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FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH OLD BRIDGE, NJ



SHENANIGANS

Gentlemen,

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Pipes and Drums band member, John Clark. On behalf of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, I would like to extend my condolences to John's wife, Mary and his three daughters. Please continue to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

In addition, please pray for Freddie McCourt and his family after the passing of his sister, Aileen. May his memories comfort him during this time of sadness.

I would like to extend a huge "thank you" to the gentlemen that helped spread the mulch this month. These men really worked their tails off and it shows in our beautiful landscaping. The place really looks great. Kudos to George K., Jim M., John H., John R., Chris S., Frank M., Bob M., Bobby H., and Kenny B.

Thank you to Charlie Donnelly and his crew for taking time out of their day to honor the special women in our lives on Mother's Day. They served up a delicious breakfast with plenty of pancakes, sausage and bacon. I hope that all the Moms enjoyed themselves on this special day! We love you Moms!

On Saturday May 17th, the FSOS riders hit the pavement and rode 25 miles through Monmouth County. Thanks to captain Don Bruchez for organizing this event once again. The 12 riders, both men and women, raised over \$3000 for the multiple sclerosis foundation. Well done ladies and gents.

I extend my great appreciation for the members that came out to support our Veterans at the Sayreville Memorial Day parade. It was a beautiful, sunny day with many spectators. It was certainly an honor for me to lead our members along the parade route. Thank you to Jim Hartwyk, our VP and this year's Parade Adjutant, Jim McDonald for walking beside me. Finally, to our members and all men and women who have served our country we remember and thank you for your service.

The first Saturday in June is upon us and that can only mean one thing, the 15th Annual FSOS Pig Roast. All families and friends are invited to come out and enjoy this event on Saturday, June 7th. This event is a big undertaking and would not be possible without all hands on deck. I ask that all members come down to the club to assist your host, Vice President, Jim Hartwyk. We are also running a raffle for this event and tickets are \$10 for some great prizes that include a Barbeque Grill, Wicker patio furniture, flat screen TV and a stainless steel cooler.

Last but not least, thank you to all the members that take the time out of their day to help our club run smoothly. We would not exist without your help.

All the Best,

Scott

Good and Welfare

The Times You've Come...

June Meeting Thursday, June 12th 8:30PM

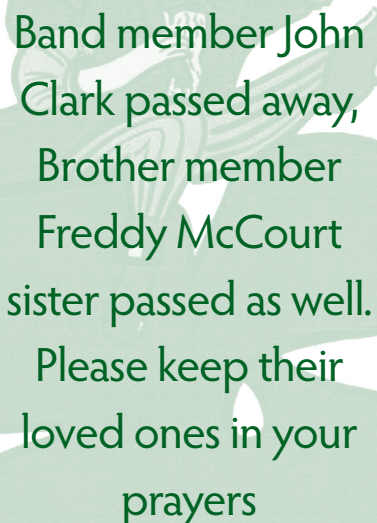
Pig Roast The swinest event of early Summer
Saturday, June 7th 1PM, details abound inside.

N.J. Irish Festival Sunday, June 8th
All the info inside.

Lakewood Blue Claws Trip June 19th
See Tom Esser

50th Anniversary Spectacular
Coming, September 19th-21st

Next month's meeting Thursday, July 10th



Band member John Clark passed away, Brother member Freddy McCourt sister passed as well. Please keep their loved ones 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

Sumer Parades:

Milltown - July 4th



JOHN P. CLARK
1967 - 2014



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



MS Bicycle Run

Saturday, May 17th

On May 17th the FSOS riders took part in their 13th consecutive bicycle tour. It was a great ride taking us through various beach towns and returning to Monmouth University. All riders were able to complete the 25 mile course in about two hours without any major issues to report. The riders that took part in the event were Don Bruchez, Joe Barlik, Jim Burke, Ken Cameron, Kevin Campbell, Jim and Nikki Dunnigan, Tim Fink, Chris and Debbie Finnegan, Michael Lee Foster, Jim Mc Geehan and Sean Timmons. As a result of their efforts they were able to raise a total of \$3022.00 for multiple sclerosis. Thanks again to all the riders, their sponsors and the club for covering the cost of our team shirts. Sincerely, Don Bruchez.

1. Don Bruchez Captain
2. Joe Barlik
3. Ken Cameron
4. Kevin Campbell
5. James Dunnigan
6. Nicki Dunnigan
7. Timothy Fink
8. Chris Finnegan
9. Deb Finnegan
10. Michael Lee Foster
11. James McGeehan
12. Sean Timmons
13. Jim Burke

Summer

Idea, all you lads, on your way out, or to the shore, as long as you have a designated driver, why not use our great pub, as a jump off point for your weekend festivities. You cannot drink cheaper, ANYWHERE, you'll have a few pints, tell a few tales, and be primed for your nights work. I think this is brilliant! Tom

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

–James Dent



The FSOS Pig Roast

Saturday, June 7th 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. The pig selection is a secret ritual, trust the pigs! 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. Live music by SUMMER BOB, a great band! Please SIGN UP TO HELP, this event is a backbreaker of love to set and as well as clean up after. See JIM.

SUPER RAFFLE

1st prize: Stainless Steel six burner Gas Grill

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3rd prize: 28 inch flat screen TV

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\$10.00 per raffle Ticket



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

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Right lads here we go, another letter in on the history of our club as we prepare for the celebration of our "Golden 50th Anniversary". **Thank you to one of our Most Loyal Members, for what he recalls from memory.** Now before I go any further, I want you all to take into account that this "Young Man" is trying to remember back nearly 15 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...

It was 1999, and the original siding on our Building was falling off. Every time it got windy, more loosened up until it was dangerous and had to be replaced. Somehow, whether I volunteered or got volunteered, I'm not sure which, I became the Building Committee Chairman.

John Walanczak ordered the material and we began the removal of old and installation of new siding. A lot of members answered the call for work parties. Saturdays we worked 8-10 hour days, had lunch together with a couple of beers, and had a blast while we worked. Those who weren't mechanically inclined helped with clean up and loading the dumpsters.

Through this endeavor, I made many friends in the club. Some of them have passed on, but are not forgotten. Kevin Wyer, Kenny Brown, Bob Monahan, Joe Costello, Bob Arthur, Joe W. Peel, Mike Sullivan, Jr, Marty Cameron,

John Walanczak, Jack McCarthy, Jim McNamara, Walter Farrell, Bill Dunnigan Snr., Kevin Morgan, are those that I remember. Apologies to anyone I missed. Oops !! Almost forgot Pat Dunnigan, our bartender, whose wit was unmatched.

A couple of years later, the Pavilion was built, not where it was originally planned, but it went up for all to enjoy, but not without a problem with the D.E.P. seems like we inadvertently encroached on wetlands. However, negotiations by Bill Jarvis and myself with the D.E.P. and a few concessions on both sides, we got it approved.

I resigned as Building Committee Chairman, but the major repairs continue on under Kenny Brown and Kevin Wyer. New roof and air conditioners were installed, sizes of work parties were still large, and comradery was great.

Whether you're a new member or long time member, I urge you to join in the work parties and meet your fellow members and have some craic together. It makes lasting memories and friendships.

Slainte, Larry McGrath.

Thank you Larry for a job well done, Sir. REMEMBER... "WE IRISH ARE THE BEST STORY TELLERS", SO KEEP THEM COMING LADS.

Cheers for now,
John P Sheridan.

Dedicated To Our Founding Members

Leo Ahern

Harry Amrien

William Barrett

Edward Bean

Terence Blackwell

Kenneth Burns

Richard Christie

Frederick Colcough

Patrick Connelly

Gerard DeYoung

Edward Doherty

Bernard Donnellan

James Dunn

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Celtic Cross

Round The House

Stage 2: The Pat Roddy Band

The Fighting Jamesons

Paddy and The Pale Boys

Stage 3: The Bantry Boys

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The Willie Lynch Band

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Membership News

EFFECTIVE AS OF THE **MAY** MEETING

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading:

Michael Mischler, Chris Styles,
Michael Sullivan, Robert Flanagan

New Members: None



April Anniversaries

35 YEARS

PATRICK CARRAGHER SR.

10 YEARS

HAROLD JONES

AD Book: #44, Dave Simon

F.I.L.F.F.C: Unknown



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