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THE FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH

November 2018

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My brother Shillelaghs,

The holidays are fast arriving! Our annual Thanksgiving food drive is under way. You will find a sign up board in our lobby with a list of items that are needed and can be donated to the cause. Be sure to volunteer your time on Monday the 19th to help distribute over 200 baskets with turkeys and all the fixings to various places. Please see Dave Jaffe, Mike McCormick or Rich Hamolko with any questions. Also, remember to join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday afternoon the 18th. At that time, we will also be entertained by Irish singer Enda Keegan. Please, members and their families only!

The Christmas Toy drive is also on the horizon. You will see all the significant dates via email. Again, we need volunteers to make this event a success! As with the Thanksgiving food drive, I personally can say what a gratifying feeling I get. Weather delivery the food baskets or a toy to an ailing child in the hospital, these are awesome events the FSOS orchestrates each year!

Please check out our online clothing store. Various Shillelagh clothing items are for sale. Since it takes couple weeks to process your order, you only have till November 29 to get your order in. We added a few different items this year, so order some Christmas gifts ASAP!

We are in the process of entertaining bids, both for a new generator to operate our building should we lose power and an awning for the east side of the building for a smoking section for members and guest. Our target to get the ball rolling on both projects will be after the first of the year.

Thanks to Kevin Giblin and the Pipe band for getting our shuffleboard refinished. I'm sure there will be a tournament in the new future. I believe we have had this board for approximately 18 years. As you're aware, its only function for quite some time has been a buffet table. To help protect it, we will be getting new cover for it also. It will be great seeing it being used once again!

Thanks to Ryan Lavender and his team for a very successful Blood drive in October. Another one will be scheduled in the spring.

Special thanks to all our members who have served or are serving in our armed forces! Having served on the USS Helena, a light cruiser stationed on battleship row Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack, my father, Robert Chadwick served as a radioman. The Helena did take on a torpedo. It was repaired and later on was sunk by Japanese torpedoes off the coast of the Philippines. Though my father did not talk about it much, I can hardly imagine what he went through. Only by reading about the ship did I learn what terrifying experience! With that said, let's all take a moment, and be grateful for our veterans!! May God Bless!

Lastly, this time of year is meant to surround yourself with family and friends and to reflect on how thankful we all should be for our health and happiness! I wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!! ENJOY!

Mark Chadwick  
President  
FSOS JERSEY SHORE



**November- Thanksgiving Food Drive-** see poster in foyer

**November 16- The Harmony Project-** see flyer page 12

**November 18- Thanksgiving Dinner at the Club**

**November 22- Happy Thanksgiving- Clubhouse Closed**

**November 29- FSOS Online Store Closes**

**December- Christmas Toy Drive** see flyer page 17

**December 15- Children's Christmas Party** see flyer page 16

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

**December 31- New Year's Eve Party**

**January- Comedy Night-** see John Carr



# The Order of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of the Jersey Shore

The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh (FSOS) Executive Board passed a resolution in support of the Martin McGuinness Principles of Equality, Respect, Truth and Self-Determination. These four Principles chart a peaceful and democratic path to a free and united Ireland. In providing support, the FSOS has added its name to the list of other Irish-American civic organizations who have endorsed the McGuinness Principles. Those include the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, American Irish Historical Society, and numerous Brehon Law Societies and labor groups.

“Sa an scath de chile eile, deanfaimid dul chun cinn.”  
 In the shelter of each other, we will make progress.

More information on the McGuinness Principles is available at <http://mcguinnessprinciples.com/>



## Echo News



FSOS President Mark Chadwick signing the resolution. He is surrounded by members of the executive board and club officers. In addition to President Chadwick, others in the picture are Billy Ryan, Craig Coyle, Ryan Lavender, John Padgett, Ray Barnes, Mike Siverson, Bill Clohesy, Sean Connelly, Greg Sharin, Pete Mitchell, Gabe Fannan, Rich Halter, Kevin Giblin and Mike McCormick. PHOTO COURTESY ED NEARSEY.

### Jersey Sons endorse McGuinness Principles

By Irish Echo Staff

The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh are feeling friendly towards the McGuinness Principles. The Belmar, Jersey-shore based organization with 1100 members on its roster

passed a resolution endorsing the principles named after the late Martin McGuinness.

Yonkers recently became the first major municipality to back the principles.

The Friendly Sons Executive Board passed the supportive resolution.

The resolution is a significant sign of support for the McGuinness Principles, which chart a peaceful and democratic path to a united Ireland, the Friendly Sons said in a statement.

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## The Order of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh



### ABOUT US

We invite you to show your support, honor friends and family, to remember loved ones, or commemorate special occasions by purchasing tribute bricks to be placed in the walkway and landscaped area in front of The New Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Clubhouse in Belmar. Best of all, your brick purchase will help the new FSOS clubhouse, which in turn helps the FSOS continue its mission of celebrating Irish- American culture and helping countless members of our community who are less fortunate or in need.

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18 x 18	\$500.00	\$750.00

For all questions, please contact

John Carr at [fsospavers@gmail.com](mailto:fsospavers@gmail.com)

## The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore – November 2018!

The club's shuffleboard has been resurfaced using funds the Pipe Band raised at the recent cornhole tournament! It looks GREAT! Should be a lot of fun for all for many years to come!

The band will be holding elections before November ends. I want to thank the existing e-board for putting in the extra time to help our band over the last year! I truly appreciate your efforts!

Not a lot to talk about this month as we prepare for parade season. We are working on new music and hope to debut a new tune titled Cullen Bay by the time the parade fundraisers coming early in the new year.

As with any organization, growth is key to being successful in the long term. 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!

Do you want to learn to play? Perhaps someone in your family does?

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. If you want to learn or already know how to play bagpipes or drums & want to join the band, come check us out. Our email is [band@jspipesanddrums.com](mailto:band@jspipesanddrums.com) which can be accessed by visiting our website at [www.jspipesanddrums.com](http://www.jspipesanddrums.com) or you can talk to me or any other band member for information.

It is rewarding to perform at the cancer walks along with other fundraisers that benefit others in need in our community and our club! While the start of the band came from a handful of club members 20 years ago, we currently have 43 band members from our community and some from further away. Some drive from as far as Philadelphia to be a part of our band. Many in our band, myself included, have become club members after being in the band a few years. The Club and the Band help the community and I am proud to be a part of both organizations!

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, 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](mailto:band@jspipesanddrums.com), that would be appreciated!

Slainte!!

Ray Spengler  
[pdjspiper@hotmail.com](mailto:pdjspiper@hotmail.com)

## Irish History 55

### What the 1918 General Election Meant

The general election held in December 1918, five weeks after Armistice Day, shaped the future of Irish-British relations. In Great Britain, David Lloyd George won and remained as Prime Minister. In Ireland, Sinn Fein was victorious and formed its own government, the Dail Eireann.

The Dail convened on the same day the Irish War of Independence began. By the time the war ended, Ireland had gained its independence from Great Britain, but only for 26 counties. Six counties in Northern Ireland chose to remain part of Great Britain. The partition of Ireland led to the Troubles, and continues to cause problems today. It seems that the Irish question in British politics has yet to be conclusively resolved.

In Winston Churchill's tome, *The Aftermath*, he cites several factors that led Lloyd George to call a general election. First, an election had not been held during the war. As a result, "[t]he Parliament, elected for five, had lasted eight years." The view that soldiers returning home from the front should have a say in how the country was run was another factor. Also, the electorate had increased from eight to twenty million voters since the last election due to passage of the Representation of the People Act. (Chapter 55)

But the Prime Minister's overriding consideration in calling the election was to take advantage of Great Britain's victory in World War I. According to Churchill, the Prime Minister was viewed as "the pilot who had weathered the storm." Lloyd George wanted to capitalize on his popularity and did so.

What was not foreseen before the election was the total collapse of the Irish Parliamentary Party (IPP). Although the IPP had been Ireland's main political party for decades, sending its representatives elected Members of Parliament (MP's) to London, it was completely eviscerated by Sinn Fein in the election. The IPP fell from eighty MP's in Parliament to six. Sinn Fein on the other hand won 73 seats.

Irish voters rewarded Sinn Fein for its fierce opposition to "conscription" (draft), which kept them and their loved ones out of the war. (Chapter 54) The election results looked like a vote against armed conflict on the European continent. The results were, however, not a vote against using armed force to achieve independence.

Sinn Fein had supported the Easter Rising. It called for an Irish Republic and independence from Great Britain. This is what Irish voters had endorsed in voting Sinn Fein into office. Mary MacSwiney, sister of Cork Mayor Terence MacSwiney who would die on hunger strike in 1920, wrote to him in prison about the election saying: "it isn't the men but the policy that is winning."

The election results showed the long sought-after "Home Rule for Ireland" policy had been emphatically rejected by Irish voters. In its place came Sinn Fein's policy of abstentionism. Sinn Fein's newly elected MP's refused to take their seats in Parliament. This fulfilled a campaign promise. Thus, Ireland's representation in the new Parliament consisted of mostly MP's from Ulster.

In 1920, Parliament enacted a Home Rule bill - the Government of Ireland Act. The law provided powers of self-government to Ireland that were to be exercised by an Irish Parliament in Dublin. It also allowed Northern Ireland to opt out of the Dublin Parliament and set-up its own. While the Dublin Parliament envisioned by the law was never established, a Northern Ireland Parliament - known as Stormont - was. Northern Ireland's first Prime Minister, James Craig, famously boasted: "we have a Protestant parliament and a Protestant state."

Instead of attending Parliament, Sinn Fein fulfilled another campaign promise by establishing the Dail Eireann in the Mansion House in Dublin on January 21, 1919. The first Dail issued a declaration of independence and ratified the Irish Republic that had been proclaimed on Easter Monday. While it was unclear at that point whether independence would be pursued by democratic means or armed force, the election results provided a public mandate for independence as well as a foundation of "legitimacy" for the War of Independence.

Decades later, a segment of the minority population in Northern Ireland supported the Provisional IRA's thirty year "long war" against the British during the Troubles. However, the type of public mandate that the War of Independence had received was missing.

Today, British Prime Minister Theresa May lacks a Conservative Party majority in Parliament. In Great Britain's parliamentary form of government, she needs a majority to retain power. As a result, she entered a "confidence and supply arrangement" with Northern Ireland MP's from the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP). The arrangement requires DUP MP's to vote in favor of critical domestic legislation proposed by the government, thereby providing May a majority on these votes. A loss on these issues would result in a no-confidence vote on May's leadership and potentially collapse her government.

Brexit (i.e., Great Britain's exit from the European Union) has strained the relationship between the DUP and Conservative government. May is seeking to leave the European Union (EU) with a deal and an agreed outline for future cooperation on trade matters. The alternative is a no-deal exit from the EU. Certain terms of a potential agreement have placed the confidence and supply arrangement in jeopardy.

A major sticking point to reaching a deal is the border between Ireland and Northern Ireland. The EU has said there cannot be a return to a "hard border" between North and South; that is, building border and custom check-points. The fear is these types of hard structures would make tempting targets for attacks by dissident republicans, thereby increasing the chances of a return to conflict.

During negotiations, the EU twice received a commitment from Great Britain that in no case would there be a hard border. The commitment is viewed as a "backstop," because it would apply even if a trade deal is not ready after the 21 month exit transition process - which begins in March 2019 - ends. In this situation, the backstop commitment means there will be an open border whether a trade deal is reached on time or not. If not, Northern Ireland will still be tied to the EU while the rest of Great Britain leaves.

Northern Ireland voted against Brexit. Most political parties, therefore, opposed leaving the EU. But the DUP, like Great Britain as a whole, supported Brexit. Their MP's have threatened to scupper their agreement with May, if Northern Ireland has a different regulatory alignment for goods and agricultural products than the rest of Great Britain. For example, if the United Kingdom withdraws from the EU's single market or custom union while Northern Ireland remains in to ensure the border is not a hard one, DUP support for May's government will be withdrawn. DUP leader Arlene Foster has stated that the DUP will vote against any deal that divides the North from the United Kingdom. "There cannot be a border down the Irish Sea. . . The red line is blood red," she said.

Negotiations are being conducted under intense pressure caused by Great Britain's looming transition period deadline. The DUP threat has further complicated matters, making it more difficult to reach a deal. At this point, it is uncertain how things will be resolved? But the Irish question's long shadow over British politics remains present and is clear for all to see.

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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**

**Questions? Please call**

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**Or email: [fsossanta@gmail.com](mailto:fsossanta@gmail.com)**

**\*All dates, times and locations subject to change\***

# Upcoming Meetings

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:30PM**  
**Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019 at 7:30pm**

**Not receiving email or have contact information to update?**

Contact Craig Coyle at [coyfive@aol.com](mailto:coyfive@aol.com)

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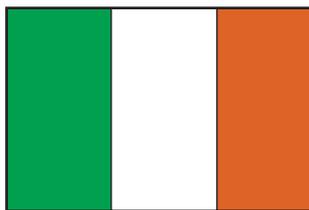
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