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Gentlemen,

Greetings! I ask at this time that you remember Jim Phillips in your thoughts and prayers. Jim, a former, Old Bridge mayor died on February 1, 2014. Jim will be remembered as a friend to many and a dedicated servant. In addition, please keep in your prayers the Bohannon and Jarvis families. Dennis and Bill recently lost their Mothers. I would like express my deepest sympathies to all.

On Saturday January 19, 2014, we gathered together to remember our former president, Mr. John Sheridan who brilliantly served our club for two years. The party was well attended and we ate and drank till the wee hours of the morning. A good time was had by all. Thank you John for your dedication and love of our club and for the support you have shown me during my term. Happy Days!

Our next event was the Belmar Parade Fundraiser. This event held at our club on January 20, 2014 and kicks off the fundraising efforts leading up to the Belmar Parade slated for March 2, 2014. Please visit the parade committee website for a list of the upcoming fundraisers. The fundraisers are a lot of fun with great music and craic. A \$10 donation gets you a pint and a delicious meal. There are only a few fundraisers left so please come down to support our one and only Grand Marshall, John Sheridan who will be leading us all down Main Street on Parade Day.

I would like to send out a huge thank you to Don Brunchez, the members of the Serf and Dinner Dance Committees for hosting a very successful Comedy Night.

Once again, this was a sold out event for a very worthy cause of supporting the food bank and helping to subsidize the cost of our dinner dance. Thank you all for your support and don for your dedication to this event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sean McCoy and Matt Lee for all the hours spent on our information technology issues and help in pulling together our fine publication, The Shennanigans. I appreciate all you do, Brothers. Also thanks to Jim H. Tim D and Butch K for all your help preparing the Superbowl food. The turnout was very light but all were well fed.

Finally, please remember your Sweethearts on February 14, 2014 and also come down to the club on February 22, 2014 to vote and give blood.

All the best,

Scott

# Good and Welfare

## Sometimes, the Carousel Stops

February Meeting Thursday, February 13th 8:30PM

**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.

**Belmar Parade** Sunday, March 2nd Details and instructions inside

**Club Dinner Dance** Saturday, March 22nd details next paper

## **Great Guiness Toast (St Practice Day)**

Join us Friday, February 21st, 8PM for our 6th annual 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.

Please remember our troops and support staff all over the globe. Please keep charity in your heart and hands .Brother member Jim Phillips passed away Alan Purcel's mom passed, as did Billy Jarvis's Mom. Please save a thought for the family.



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

## **FSOS Pipes & Drums**



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

## **CLUB ELECTIONS & BLOOD DRIVE**

# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

#### **REMEMBER:**

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

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

## THE BALLOT POSITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### **President:**

O Scott Fitzgerald - Unopposed

### **Vice President:**

O Jim Hartwyk - Unopposed

## **Recording Secretary:**

O Dennis Pinkiewicz Jr. - Unopposed

#### **Treasurer:**

O Jim Connor - Unopposed

## **Corresponding Secretary:**

O Tom McGrath - Unopposed

## Keeper of the Shillelagh:

(Keeper with the most votes will be 1st keeper)

- O Robert Mikulak
- O Mike Murphy

### **Steward:**

O Tom McCarthy - Unopposed



## BELMAR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND

The day begins with 9:00 AM Mass at the club followed by a Continental Breakfast before Parade Registration. Buses (6) will leave the club at 11:30 sharp. BUS return: Transportation back to the club is scheduled as follows; 3 buses to depart approx. 2:00 PM directly after the parade, 1 bus will depart at 3:00 PM, LAST BUS HOME will depart at 4:00 PM. All buses will depart from MAIN STREET AND 5TH AVE. The Parade Adjutant for 2013 will be announced at the February meeting. Please let us know ASAP if you need special transportation for the parade. We will have a special bus. Call Charlie D @ (732) 257-2866.

The club will be closed to all except those authorized to be in the building to prepare for our return from Belmar. The doors will remain locked until the first bus returns. All members are required to sign-in either at the club or in Belmar. If meeting in Belmar, please look for the Registration Crew. It is your responsibility to sign-in. Those not signed-in or excused WILL receive a censure.

**All members are required to march.** If for any reason you cannot march, you must submit a written excuse to the Executive Board requesting to be excused prior to Parade Day. There are NO automatic excuses issued due to residence, etc.

All members are to be in full uniform: Green blazer with club patch, gray slacks (no jeans), polished black shoes (no sneakers), club beret and badge, and official club tie. Please limit any accessory to those in good taste. If you have a question on something you would like to wear, please check with the Parade Adjutant, President, or Marshals to see if the item is acceptable. Smoking and drinking is not allowed during the march, you must step-off with the club. You will not be allowed to jump in line as we pass any local taverns you may have been in. You may be censured for this. Please do not embarrass the Friendly Sons or yourself. Proper conduct is expected at all times. Remember, you are representing the finest Irish-American Club in the world. The spectators and other marchers deserve your courtesy and respect.

⇒ Your parade day package includes 2 food tickets, after the use of said tickets; all sandwiches will now be \$5.00 due to rising costs.

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## **Fiftyth Anniversary Thoughts**

I have been here for a few years, and quite a few moments. The thoughts I have to share are my own.

Many friends have come and gone, but the tenets of this great club remain constant. We are Irish (mostly), we are tragic, full of the day's drama, yet immeasurably funny through a tear.

We are brothers, whether you are here or not (give pause to remember why you joined). We fight, we forgive (sometimes), we toil endlessly for our families, and this club. Remember those that built the foundations, for criminy, ASK questions, the "hows", and "whys" There were GREAT men who assembled 50 years ago, guts and sweat, risks aplenty. And now you/we are here; to honour, and reminisce to that legacy.

Some of us still sound "off the boat" (or whatever John Sheridan sounds like) To me, hearing a deep brogue, carries a lilt, akin to a lost old favorite song.

I will not ramble on for now, Tom

**NOTE:** The 50th Anniversary Committee will have a scheduled meeting before our monthly meeting at 7:00pm sharp



## **FSOS Mardi Gras Party**

## Saturday Feb. 15th

With New Orleans funk and cajun tunes by The VOODUDES 7:30 to (whenever...)

It's boogie-time...All the authentic Cajun food you

can eat! Beer, wine and

soda! Raffles, door prizes!

**\$30** per person with advance ticket purchases

\$35 at the door

Contact John Sheridan, Scott Fitzgerald or John DeMaio

## **Belmar Parade Funraisers:**

Here are the remaining parade fundraisers, please get out and support the cause, if you are able:

## Sunday, February 16th

Boathouse Bar And Grill, Belmar, N.J.

## Sunday, February 23rd

507 Main, Belmar N.J.

The 2 events above are \$10.00 donation, and run from 2PM to 6PM

## Friday, February 28th

Water View Pavilion, Belmar

This will be "An Evening Of Irish Culture" featuring Irish Heroes of the Civil War 6:30 to 10PM, \$65.00 Advance tickets only, includes Cocktail hour, Dinner, and open bar.

Further information can be accessed on the Belmar Parade website www.belmarparade.com

## Membership News

EFFECTIVE AS OF THE JANUARY MEETING

1st Reading: None

**2nd Reading:** James McGeehan, Steven Lopez

New Members: Scott Lyons, WELCOME



15 YEARS

DARRELL JICHA

10 YEARS

**IOHN MURPHY** 

**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...

AD Book: 136- Rich Gahan

F.I.L.F.F.C: Jay Leno



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