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SHENANIGANS

Gentlemen,

Once again, I sincerely hope and pray that this Shenanigans finds you all in good Health and Spirits.

As the "Scooter" would say...Quote..."Holy Cow" ...boy, did we have another fun filled busy month !!

We went from Eggs to Legs to Bogsiders to Lilly's and ended up with Trees and wall to wall carpets !!

We started off with our Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted once again successfully by Marty and Jose Cameron. This year unfortunately the weather did not cooperate but that did not stop us (chickens can lay eggs in the rain and Marty proved he too was up for this task). We had many young Shillelagh's appear for our indoor hunt. The competition was fierce and the judges appeared very confused as to the true winners of this years competitive hunt. Marty was fair enough not to participate but rumor has it Tommy Howe won, as he hid most of the eggs in his own pockets. Yes, he won a coloring book and crayons, not what he was hoping for...Hmmm !! Thank you to all that made this the start of a great day for our young and not so young.

We followed this event up with another Annual Event, our Pipes and Drums Pub Night. Wow, what a night that was. We were not just entertained by our very own award winning Pipes and Drums Band but we were also gifted by the fine Irish vocals and sounds of the Bogside Rogues who had us all singing, clapping and dancing the night away. This, in my opinion, was one of the best Pub Nights our fine club has ever witnessed. So congrats go out to our Pipe Major, Johnny Hatton and his team, for a job well done.

Before I go any further, I would like to express my gratitude to Cathy Fitzgerald, her mom Roseann and Barbara Cummins who dedicated their time in planting and sprucing up the front of our building with some beautiful flowers. Scott also thanks you, as now he has an excuse to come here to....erh.....just....erh.....oh yeah, water the plants.....Happy Days... :-)

And now we get to the Legs part, as mentioned above. I am truly not 100% sure wether we are talking about the Ladies or Kevin Mogan's legs here but before I get into that, let me start off by once again congratulating one of our Former President's, Mr. Bobby Quinn and his wife

Agnes for successfully hosting the 25th Annual Widows Luncheon. All the Ladies appeared to have a fantastic afternoon. Thank you's also go out to Patrick Donnelly who kept the Ladies well nourished, Ray Costello who kept them well oiled and Sue Hansult who sweetened them up with home made chocolates to end this gracious day. Getting back to the Legs...well, rumor has it, this is all about Kevin M. and how he carried himself around the hall that fine day.....there were shouts from the crowd that he carried himself like a true (dare I say it) English Gentleman !! Kevin will have to explain this one himself ,(sorry, your on your own here, pal). The afternoon ended with Kevin receiving over 35 phone numbers on a sheet of paper with no names attached.... nobody knows how this came about (right Marge) so let the games begin pal.

Well, in case you have not noticed yet, as promised we did in fact continue to improve the appearance of the exterior of our building by moving forward in our plans to form a secret garden right outside the exits from our Hall area. We will also very soon be forming a patio area there for the enjoyment of the membership and also to hopefully created more Hall rental business for our club. I would like to thank the Building Committee who helped me with this project, especially Scott, Kenny, David, Cary, Steve J. and Kevin.

As you can see the improvements to the office are finally approaching the finish line. Thank you to all who aided in this much needed upgrade, Charlie A, Jack G, Brian, Tom McC, Jack McC, Billy F, Timmy B, Alan P, Scotty, Gary M and finally Kenny S who enjoyed laying the carpet sooo much he did it twice :-)

Finally, get ready for some great entertainment this month as I show my gratitude to you all with another Membership Appreciation Night with entertainment performed by the Thomas Westley Stern Band and including drink specials from your friendly Bar Staff.

So come on down to "your" Friendly Sons and hopefully we can share some Shenanigans and a cocktail or two together .

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.

What Is Love All About...

May Meeting - Thursday, May 10th 8:30PM

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, May 13th

Treat Mom, or another special person in your life to the "Batter" experience of the FSOS

MS Bike Ride Saturday/Sunday, May 19th and 20th

See Donnie Bruchez for more. Details inside.

Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 28th

Busses leave for Sayreville @ 830 sharp. IN UNIFORM

Membership Appreciation Night Saturday, May 19th

Starting at 8:00 pm, NO COVER CHARGE,
Featuring The Thomas Westley Stern Band,
Drink specials all night long

Coming up...The PIG Roast, June 2nd, see poster inside

Likely May entertainment night, stay tuned.



FROM ALAN

Brother members, E-Board, President Sheridan, and the committee, as well as the Pipe Band;

Please accept this apology on behalf of myself and Family. In my moment of Mary emotion (lol), I forgot to thank all you sweet guys for bestowing this great on upon my undeserving soul.

It was a great night for myself and my family, oh and a special thanks to all the ladies for crying with me! They were heartfelt tears of joy.



FSOS Pipes and Drums

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

MS BICYCLE RUN

Each year, several brave and determined riders from the FSOS participate in a heartfelt, grueling bicycle ride to aid in the search for a cure to this dreaded disease. This year's details:

This year's MS bike ride is May 19th and 20th The ride we take part in is 25 miles from Monmouth university along some beautiful shore towns and then back to Monmouth university. This is a fundraiser for multiple sclerosis. You receive a free tshirt for participating as well as a boxed lunch back at the college. Anyone interested in riding our team name is FSOS Riders. For more info please contact Donnie Bruchez at 908-705-4687.

MS Society website :http://bikenjm.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=BIKE_NJM_Detailscoast. Please lend a hand.



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.

"When anyone asks me about the Irish character, I say look at the trees. Maimed, stark and misshapen, but ferociously tenacious."

– Edna O'Brien

President's Joke of the Month:

This one is for all my computer geeks out there...Yes...that includes you "
Jimmy Rhodes " ;-)

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. "House" for instance, is feminine: "la casa." "Pencil," however, is masculine: "el lapiz." A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?" Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation. The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender ("la computadora") because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

(THIS GETS BETTER!)

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine ("el computador") because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time, they ARE the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won.

Dear Son



Dear Son,

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive. I am writing this letter slowly because I know that you cannot read very fast.

You won't recognise the house anymore when you come home; we moved because your Dad read in the paper that most accidents happen within 20 miles of home. I won't be able to send you the address as the last family here took the numbers with them for their next house, so they wouldn't have to change their address.

There was a new style of washing machine in the house when we moved in, but it wasn't working too good. I put 14 shirts into it last week, pulled the chain and I haven't seen them since!

About your father - he has a lovely new job. He now has 500 people under him. He is cutting the grass at the cemetery.

Auntie Maude has sent you a pair of socks she knitted, she put a third one in because she heard you have grown another foot since she last saw you.

The coat you wanted me to send you, your Aunt Sue said it would be a little too heavy to send in the mail with the heavy buttons, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

Your sister, Mary, had a baby this morning. I haven't found out yet whether it was a boy or a girl, so I don't know if you are an Uncle or an Aunt.

Jimmy locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out.

Your Aunt Harriet took a flight from New York to Los Angeles last week, said it was the first

time she had ever arrived somewhere before she had left. Last time she thinks that might have happened, the doctors said it was Alzheimer's disease.

Your Uncle Dick drowned last week in a vat of whiskey in Dublin Brewery. Some of his co-workers dived in to save him, but he fought them off bravely. We cremated the body and it took three days to put out the fire.

Your father didn't have much to drink at Christmas. I put a bottle of castor oil in his pint of beer and it kept him going until New Year's day.

I went to the doctor on Thursday, and your father came with me. The doctor put a small tube in my mouth and told me not to open it for ten minutes - your father offered to buy it from him.

It only rained twice last week. First time was for three days and the second for four. On Monday the wind blew so hard that one of the chickens laid the same egg four times.

Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pickup truck. Butch was driving. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in the back. They drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down.

We received a letter yesterday from the undertaker. He said that if the last payment on your Grandmother's funeral wasn't made, up she comes.

Your loving Mother,

PS. I was going to send you ten dollars, but I have already sealed the envelope.

25th Widows Luncheon



The 25th Widows Luncheon on 4/29/12 was a success. Everyone had a great time. The food was delicious, Pat Donnelly out did himself. A special thank you to the former Presidents that helped with the day: Present was Jim Fennessey, Jim Byrne, Bob Coyle, Ray Costello, Michael lee foster, Kevin Wyer, John Wagle and Robert McKiernan. Also present helping out was Kevin Morgan and Frank Doyle. Working in the Kitchen with Pat was Sue Hansult, Denise Shanley, Mim Sheridan and Agnes Quinn. Special thanks to Sue for the candy and my wife Agnes for the flowers. The entertainment was music by Piper Frank McFadden and the Irish Step Dancers. Our President John Sheridan arranged for the Irish Step Dancers and address the ladies at the end of the luncheon. We were wondering if Kevin Morgan got any sleep that night as he had 39 new telephone numbers to call. Did you call any?

Bob Quinn



Two Irish mothers were talking about their sons. The first said, "My Patrick is such a saint. He works hard, doesn't smoke, and he hasn't so much as looked at a woman in over two years." The other woman said, "Well, my Francis is a saint himself. Not only hasn't he not looked at a woman in over three years, but he hasn't touched a drop of liquor in all that time." "My word," the first Irish mother said. "You must be so proud." "I am," the second mother replied. "And when he's paroled next month, I'm going to throw him a big party."

FSOS PIG ROAST



Saturday, June 2nd 1PM/?

\$25.00 per person, over the age of 21. If you purchase your tickets in advance (by May 30), you get an early bird price of \$20.00. Purchase 10 tickets to reserve a table. All others are free!

This has become our greatest outdoor event. This year John and Scott will make the dangerous journey to Dey Road Farm, and select sublime Swine. We will have (aside from roast swine) Deep Fried Turkey's, Chicken, Sausage, Clams, Burgers, Hot Dogs, but no Pizza. Oh, yes there will be BEER. We will have a live band, The Backbeat, that you can dance, or grind, or just chill to. Games and prizes for the kids. Please bring extra chairs, and an empty stomach. See any officer to volunteer your assistance, please.

It takes 875 pounds of feed to raise one pig to market weight

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2nd prize - HP Laptop

3rd prize - 100 Qt. Brushed Steel Patio Cooler

4th prize - 4GB IPOD Shuffle

Tickets just \$10.00



THOUGHTS WHILE WALKING

I had the honor and privilege of walking in Belmar April 15th. The event, if you will, was to benefit MS, that's Multiple Sclerosis in case you are not aware. My reasons are not important, The MS Society exists to make the world free of this often debilitating disease that affects over 400,000 people in the U.S. alone. What I saw was, hundreds of people, either diagnosed, or close to someone who has been, with an indomitable spirit; walking to someday find a cure. Stood with Paula, and the twins, laughed, felt happy and sad simultaneously. If you have some time, read, research, help, please. Thanks.

AD Book - #280, Tom "Gunny" Dunn

F.I.L.F.F.C: did not see from bed, but it smelled like Keegan



Membership News

Effective as of the APRIL meeting.

1st Reading: Michael Lynch / Sponsor / Joe Gougou
Gregory Steigler / Sponsor / George Keubler

2nd Reading: John Gillick, John Donegan

New Members: None



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