



Aigéan

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The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of Ocean County

President's Message

Brothers,

I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and that everyone is ready for an excellent New Year! With that being said, I am going to start off the New Year by delivering you both some good news and some bad news.

First the bad news. At our last Executive Board meeting we decided to hold off on our annual Kickoff Party. With the spread of Covid, we felt that it was prudent to postpone the event to a future date when we can be certain of the welfare of our members and guests. We will have more information in the coming weeks.

Now the good news. As of January 1st, we have entered into an active lease agreement for the property that will serve as our clubhouse. Although we do not have the club license in hand, we are confident that we are very close to getting that accomplished. The building and grounds committee will soon be looking for help in getting the club ready so please look for those emails and announcements.

I am very excited for the coming new year. Hopefully we will soon be able to celebrate in our own club!

Jim McCabe
Ocean County FSOS President

Building Committee

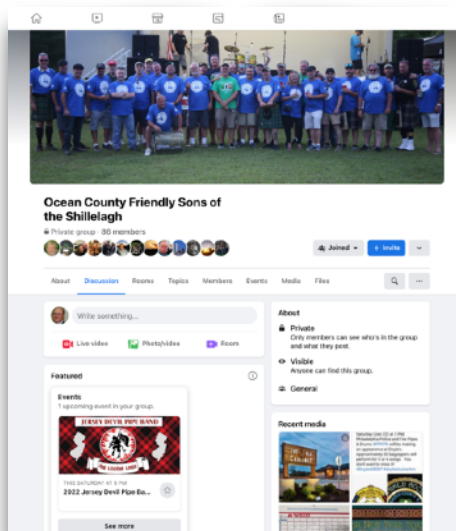
In a short amount of time, we will start working on the construction that will be our club's bar. We will be looking for work crews to get the place up and ready. If you have a specific skill set that you feel would be an asset to the construction please contact:

Ken Hansen at vikling@aol.com

or Charlie Schmitt at
chas729728@yahoo.com

If anyone might have a way to facilitate the permit process that would be a big help as well.





Message from the Technology Committee

First and foremost, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As we move on into 2022 and get closer to our clubhouse becoming a reality, communication with our members will be very important.

We will be making improvements throughout the year to our website to better communicate events, fundraising, meetings and gatherings at our new clubhouse. Currently we send emails out to all active members for these events. If your profile is not up to date or you are not receiving these notifications, please let us know.

The website also has our newsletters, meeting minutes, club documents, pictures from events and other information that is helpful for our members. You will also start to see the Online Store begin to grow where you can purchase items once we have them available for sale. This was recently used for the Polo Shirt Sale.

And for those that are on the go, there is an APP for Smartphones, both Android and IOS. You will need to search for Wild Apricot on your smartphone in the App Store to get this app for your phone. The app allows you to view upcoming events, our member directory, and to view or update your profile. There is also an App for admins as well.

We also have two social media sites on Facebook. One is open to the public where we post our public events, thank our sponsors for the Irish Festival, and when there is a public fundraiser such as the Lawn Signs fundraiser to thank our first responders and health care workers. The second site on Facebook is for members only! Here we will announce meetings and events. Members can also post in this room, such as events for other organizations that we support.

If you have questions about the website or you are having any issues with setting up your profile, feel free to contact me at bhw08050@comcast.net.

Rob Small

Committee Chair for Technology

Our Celtic-American Heritage of Giving

Being blessed to live in the most generous country in the world and being instilled with the tradition of sharing from our Celtic ancestors, it warms the heart to see how The Order of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Ocean County lives up to our joint heritage.

Whether it's a call to action to help a Brother Shillelagh who's recovering from an accident and needs help with a clean-up around his house, or joining students at Southern Regional High School to support their community service activities delivering Thanksgiving meals to families in need, or collecting food for the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, you'll see those familiar faces of the FSOS. Our chapter of The Order of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh reaches out to organizations in the Ocean County area who outreach to veterans, the homeless, and those who simply need to know that someone cares.

We support Just Believe, Inc. whose motto "Restoring Hope in Humanity, One Person at a Time" is the cornerstone to their mission of providing comprehensive homeless assistance to residents of Toms River and surrounding areas. The FSOS gift of \$500.00 to support their mission was given to ease the burden of community need during the Christmas Holiday Season.

With special pride, the FSOS supports VETWORK, whose primary mission is to provide Veterans Outreach Programs to eliminate homelessness, help with finding employment, assist with transportation, and running a foodbank. Along with a FSOS gift of \$500.00 to support their mission, our Chapter has taken up an ongoing effort to collect food at our General Membership Meetings to keep the VETWORK foodbank stocked for the benefit of those who defended our Freedom.

Good and Welfare is looking for community organizations that support those in need and/or provide services for the good of the community. If you know of an organization you feel is in need of support, please forward the information to the below email. As a further outreach of Good and Welfare, please also forward any information you may have about the passing or illness of Brother Shillelaghs or their family members.

Email – bilhundley@comcast.net

Bil Hundley -Good and Welfare

Cell – 609-276-0879

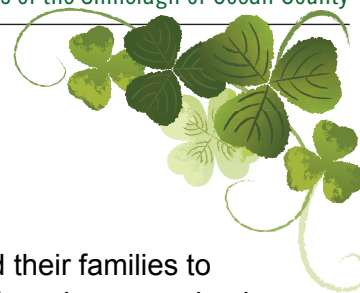


"Féach ar gach duine atá i ngátar le croí oscailte."

Irish for

"Look to all in need with an open heart."





Please Support Our Irish Festival Sponsors

The following is a list of our Irish Festival sponsors. 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.

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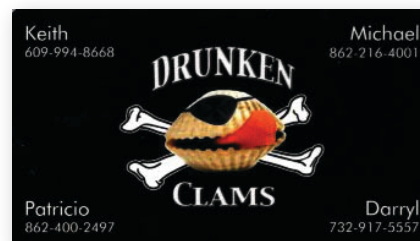
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2022 Membership Dues

As we are nearing the end of the year, we want to remind you that annual dues will be collected starting in January. As per our by-laws, "The annual dues of this organization for active members shall be \$100 payable by April 1. Dues not paid by this date shall be subject to a late fee in the amount of \$10.00 for each month that they are not paid." You will be able to pay on the website or at our meeting. Please take care of this obligation in a timely fashion so that you don't incur a penalty or have your privileges revoked.



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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:
oceanFSOS@gmail.com

General Membership Meeting

January 31, 2022

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on Monday January 31st, 7:00 pm at the Manahawkin Elks 520 Hilliard Blvd. Manahawkin, NJ

Once again we will be collecting items for the Vetworks food pantry at the meeting.

The Order Of The Friendly Sons Of The Shillelagh
PO Box 1017, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

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

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

