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November 2020 *Your President's Message*

President's Letter

November 2020

Brother Shillelaghs,

Hope everyone is doing well. November is here, which means Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner. This is busy time of year for the club, with the Food Drive and Toy Drive. These events will be different this year due to the Covid-19 situation.

This year we will NOT be delivering Food Baskets for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We are requesting monetary donations. Checks should be made payable to the FSOS Foundation. The Foundation has a PayPal account, if you would like to donate via Credit Card. https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=3TJARFWG665MN. Please donate!

Shop Rite gift cards will be purchased and delivered to the people and organizations who we normally donate to. Dave Jaffe, Mike McCormick and Rich Homolko are the contacts. More details included in the newsletter.

Applications are being accepted for the 2021 Sunshine Club. Three numbers are drawn at each monthly meeting. 1st Prize is \$1,000, 2nd Prize is \$500 and the 3rd prize is \$250. Applications are at the club. John Carr is the contact. More details inside the newsletter.

In December, the club will be doing the annual Super 50/50 drawing. 400 tickets will be sold. There will be seven prizes. More details inside the newsletter.

In December, the club will be conducting the annual Toy Drive and Children's Christmas Party. Once Again due to Covid, some changes will be made in how these events are done, more details to follow.

Governor Murphy has issued new orders for Bars, Restaurants and Clubs due to the recent increase in Covid-19 cases. To comply with the new rules, the following changes will be implemented at the club.

Until further notice, we will limit members to bring in one guest only. No one can sit at the Bar. Seats will be aligned against the walls of the Tap Room and they are not to be moved.

I want to remind you all again to please stay home if you are not feeling well, even if you think you just have mild coughing or sneezing from a cold or allergies. Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 or have had contact with someone who is infected. Finally, always remember that you and your guest must wear a mask when entering and when you are not sitting down and to social distance and wash your hands frequently.

Thank you all for your continued cooperation, please stay safe.

Finally, Happy Veteran's Day to all members who served or is currently serving! Thank you for your service!!

Best Regards,

Bill "Mumbles" Ryan

President FSOS Belmar



Events Calendar

Wednesday, December 2nd - Meeting

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive - See below for info

Sunday November 22nd - Thanksgiving Dinner at the Club • 1-5pm
Reservations Required. More info to follow. Subject to change

Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th -

Kids Christmas Visit with Santa - Reservations Required. More info to follow. Subject to change.

Saturday, December 19th - Adult Christmas Party - Reservations Required.
More info to follow. Subject to change.

Annual Toy Drive - More info to follow.

Annual 50/50 - More info to follow.

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Shillelagh Brothers,

We are preparing for our upcoming Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas Toy Drive. Our club has been incredibly generous in helping others during the Holiday season for many years. This year there are more individuals and families in need than at any time in many years, due to the COVID19 impact on our economy. Due to COVID, we will have to do things much different than in past years. For the Thanksgiving Food Drive, we will be purchasing ShopRite Gift Cards for those in need. Those provided gift cards, from a list given to us by local schools and organizations, will be able to purchase their Thanksgiving Dinner at ShopRite at a discount with the gift card. We are asking our membership to help those less fortunate with a monetary donation of any amount you are able to provide. Tax deductible donations can be made by mailing a check made out to FSOS Foundation to:

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You are also able to make a donation via our new FSOS Foundation Paypal account.
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In addition, you can also drop a check in our dues box in our bar anytime during open hours.

Any amount you are able to donate is much appreciated!

Thanks in advance for your donation and helping those less fortunate this Thanksgiving. The community does rely on us at this time of year. Although things are much different this year, our club has found a way to make it work!

All the best to you and your families!

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact:

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Dear Brothers:

The time to renew your Sunshine Club membership is upon us. This is also the time for new members to join for the 2021 year.

The format and cost remain the same. Membership in the Sunshine Club is \$120 for the year payable in advance. Three numbers will be drawn at the General Membership meeting, which is held on the first Wednesday of the month.

First Prize is \$1000 - Second Prize is \$500 - Third Prize is \$250

Winning numbers will be returned to the pool for subsequent drawings. Members can keep their currently assigned numbers by checking the box on the enclosed application. New members, and those opting not to keep their assigned numbers, will be randomly assigned a number for the year. Applications received after the deadline (12/21/2020) will forfeit their previous number.

There is no limit on the number of Sunshine Club memberships you can buy. This is a major source of funding for the many activities at our Club and we appreciate your participation in this endeavor.

All Sunshine Club applications must be returned with a check for \$120 by 12/21/2020

If you have any questions, please call John Carr at 732-996-3039 or
E-mail: johncarr64@gmail.com

Good Luck,

The Sunshine Club

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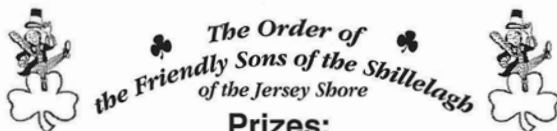
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Drawing Dates:

1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4,
9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1

Winner need not be present. No substitution of prize to be made.

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Irish History #77

Irish History #77 – Bloody Sunday (Part 2)

British intelligence agents used information gathered during interrogations of prisoners and from informers to undermine the IRA. Michael Collins saw how this damaged the war effort. In his mind, eliminating the British intelligence system was an important imperative for victory in the War of Independence.

Collins developed a file on British agents in Dublin. He received information about them from his sources inside Dublin Castle, and from various citizens who knew of British men staying in the city. He had people collect the papers agents left in wastebaskets in hotels and homes. He had his intelligence squad, the “Twelve Apostles,” tail them. Sometimes his men were picked-up for questioning, then released. This allowed them to identify British undercover officers. In this way, names, addresses and descriptions were carefully collated and turned into a dossier that listed 35 people. One of the Twelve Apostles, Frank Thornton, drafted an operational plan for Collins. Collins’ goal was to kill them all at once.

Collins presented the plan to Cathal Brugha, the Irish government’s Minister for Defense. Brugha recommended striking 15 names because he was not convinced there was justification for including them on the kill list. The operation tempered by Brugha’s recommendation was approved by the Irish Cabinet. It would be executed against the 20 individuals whose names remained on the list, and it would require about 100 IRA men to cover the city.

Sunday morning was selected to put the operation in effect, because most of the “wanted” men were expected to be at the addresses Collins had for them. As church bells rang at 9 AM on November 21st, doors to rooms burst open and the shooting began. The first shots were mistakenly fired at the Shelbourne Hotel across from St Stephen’s Green. As three IRA men with pistols in hand moved up the hotel stairs, one saw a reflection of himself in a mirror. Thinking it was a person coming at him with a gun, he fired a number of shots. This alerted the target, a British agent further upstairs, who was able to safely flee the premises.

The British officers staying at a boarding house on Upper Pembroke Street were not as fortunate. There, nine members of Collins’s execution squad killed two agents and wounded four. At a house on Morehampton Road, the Chief British Intelligence Officer and a civilian were shot to death; another civilian was wounded. At Lower Baggot Street, a Captain was killed in a rented flat in front of his pregnant wife. Two others were killed in a room on Upper Mount Street, and another in a boarding house on Earlsfort Terrace. Two more were killed at the Gresham Hotel. Another was shot to death at Lower Mount Street. An IRA covering force came across two Auxiliaries near Mount Street Bridge and killed them. In a second residence on Lower Baggot Street, Captain Bagally – a barrister and courts-martial officer – was shot to death.

Some of those on the list escaped death because they were not home. The head of the Cairo Gang, Lieutenant Peel, saved himself by barricading in a room. One member of the IRA’s Dublin Brigade was wounded and captured. Overall that morning, 14 were executed and five were wounded. (One of the wounded did not recover and died later.) Of the 20 targeted in the operation - i.e., approved for death by the Irish government - 11 were killed. Collins was not pleased with the tally.

In hindsight, however, the operation was seen as the turning point in the war. The “audacious” operation inflicted a staggering blow. It destroyed the British intelligence system in Dublin. Prime Minister David Lloyd George, who had said “we have murder by the throat,” was proven wrong. He had to re-set British policy in Ireland.

In explaining what took place that morning, Collins wrote:

“My one intention was the destruction of the undesirables who continue to make miserable the lives of ordinary citizens. I have proof enough to assure myself of the atrocities which this gang of spies and informers have committed. Perjury and torture are words too easily for them. If I had a second motive it was no more than a feeling such as I would have for a dangerous reptile. By their destruction the very air is made sweeter. That should be the future judgment in this particular event. For myself, my conscience is clear. There is no crime in detecting and destroying in war-time, the spy and the informer.”

Initial reports coming into Dublin Castle caused immediate alarm. The reports said Collins had killed approximately 50 British secret service people. British officials did not hesitate to respond with retribution. The commander of British forces in Ireland, General Sir Nevil Macready, thought IRA sympathizers with knowledge about the agent assassinations might be among the crowd of GAA fans attending the football match between Dublin and Tipperary in Croke Park. He ordered security forces to stop the game, cordon the grounds, and search all men.

The match had been advertised as a fundraiser for the association that helped dependents of IRA members who had been killed or imprisoned. Officers from the IRA’s Dublin Brigade discussed whether the game should be postponed in light of the morning’s events. They were afraid that calling it off would cast suspicion on the GAA. No one foresaw that an atrocity was about to take place and the match went forward.

The game was in full swing when security forces arrived. They entered the field and fired rifles and submachine guns indiscriminately into the crowd. Those who were hit fell to the ground. Among the fallen were two Tipperary players; one of whom - Mick Hogan - was dead. (Hogan Stand in Croke Park was dedicated to him in 1926.) Thirteen died, some from gunfire and others from being crushed in the

mayhem. Two boys, one 10 years old and the other 11, were among the casualties of gunfire.

Panicked spectators ran for cover. Some spectators and players packed into a dressing room for safety. An Auxiliary shouted to the group while brandishing a gun: "Here we avenge our fallen comrades." Thousands caught inside the grounds were lined up, made to hold their hands over their heads, and searched. When it was over, security forces simply left the gruesome scene in lorries, one dragging an Irish Tricolor behind it.

In a matter of 90 seconds, 14 were killed and 62 were injured. The British blamed the devastating loss of life on the IRA. They falsely stated that their forces went to the field to arrest IRA gunmen in attendance and that, as they were approaching, rebel sympathizers fired shots to warn the IRA. According to the British account, those warning shots caused a stampede and confusion which led to deaths. The statement was false. Security forces came in firing. That was their intent. Yes, the first shots caused chaos among the crowd. But that did not justify shifting blame for the deaths to the IRA.

Years later, an Auxiliary officer admitted, when they heard about the morning's bloody events, the Auxiliaries were torn between sacking and burning O'Connell Street or raiding the Gaelic football match. He said they tossed for it and Croke Park lost. This makes clear they were out for revenge. They intended all along to turn the football pitch into a killing zone.

The death toll continued to mount later in the day. Two leading members of the Dublin Brigade - Dick McKee and Peadar Clancy - had been arrested the previous night. On Bloody Sunday, they were tortured, bayoneted and shot along with Conor Clune for what Collins had done during the morning. The British falsely reported the three men were killed "while trying to escape." (Chapter 76)

On Bloody Sunday, Crown forces displayed wanton brutality against innocent, unarmed civilians. Their cruel and shameful conduct more deeply cemented the Black and Tans and Auxiliaries despicable and contemptible reputation in the minds of the Irish people. (Chapter 67) Lawless acts of vengeance perpetrated by Crown forces would not win the war. Instead, they hurt the effort by building support for the IRA insurgency amongst the populace.

In addition, the day's losses showed the British that the IRA was a more daunting opponent than they had imagined. Questions arose about whether they could be defeated. The events of that day made clear that a new British strategy was needed in order for Great Britain to extricate itself from the "Irish quagmire."

One way out for London was to send the IRA peace feelers. Sensing this was about to happen, Eamon de Valera returned to Ireland after 20 months in the United States. Back in Ireland, de Valera undermined Collins's guerilla war strategy and his leadership of the IRA.

We wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving! Stay safe and be well! Slan, EMN

Primary Source: James Gleeson, Bloody Sunday, Lyons Press (2004)

FSOS Foundation Scholarship 2020 Winner

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The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore

November 2020

Just like everyone else, we are trying our best to deal with the pandemic. As each day passes, the impact to the band increases. The impact to businesses and people far exceed the impact to the band. Events are postponed or canceled and we have not had beginner lessons since March.

We are looking to try beginner lessons online via zoom, skype, FaceTime and other means in the near future.

Band rehearsal on pipes and drums is back on Tuesday evenings for now, outdoors only.

We are trying to keep moving forward learning new music and keeping our skill sharp when the pandemic ends and we are back to some semblance of normalcy.

Let's hope the brilliant minds of the world figure out a treatment or cure sooner than later.

Please contact the Band Manager, Mark Mastowski 732-233-6136 if you would like the band, a small group or a single piper to perform. We perform for all kinds of events: weddings, funerals, parties, grand openings, ceremonies, graduations and more! We always try to accommodate all requests. Remember that we, just like you, have family, job and other commitments/obligations (some beyond our control). We appreciate the continued support from all of you!

If you or anyone you know have an interest in learning how to play bagpipes or drums, this is a great way to be involved and do something fun! ANYTIME of the year is a GOOD time to start learning! Stop by at practice and talk to anyone in

the band for more information. We practice Tuesday evening here at the club at 7:00pm for band members. Beginner lessons in person are suspended at this time however, if interested, see any band member, show up on Tuesday evening and/or contact me 732-685-9232 so you can started to become a piper or drummer in the band!

If you already know how to play bagpipes or drums & want to join the band, just head over to practice on a Tuesday evening and check us out. Our email is band@jspipesanddrums.com which can be accessed by visiting our website at www.jspipesanddrums.com or talk to any band member for information.

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In this extraordinary time of COVID-19, we need to be there for local restaurants. Many of the restaurants listed below have supported the Friendly Sons of Shillelagh in one way or another or a member works there. Not all of them are currently open now or are serving take out but it's important to help these places, many Member Owned, during and after this pandemic.

We apologize in advance if we inadvertently left anyone off. Please reach out and let us know if you are missing from the list and offering take out.

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