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December 2018 Your President's Message

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Kudos once again to Dave Jaffe, Mike McCormick and Rich Hamolko for a successful Thanksgiving food drive. Over 170 baskets were handed out throughout the community. Thanks also to all the members that volunteered that day. Again, one of the many events throughout the year that the FSOS stand tall!

Our annual toy drive is well on its way. Thanks to John Carr, Kevin Giblin, Ed hunter and others for their hard work to make this another success!

Our annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday the 22nd. As most of you are aware, the Super 50/50 drawing will be held that evening. Only 400 tickets sold with a chance to win some big bucks! Tickets will be sold behind the bar or see Rosco and Snuffy while supplies last. Thanks to these guys for their hard work. Also this evening, we will have entertainment by the band Harmony starting at 7:30 and an ugly Christmas sweater contest. I thank our "Hen Pen" for running the contest and as well as decorating our tree! Please bring a plate or appetizer of some sort.

New Year's Eve we will once again celebrate our Irish New Year by dropping the ball at 7PM! Enda Keegan will be playing from 5 to 9. Again, please bring some food that we all can enjoy! Our club will close that evening at 10PM and re-open New Year's Day at noon!

As the New Year approaches, we have a lot to do as a club with many events on the horizon. We will need many volunteers to step up and keep our club moving forward!

Congrats to member Mike Ryan being named Grand Marshall of the Belmar St Patrick's parade! Mark in your calendars January 26, there will be a steak bake for Mike at the club

We recently lost a wonderful member, Jack Frost. For those of you that new Jack, you can't help but loved him braking out into song at the bar and his infamous exit when he turned around and said, "I'm sick 'n tired of the whole lot of you!" He will be missed!!!

In closing, I wish all of you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year! ENJOY!

Mark Chadwick President FSOS JERSEY SHORE



December - Christmas Toy Drive - see flyer page 17

December 22 - Adult Christmas Party/Super 50/50 Drawing

December 24 - Christmas Eve - Clubhouse closes at 6pm

December 25 - Merry Christmas - Clubhouse Closed

December 31 - Irish New Year's Eve Party - club closes at 10pm

January 2 - General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm

2019 Prospective Members

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For all questions, please contact

John Carr at fsospavers@gmail.com



The Shillelagh 5k and Mile walk took place on Saturday October 13th, 2018.

Thank you to the 425 Runners/Walkers who participated and to all the Volunteers who helped at the event.

And to the race committee members

Pat Magovern, Craig Coyle, Kevin Malter, Gabe Fannan, Tom Dunne, Pat Doherty,

Betty Lowry, Robin Magovern and Margaret Mahoney, Ryan Lavender and Moira Horan.

Also thanks to Ryan and Mary Lavender for doing the Age Bracket winners.

We also would like to thank the sponsors for the race and all who donated money to the cause.

100% of the Net Proceeds will be donated to TEAM SIECK, which is a charitable foundation set up for the Education funding for Steve Day's Grandchildren.

Thanks also to Bill Clohosey for the gift cards as well!

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Shillelagh 5k Race Chairman

Bill "Mumbles" Ryan

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Irish History 57 The First Day of the Irish War of Independence

January 21, 1919 is regarded as the day the Irish War of Independence began because of events that co-occurred. On that date, the Irish Dail Eireann, "the Parliament of the Republic of Ireland," held its first meeting, and the Soloheadbeg, Co. Tipperary, ambush was conducted.

The Dail convened in public session at the Mansion House in Dublin. It was the parliament Sinn Fein had promised in the 1918 general election. Sixty-eight Sinn Feiners had been elected to Westminster but refused to take their seats. Twenty-eight of them attended the first Dail. Unionists who had won election, like Lords Edward Carson and James Craig, were absent; so too Irish were the half-dozen Parliamentary Party representatives who had been elected. Of course, unionists and the IPP were not expected to attend. Michael Collins and Harry Boland were not present. They were in Great Britain arranging to break Eamon de Valera out of Lincoln Prison. (This would happen two weeks later. See Chapter 54) Also, Constance Markievicz, the first woman elected to the British Parliament, was not there. She too was in jail.

The Sinn Feiners elected into office were "active" Volunteers. Many had fought in the Easter Rising. A majority of them were still jailed or interned. Therefore, the twenty-eight who did attend were deemed a sufficient number to constitute a quorum. Cathal Brugha, who had survived serious wounds in the Rising, presided over the proceedings. The Dail declared "the Irish people is by right a free people," who had "for seven hundred years . . . repeatedly protested in arms against foreign usurpation." The Dail also issued a socialist economic program, and sent a "message to free nations" calling for recognition of Ireland's independence. A delegation was sent to Versailles to discuss recognition with world leaders negotiating a peace treaty after World War I. But the delegation was not granted a hearing.

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 ("gelginite") 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."

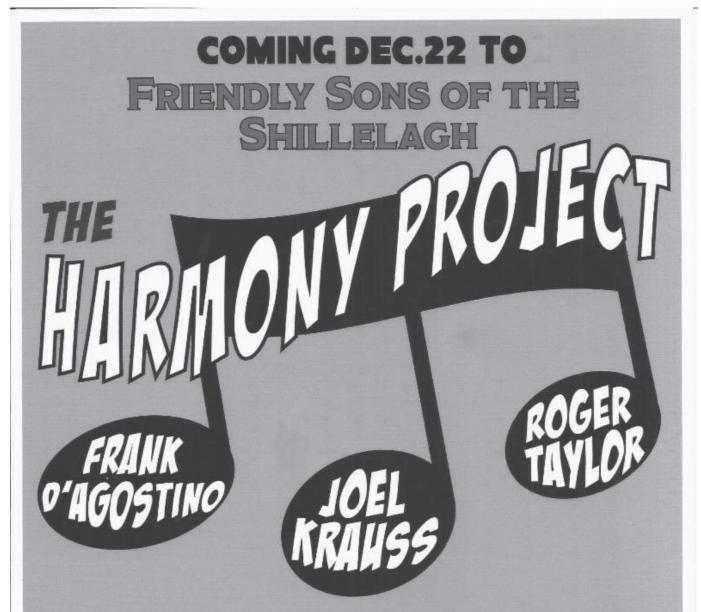
Ultimately, Treacy and Breen made their way to Dublin, where they were welcomed by Michael Collins. Collins assigned them work that "supplemented his Squad" of assassins, including an attempt on the life of Sir John French, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Treacy was shot and killed in Dublin in October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

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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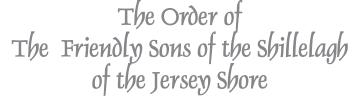


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Schedule for Toy Drive & Christmas Events

TBD - Marine Corp. Toys for Tots pick up

11/23 - Friday - Wrapping Donation Boxes I - Starting at 6:00 p.m. All supplies to be provided.

11/26 - Monday - Wrapping Donation Boxes II - Starting at 6:00 p.m. All supplies to be provided.

12/11 - Tuesday - Gift Wrapping for Shillelagh Children's Christmas Party. Upstairs at the Club Starting at 6:00 p.m.

12/14 - Friday evening - Collect toys at Bar A with Holme and Bar A customer appreciation Christmas party. Starts at 6:00 - Volunteers needed.

12/15 - Saturday - Children's Christmas Party - The Party will be at the FSOS Clubhouse. Meet at the club 9:30 a.m. For set up - Details on party times to follow.

12/19- Wednesday morning - Shopping at Toy Store (TBD) - Meet at the club at 10:00 a.m. - Volunteers needed

12/21 - Deliver Toys - Meet at the club at 9:00 A.M.

12/22- Saturday - Adult Christmas Party & Super 50/50 drawing at the Club. Party Starts @ 6:00, Live Entertainment - Harmony @7:30

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Kevin Giblin@ 732-930-4498 or Ed Hunter@ 732-664-2549

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Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019 at 7:30pm Wednesday, February 2nd, 2018 at 7:30pm

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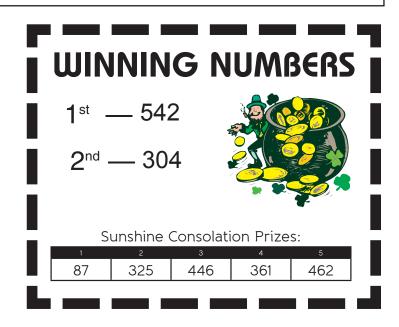
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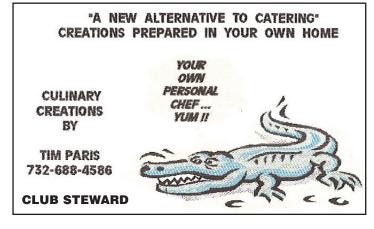
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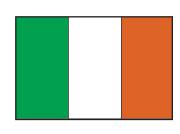












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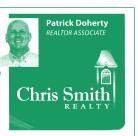


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