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March 2019 Your President's Message

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The high holy season has arrived! We will be marching down Main Street proudly behind our great pipe band. It's an awesome honor for me to lead you all on that day!! Please follow our parade adjutant Frank Lemkan's instructions on marching. Frank works hard and does a great job. Keep in mind, we "ALL" represent the Friendly Sons of Shillelagh. Therefore, I expect everyone to "Stand Tall" in an orderly manor!! Plenty of time to party after the parade!! Anyone misbehaving will be removed immediately, no exceptions!

After the parade, family, friends, green jackets, law enforcement, firemen and the like, are the only ones allowed to participate in our celebration back at the club. We are NOT open to the public. So, if members' friends want in, please go retrieve them at the gate. We will have the same set-up as last year with the fence and security. Please, if anyone sees anything disturbing please bring it to the attention of our security. Stu Archer and crew will be running security that day.

Weather permitting, we will have Irish dancers outside around 2:30. Bob Smith will be DJ/Acoustical outside also. Our Kitchen staff will have corned beef sandwiches and soup for sale. Dave Matteo will also be selling hot dogs.

Though not mandatory, there will be a contingent of us marching in the Asbury Park parade on the 10th. If interested see me or Craig Coyle.

The county finally put a crosswalk over 16th Ave for our safety. Please use it when crossing the street. We will be adding signs in our lot directing people to do the same. Also, we will have a new awning over our front steps shortly. This will help keep the steps dry and not so slippery! I also anticipate a new awning by April that will be installed on the east side for those that smoke. At that point, smoking will be prohibited on the front porch.

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.

Please send prayers out to former President Steve Roberts and family for the recent loss of his brother Billy.

"Proper planning prevents putridly poor performances". So again, listen to Frank Lemkan and march proud and straight!! Have a wonderful, safe Parade Day!!

Mark Chadwick President FSOS JERSEY SHORE



Saturday 02/23/2019 - Seaside Polar Bear Plunge- see Danny Reilly

Saturday 02/23/2019 – 7:30pm – GranddaddyOs - AKA (Tommy Gannon and Friends)

Sunday 02/24/2019 - Parade Fund Raiser- FSOS Clubhouse Featuring Pat Roddy 2-6pm See Flyer within

Wednesday 02/27/2019 – March General Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm *Nominations for Office will be entertained at this meeting*

Saturday 03/02/2019 - 7:30pm - The Bantry Boys

Sunday 03/03/2019 – Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade All members are required to march.

If you cannot march, please email info.fsosbelmar@gmail.com







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

It's almost Parade Day!! The Pipe Band is ready!! Are you ready? It's the band's 21st Belmar St Patrick's Day Parade and we are PROUD to be leading our club along Main Street in Belmar! Also, I hear some might march in the Asbury Parade the following weekend! We have been there for a few years now and that is another FUN parade!

Here is our upcoming schedule:

Feb 23 Seaside Polar Bear Plunge – a small group 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 2 St Practice Day at the Garden Bar in Neptune around 4pm

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

April 12 Autism Fundraiser at the Spring Lake Manor

More events are set for May and June!

If you listen carefully, you can hear it....the Pipes are calling you! Maybe you hear a drum beat inside you!

Don't wait!

Let today be the day that you decide to learn to play bagpipes or drums!

A few new students have shown up over the last month or so to start learning to play! They heard the Pipe and Drums calling and are well on their way to becoming pipers and drummers!

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 <u>band@jspipesanddrums.com</u> which can be accessed by visiting our website at <u>www.jspipesanddrums.com</u> 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.

If you wish to have the band, small group or bagpiper perform for just about any event or perhaps perform in your living room or backyard bbq (that's one way to let those neighbors know your proud of your Irish Heritage), please let our Band Manager Jim Dougherty or anyone in the band know.

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.

If anyone that has pictures or videos of the band, please post to our facebook page and/or email to us band@jspipesanddrums.com, thank you!

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Irish History 58 - The Roles that Michael Collins and Camon de Valeria Play in the Irish War of Independence Take Shape During 1919

In the last chapter we looked at two historic events that transpired on Jan. 21, 1919: the first Irish Dail convened at the Mansion House in Dublin and the Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary, ambush began the Irish War of Independence. It was a coincidence that the events occurred on the same day. The ambush, in which two members of the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) were shot to death, was not approved by republican leadership. It was a "maverick" operation that could have threatened the moral authority of the democratically elected Dail. As for the Dail meeting, no one elected from Ulster attended. Despite these negative aspects, both events had a momentous impact on Ireland's future.

At the time, neither the Dail nor the Irish Volunteer General Headquarters (GHQ) was supportive of the use of force. There were no acts of violence during the following two months; the next action was the Dail's call for a boycott of the RIC. This would change during the course of the year and lay the groundwork for the intensity of the War of Independence in 1920.

British authorities unsuccessfully searched for the Soloheadbeg ambush leaders: Dan Breen, Sean Tracey and Seamus Robinson. Dublin Castle, the seat of British administrative authority in Ireland, slowly reacted to the Dail's re-affirmation of the 1916 Proclamation of the Irish Republic and the approval of a provisional constitution creating the office of president and four ministries. British authorities did, however, respond after being confronted with the creation of additional government ministries over the next few months, Ireland's campaign for international recognition as a nation, and the establishment of Irish courts and government agencies as an alternative to British rule.

As part of that response, the British banned public meetings. They declared the Dail an illegal organization. They suppressed the Irish Volunteers, Gaelic League, Sinn Fein and Cumann na mBan organizations. In the wake of these actions, the use of force to protest and resist British rule was adjudged by many to be a reasonable riposte. Armed force became acceptable in the fight against repression. Violence became the answer. And it was considered to be the only viable way to achieve independence.

Irish Volunteers were renamed the Irish Republican Army (IRA). Attacks on police barracks increased, causing the British to order the evacuation of RIC barracks in "hard-to-defend" locations. The closures expanded the area in which the IRA could operate unimpeded. IRA operations led to British reprisals.

Republican leadership became engaged in the conflict. Michael Collins set up "the Squad" to spy on British government authorities and combat the British intelligence system. The Squad also assassinated opponents. By January 1920, IRA GHQ called for attacks on Crown

Forces and directed local units. The reaction of British authorities in having the army step-up the number of arrests and detentions of IRA leaders under the Defense of the Realm Act further alienated the populace. In 1920, the War of Independence would grow into a guerilla war, and be waged throughout the country.

But back in the beginning of 1919, no one could foresee this was going to happen. Nor did anyone understand that two rising Irish leaders - Collins and Eamon de Valera - who joined forces in a notorious prison break would end up on different sides of the Anglo-Irish Treaty debates that ended the war. (Collins was pro-treaty, and de Valera was against it.)

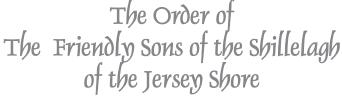
The first Dail was held in the Irish language - "Gaelic." Collins was in Great Britain with Harry Boland. They were trying to break de Valera out of Lincoln Jail. Even though he did not attend the meeting, Collins was listed "I lathair" (present). An imprisoned de Valera could not attend. He was listed at the meeting as "fe ghlas ag Gaillaibh" (imprisoned by a foreign enemy).

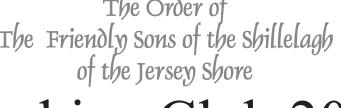
De Valera was a server at the Lincoln Jail chapel. In this position, he was able to stealthily take the chaplain's keys and make an impression of a cell key in wax from prison candles. An exact image of the impression was then sent as an innocent picture of a keyhole on a Christmas card. A key was made from the picture and smuggled into the prison in a cake. The key, however, did not work.

The ruse of drawing an image of the key impression on a card sent from the jail was tried again. This time the image was innocently disguised within an ornate Celtic pattern. A second key was made from that drawing and smuggled into the prison in another cake. This key too did not work.

In a third attempt, a "blank key" was sent into the jail by Collins inside a "fruit cake." A prisoner, who was able to take a lock apart, "fashioned" the blank into a "master key." Using the master key to unlock the cell door, de Valera and two others went into the exercise yard and made their way to the gate. There, Collins and Boland were waiting for them. De Valera opened the gate with the fashioned master key. A taxi took them to another town. By the time the escape was noticed, they were at a safe house in Manchester.

De Valera returned to Ireland, where the Dail elected him President of the Irish Republic. He appointed Collins as Finance Minister. In this position, Collins raised a national loan to pay for the new government. A few months later, de Valera left for the United States "as the official head of the Republic, established by the Irish people in accordance with the principle of self-determination." As Ireland's political chieftain, de Valera's objective in the U.S. was to gain publicity for the Irish cause. While de Valera was overseas, Collins was elected as "president of the Supreme Council of the IRB." It was left to Collins to prosecute the war. He did so with determination, ingenuity, ferocity and courage. (by emn)







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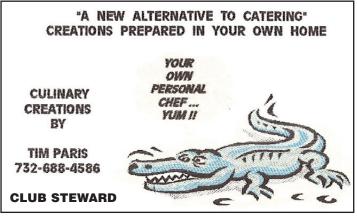
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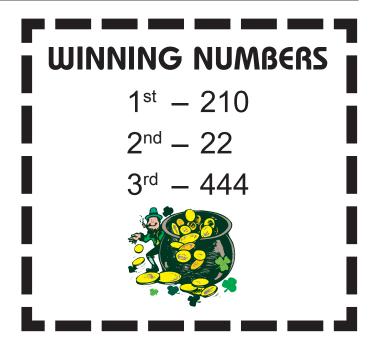
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