



December 2022 • Sixth Edition

The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of Ocean County

President's Message

Brothers,

As we come to the end of the year, our club is closing several chapters and entering a new era. First and foremost, we are on the verge of the long-awaited opening of our clubhouse. The county health inspector will be in on Wednesday, December 14th, to conduct an inspection. When we pass, we expect that our certificate of occupancy will be issued in a short time. We can then open our doors for our members to enjoy the spoils of our hard work. We will also then plan for a grand opening ceremony so the entire county knows that the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh is open for business in Ocean County!

We will also have a changing of the guards going into 2023. At our November meeting, we had nominations for officers. The following members were nominated for office:

- Charlie Schmitt, President
- Mark Whitley, Vice President
- Mike Curry, Treasurer
- Brian Logan, Recording Secretary
- Mark Fleming, Corresponding Secretary
- Phil Daly, Tom Davies, Keeper of the Shillelagh
- Sean Sharkey, Steward

Since there is no opposition to any officer, the positions will be affirmed by a single vote from the Recording Secretary at our next meeting. I wish to congratulate all the incoming officers. I know I speak on behalf of all our members in saying that you all have our total support in guiding our club for the next two years.

Our next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on Monday, December 19th, at 7:00pm. Our agenda will be short. We will do some updates and confirm the election of new officers. After that we can celebrate the holiday season, our past success, and an even brighter future. We will have catered food for you to enjoy as well as some music. I hope you can all make the meeting.

Finally, as this is my last message to you as President, I wish to thank all my brothers for the support you have shown me over the last few years. It has been a pleasure to see our club grow in both membership and community service. We have shown the county that our organization is here to serve. At the same time, I have been gratified by the brotherhood and friendships that I have found in this organization. I look forward to the days and nights that we can gather at our own establishment so that we can strengthen those relationships. In conclusion, I want to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Slainte! 

Jim McCabe
President



Ship Bottom Christmas Parade

With the poor weather on December 3rd, Ship Bottom Township unfortunately decided to cancel the annual Christmas Parade. However, The Shillelaghs partied on! About 50 members of the FSOS, along with members of the Ocean County Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, met at Skip and Tricia Carey's house to celebrate the coming holiday season. A good time was had by all. Thanks to the Carey family for hosting this grand holiday tradition. We look forward to the march next year! 🍀



Southern Regional Holiday Food Drive

At our next meeting, we will be collecting donations for Southern Regional High School's Annual Food Drive to benefit the Atlantic City Mission. We ask that everyone please bring canned food, dry goods, personal hygiene products, etc., for this very worthwhile cause. If you can't make the meeting, please contact Jim McCabe @ 609-384-0617 to arrange for drop-off at the club. 🍀

Christmas Toy Drive & Sock Collection

Our club is participating in Stafford Police Department's Toy Drive this year. Members who made it to the Christmas party at Skip's house brought unwrapped toys with them and we filled a large box. We're also collecting new socks for the Kiwanis Club of LBI as we did last year. There will be another Stafford PD Toy Drive box and a Kiwanis Club Sock Collection bin at our clubhouse for those who want to donate unwrapped toys and new socks at our general membership meeting on Monday, December 19th. 🍀



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During the coming Christmas season
May you be blessed
With the spirit of the season,
which is peace,
The gladness of the season,
which is hope,
And the heart of the season,
which is love.



Please Support Our Irish Festival Partners

The following is a list of our Irish Festival Promotional Partners. We ask members and their families to support these important contributors to the success of our organization. If you know any business that would like to be a sponsor now would be a good time to reach out to them.

Interactive Partners

84 Lumber
Brown & Brown Insurance
Shore Point Distributors
Strike First Termite & Pest Control
Chowderfest & Chowder Trail
Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce
Patriot Financial Group
NJ State Troopers Non-Commissioned Officers Association
Bayville Elks #2394
Terrace Tavern
The Delaware Ave Oyster House
Causeway Ford –
The Wintrode Family Foundation
Buckalews Restaurant and Tavern
Station 117 Tavern
Royal Bine Brewing
Miss Erin Charters,
Beach Haven West
Tide Table Group

Galway Gold

Belsito Communications
RE/MAX of LBI
The Mainland, Adventure Park,
The Boatyard, Hotel LBI
The Van Dyk Group
TLC Wholesale Sign and Banner

Sligo Silver

Anderson Insurance Agency
Atlas Mechanical & Metal Fab
Balken Risk Management Public
Entity Insurance Solutions
Berkley Twp PBA Local # 237
Biele Jewelers
Caffrey's Tavern
Case Pork Roll

Dasti, Murphy & McGuckin
Law Firm
Doyles Pour House Tuckerton
DW Possum Designs
East Coast Beverage Systems
Fusaro's Pizza & Pasta
Greenwood Tree Service & Home-
stead Fence Company
Herb Doughty Jr Builders
Homestead Fence Company
Kevin and Debbie Lyons
LBI National Golf and Resort
Marlin Leasing Corp / PEAC
Solutions
Mary Bianchi – Realtor/CARA
Realtors
Monetti Homes
Moose Lodge # 1575
Beach Haven West
Newark Superior Officers
Association
Oyster Creek Brewing
PEAK Media
Ray's Pizza – New York Pizza &
Restaurant
Schuyler Printing / Vera Allen
SEM Products
Southern Regional Education
Association
Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally &
Tumback Law Firm
Starlight Performing Arts Center
Suplee, Clooney & Co – Certified
Public Accountants
TAP Into Stafford/LBI
Taylor Made Cabinets Inc
The Drunken Clams Band
Tricia Carey Bookkeeping &
Business Solutions
Vulcan Sky (The Sky Is the Limit)

Belfast Bronze

A&R Pool Service
Absolutely American Pest Control
A-Shore Power Washing
Barlow Buick GMC of Manahawkin
Chapman Ford Lincoln Mazda
East Bay Ave LLC
Elite Roofing
Equity Prime Mortgage
Haven Beach Motel
Kiwanis Club of LBI
Kubel's Restaurant, Barnegat Light
Made in America Wood Works
Main Channel Marine
Michelle DeGennaro, Realtor
Mosquito & Pest Authority
Oilmatic – Advanced Bulk Cooking
Oil Solutions
Richard's Sub World
Robbinsville Twp PBA #344
Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm
and Cipriani
Shining Sea Private Wealth
Speakeasy Pizza & Restaurant
Spiezle Architectural Group
Stretch Cleaning
TC Irons Insurance
The Tom Smith Group – Keller
Williams Preferred Properties
The Wireless Experience of New
Jersey
Thos. L. Shinn Funeral Home
Uncle Louie G's Italian Ices
VFW Post 379 Beach Haven Crest
Waves of Grain Woodworking
Wolf Podiatry

Nominations of Officers

At our November meeting, we had nominations of officers for two-year terms as per our By-Laws. The following nominations were made and accepted:

President - Charlie Schmitt

Vice President - Mark Whitley

Treasurer - Mike Curry

Recording Secretary - Brian Logan

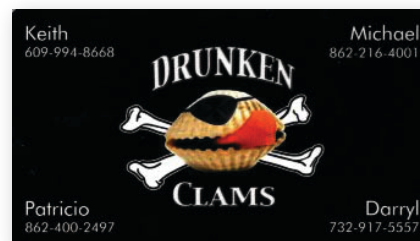
Corresponding Secretary - Mark Fleming

Keeper of the Shillelagh (2)

Phil Daly and Tom Davies

Steward - Sean Sharkey

Since there are no contested office positions, the current Recording Secretary will cast the vote to accept all nominees as officers at the December meeting. Congratulations to the new officers!



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Executive Board

President: Jim McCabe

Vice President: Charlie Schmitt

Treasurer: Kevin Lyons

Recording Secretary:
Mike Curry

Corresponding Secretary:
Bob Flanagan

For more information contact:
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General Membership Meeting

December 19, 2022

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on Monday December 19, 7:00 pm at Shilleaghs Club 609 E Bay Avenue Manahawkin, NJ 08050 **Once again we will be collecting items for the Vetworks food pantry at the meeting.**

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Members can keep up to date with our events, meetings and etc. by checking our clubs website at:

<https://oceanfsos.wildapricot.org/>

