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My brother Shillelaghs,

Hope all had a great holiday! The club witnessed a record month in December. From our toy drive, Christmas party, various entertainment, football and our Irish New Year Eve party, we surpassed all expectations! Thanks to all that brought food to the parties and helped make these events go well. The participation was great!

Again, thanks to John Carr, Ed Hunter, Kevin Giblin and all the volunteers that made the Toy Drive a success! It's a ton of work to make this happen and go well. What an awesome job they did!

Many events are happening as we approach Parade Day. Besides all the parade fundraisers at local establishments every Sunday, which I encourage our membership to participate, we are having a steak bake for Grand Marshall and member Mike Ryan on January 26th, from 2-6pm. Tickets are available at the club. Please come out and support Mike!

Also, we will be hosting the last Parade fundraiser on Feb 24. Pat Roddy will be entertaining us that day. We will need volunteers at the door and upstairs to help with this event.

We are entertaining bids on a new generator for the building and awnings for smoking area on the east side. I hope to have these things squared away ASAP! Also, I heard the county is finally acting on our request to have a marked crosswalk from the parking lot across the street to our sidewalk. We will be working with county officials to make this happen.

John Finnegan, Billy "mumbles" Ryan and I, are also working on updating our website. We hope to have that done in the next couple of months.

Reminder to all, nominations for officers of the club will be Feb 27th meeting. Anyone that wants to run for office and those that are nominating a member both must be in "good standing". Meaning that all dues are paid.

Prayers go out to the families of members William "Sully" Sullivan and Bill Larkin who recently passed.

Happy New Year to all! Before we know it, the "Summer Wind" will be blowing back in!

Mark Chadwick
President
FSOS JERSEY SHORE



January 26 - AOH Annual Dinner Dance

January 26 - Grand Marshall Steak Bake- FSOS Clubhouse

February 2 - General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm

February 23 - Seaside Polar Bear Plunge- see Danny Reilly

**February 24 - Parade Fund Raiser- FSOS Clubhouse
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**February 27 - General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm
*Nominations for Office will be entertained at this meeting**





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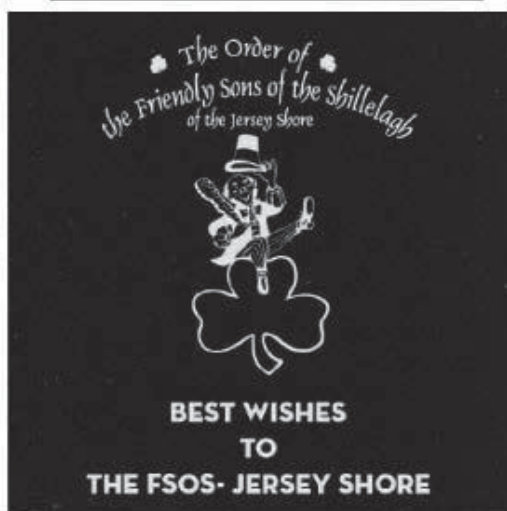
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The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore – January 2019!

On behalf of the band, we hope you and your families had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you to the Club Executive Board and all Club Members for your continued support of the Pipe Band! It will be an honor to lead the club in Belmar for the parade and again in the spring in Manasquan for the Memorial Day Parade! We will also perform at the annual dinner/dance, Memorial Day Parade and other club fundraisers/events throughout the year again in 2019!

January 6th started our additional weekly rehearsals on Sunday mornings. Tuesday evening beginner lessons and band rehearsals resumed on January 8th all of which occur upstairs at the club.

We are preparing for a winter full of fundraisers, polar bear plunges and of course quite a few parades.

Here are some of our performances that are coming up:

Jan 1 Asbury Beach for the Polar Bear Plunge
Jan 19 Ladacin Polar bear Plunge in Manasquan
Jan 26 Fundraiser for our Belmar St Patrick's Day Grand Marshall
Jan 26 AOH Annual Dinner/Dance
Feb 17 CLF Polar Bear Plunge
Feb 23 Seaside Polar Bear Plunge leading club members to the water
Feb 24 Belmar St Patrick's Day Fundraiser at the club
March 2 Investiture Mass at St Rose
March 3 Belmar St Patrick's Day Parade
March 9 Seaside St Patrick's Day Parade
March 10 Asbury St Patrick's Day Parade
March 15 Annual school tour for band members & band members kids/grandkids
March 16 Union St Patrick's Day Parade
March 17 Performances throughout the day locally including the club around 5 or 6pm.
March 23 Keyport St Patrick's Day Parade
April 6 Purple Heart Luncheon

I suspect more events will be added.....and the spring has about 4 or 5 more events and will be our busiest spring yet!

If you listen carefully, you can hear it.....the Pipes are calling you! No? Then listen to the drum beat inside you! Don't wait! Let today be the day that you decide to learn to play bagpipes or drums!

Maybe you know how to play already and want to get back into it.... Let today be that day you got back into playing again!

Learning how to play bagpipes or drums is a great way to be involved with the band, club, your Irish Heritage and of course to do something fun!

Why wait! NOW is the time to start learning! Stop by at a rehearsal to talk to us on any Tuesday evening upstairs at the club at 6:30pm for beginners and 7pm for band members. Come check us out!

Our email is band@jspipesanddrums.com which can be accessed by visiting our website at

www.jspipesanddrums.com for more information to join or hire us.

You can talk to me or any other band member for information.

We perform over 75% of the time for charities. The requests vary from a lone bagpiper to a small group or the entire band performing for local fundraisers, events and parades throughout the year from club members and the community. In addition, we perform at quite a few club events annually.

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We do our best to accommodate all requests. Please realize that Band Members, just like you and everyone else, have family, job commitments and other obligations along with circumstances that come up (some of which are beyond our control) that makes it impossible for us to accommodate all requests.

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50 years ago: Critical Months for a Northern Ireland at the “Crossroads”

How The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960’S Shaped Northern Ireland.

Ed Neafsey | Contributor | @IrishCentral | Dec 05, 2018

Fifty years ago, Northern Ireland Prime Minister Terence O’Neill said: “Ulster stands at a crossroads.” A civil rights movement seeking justice and equality had just begun. At a civil rights march in Derry on October 5, 1968, the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) viciously attacked non-violent demonstrators. No one was killed, but many were injured and hospitalized. What followed in the wake of that march shaped Northern Ireland.

The civil rights movement expanded its numbers and grew in strength. The movement was countered by the Reverend Ian Paisley, founder of the fundamentalist Free Presbyterian Church. He led “counter-demonstrations” in which “Paisleyite” mobs assaulted non-violent protesters under the watchful but idle eye of the RUC. Paisley’s tactic made street clashes inevitable.

At a political level, attempts to implement reforms were undermined and thwarted. A majority of unionists did not believe that they lived in a discriminatory society. They treated moderation toward the minority community with disdain and embraced stridency. Some unionists felt extremism in the face of civil rights efforts was acceptable. These attitudes were reflected early the following year in Stormont elections. Those election results ended political careers for some, while others entered politics and began long-lasting and impactful careers.

After the October march, Prime Minister O’Neill, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, was summoned to London to meet with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson. Wilson pressured O’Neill into accepting some of the reforms sought by the civil rights movement, including a promise to end the Special Powers Act, develop a new system for the allocation of public housing, institute certain voting rights reforms, and appoint an ombudsman to investigate complaints about the provision of government services.

O’Neill announced the package of reforms in November. The package did not achieve everything civil rights activists sought. Significant changes like one person one vote and the abolishment of the B Specials, a Protestant militia, were missing. The proposal was a step in the right direction, but civil rights marchers continued to press for full reform.

The Derry Citizen Action Committee (CAC), headed by Ivan Cooper and John Hume, scheduled a protest march for November 16th that would take place along the same route as October’s march. Northern Ireland’s Home Affairs Minister William Craig banned it, but fifteen thousand peaceful marchers showed-up and took part. Hume invited Craig “to arrest the lot of us.”

After the marchers crossed Craigavon Bridge, they halted at police barricades set-up on the other side. There, four pre-selected leaders climbed over the barricades. Instead of

making arrests, the police withdrew. Protesters continued to “the Diamond,” which was the city center. The growing “strength of the civil rights movement” was evident. The number of marchers was more than 14,000 greater than the number in the original Derry march.

Having successfully completed the march, nationalists started to believe the movement could deliver necessary change. This optimism was premature. In less than two months, events at Burntollet Bridge in Claudy made it clear that any change, if possible, would be a lengthy and hard-earned process.

Two weeks after the CAC march, the RUC halted a civil rights march in Armagh. Shortly after it had commenced, Reverend Ian Paisley and Major Ronald Bunting arrived in the city center with a caravan of cars loaded with men armed with clubs and stones. They were prepared to hold a counter-demonstration. Their tactic successfully ended this march, and it became one favored by those opposed to granting equal rights to Catholics.

O'Neill now found himself trapped between the civil rights movement's non-violent campaign for justice and equality and the unionist community's fervent opposition to any change. After the reform package was announced, members of O'Neill's cabinet abandoned him. Craig was sacked after publicly condemning O'Neill for “acting under pressure” from the Prime Minister. Craig also expressed the unionist view that the civil rights movement was “a creature of the IRA.”

In early December, after a close encounter between civil rights marchers and Paisleyites in Dungannon, O'Neill attempted to calm the tense situation and win support for reform. On December 9, 1968, he delivered his “Ulster at the Crossroads” speech. He said: “For more than five years now I have tried to heal some of the deep divisions in our community. I did so because I could not see how an Ulster divided against itself could hope to stand . . . Unionism armed with justice will be a stronger cause than Unionism armed merely with strength.” Unfortunately, strength prevailed over justice.

The Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association (NICRA) reacted positively to O'Neill's speech. NICRA placed a temporary moratorium on its marches. However, the Peoples Democracy (PD), which had formed after the October 5th march, decided they should continue. One of its founders, Michael Farrell, said one person one vote was a “crucial demand” and the civil rights movement must keep building “momentum” toward it. The PD scheduled a four-day march from Belfast to Derry commencing January 1, 1969. It was planned to be a “Six County version of the American civil rights march from Selma-to-Montgomery, Alabama.” Achieving the right to vote was what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and civil rights groups sought to accomplish with the Selma-to-Montgomery march, by having peaceful protesters shine a spotlight on injustice in a confrontation with local Alabama officials and the Governor. Similarly, the 73-mile route in Northern Ireland was intended to be provocative by taking marchers through “staunchly Protestant areas” in Counties Antrim and Derry.

Fearing violence, NICRA leaders criticized the decision to hold it. Unlike the U.S., where the federal judiciary made states comply with federal laws, British courts consistently upheld repressive government action in Northern Ireland, like public order bans on demonstrations.

During the first three days, marchers were sporadically blocked, re-routed and, harassed. Nevertheless, the number of participants grew from 40 at the start to over 100 by the fourth and final day. At Burntollet Bridge, seven miles from the end, marchers were attacked by an organized mob of about 200 men, including off-duty members of the B Specials.

First, projectiles - “stones, bricks, and milk bottles” - rained down from higher ground. Then, hordes of screaming men descended and beat marchers with “planks of wood, bottles, lathes, iron bars, crossbars, and cudgels studded with nails.” Those who fell were also kicked. Approximately 80 members of the RUC were there but did nothing to intervene. They stood-by watching as beatings were inflicted. Thirteen marchers were hospitalized.

One of the PD marchers, Bernadette Devlin, described protecting herself by rolling-up “in a ball on the road.” She said, she tucked-in her knees and elbows and covered her face with her hands. She was clubbed on her back and head, and two nails on a plank protruded into one of her hands. She, along with other “bloodstained” survivors, completed the march. A rally was held in the Diamond until the RUC broke it up.

Rioting ensued for days, and a slogan was painted on a gable wall at an entrance to the Catholic Bogside. It read: “You Are Now Entering Free Derry.” NICRA announced its marches would resume.

Shortly thereafter, O’Neill set-up an official inquiry into the causes of civil unrest and appointed a Scottish Judge, Lord Cameron, to chair it. Two more cabinet members resigned. O’Neill called for a general election; he described it as “the crossroads election.” He wanted to shore up political support, but that is not what happened.

O’Neill held onto his Stormont seat, defeating Paisley narrowly. Hume, on the other hand, won a resounding victory. “Drawing inspiration” from Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., he spent the next three decades as a proponent of constitutional nationalism and peace-making. He was one of the principal architects of the Good Friday Agreement and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Despite the defeat, Paisley continued in politics. He went on to serve in the House of Commons and European Parliament, and as First Minister of Stormont. O’Neill’s poor electoral showing ended his political career. He resigned as Prime Minister a few months later and was succeeded by his cousin, Major James Chichester-Clark.

O’Neill hoped to marshal public opinion in favor of reform and against “sterile forces of hatred and violence.” But he misread the unionist mood. The unionist position was hardening. This became clearer in the summer. For O’Neill, his political impotency meant he was unable to implement reform.

As O’Neill left office, Devlin won a Mid-Ulster by-election and a seat in the House of Commons. She was the youngest woman ever elected to the British Parliament. Burntollet had radicalized her. In a famous maiden speech to Parliament, she challenged MP’s: “The question before the House, in view of the apathy, neglect, and lack of understanding which this House has shown to these people in Ulster whom it claims to represent, is how in the shortest space it can make up for fifty years of neglect, apathy and lack of understanding.” She called for consideration of “the possibility of abolishing Stormont and ruling from Westminster.” And she warned, “[I]f British troops are sent in, I should not like to be either the mother or sister of an unfortunate soldier stationed there.”

The speech’s tone caused an uproar in Parliament, and its truth was ignored. At that point, there had not been any “Troubles” related deaths since 1966 when three people were killed. No one could foresee the more than 3,660 deaths that lay ahead. Devlin’s comments gave voice to nationalist sentiment and notice of things to come. Sadly, not enough people were listening.

The Dail affirmed the proclamation of the Irish nation in 1916 by issuing a declaration of independence: “We the elected representatives of the ancient Irish people in the National Parliament assembled . . . ratify the establishment of the Irish Republic and pledge ourselves and our people to make this Declaration effective by every means at our command. We ordain . . . that the Irish Parliament is the only Parliament to which that people will give its allegiance. We solemnly declare foreign government in Ireland to be an invasion of our national right which we will never tolerate, and we demand the evacuation of our country by the English garrison.”

The session was conducted in the Irish language, although formal documents were translated into “French and English.” English soon took over as the “common language” of the Dail.

On the same day, Irish Volunteers in South Tipperary, led by Sean Treacy and Dan Breen, held up members of the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) who were transporting dynamite ("gelignite") to a quarry. The ambush was planned and executed as a local undertaking. It was motivated by a number of factors: Volunteers were in need of explosives; forcibly taking dynamite from police would boost Volunteer morale; and it would set an example for other Volunteer units to follow. Additionally, an ambush and weapons seizure would send a strong message of defiance and confrontation to British authorities. But the undertaking was controversial. It was not authorized by the Dail, and the deaths that resulted led to criticism of the decision to carry-out the attack.

A tip was received that dynamite would be transported along a certain road. A location protected by ditches and hedges was selected for the ambush. Nine Volunteers, with little firearms training, waited for five days. They went to a nearby home at night and returned to their hiding spot in the morning. News that a horse-drawn cart carrying dynamite and weapons was traveling down the staked-out road finally came. The cart was escorted by two policemen armed with rifles. When called upon to surrender, the police refused. They were shot and killed.

The Volunteers left with the cart of dynamite. A 1,000 pound reward was offered for their capture. It went unearned. For months, British authorities searched for them and the dynamite in vain. The dynamite was buried for use in future operations. The Volunteers went into hiding. They wanted to issue a statement "ordering, under penalty of death, all British armed forces to leave South Tipperary." But the Dail and General Headquarters in Dublin refused to allow it. The action nevertheless came to be viewed as an example of the saying: "Where Tipperary leads, Ireland follows."

Ultimately, Treacy and Breen made their way to Dublin, where they were welcomed by Michael Collins. Collins assigned them work that "supplemented his Squad" of assassins, including an attempt on the life of Sir John French, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Treacy was shot and

killed in Dublin in October 1920. Breen was shot on numerous occasions. Despite being seriously wounded in October 1920, he survived the War of Independence and went on to serve in the Dail.

On January 22, 1950, the President of Ireland, Sean T. O'Ceallaigh, unveiled a memorial at Soloheadbeg Cross "to the men who took part in the [Soloheadbeg] ambush" in 1919. The memorial bears the designs of the Ireland's four provinces: "the Red Hand of Ulster, the Three Crowns of Munster, the Harp of Leinster, and the Eagle and Raised Sword of Connaught."

The ambush had far reaching implications. First, it led to the Volunteers being called the Irish Republican Army (IRA). Second, it "pioneered" the use of hit-and-run guerilla warfare tactics by out-gunned and outnumbered troops. In his book *Guerilla Days in Ireland*, Tom Barry described how IRA "flying columns" in West Cork struck the enemy when conditions were most advantageous then disappeared among the populace. Third, it began a war that would ultimately lead to what the South Tipperary Volunteers had hoped their action could achieve - turning the Rising's aspirational Irish Republic into a reality.

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