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# FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH OLD BRIDGE/ NJ SHENANIGANS

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

#### Gentlemen,

My hope is that everyone enjoyed the holiday season and spending time with your family and friends. I would ask for your prayers of remembrance for the members and loved ones we have lost this past year. We hope your memories will give you peace during this holiday season.

Please remember Alan Purcell in your prayers. He lost his Mom on December 30, 2013. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Alan and his family

Once again, this year's Christmas Party was the event of the year. There was plenty of food and that would not have been possible without Pat Donnelly and the Top Hat Catering staff. Thank you all for the delicious food and outstanding service. Thank you to our bartenders for keeping us "well oiled" as Shero would say. The evening was again a success thanks to our VP, Jim Hartwyk, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all for making this event a night to remember.

Kudos, to all who helped and donated to our Toys for Tots effort. This year's benefit was a huge success. Through the efforts of the Dunn family, the club and its members donated over \$1,500 in cash and more gifts than leprechauns could carry. Again, IT IS WHAT WE DO. Special thanks, to Scott Howard and his crew for slaving over the stove and cooking some of the best grub we have had all year. Great job guys! Our Children's Christmas Party was a huge success this year. There was "standing room only" for those who came to see the movie "Frozen". Thank you to Barney Shannon and, of course, our very own Santa Claus for making this event a special day for the children. They had a grand time.

The 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance raffle was a huge success. Thank you to John Sheridan for your efforts and dedication to the club. We raised over \$2,000 for this event. The drawing occurred at the New Year's Eve party and the winnings went to a few lucky club members. Thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets.

I would like to thank our interior decorator, Barney Shannon, for his dedication to the club and making sure that it looks festive for our Holiday events. Barney, you have really outdone yourself. Thank you.

Congratulations to our very own member and former President, John Sheridan for being selected as this year's Grand Marshall of the 2014 Belmar Parade. What a great honor, John. Your dedication to your heritage is second to none. We are so proud of you and will do all we can to support you in your role as Grand Marshall.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyful, bright, healthy and prosperous New Year.

All the best,

Scott

# Good and Welfare

## Crazy Love...

January Meeting Thursday, January 9th 8:30PM

**Presidents Dinner** Saturday January 18th 7PM Join us in honoring our former president John Sheridan. \$25.00 pp, food, fun jokes galore. Music by John Ench. Open Bar, Hors d'oeuvres.

**Belmar Parade Fundraiser** Sunday January19th 3PM-7PM More inside.

**Comedy Night** Saturday January 25th See Don Bruchez.

**Mardi Gras** Saturday February 15th 7:30-??? more inside.

Great Guiness Toast Friday, February 21st

**Club Elections and Blood Drive** Saturday, February 22nd. Full details inside.

#### CONGRATULATIONS -

Former President Steve Hansult's daughter Candace, and her husband, Nick Prusakowski welcomed baby Olivia on December 10th. Pappy is a Grand pappy! Tom "Gunny" Dunn, and his wife, Annette, also were blessed with a grandchild Edward John Bucior III, on Dec.7th, Their Daughter, Megan and husband John Bucior Jr. !!!



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.





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

# NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

## 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 22nd** 

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

### CLUB ELECTIONS & BLOOD DRIVE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

Blood Drive begins at 10AM. Please come down and have a pint drawn from you, and then we will draw a few pints for you.

Voting commences at 12 Noon through 7 PM.

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



# JOIN US FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 8PM

Foray into the dark mystic brew. Joe Patterson is your host.

Musical guests are Bob Hurst and Tim Murphy of the Bogside Rogues!

Door prizes, unique raffles, and well, toasts, both sentimental, and nonsensical.



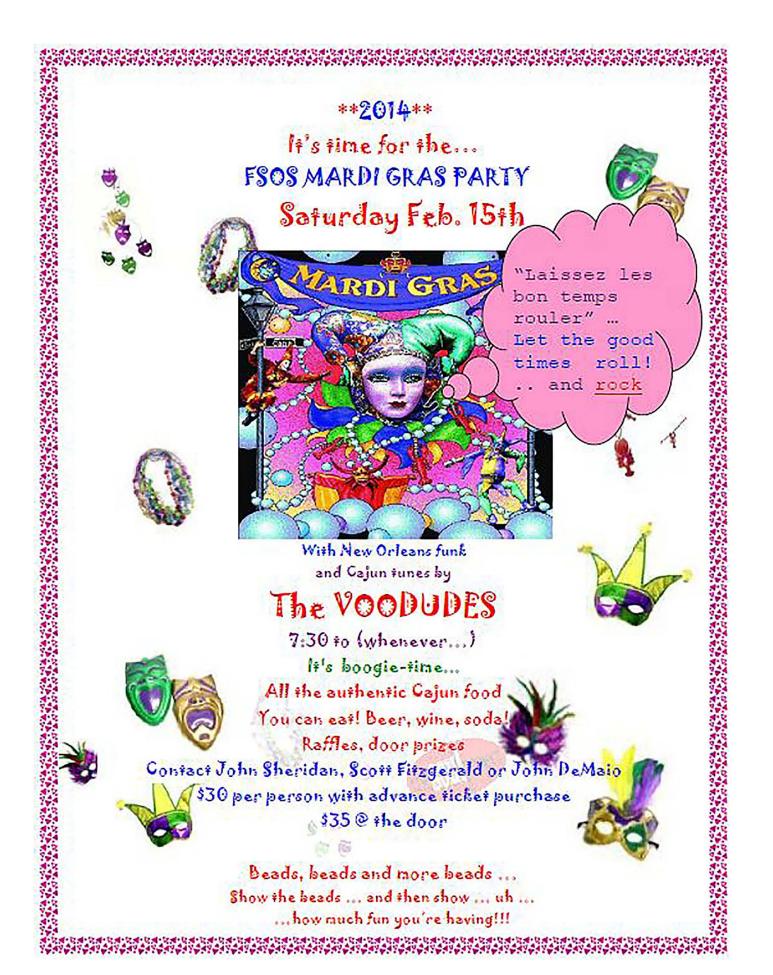
## **Strange New Years Traditions**

### Top 5 strangest customs

- **1.** Spending the night in a cemetery in the company of dead loved ones (Talca, Chile)
- Attempting to hear animals speaking, in the hopes of finding true happiness (Romania)
- **3.** Striking the walls with bread to ward off evil spirits (Ireland)
- **4.** Throwing furniture out the window (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- **5.** Jumping into a frozen lake while carrying a tree trunk (Siberia, Russia)

### Top 5 funniest customs

- A collective kissing session on a square (Venice, Italy)
- 2. Wearing red underwear, a symbol of good luck (Spain, Italy and Mexico)
- **3.** Having a giant water fight over the course of three days (Thailand)
- **4.** Throwing furniture out the window (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- **5.** Boxing with neighbors to settle longstanding quarrels (Peru)



# CONTACT INFORMATION

We are attempting to update the membership database, please take a minute to fill in the blanks below, and e mail, or drop in the safe.

Please email any Contact Info updates to **TREASURER@FSOS.COM** 

### Member Name:

### **Mailing Address**

#### **Email Address**

FSOS Message Phone #:(only if you wish to get these)

Cell #:

Home Phone #:

### Month / Year you joined the Club:

(for verification only)



SUNDAY, JANUARY19<sup>th</sup> 3-7PM

The parade season kicks off with the 1st fundraiser at the home of everything **FSOS!** \$10.00pp, Pipes & Drums, food, music, see Charlie D.

# Membership News

#### EFFECTIVE AS OF THE **DECEMBER** MEETING

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: Scott Lyons

#### **New Members:**

Dustin Schuld, Dennis Casey, Father John Werner, James Anderson; WELCOME!

**Memories:** As we rapidly approach our historic milestone of 50 years, there must be volumes of memories, aside from the obvious, that mean something significant, or humorius to you. Why not jot some down and send them in to myself or John Sheridan, perhaps they can be collected and shared...

## DECEMBER **Anniversaries**

**35 YEARS** JAMES PHILLIPS

**25 YEARS** THOMAS CLANCY WALTER FARRELL JAMES HILLIER

**15 YEARS** FRANK BOHAN JOHN McCARTHY FRANK McGOWAN

**5 YEARS** JOSEPH BRITTON

#### AD Book: 272 - Frank Hines



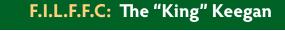
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