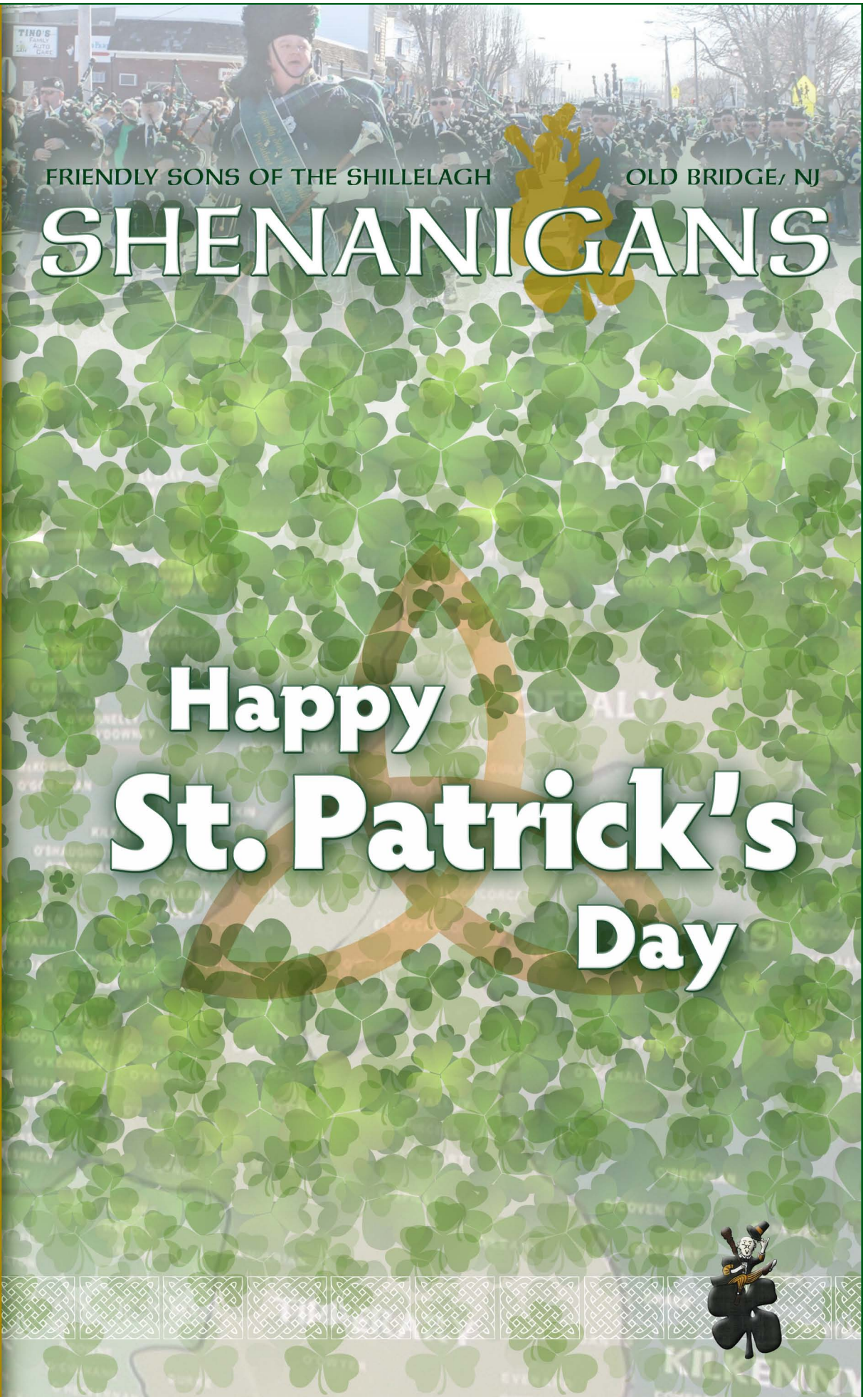
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Gentlemen,

First of all lads, I sincerely hope this Shenanigans finds you all in good health and spirits.

On a sad note, please once again keep the Hogarty family in your prayers as they must unfortunately face the harsh tragedy of losing another loved one. Rest in Peace Trish. Also pray for our Troops out there who risk their lives every second of every day to protect our freedom and pray for their families who are home alone while they perform this difficult task. God Bless them all.

Well, here we are in March, I find it hard to believe its been a year already that I'm leading this fine organization. We have just witnessed our Annual Elections and enjoyed another outstanding night of entertainment at the club. Thank you to Kevin, Jimmy and Mike for all their hard work during the nominations and election day process. I would like to congratulate all our incoming Officers and also thank our outgoing Officers, Jeff Schuld and Chris Brady, for all the time they dedicated to aid in the smooth running of our club.

Cheers also go out to Marty for running another successful Blood Drive on Election Day, its amazing how he runs such a big event for a small lad!!

Before I continue, I would like to also thank all of you, for once again displaying your confidence and reelecting me as your President. It will be my pleasure and honor to lead our club forward for the next 12 months. I look forward to the challenges that are ahead of me and I am very confident with the assistance of my new E-Board and communications crew that we can be successful as a Team.

Parade Day is upon us. Did you make sure your uniform did not "Shrink" during this past year? If not, please do so now. This is a very important day for our fine Irish club to display our true "Irish Heritage" as we lead the parade and march proudly down Main St. in Belmar. Congratulations again to Walter Farrell as he will be assisting in leading us as our Parade Adjutant. On a serious note lads, I cannot stress enough how important it is to me, for us all to show up fully prepared in full uniform and act like "proper gentlemen" while we display our "Sea of Green" for the enjoyment of all the spectators watching and enjoying the parade.

Mardi Gras in Old Bridge, are you kidding me!!

Yes, we did it again and if I may say so myself I personally think this was our best ever. From the unbelievable amount of food, beads, surprises and games, to the 600 Jello Shots delivered by Mo and Jackie the night was endless with fun and commodity which left no stones unturned throughout the night. Our "Mexican Keegan" and John Wagle had balloons in places where no one has seen for decades !! Rumor has it, Barney won Best Dressed for the night with his Mardi Gras attire. He also danced the shoes off Mims and Mo...Hmmm...nice!!

By the way, we are still missing a wooden spoon!! You need to be there to know what I mean..." What happens at Mardi Gras, staaaays at Mardi Gras", Giddy Up.

Our Annual Great Guinness Toast night was once again absolutely Brilliant. The black stuff was flowing all night long and going down smoothly as true creamy Irish milk!! Paddy and the Pale Boys entertained us to no end until the wee hours of the morning. Joe even thanked them for being the Bogside Rogues. Great job again Joe, looking forward to next year.

I would like to congratulate my good friend, Alan Purcell, on being selected "Irish Man of the Year". It was fantastic to finally witness him stuck for words as he tried (unsuccessfully) to show his appreciation on receiving this great honor. Alan continues to quietly go about his morning routine in helping in any way he can to keep our club in tip top shape. I guess he's alright for a "Southsider"!!

Well, you all know by now that our Annual Dinner Dance is scheduled for once again at the Molly Pitcher. Last year was a huge success and will therefore be hard to beat but we are going to give it our best shot so sign yourselves up and join us for this spectacular extravaganza and celebrate the evening with your new upcoming Officers.

Finally, Scotty and I just picked up over 1200lbs of corned beef so if any of you are willing to give a hand out preparing it all, I'm sure Walter and Jimmy would welcome that. Also, last but by no means least, final thank you's go out to Mims, Cathy and Jackie for all their hard work in baking the home made "Irish Soda Breads" for our enjoyment during Parade Day and St Patrick's Day.

God Bless,
Cheers for now,
John.



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.

A Beau becomes a man...

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

Club Dinner Dance Saturday, March 10th
Once again, at the lovely Molly Pitcher Inn,
Full details inside.

ST. Patrick's Day Saturday, March 17th
all day and night! Look out, the holy day is on a SATURDAY this year! Wear body armor, there Will be shrapnel. More inside.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31st
See inside

Widows Luncheon Sunday, April 29th

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, May 13th
Treat Mom, or another special person in your life to the "Batter" experience of the FSOS

WE ARE SHILLELAGH- Just a reminder, there will be ZERO TOLERANCE at the parade this year, act like you belong wearing our uniform, be proud, make us all proud.!



FSOS Pipes and Drums Schedule

- Belmar Mass** - Saturday March 3rd
- Belmar Parade** - Sunday March 4th
- Seaside Heights** - Saturday March, 10th
- South Amboy** - Saturday March, 10th
- Club Dinner Dance** - Saturday March, 10th

- Woodbridge** - Sunday March, 11th
- New York City** - Saturday March, 17th
- Highlands** - Saturday March, 24th

PUB NIGHT
SATURDAY MARCH 31ST
MUSIC BY
BOGSIDE ROGUES

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

Election Results



152 Members Voted

President: John Sheridan - 117 votes, Unopposed

Vice President: Scott Fitzgerald - 123 votes, Unopposed

Recording Secretary: David Cummins - 129 votes, Unopposed

Treasurer: Jim Hartwyk - 129 votes, Unopposed

Corresponding Secretary: Tom McGrath - 126 votes, Unopposed

Keeper of the Shillelagh (2): Mike Murphy - 125 votes

Dennis Pinkiewicz Jr. - 92 votes

Robert Mikulak - 66 votes

Steward: Tom McCarthy - 133 votes, Unopposed

Congratulations to all the participants for being a part of the process.

Parade Day Entertainment



Paddy and the Pale Boys will be with us all afternoon and night March 4th, so come back to YOUR club and ring the rafters!



Membership News

Effective as of the FEBRUARY meeting.

1st Reading: John Gillick / Sponsor / John Demaio
John Donegan / Sponsor / Tom Rielly

2nd Reading: None

New Members: Thomas Cleary, Robert Lamountain WELCOME!

2012 Irishman of The Year



He was born December 4th, 1960 in Holes Street Hospital, Dublin, Ireland and lived in Monkstown and Ballybrack, County Dublin. He has two brothers, Francis and Brian, as well as a sister Jean. He attended Oliver Plunkett School in Monkstown and went on to Lawrence College in Loughlinstown. Prior to moving to New York in 1980, he honed his plumbing skills with Glow Heating and Plumbing in Rathmines.

He met his wife, Roseanne, in Brooklyn and they were married on July 11, 1982. He and Roseanne moved from Brooklyn to Old Bridge, N.J. in February 1991. They have twin daughters, Kelly and Nicole, now 21 years of age, both of whom attended Kean University and are studying to become teachers. He is immensely proud of his girls, who have achieved the milestones of the National Honor Society and the Dean's List.

Upon his arrival in New York, he joined local Irish football clubs in order to meet contacts and secure employment. He was employed by the United Nations as a plumber in May 1984 and celebrated 25 years of service in 2009 along with a much deserved promotion to Assistant Foreman, Plumbing department, United Nations.

Ever proud of his Irish roots, he joined the Friendly sons of The Shillelagh in November, 1992, and made many friends along the way. He tried, unsuccessfully to convert Roseanne's grandma, Molly, from Italian to Irish.

He became part of "the Morning Crew" at the Friendly Sons many years ago and continues to work and cook breakfast at the club every Sunday morning. Recently, he replaced the heat pump in our hot water system, removed the old floor, and put down a new one in our coat room. He also did the plumbing in the new hall bar and is always ready to do any plumbing jobs that arise at the club, or anything else we might ask him to do.

He has always considered himself a "Roskstar" and was a member of The Running Red Band (autographs will be signed at the end of the evening) His main contribution to playing in the band was falling asleep over the bodhran where his brother Brian had to carry him off the stage at the Harbor Bar, in Brooklyn. He also honed his culinary skills by learning how to make garlic bread- mistakenly using dish washing liquid instead of Olive Oil! (Is that why we get the runs on Sunday?)

He is a Jets fan, avid golfer, and travels back to Ireland to visit his mom, Kay, whom he calls every Sunday. Now I present to you, The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Irishman of the Year 2012

ALAN PURCELL



Brother Members,

Just a few short words to say "thank you very much" for selecting me Irishman Of The Year 2012 (And I am REALLY Irish Tommy Howe). I have been Adjutant/Flag Carrier, and photographer of sorts, and now THIS. It has been my privilege to be a member of this club for 20 years. I have been speechless only TWICE in my life, the first time being at the birth of my lovely girls, Kelly and Nicole, and now this great honor.

I would like to thank all my friends at the club for looking after me all these many years. and the morning crew guys for their friendship.

Thank you all
Alan Purcell

The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh It's The President's Other Ball

*The Molly Ditcher Inn
Red Bank, NJ.
Saturday, March 10, 2012*

*Big Band Music
by The Jazz Lobsters*

*Schedule for the Evening
5:30 - 7:00pm - Cocktail Hour
7:00 - 11:45pm - Dinner Dance*

The dinner dance committee is pleased to offer the following ticket prices for the event.

***Members and Significant Other - \$70 per person**

***Friends of the FSOS
\$100 per person**

Contact Scott Fitzgerald or John Sheridan to reserve your tickets

Planning To Stay Over: Mention FSOS when you call reservations @ (732) 747 2500 to avail of group discount.

*The actual cost per person attending this evening is \$154

EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us once again, to hunt for "real" Easter Eggs, if you've seen the trailer for "Hop" you know how the bunny really makes his eggs. 12 noon start, Hot Dogs, Soda, Candy, loads of tons of fun! SATURDAY, MARCH 31st.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday May 13th, 10 am to 12 Noon. Ok, you know the drill by now, the original, oft imitated, never equaled "Boys Of Batter" will once again serve up Pancakes, sausage, Coffee, Tea, and OJ. to warm you and your mother's heart's. \$5.00 per plate (note no Morgan jokes this year). Treat Mom, or your significant other mother to a breakfast worth remembering.

WIDOWS LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars, for SUNDAY, APRIL 29th. Our wonderful annual Widows luncheon. Invitations with food selections will be in the mail shortly. Please, if you are unable to drive, do not hesitate to invite a guest who can assist you.

As usual, Patrick Donnelly will provide the superb menu choices. Former Presidents, please set aside this date and be sure to attend.

THIS IS OUR 25TH Year! HELP IS NEEDED!!!!
– Bob Quinn.

AD Book - # 215, Jackie, "home Stretch" Breen
F.I.L.F.F.C: Jeff Schuld, feeling the 800 lb gorilla off of his back.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**Come celebrate St. Patricks Day at
the Friendly Sons of The Shillelagh.**

It will be a great day. When: 3:00pm to 11:00pm

Food: Corned Beef Platters - \$4, Craic free!!!

**Live Music: Drop Kick Murphys, Floggin Molly, The Chieftains,
The Dubliners, Great Big Sea, The Wolfe Tones, Gaelic Storm,
The Corrs, Jackson Brown, The Pogues, The Saw Doctors, Black 47,
U2 and Me as Well, all appearing courtsey of Pandora Radio.**

Clothing: Green will be a good color to wear...really!

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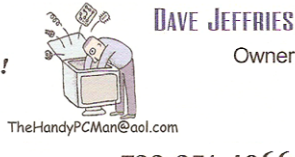
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