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## September 2022 *Your President's Message*

Shillelagh Brothers,

A Happy Labor Day to all of our Shillelagh Brothers and their families as another great season at the Jersey Shore comes to a close. Welcome to Local Summer! Many of us feel that September and October are the best months of the year at the Jersey Shore. Great weather, warm ocean temperatures, local events and the start of football season make it pretty special.

Thanks to all those that showed at the recent blood drive to support Baby Kai Paulus. Club members and our foundation have done great work in helping support the Paulus family. And the great news is that Baby Kai is doing well and now on the heart transplant list!

Thanks also to all those that helped at the Belmar Five Mile Run. The Shillelagh's really stepped up to help the Jersey Shore Running club and the town.

September and October are very busy at the club. Be sure to check the events page below as we will have a lot of entertainment and events at the club as we enter our most busy time of the year. We've just completed another successful comedy night led by John Carr. We also had a 9/11 memorial event as well with the Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore playing for citizens on the Belmar boardwalk as part of the annual candlelight ceremony. Upcoming is the annual ½ way to St Patrick's Day celebration at the club on 9/17 with entertainment, Irish music, Irish fare, Notre Dame football and best of all, the Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore.

On 9/27, four foursomes of Shillelagh golfers will participate in the Quad Shillelagh Golf Outing at the LBI Country Club. There may still be some additional spots open if there are any cancellations. Please contact Ray Barnes to be added to a wait list.

Our 8th annual Shillelagh 5K will be held on October 8th. Please spread the word as we can certainly use some sponsors, runners, walkers, and volunteers. Former President, Bill Ryan, and his committee do a great with this event. This year the net proceeds will go to support Belmar Elementary, local food pantries and the FSOS Foundation.

October 9th will bring our 2nd annual NFL Tailgate and Pig Roast. We will have an early morning start with the Giants playing the Packers in London at 930AM followed by the Jets and Dolphins at 1pm. More details to come. Ryan Lavender will also lead our Greg Higgins "Pint for a Pint" Blood Drive on Sunday, 10/16.

Prayers go out to the family of brother Gene Gougeon who passed away in Florida on August 27th.

All the best!

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Craig Coyle, President  
FSOS Jersey Shore



**Saturday, September 17th • Halfway to St. Patrick's Day**

**Tuesday, September 27th • Quad Shillelagh Golf Outing**

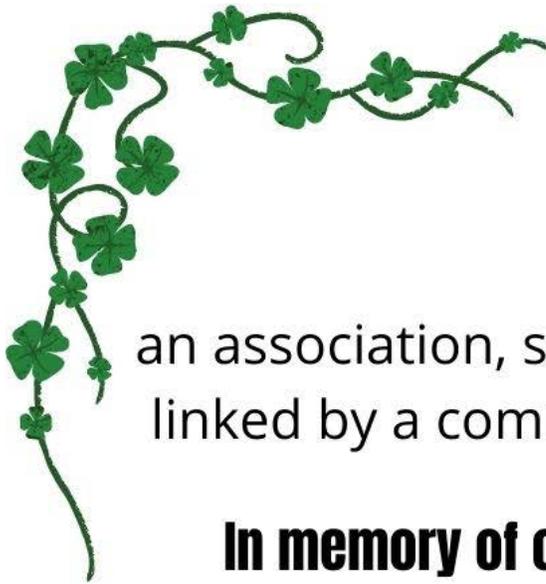
**Saturday, October 1st • Alex English**

**Wednesday, October 5th • FSOS Monthly Meeting**

**Saturday, October 8th • Shillelagh 5K**

**Sunday, October 9th • Tailgate Pig Roast**

**Sunday, October 16th • Blood Drive**

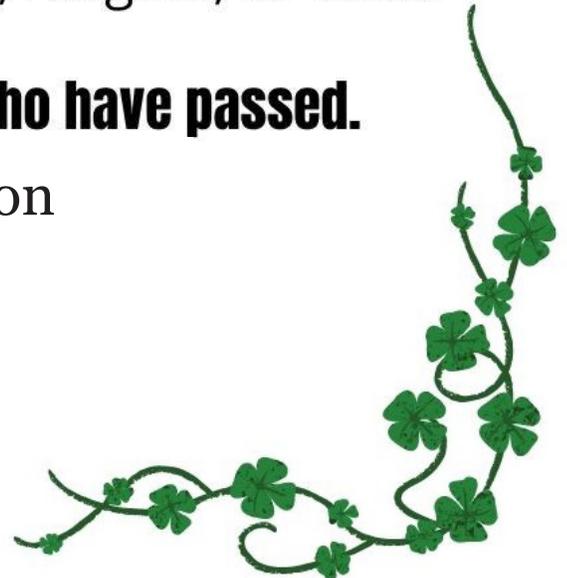


### **Brotherhood:**

an association, society, or community of people linked by a common interest, religion, or trade

**In memory of our brothers who have passed.**

Gene Gougeon



# Irish History #96

## The Day Michael Collins Was Killed (Part 2)

The day after Michael Collins was shot, Minister of Defense Richard Mulcahy issued a message to the Irish National Army, telling soldiers how they should respond to the devastating news. The message read: "Stand calmly by your posts. Bend bravely and undaunted in your work. Let no cruel act of reprisal blemish your bright honor. Every dark hour that Michael Collins met since 1916 seemed but to steel that bright strength and temper his gay bravery. You are left each inheritors of that strength." Mulcahy was urging them to follow their courageous commander's example in performing their duty, and to refrain from any vengeful acts.

Word of Collins' death reached Kilmainham Prison that night, where approximately 1,000 republican prisoners were being held. Although they had fought the British with Collins, now they were fighting against his government. Nevertheless, according to Tom Barry who led the Kilmichael Ambush in Co. Cork (See Chapter 74) during the Irish War of Independence, they knelt down and recited a rosary for the repose of Collins' dead soul. Years later, Barry reflected on what he observed that evening. He said, "those republican prisoners remembered their dead leader, latterly their enemy, was once the driving force and the inspiration in their struggle against the British forces of occupation." Despite the fact that they were on opposite sides in the Irish Civil War, Collins' role as the rebel's chief during the War of Independence overshadowed anything else the prisoners may have felt about him.

The steamship SS *Classic*, carrying Collins' body, made its way from Cork to Dublin around Ireland's south-east. It arrived at Dublin quay between 2 and 3 AM. It was now August 24. Dr. Oliver St. John Gogarty, whose house Collins used when he was on the run during the War of Independence, was one of many who awaited the ship's arrival at that hour. He commented that the "drizzling rain added to our gloom."

Uniformed troops formed a bodyguard, as Collins' tri-color flag draped coffin was placed on a gun carriage. There was a small procession along Dublin's mostly deserted streets to St. Vincent Hospital.

Around 6 AM, Collins' body was embalmed by Gogarty, and a death mask was made. When the work was finished, Collins was dressed in full uniform and a crucifix was hung down around his chest. Collins' body was placed in an oak casket, and he was moved to a chapel at the hospital. Four soldiers stood as an Honor Guard, while close friends came to say prayers and pay respects.

That evening, Collins was moved to City Hall, where he lied-in-state for public viewing. During these days, it was reported that the line of mourners was a mile long. An Honor Guard - made up of Collins' comrades in arms, members of his Intelligence Squad, or members of the Provisional Government - was ever-present at the casket. On the evening before his funeral, Collins' body was carried to Pro-Cathedral.

The next day, August 28, a requiem high mass "officiated by several priests and Bishops" was heard at the cathedral. After the funeral mass, Collins' casket was placed on the gun carriage for the 6-mile procession to Glasnevin cemetery. The Irish government purchased 4 artillery horses from the British to pull the carriage. The cortege was 3-miles long. It moved slowly before an estimated 500,000 people from all over Ireland. One-fifth of the country's population lined Dublin's streets to say good-bye to their beloved leader.

Mulcahy gave a graveside oration. He said in part: "Men and women of Ireland. We are all mariners on the deep, bound from a port still seen only through storm and spray, sailing still on a sea 'full of dangers and hardships, and bitter toil.' But the Great Sleeper lies smiling in the stern of the boat, and we shall be filled with that spirit which will walk bravely upon the waters." He was trying to summon Collins' spirit to continue guiding Ireland's future. That would prove, however, to be impossible.

Arthur Griffith and Collins were Winston Churchill's adversaries during negotiations that ended the War of Independence. Now, both men were dead. Churchill paid tribute to them, saying they were two men "who feared God, loved their country, and who

kept their word.” Shane Leslie, Churchill’s cousin, wrote the following lines of remembrance about Collins: “Beneath Glasnevin’s shaking sod/His spirit passed like sunset splendor/Unto the dead Fianna’s God/ Good luck be with you, Collins.” The legendary Irish Fianna were warriors who carried out the mandate of the Irish high-kings “to uphold justice and put down injustice . . . and to guard the harbors from foreign invaders.” In death, Collins was lionized as an Irish warrior-god.

At the 1997 Army-Navy football game in the Meadowlands, I met a cadet who told me that the guerilla war tactics Collins successfully instituted against the British during the War of Independence are studied at West Point. An impressive achievement for a 20th century Irish revolutionary. By the way, Navy thrashed Army 39-7 that day to win the Commander-in-Chief’s trophy. The game is college football’s best and most unique match-up every year, and is known as “the civil war.”

Collins died a soldier’s death and a hero. Famous Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw - winner of a Nobel Prize and an Oscar for *Pygmalion* - noted, “how could a born soldier die better than at the victorious end of a good fight.” But along with the death of Collins, any chance of quickly ending the Civil War also died. Over the next few months in fact, the war would be bloodier. It would be marked by assassinations and reprisals. And, without Collins, the fate of Catholics in Ireland’s northeast was no longer a priority for the Provisional Government.

In the 1930’s, Collins’ brother and sisters wanted to erect a “monument over his grave in Glasnevin cemetery.” Because Collins was buried in a military grave, his family had to deal with the Ministry of Defense. Approval of a monument was delayed for years. Collins’ brother Johnny met with Taoiseach Eamon de Valera twice before the family’s request was granted “with stipulations.” De Valera refused to agree to a marble cross which the family wanted. Collins’ grave could only have a limestone cross, the price of which could not exceed 300 pounds. Also, the inscription on the cross’ front had to be in Irish and he - de Valera - would have to approve its wording. De Valera agreed to the words “M. Collins erected by his brother and sisters” on the back of the cross.

In the end, the following language (in Irish) was approved for the front: “In loving memory of Michael Collins who was born on 12 October 1890, and who died on 22 August 1922 . . . May God give him eternal happiness . . . Erected by his brothers and sisters.” (English translation). On the back, it read “Michael Collins,” and in Irish “God have mercy on us.”

There was one additional stipulation. De Valera told Johnny that when the cross was erected “no member of your family can be present except yourself,” and that the only other person permitted to attend will be the cemetery’s chaplain who can bless the cross. Collins’ sisters were out, as were members of the public and the press. When the cross was erected in 1939, Johnny was there along with the priest, an altar boy and a gravedigger. Sadly, no one else was present.

The episode was another sign of de Valera’s continuing insecurity, pettiness and ego when it came to Collins. It was still evident 17 years after Collins’ death. For de Valera, how history would compare him to Collins was a lifelong obsession. He dreaded the prospect of Collins being viewed more favorably than him.

Going back to the mid-1800’s, the giants of Ireland’s quest for emancipation from Great Britain have been buried at Glasnevin. In the cemetery, the graves of Collins and de Valera are just a “stone’s throw” apart. Yet, the most visited grave in Glasnevin cemetery belongs to Collins. This fact answers de Valera’s question about how they would be compared in the future.

Sources: Joe Connell, “The Ambush and Death of Michael Collins at Beal na mBlath in 1922,” *Irish Central News* (August 22, 2019); Tim Pat Coogan, *Michael Collins - the Man Who Made Ireland*, Roberts Rinehart Publishers (1996); Domhnall O’Donoghue, “Glasnevin Cemetery Wows with History That Shaped Modern Ireland,” *Irish Central News* (July 18, 2022); Seamus MacManus, *The Story of the Irish Race*, The Devin-Adair Company (1966); Meda Ryan, *The Day Michael Collins Was Shot*, Poolbeg Press, Ltd. (1979).

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## The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore - September 2022

September..... you know that that means..... it's almost time for another parade!!! We will be performing in the Basilone Parade in Raritan in September honoring an American Hero John Basilone

We will be performing at a few events throughout September including memorials for 9-11, the Basilone Parade, Half way to St Patricks Day here at the club.

Please see our flier in the newsletter and at the club for our golf outing being held in October!

This summer has quickly come and will soon be gone..... there is still time for you learn to play and bagpipes or maybe the drums.... Give it a try!!!!

We are always looking for Bagpipers and Drummers to join the ranks performing in parades, fundraisers and other events. Growth is key for the band's future. The club is around 1400 strong..... it would be great to see more of you (and your families) join the band!

For seasoned club members, by now you know the scoop on how to join from reading this in the newsletter each month or listening to our Band Manager Mark Mastowski at club meetings every month. For the many new club members out there or those who do not know: anyone can join the band to learn to play bagpipes and/or drums with free, yes FREE lessons! The band is not just for club members.

We encourage anyone out there that wants to learn to play to visit us on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm, upstairs at the club.

This is a great way to be involved and do something fun! ANYTIME of the year is a good time to start learning!

All you need to do is show up on Tuesday evening and/or contact me 732-685-9232 so you can get started to become a bagpiper 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](http://www.jspipesanddrums.com) or talk to any band member for information.

Want to celebrate a promotion? How about a backyard bbq or birthday party? We perform for all kinds of events: weddings, funerals, parties, grand openings, ceremonies, graduations and more!

Want more info? Please contact the Band Manager, Mark Mastowski (732-233-6136) if you would like the band, a small group or a single bagpiper to perform. 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!

As always, anyone with pictures or video of the band, please send them along to me [pdjspiper@hotmail.com](mailto:pdjspiper@hotmail.com)

Thank you!

Slainte,

Ray Spengler



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Dear Friends:

The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore Shillelaghs will be hosting our annual **2022 Memorial Golf Outing** at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Colts Neck, NJ on Monday October 17, 2022. For well over 20 years, this event has allowed the band a great opportunity to raise funds for its equipment and transportation fund as well as for area charities that help sick children. Our fund raising efforts have been a big success thanks to people like you who participate in the outing or sponsor a hole on the course.

This year, we hope to have over 120 golfers and spectators enjoy a beautiful day on the “links.” We are asking for the support of the business community to sponsor our outing and help us meet our fundraising goals for this year. Hole and refreshment stop sponsors are needed and all proceeds will be used to offset the band’s equipment needs and for specific charities.

Please consider “sponsoring” a hole, a refreshment cart, or a grill pit. We will proudly display a sign on the course acknowledging your generous support of our efforts. We are an IRS 501(3) (c) charitable organization and all donations are tax-deductible. Please complete the attached form and return it to the above address with your check by October 1, 2022 so that we can have the signs prepared for the outing. You can contact John Giblin (732) 904-4480 or myself (732) 267-1233 if you need our Tax-ID number or if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Scott MacDonald

Fund Drive Chairman, PDJS

# The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore Shillelaghs

## 2022 Memorial Golf Outing



**Monday October 17, 2022**

**Pebble Creek Golf Course – Colts Neck, N.J.**

**Registration Form - \$160.00 per golfer**

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# Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore Shillelaghs

## 2022 Golf Outing Sponsor Form

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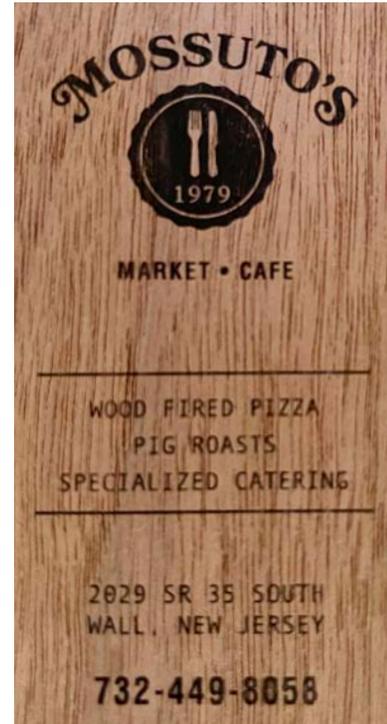
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