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Brother Members,

We have come to the end of our Holy Month at the organization. During the month we celebrated St. Patrick's Day on what turned out to be a beautiful Sunday. The club was filled with members, family, and friends to celebrate the day. Live entertainment, corned beef platters, plenty of beverages, and the annual building fund raffle all contributed to an amazing day. My thanks to all who helped in the kitchen, our bartenders, those that set-up and cleaned-up, and Jim Hartwyk, for all his hard work with the building fund.

Rounding out the month we saw another outstanding children's egg hunt and breakfast with our favorite Easter Bunny. The hall was full of little ones and their baskets of collected eggs. Sue Pelyak does such a great job every year, and I believe every year the attendance seems to grow. Thanks Sue and all those who contributed to help things run smoothly. Our month ended on a grand evening at Battleground Country Club as we held our annual Dinner Dance and Officer Installation. This event also recognizes our Irishman of the Year, Tom McCarthy, with his family and friends in attendance. The night had us entertained by Eamonn and Ryan's Express playing great all-time hits as well as some of our favorite Irish tunes. The food at the cocktail hour and the main course were fabulous, and many danced the night away.

As spring has now fallen upon us we start to fill in some upcoming entertainment to take us to summer. Some of the upcoming events will include Pub Night, Derby Day, Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, and 60's Night. Be sure to look inside for more information on these great social events. We also encourage new entertainment that our membership can enjoy. So please share some ideas and maybe take on an event.

The club will be looking to add a few more work parties as we grow closer to our 60th Anniversary picnic celebration. We will look at making our club look grand inside and outside. Please look for information and when possible, come down and lend a hand.

In closing, let us not forget this is The Order of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh. An Irish American brotherhood of members who share not only their heritage but their friendship and comradery. We also extend these to our family and friends, so I ask that we remind ourselves of our privilege as members. Let's respect our organization, our fellow brothers, family, and friends with our actions that reflect the true meaning of our special Shillelagh brotherhood.

Sláinte,  
Sully

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# YOUR DUES... THEY'RE OVERDUE.

Why is this section taking up space in the April newsletter? Because the club treasurer is being kept busy collecting dues. We depend on dues for much of what we do here and if you haven't paid yet then we're missing your contribution to that effort. They were due on February 29. This is the April newsletter. Please pay your dues. Annual membership is \$100; however, active members who turn 65 years of age by December 31 of the previous year and have been a member in good standing for 10 continuous years, are eligible for the senior membership rate of \$25 annually.

**PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**  
**REMEMBER YOU CAN PAY YOUR DUES THROUGH VENMO@OBFSOS**

For compliments regarding the April issue of Shenanigans, please contact Dave Cummins

For complaints regarding the April issue of Shenanigans, please contact Marty.

For hall rentals contact Banquet Manager Jim McGeehan- 908-568-6580



## SAVE THE DATES

**Thursday April 11, 7:30PM**  
*General Meeting*

**Saturday April 13, 9:00am**  
**Monthly Work Party**

**Saturday April 13**  
*FSOS Pipes & Drums Pub Night*

**Sunday, April 28**  
*Ladies Luncheon*

**Tuesday, April 30**  
*Scholarship Application Deadline*

**Saturday, May 4**  
*Kentucky Derby Day*

**Sunday, May 12**  
*Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast*

**Saturday, May 18**  
*60's Night*

**Saturday, June 1**  
*FSOS Pig Roast*

**Sunday, June 9**  
*Monmouth Irish Festival*



Mike & Dominic hard at work with club assets

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## *The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh*

### *2024 Scholarship Programs*

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#### The FSOS Old Bridge High School Scholarship

Scholarship: \$250 stipend awarded to OBHS Students.

Who can apply: The applicant must be a senior at Old Bridge High School and be related to a member in good standing or a deceased member.

#### The Barney Shannon Scholarship

Scholarship: \$1,000 stipend awarded to a single HS Student.

Who can apply: The applicant must be a senior at any high school and be related to a member in good standing or a deceased member.

#### **How to apply**

The student can apply by writing a letter outlining his/her HS accomplishments, such as AP classes, academic awards, extracurricular activities & sports, class academic standing, plans for college and anticipated major. And of course, he/she must indicate their relationship to the FSOS. A letter is required for each scholarship application and yes, students can apply for both.

Application letters must be received by April 30, 2024.  
They may either be dropped off at the club or mailed.

**Attn: Jim Hartwyk**

P.O. Box 317,  
Old Bridge Township,  
New Jersey, 08857

#### **Award Presentation**

The awards will be announced in May 2024 and sent to the respective high schools for presentation at graduation.

For more information, please call or text Jim Hartwyk @ (908) 307 7423.



## MEMBERSHIP & ANNIVERSARIES AS OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Membership Committee: Joe Murray, Bill Schneider & Tom Jennings

The following readings were held at the March meeting:

Status	Candidate	Sponsor
<b>New Members:</b>	Patrick Corcoran	Corey Wilson
	Scott R. Kruysman	Dennis Kilduff
<b>2nd Reading &amp; Vote:</b>	<b>Jordan Fetterman</b>	Dennis Kilduff
	Ryan Fetterman	Dennis Kilduff
<b>Rirst Reading:</b>	Bernard O'Connell	Dylan Massih
	<b>John Doherty</b>	Joe Mulvanerton Jr.
	Keith Rost	Robert Hutcheson
	Greg Gillman	Tom Jennings



### Anniversaries

Congratulations to all our members  
celebrating an anniversary

#### 20 Years

Jim Feaster                      Jeff Schuld

#### 45 Years

Bobby Coyle

Building fund organizer, Jim Hartwyk has again done a stellar job with the annual raffle and made a few folks very happy. Though not the winner, Tom McCarthy should really consider playing Powerball, a lot, this year. Irishman of the Year, Parade Adjutant and now placing second in the raffle... it's your year Tom. Congratulations to Tom and all our winners.

### 2024 Building fund Prize Winners

Prize #	Points	Ticket #	Name	Seller
1	10,000	52	Padraig Curran	Joe Mulvanerton
2	3,000	252	Tom McCarthy	Committee
3	1,000	556	Al Rispolli	Dennis Sullivan
4	500	438	Craig Bonetti	Dennis Sullivan
5	300	532	Jerry Taylor	Joe Mulvanerton
6	150	247	Chuck Schlueter	Committee
7	50	228	Joe Jelonek	Committee

A special thank you to the unsung heroes in all this. The folks who got those tickets out there.



### Pipes and Drums in Ireland.

Guess where the Pipes and Drums were on St. Patrick's Day. Having a pint outside Sean Collins & Sons Bar in Adare, Co. Limerick.

Seen here, they are clearly struggling with the jetlag. Poor guys are forcing down one crrrreeeaaamy pint after another just to get the vitamins and minerals needed to sustain them.

No wonder they took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Limerick International Band Competition.

**Pub Night**

Sponsored by the FSOS Pipes & Drums  
Saturday, April 13, 7:30pm

**Musical Entertainment**

Eamon Ryan Show Band  
&  
The Pipes and Drums of the FSOS

Admission \$25 pp includes  
beer, wine & soda.

Door Prizes & 50/50

Sign up poster in the tap room  
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Thanks to the Membership for your  
continued support.



Join the Friendly Sons for

**Derby Day**

Saturday, May 4 at 4pm

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The 150<sup>th</sup>  
Churchill Downs  
Kentucky Derby

For more information contact race starter Jim Hartwyk



## SHENANIGANS IN SIOL EÁLLAGH LAND

- ◆ **Congratulations to Bobby Coyle on his 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** Yeah... that's a big deal. **Bobby is a former president, lifetime supporter of the club and a great guy.** Don't forget to **congratulate Bobby, Jim and Jeff** when you see them.
- ◆ **We have new advertisers. Please check out the last 2 pages & support all these fine businesses.**
- ◆ **Please note that the new website is up and running, you can find it at [www.fsosob.com](http://www.fsosob.com). It will be changing over the coming months so stay tuned.**
- ◆ **The Pipe Band is looking for new members and they will provide instruction. Please contact John Hatton or any member of the band if you or any family members are interested in joining the band.**
- ◆ **Remember, it's your club, so, attend the meetings. As a reminder, monthly meetings are closed to all non-members.**
- ◆ **Big bucks going into the tap room register. We had a \$4 overpay this past month.**
- ◆ **Special thanks to Marty Cameron. He turned over a trove of information on the process of getting the newsletter out. Could not have done this without him.**

# Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Sue & The Easter Bunny  
He's a real keeper.

Easter 2024 was great day had by all! Thankful the weather held out after the torrential rain we had the day before. 54 children had a pancake breakfast, arts and craft activities and they got a chance to meet our favorite FSOS Easter Bunny before hunting for those eggs! Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this day possible.

## COMMITTEES

**The Repast Committee:** We need your help. if you or a spouse are available to provide several hours to work on a Repast luncheon for a deceased member, please contact Jim Hartwyk;

**Dinner Dance Committee:** Annual Dinner Dance and Officer Installation at Battleground Country Club



Always a beautiful night spent with family and friends... this year was no exception.

Thank you to all those who were able to support us this year.

This continues to be the premier event in the FSOS calendar.

## IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS

- ◆ **Thank you to Shannon Mrvicin who fixed doors around the club. I know what you're thinkin', how are we going to wake up if the doors aren't banging around here anymore?! I had the same thought.**
- ◆ Lights in parking lot have been fixed... thank you to Bruce and Debbie Walker
- ◆ **New sinks in the ladies' room. As my Mom would say, "Well that's nice".**
- ◆ **New tents and Kegerators are on the way. Stay tuned for more information about Guinness Camp Night.**



# GOOD AND WELFARE

## GOOD

- ◆ Thank you to the members who helped at last month's work party. Special thanks to those who helped with the clean up after Parade Day and St. Patrick's Day.
- ◆ She-ladies, you know who you are. This Club could not function without all the hours you volunteer here. The members know and appreciate all the work you do here. We are forever grateful to you. Thank You.
- ◆ REMINDER: We are working to update and maintain a clean membership roster, please let any officer know of any changes of address, email or phone numbers.

*AD Book Winner – # 26 Kenny Shanley  
FILFC: Joe Mulvanerton Jr.... aka Hunger's Mother.*

## WELFARE

- ◆ *Members and family who need our prayers:* Missy O'Kane, Joe Brady, Jack Kernochan, Jerry Kennedy, Dennis Pinkiewicz, Bob Quinn Sr., Ben McLaughlin, Patricia Murtha, Ginny Romeo (Sean Flaherty & Adam Borre's mother in-law), Mary Cotter, Tommy Howe, Christine Doyle and all our members and their families who are quietly attending to their own on-going health issues.
- ◆ Matt Sharin former president of the FSOS Jersey Shore passed away suddenly on March 13. Please keep is family in your prayers.
- ◆ Remember our FSOS members who have family in the Armed Forces, as well as all U.S. troops stationed around the globe, and our Disabled American Veterans, Wounded Warriors, and Veterans.
- ◆ Visit our Memorial Monument to remember our deceased members.



If you have news to share, we have ways you can share it. Phone Jim Hartwyk (908-307-7423).

Send an e-mail to Dave Cummins ([FsosobCorrSec1@gmail.com](mailto:FsosobCorrSec1@gmail.com)) or reach out to any eBoard officer.

If a member is in the hospital, please provide the member's name, details of their issue, hospital, room and phone.

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