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Gentlemen,

It is with deepest sympathy that I inform you of the passing of Hank Hogan. Hank passed away suddenly on Monday July 29th.. Hank was a loyal FSOS member for over 15 years. Hank was an active member of the club who faithfully attended many fundraising events, Friday night dinners, Sunday shuffleboard, and was enjoying the club with his wife, Barbara. Hank was very special and will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Please keep Hank's family in your thoughts and prayers. There are no funeral arrangements as of now, but as they become available, I will share them with you.

Walter Farrell. What can we say about Walter? Words cannot describe what Walter means to this club. He is a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, loyal member, man of many hats and a true friend. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your friendship and guidance through the years. Best of luck to you and your family as you leave Old Bridge and move to your new home in North Carolina. Walter, please do not be a stranger and make sure you stop in to the club when you are back in town. I would like to invite all members to stop down to the club to see Walter before he leaves town. Cheers! My dear friend, you will be missed by many!

Thank you to Jim Hartwyk and Mike Murphy for your hard work in digging the trench along the new patio deck and to Kenny Brown and Kevin Wyer for fixing the patio deck. I would also like to extend a big shout out to Mike Eilers and Kenny Shanley for maintaining the grass and grounds. This has not been an easy task working in the hot summer heat. Your dedication to the club does not go unnoticed and I thank you for your efforts.

Charlie Donnelly and the Golf committee members, Frank Hines, Frank Lynch and Dave Cummins did an outstanding job organizing this year's golf outing. A great time was had by all and the fun times continued back at the club. New member, Dennis McPartland, took home the trophy this year with a score of 74. Congratulations Dennis! If you are interested in playing next year, make sure you sign up early as this event is always well attended and closes out quickly.

July has been a quiet month down at the club. Remember this is your club. So come down and enjoy yourselves. The air conditioning is cranking, the beer is cold and there is always good craic happening.

All the best,

Scott

Good and Welfare

I Give, You Give Blind

August Meeting Thursday, August 8th 8:30PM
BRING A FRIEND MEETING

FSOS Soccer Tourney

Saturday, August 17th 10AM
See John Sheridan or Kev Burns

Kelly Brothers Benefit

Saturday, September 14th 2/6PM
details inside.

FSOS Family Picnic

Saturday, September 28th 1/6PM
Story inside.

Tour De Shillelagh

Saturday, September 28th 1/6PM
Story inside.

I value the friend who for me finds time on his calendar, but I cherish the friend who for me does not consult his calendar.

– Robert Brault

Brother **Hank Hogan** passed away, keep his family and friends in your prayers.



Please remember our troops and support staff all over the globe.

Please keep charity in your heart and hands.

Good and Welfare information should be given to Barney Shannon @ (732) 254-6153, or to any officer.

FSOS Pipes & Drums

Lotto raffle tickets now available. See any band member to get yours today!



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



THE ORDER OF THE FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH
OLD BRIDGE, NJ

50TH ANNIVERSARY

CLUB HISTORY VOLUME #1

Right lads here we go, our first letter in to begin the history of our club as we prepare for the celebration of our "Golden 50th Anniversary". Now before I go any further, I want you all to take into account that this gentleman is trying to remember back nearly 50 years ago. We all know some of us can't even remember what we had for breakfast ;-). So give him credit for the memories, as I truly do. Soooo off we go...

In January, 1964, Jack Dunphy and Harry Knox thought about getting a group together to March in the Newark, St. Patrick's Day Parade. Then one night at the Spotswood Bowling alley, Bobby Trachman came to us guys bowling in the league and said there was a meeting in the back room after bowling. We thought it was about bowling, but it was about marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. A bunch of us agreed that we would like to march.

A meeting was held at Pete's Pizza on Main St. in Old Bridge to discuss the plans of how we were going to do this. It was decided we would all rent tuxedo's. Harry Knox made arrangements through a "Parade Committee".

We left on Sunday morning, March 15th 1964, 40 proud Irishmen by bus from the Turf Club on route 9 in Old Bridge for our first St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newark. Before we marched, we choose a name for ourselves from "The Jackie Gleason Show", but we did not make it official until after the parade.

We wrote to Jackie Gleason Studios for permission to name our club "The Order of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh". They responded "OK" and that's how we got our name.

Then we met monthly in clubs and restaurants in Old Bridge, like the American Legion, the old St. Thomas Hall and the Turf Club. We then sought to purchase the land. One Sunday morning we went to Oak Street and walked through the grounds, the water came up to our knees.

Names to be remembered from the early days... Harry Knox, Bobby Trachman, Jack Dunphy, Mike Ruffley and Tom Murphy.

I cannot remember everyone, but the work crew mostly consisted of Shillelagh Brother's, with all their talents. I cannot tell you how we got some of our materials... "We Irish are very resourceful"!!

So this all led to Jackie Gleason's favorite words..." AND AWAY WE GO!!"

Thank you to one of our Founding Members, Mr. Barney Shannon, for what he recalls from memory.

Remember... "We Irish are the best story tellers", so keep them coming lads. – John P. Sheridan.

21ST ANNUAL

KELLY BROTHERS SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

IN MEMORY OF BOB & DENNIS



Saturday SEPTEMBER 14th 2-6pm

Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh
1 Oak Street, Old Bridge

\$25.00 donation
(Children free)

Includes: Food, Beer, Wine, Soda,
DJ & Games for Kids

**If unable to attend, donations greatly appreciated.
Checks can be made out to:**

Hemophilia Association of NJ or H.A.N.J

Any questions, please call 732-679-1922.

Tour De Shillelagh Bike Run



Sat., September 28th, 9AM

Great event to benefit SERF and
the Food Pantry. 20 mile circuit
from the club, all sweat it off, and
then drink it back on, what fun!

This is our 13th run!

SOME REASONS YOU SHOULD BE HERE...

► **This is YOUR Club:**

Its health; both structurally and financially need your support. Come down to some work parties (SATURDAYS). It is staggering how much maintenance is needed just to keep the building sound and clean.

► **The PUB:**

Is one of the backbones of the Club. Lack of support for it drives up prices, and JEEZ, you are not going to drink cheaper anywhere.

► **Friday Night Dinners:**

The best way to start your weekend. great food, at a great price, and you can bring the family.

► **Club Events:**

There is no reason for empty seats at parties and Pub Nights sponsored by the FSOS.

► **General Nonsense:**

We laugh, complain, call each other vile names, what more could you want?

**Please, support this Club,
Your Club.**



FSOS FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, September 28th 1/6PM

This year, Jim Hartwyk and his crew of BBQ boys (and girls) will attempt to turn your taste buds inside out, and maybe reinvent your digestive system!

- **\$15.00 per person pre sale**
- **\$20.00 at the door**
- **Children 1 through 9 free**
- **10 through 20, \$5.00**

This event has always been one of our "gifts to the membership" It would be heartwarming to actually see a LARGE MEMBER TURNOUT this year, remember it's your club.

BEER, Wine, Soda, water, oh, and BEER too, all the food most of us could possibly ingest, Pony Rides , some sort of exciting ride,. games for all, Horse shoe Tourney too Please bring a chair. Please volunteer to help, low cost, but high maintenance event! LIVE MUSIC with SUMMER BOB

There will be a great Raffle too!

Please bring extra chairs too.

See you all there???????

4th Annual

SOCCER TOURNAMENT

10AM SATURDAY - AUGUST 17TH

**5 on 5, small goals,
no keeper**

**Teams picked ahead
of the event**

**No sliding tackles
-Friendly tournament**

Entry Fee is \$25 Per Person

- T-shirts, Prizes for first team, Goal of the Tournament, and Player of the Tournament
- BBQ commences after the tournament includes Beer and Soda

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WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 7th

9AM sign in. Games begin @ 9:30, until the last wiffle is balled.

\$125.00 per team entry fee
(includes food and beer)

Sign up early, (must arrive by 8:30)
first come, first served, 1st 11 teams
to pay, play, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Food starts @ 12PM,

Kegs tapped @ 11:00 AM

- 1st round - 4 inning games, thereafter, 5 inning games
- Start with a 1/1 count
- you can pitch no more than 3 innings per game
- 5 player max. per team (guys and or girls)
- 4 on the field at one time, everyone bats.
- substitutions at any time
- Automatic hits, NO RUNNING, whew! Thank God for that.

Contact Bobby Shanley.

Membership News

EFFECTIVE AS OF THE **JULY** MEETING



AUGUST Anniversaries

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading:

Jeremy Bahun, James Stapleton

New Members:

**Zachery Becker, William Becker
WELCOME!**

20 YEARS

BRIAN BURKE
THOMAS JENNINGS
JOHN McGUIRK

15 YEARS

THOMAS GLEASON
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10 YEARS

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