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Brother Members,

As we turn the page on yet another month in the books, we turn our attention to the upcoming month of May and what it has in store for all. The month will be another active one for all to enjoy. Whether it be Derby Day, watching the Run for the Roses, bringing the family to our traditional Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, or dancing the night away as we turn back the clock on 60's Night. I look forward to seeing many of you taking advantage of our clubs' events.

As we said goodbye to winter, we saw our winter shuffleboard leagues come to the end of their respected seasons. My thanks to Cary Windish and Jim Sullivan for their time and efforts making these two leagues as great as they are. Congratulations to both 2024 Friday and Sunday Champions. It took a long season to capture a title, and I was extremely lucky and privileged to be a part of both outstanding teams.

The month of April also saw another amazing night of entertainment, our annual Pub Night, sponsored by our very own Pipes and Drums. It was nice to see some of our new members, along with longtime members enjoying the entertainment of Ryan's Express, and our Pipes and Drums. Eamonn always puts on a great show, but John Hatton and the crew showed why they placed first in the Limerick Parade. Thanks again the band for a great night.

Another event which makes me proud to be a member and serve as President, is our annual Ladies Luncheon on April 28th. While we are a brotherhood as an organization, we are also a family. Bob Quinn and George Foiles created a luncheon for the wives of our departed brothers. Bob ran this annual luncheon for many years continuing with Jim Hartwyk taking the reins. Our former Presidents, along with Top Hat Catering, provide a special day to those that may have lost their loved one, our brother, that they are still family and are encouraged to participate in our social activities.

In closing, remember our club survives on the support and participation of our members and families. My thanks to John Hatton and the crew for cleaning up the areas around the old Verizon bunker, as we look to re-utilize the space in upcoming months. Take some time and lend a hand, there is always something around the property that can use attention. As the upcoming events approach, I hope to see you sipping juleps and sporting a hat, treating the moms and family to breakfast, or dancing to the sounds of the 60's rock and roll. All of these are great ways to socialize with your fellow brothers and family, and friends, while actively supporting our organization. Also don't forget to support the club while it gets ready for our 60th celebration in September. Show your support by purchasing a anniversary "Cheers to 60 Years!" t-shirt, beverage tumbler, or taking an page in our ad journal.

Sláinte,
Sully

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YOUR DUES... THEY'RE WAY OVERDUE.

Why is this section taking up space in the May newsletter? Because the club treasurer is still being kept busy collecting dues. We depend on dues for much of what we do here. If you haven't paid yet, then we're missing your contribution to that effort. They were due on February 29. This is the May newsletter. 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.

REMEMBER YOU CAN PAY YOUR DUES THROUGH VENMO@OBFSOS



SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, May 4
Kentucky Derby Day

Thursday May 9, 7:30PM
General Meeting

Saturday May 11, 9:00am
Monthly Work Party

Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 18
60's Night

Monday, May 23 - 27
Traveling Vietnam Wall

Saturday, June 1
FSOS Pig Roast

Sunday, June 9
Monmouth Irish Festival

Saturday, October 5
Atlantic City Trip



WHO YA GONNA CALL?

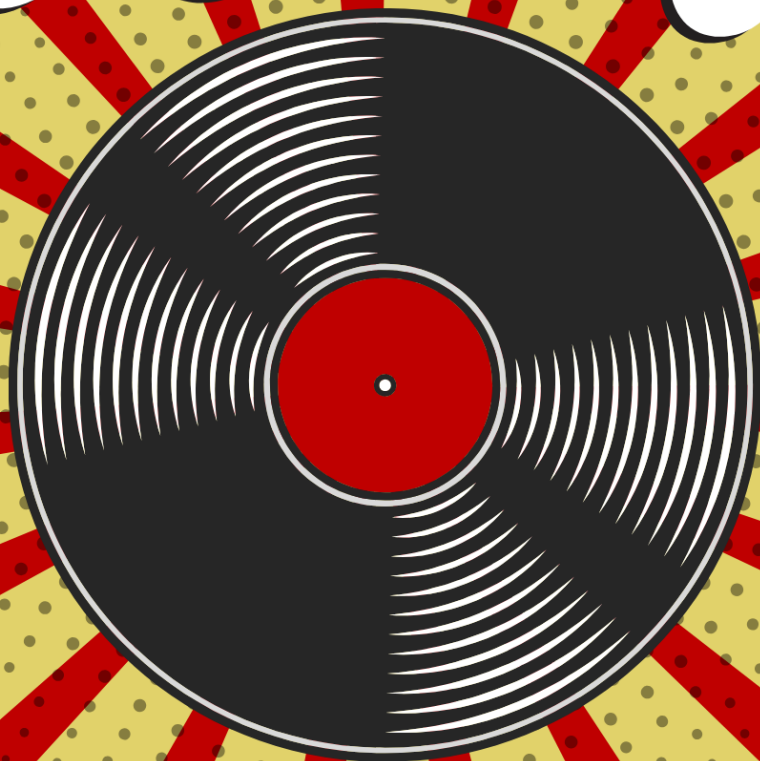
Club Communications

As we make changes to the Shenanigans there's also changes happening on FSOSOB.Com and our emailing platform Constant Contact. I'm grateful now to be joined by members Jeremiah O'Grady and Tom Calhoun. Both men are experienced in Information Technology (IT) and are already lending their expertise to the club. Thank you for your patience as we make these transformations. If there's something you'd like to see more of or less of then we'd like to hear from you. Please send an email to FsosObCorrSec1@gmail.com

Hall Rentals

Contact Banquet Manager Jim McGeehan - 908-568-6580

60's Night



**MUSIC BY
THE STRICTLY 60'S BAND**

18TH MAY 2024, AT 7:00 PM

**\$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES DRAFT BEER, WINE
AND SODA
BYO SNACKS**

SEE MIKE SULLIVAN FOR TICKETS

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MEMBERSHIP AND ANNIVERSARIES

Status	Candidate	Sponsor
<u>New Members:</u>	Jordan Fetterman	Dennis Kilduff
	Ryan Fetterman	Dennis Kilduff
<u>2nd Reading & Vote:</u>	John Cunningham	Bill Dunnigan
	Leo Fitzgerald	Mike Kelly
	Kevin O'Brien	Mike Kelly
<u>First Reading:</u>	Patrick Murphy	Tommy Gleason
	Ed Weir	Stephen Weir
	Joseph Brennan	Shannon Mrvicin

Anniversaries

Congratulations to all

5 Years

Glen Gavin

20 Years

Scott Fitzgerald

Patrick O'Dwyer

45 Years

Ray Costello



AROUND THE CLUB



Sunday Shuffleboard League Final

Meet the 2023-2024 league Champions, seen here showing off their first-place pucks. The team's name "Simply the Best" or "STB", proved to be right on the money. While this photo is full of smiling faces, I heard off camera some of their competitors were inconsolable. Dot Sullivan, when asked if she was okay for another glass of wine simply responded, "YETH". Congratulations to Jim Sullivan on another super year of Sunday Shuffleboard, to our new league champions and indeed to all those that make this such a fun event.

Marty Cameron, Mike Sullivan, Rob Anthony, Josie Cameron, Barbara Anthony.

The Friendly Sons Softball Update

The club softball team takes the field at the Sunday morning Monroe Men's softball league.

That's Justin Kowalew stepping up to the plate about to score a base hit, with Bobby Shanley waiting his turn on deck.

In speaking with catcher John Mayer about their performance this year, he said "Dave, you wouldn't believe the season we're having. 6 in a row."



The Ladies Luncheon



Each year the club hosts a luncheon for the wives of our deceased members. A wonderful tradition that has persisted for decades. The ladies gathered here, share stories, catch up with one another and enjoy an afternoon surrounded by friends and family.



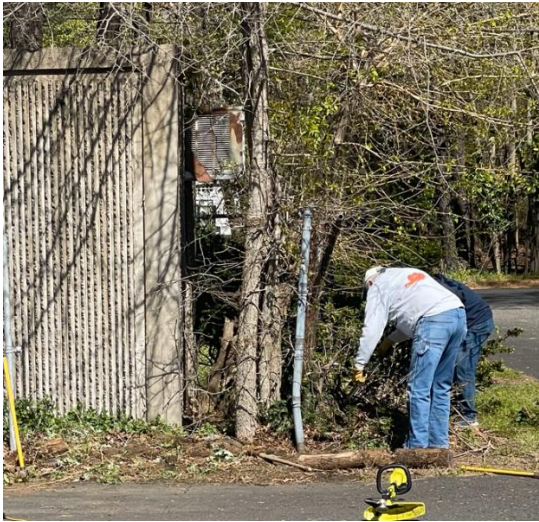
The event, organized by President Jim Hartwyk is a day when all presidents step up to serve.

Its Pub Night...

as John Hatton leads the band into what was a very successful night for Band and Club. We laughed, we cried, and I came home with a 12-year-old bottle of Dalmore single malt. The Scottish may not be able to spell whiskey, but they sure can make it.



Old Bridge club members joined the Essex Friendly Sons to celebrate their 54th year. The Essex club hosted 380 guests at the beautiful Hanover Manor. Congratulations go out to newly elected President Chris Coughlin and honorees of the night. PS. Not a single piece of salad was harmed at this table.



Hey Verizon, Can You Hear Me Now?

On Friday April 26, a group of members got together to clean up the unsightly Verizon building located at the entrance to the rear parking lot. This involved removing the chain-link fence & posts, as well as a variety of trees, vines & shrubs that had taken root over the years. Since Verizon will no longer be using the facility, they have turned it over to the club... but what to do?



What will its second life be? So far, we have two ideas; **The FSOS Doghouse** was suggested by Mike Sullivan, but the general feeling is that we'd need to make it a lot bigger. John Hatton suggested something a little more somber, **The FSOS Mausoleum**. For a small fee your urn would be kept at 15 Oak St, and on St. Patrick's Day we'd bring a pint out to you. We'd even drink it for you at no extra charge. Now that's love.



Sunday May 12th, 2024



Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

9:30 AM -1:00 PM
\$7 Per Plate
\$5 Per Plate Children 5-12

Complimentary
Mimosa's &
Bloody Mary's
Coffee, Tea, Juice





When an Irish Club runs out of gas...

For two days in early April the club was unable to serve Guinness. Why? Because we ran out of gas. Wasn't the end of the world, though some members did take it as a nod in that direction. Once an emergency delivery of Nitrogen arrived order was soon restored to the universe.

FSOS Chief Haberdasher Scott Fitzgerald has a stock of 60th Anniversary Shirts at the early bird price of just \$15 each. Multiple sizes are available, though John O'Keefe did get the last petite... sorry Tiny.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye

- All Notre Dame tickets must be paid for by May 31st, else they will go to members on the waiting list on June 1.
- It's your club, so, attend the meetings and remember, the club is closed to non-members on meeting night.
- Big congratulations go out to President Ray Costello... 45 Years a member.
- The Pipe Band is looking for new members & they'll provide instruction too. Contact any band member for information. And c'mon, who doesn't look good in a kilt?!
- Member Tommy Coohill of VFW Post 133 in East Brunswick is raising awareness of the Traveling Vietnam Wall, coming to our area. The FSOS Pipes and Drums will be performing at a ceremony to be held on Monday, May 27 at 1:00pm. For more information and a schedule of events, please visit www.EastBrunswick.org/MemorialWall, East Brunswick Community Arts Center, 721 Cranbury Rd, East Brunswick NJ



GOOD AND WELFARE

GOOD

- 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. Contact cards are available in the display stand in the tap room.
- Joan McGrath is just a wonderful lady. Saw her at the Ladies Luncheon.

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.
- 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.
- Larry, I'd sleep with one eye open.

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 (FsosCorrSec1@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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