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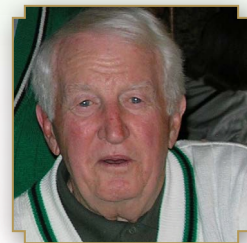
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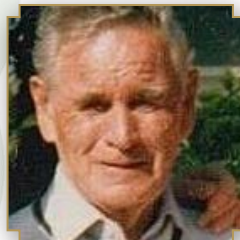
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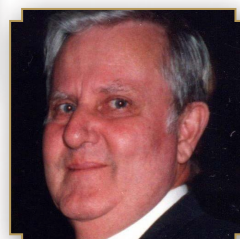
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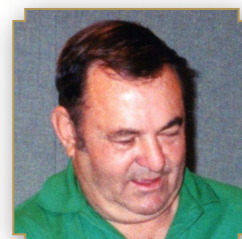
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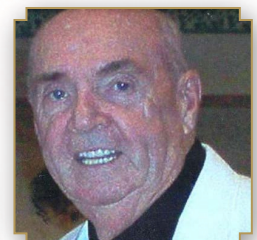
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GENTLEMEN,
FOR THE PASSED TWO YEARS
I HAVE HAD THE HONOR AND
PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS YOUR
PRESIDENT. I WOULD LIKE TO
DEDICATE THOSE TWO YEARS TO
OUR FELLOW BROTHERS THAT
WE LOST DURING THAT TIME.
MAY THEIR MEMORIES
LIVE FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.

GOD BLESS THEM ALL,
GOD BLESS THE FRIENDLY
SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH,

JOHN

Gentlemen,

First of all lads, I sincerely hope this Shenanigans finds you all in the best of "Health and Spirits". Please, as always, remember 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 that my two year term has come to an end. I cannot be more proud for being gifted the opportunity to lead our "Irish" club and I thank each and everyone of you for the confidence you've showed in allowing me to do this.

It has been my absolute pleasure and honor to be part of a "Team" of so many great people. Year after year, this club has seen many changes as it continues its successful path. We are financially in a great position, our building is strong and secure and our membership is vibrant and very active as we continue to be a major prominent fixture in our Old Bridge community.

We have just witnessed our Annual Club Elections. Thank you to Kevin, Mike and Gary for all their hard work during the nominations and the election day process.

I would like to congratulate all our incoming Officers and also thank our outgoing Officers, Mr. David Cummins and Mr. Tom McGrath, for all the time they dedicated to aid in the smooth running of our club. Thank you also to my E-Board and especially Kenny Brown for his leadership as my Bartenders Manager.

Cheers to Marty for running another successful Blood Drive, its amazing how he runs such a big event for such a small lad!! Good things come in small packages....right Josie :-)

Before I continue, I would like to display my utmost confidence in handing my reins over to my very good friend, Mr. Scott Fitzgerald. I know Scott is looking forward to the challenges that are ahead of him and I am very confident with the assistance of his new E-Board and communications crew that he and they can be successful as a "Team".

Well, we just witnessed another Parade Day and what a great day it was. This as you all know is a very important day for our Irish Club to display our true "Irish Heritage" as we lead the Belmar/Lake Como Day Parade. We started the day off with a heart warming Mass celebration that included some very enjoyable Irish "Holy" humor thanks to Father Joseph Desmond. Hey, we even found out about his Polish jokes!!

The man is such a character, please God he will be celebrating Mass with us for many years to come.

Then we were treated to a delicious breakfast and finally onto the buses and off to the parade. On the most positive of notes, let me say how proud I was of each and every one of you as we proudly marched down Main St. in Belmar displaying our "Sea of Green" leading the parade. You all displayed yourselves as proper true gentlemen by wearing your uniform smartly with pride and believe me it was extremely noticeable. So, I "Thank You" all for this.

Congratulations again to Mr. Jamie O'Kane as he assisted in leading us as this years Parade Adjutant.

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, the night was endless with tons of "Craic" which left no stones unturned throughout the night. Our "Mexican Keegan" and John Wagle had balloons and spoons in places where no one has seen for decades!! By the way, we are still missing a couple of spoons !! You needed to be there to know what I mean... "What happens at Mardi Gras, staaaays at Mardi Gras"... Happy Days !!

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!! Bob and Tim from the Bogside Rogues entertained us to no end until the wee hours of the morning. Great job again Joe, looking forward to next year.

I would like to congratulate, John Hatton on being selected "Irish Man of the Year". This is a fantastic honor for John as he displayed the importance of this and his appreciation on receiving this great honor by emotionally being stuck for words. Congrats pal.

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 incoming Officers.

Before I run out of space, it is of the utmost importance that I show my sincere appreciation to the many ladies that dedicated their time to make March a "Corned Beef" success... Jane and her crew of Dot, Mims, Barbara W, Cathy F, Roseanne, Mo, and to the boys... Walter, and all the lads that helped out, and finally to the set up, clean up and bartenders, thank you all for being a major "March" part of our "Friendly Sons Team" of success... Happy Days :-).

Also thank you's go out to Mims, Dot and Zoe for all their hard work in baking the home made "Irish Soda Breads" for all our enjoyment on Parade Day.

Finally, thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your continued help and especially your support throughout my term. With this you all completely made my job, as your President, without a doubt very manageable and extremely enjoyable.

And last but by no means least, thank you to my wife, Miriam, for being there to support me throughout every step of my Friendly Sons journey.

I will always love you honey...♥

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.

Farewell

March Meeting Thursday, March 14th 8:30PM

Saint Patrick's Day Sunday, March 17th
no other explanation necessary

Club Dinner Dance Saturday, March 23rd
Again at the wonderful Molly Pitcher inn,
See John or Scott.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 23rd 11AM-1PM

Pub Night Saturday, Saturday April 6th 8PM-????
Bogside Rogues

Widows Luncheon Sunday, April 28th 1PM

The club would like to offer special thanks, to Charlie Donnelly, David Cummins, for their work in coordinating the Parade Mass, and also a special thank you to Honorary Mass Coordinator, Mr. Charles Costello.



FSOS Pipes & Drums – Schedule

Saturday, March 2nd - Belmar Mass

Saturday, March 16th - NYC Parade

Sunday, March 3rd - Belmar Parade

Sunday, March 17th - Allentown, PA Parade

Saturday, March 9th - South Amboy Parade

Saturday, March 23rd - Highlands Parade

Sunday, March 10th - Somerville Parade

Saturday, April 6th - PUB NIGHT

Friday, March 15th - Jersey City/NYC

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

ELECTION RESULTS



- **President: Scott Fitzgerald** - 199 votes, Unopposed
- **Vice President: Jim Hartwyk** - 106 votes *
 - David Cummins- 67 votes
 - Jeff Schuld - 51 votes
- **Recording Secretary: Dennis Pinkiewicz Jr.**- 129 votes*
 - John DeMaio -101 votes
- **Treasurer: Jim Connor** - 138 votes*
 - Thomas Esser - 86 votes
- **Corresponding Secretary: Neil Beinert** - 193 votes, Unopposed
- **Keeper of the Shillelagh (2):**
 - 1st Keeper: Mike Murphy** - 198 votes
 - 2nd Keeper: Robert Mikulak** - 71 votes
- **Steward: Tom McCarthy** - 205 votes, Unopposed.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS
FOR BEING A PART OF THE PROCESS.**

**WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW OFFICERS,
AND A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" TO THOSE MOVING ON.**

"If elected, I will win."
– Pat Paulsen

IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR



HE WAS BORN IN BROOKLYN, N.Y. ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1960. HE IS THE ELDEST SON OF JOHN AND BARBARA HATTON. A BROTHER DANNY, AND SISTER NOREEN. JOHN GREW UP IN COMMACK, LONG ISLAND, AND GRADUATED FROM COMMACK NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

He is the Chief Engineer for Local 94 Operating Engineers Union for over 20 years.

John has been a member of The Friendly Sons of The Shillelagh since 1992. He joined the FSOS Pipes And Drums band in 1991, and has been the Pipe Major since 2001. He has instructed club members sons Francis Lally, Danny Agar. and Vinny Orazi, grandson of original band member Fred Duggan. Under his leadership, the band has played in Ireland, and many areas of the United States, spreading the name of The Friendly Sons of The Shillelagh wherever they travelled. The band has received numerous awards, including Saint Patrick's Day Best Band in Belmar- Lake Como N.J., also in Dublin, Ireland, Cork, Ireland, and First Place in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Through John's direction, the FSOS Pipes And Drums have raised funds donated to many worthy causes, including Toys For Tots, and the FSOS Belmar Sandy Relief Fund.

John became a member of the Belmar-Lake Como Parade Committee in 2010, and is on their Ad Journal Committee, soliciting advertisers for the parade by selling space in the Ad Journal. He was a member of the N.J. Irish Festival Committee in 2009, and took on the post of Committee Chairperson for Piping Competition. Through contacts, John brought a renewed interest back to the committee for piping and drumming community.

John married his wife, Regina, 14 years ago. They have twin six year old daughters, Grace and Brigid. It's John's hope that someday he will march with his daughters in a St. Patrick's Day Parade.

I now present you with the Friendly Sons of The Shillelagh Irishman of The Year 2013, John Hatton.



EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd 11AM - 1PM

Please join us once again, to hunt for "real" Easter Eggs, Bring the kids down, or the "yolk" is on you! 12 noon start, Hot Dogs, Soda, Candy, loads of tons of fun!

See Marty Cameron for questions.



WIDOWS LUNCHEON SUNDAY APRIL 28TH 1PM

THIS IS THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUNCHEON. HOPE TO SEE ALL ATTEND. INVITATIONS WERE SENT OUT. PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FORMER PRESIDENTS PLEASE KEEP THE DATE OPENED, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

BOB QUINN



President's Joke of the Month

A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room, took the husband aside, and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all."

"Me neither doc," said the husband.

"But she's a great cook and really good with the kids."

President's Joke of the Month #2

Three old Irish pilots are walking on the ramp.

First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"

Second says, "No, its Thursday!"

Third one says, "So am I. Lets go get a beer."

"Happy Days" Lads.

AD Book - #234 Adam Borre



Membership News

Effective as of the February meeting.

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: Dennis McPartlin, Sean O' Connor, Liam Barret

New Members: Frank Kennute, WELCOME



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