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Carolina's Shillelagh Quarterly Newsletter – October 2025!



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Brother Shillelagh's,

I want to give you an update on the recent activities and progress of our committees. We had a very successful **1/2 Way to St Patrick's Day**. **Gary Friedhoff** was the chairman and did a great job. We had almost 600 people pass through during the day. We sold close to **\$12K** in our 50/50. **Jack Gregory** won 1st prize and donated **\$500** back to the club. Also **35 Knotz** donated their fee back to the club.

Our September meeting was held at **The Beaver Bar**. We had 74 members attend. The cost of the food and preparation was donated by **Jack Gregory**.

Upcoming events are a **Cigar Night** on October 24th and the cost is **\$85**. Contact **Drew Chambers 973-600-6116**.

It is our turn to sponsor the **Quint Golf Outing**. **All 5 Shillelagh clubs will be represented**. Contact **Gary Friedhoff 732-865-3669** if you want to sign up to play.

Our **Food Drive** will begin October 18th thru November 12th. None-perishable food can be donated at designated boxes. More information forth coming.

Our **Super 50/50** tickets will be available in **October**.

The **Toy Drive Party** will be held at **The Beaver Bar** on **December 12th**. The next **Super 50/50 prizes** will be pulled at the party. We must do a better job on selling tickets as a club. We had **only 52 members take tickets to sell out of 200 members**.

The **Building Committee** is gathering information on what the **costs of land** and a **building** and the **cost of running a bar**.

For **apparel and gear** contact **Kevin Scully 732-766-3961**.

See you at the next social happy hour at the **Hot Fish Club** on **October 7th!**

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Paul A. Mueller

President of the FSOS,

Carolina's Chapter



Friday, July 25th – Our FSOS 3rd Anniversary Cocktail Party & Sash Exchange was a wonderful evening celebrating our 3rd Anniversary, and the FSOS Outgoing and Incoming Executive Board Members. Congratulations to Our Irishman of the Year, Steve Hines! And a Shout-Out to our Shillelagh’s of the Year: Jim Gaffigan, Drew Chambers, Pete Ganzer and Joe Carolan. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success and to those who attended.

Our 3rd Year Anniversary of The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Carolina Chapter



Round of Applause for the Outgoing Executive Board!



President 's Sash Exchange Gary Friedhoff to Paul Mueller



Big Welcome to the Incoming Executive Board!

Photos from the evening:





Saturday, July 26st – FSOS 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. Thanks to an army of FSOS members, starting with **Drew Chambers** our FSOS Golf Tournament Director, this year's tournament was a tremendous success resulting in an early sellout with **156 entrants** – our largest field yet! Our gratitude to **Kevin McGuire** and staff at **Willbrook Plantation** who always supports our club and puts on a 1st class event. Drew would like to personally thank all the volunteers that donated their time to help achieve a smooth-running outing. **Gary Friedhoff, Ernie Schriefer, Steve Hines** for running check in and prizes. **Dan Dyer, Don Rovelli, and Paul Conlin** for manning the putting contest. **Richie Cesternino and Bill Cox** at the Hot Dog station. **Angela Chambers and Pattie McComb** our Shilladie Bartenders at the **Tito's Bloody Mary Bar**. A very well deserved special **Thanks** to our **platinum sponsor Casa Mia** restaurant for providing phenomenal filet and crab cake meal enjoyed by all! Can't wait for next year's event.





1/2 WAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY IRISH FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 13th – Our 4th annual 1/2 Way to St. Patrick's Day Irish Festival was held on September 13th at the Beaver Bar in Murrells Inlet. This event has become very popular over the last few years with close to 600 attendees this year. We had three vendors that did very well and have committed for next year's event. We pulled the winners for our Super 50/50 at this event and the club brought in almost \$6000:

- *1st Place \$2800 to Jack Gregory who donated \$400.00 back to the club.*
 - *2nd Place \$1680 to Dale Dorbis*
 - *3rd Place \$1120 to Carmine Petrone*

We also recognized 2 of our members Tom Hyland and John Collins both Marine Veterans with handmade blankets which were made by April Logan. Big shot out to Don Stratton who spearheaded the creation and the presentation.



A big thanks goes out to Dennis Summers and Rick Richter, who sold tickets. Also, a big shout out to Bill Mayfield who helped set up and breakdown the event, as well as helping place signs around town. Thank you to 35 Knotz who provided music for the day and were outstanding as usual. They donated back their cost for performing that day. They will also be playing at our Christmas Toy Drive Party which is scheduled for Friday night, Dec. 12th at The Beaver Bar. Thank you to the Coastal Carolina Shields Pipes and Drums band for their performance. These guys are the best and are always there for our club.

Next year's event will be held on September 12th 2026. This event will include a food festival and Jack Gregory has graciously volunteered to Coordinate the food for this event. We will need more volunteers for this event. If interested contact Gary Friedhoff at 732-865-3669.



Upcoming Events...

Friday, October 24th – Cigar & Bourbon Night at O’Keefe’s Irish Pub. Festivities begin at 6:00 PM. Limited tickets are available for \$85.00 and includes: **Flight of Bourbon, 1 Premium Cigar, Hors D’oeuvres, and Door Prize, we’ll also have 50/50 tickets for sale. Cigar Club Logo T-Shirts** are available for \$25 each but must be ordered and paid for when ticket is purchased. Tickets are available at the **O’Keefe’s** or contact **Drew Chambers** at 973-600-6116.



Friday, December 12th - Our 4th Annual FSOS Christmas Toy Drive. This event will once again be held at the **Beaver Bar** at starting at 6:00 PM. Bring an unwrapped toy and enjoy music by **35 Knots** and the **Coastal Carolina Shields Pipes & Drums!** All Toys and cash donations will be donated to **The Village Group!** Contact **Gary Friedhoff** if you have questions or would like to volunteer to help - by e-mail at fsoscarolina@gmail.com or text at 732-865-3669.



We also have a **Food Drive** starting October 18th to November 12th. **Bob Dougherty** is running this effort and we will have more details available soon via **FSOS Website** and e-mail!

Saturday & Sunday, November 15th-16th – Our FSOS Chapter is Hosting this year’s Annual Quint Shillelagh Golf Outing! This is a member only tournament that will be held at **Legends Golf Course**. Cost is \$150.00 per golfer or \$600 per foursome. If you are interested in signing up, contact **Gary Friedhoff** by e-mail at fsoscarolina@gmail.com or text at 732-865-3669.

We are also hosting a **MEET & GREET** on Saturday at **Doyle’s Pub & Grub** starting at 2 pm. This is open to everyone, family, friends etc.





Upcoming Meetings...

Due to the success of our **FSOS Meeting** hosted by **The Beaver Bar** – all Future Meetings will be held there. A Special Thanks to **Jack Gregory** for providing a delicious dinner of **Kielbasa, Perogies & Slaw!**



Tuesday, October 7 – Social Happy Hour at Hot Fish Club

Tuesday, October 21 – FSOS Member Meeting at The Beaver Bar

Tuesday, November 4 – Social Happy Hour – TBD

Tuesday, November, 18 – FSOS Member Meeting at The Beaver Bar

Tuesday, December 2 – Social Happy Hour – TBD

Tuesday, December 16 – FSOS Member Meeting at The Beaver Bar



New Members...

**Welcome To Our 3rd Quarter New Members,
And Thank You to Their Sponsors!**

New Members

Raymond Barnes
William Clohosey
James Higgins
Greg Mataraza
Charles Miller
Jim Saylor

Sponsors

Dual Member
Dual Member
Mike Merkel
Ernie Schriefer
Mike Merkel
Al Davis

New Members

Keith Chase
Robert Greer
Ron LaBrie
Roy McGaha
Austin Mueller
Steven Winter

Sponsors

Jason Tyree
Jim Walsh
Gary Friedhoff
Pete Ganzer
Dual Member
Kevin McGuire

In the 3rd Quarter of 2025 Our Membership Grew By 12!

Sponsors, please note that applicants must meet with the Membership Committee prior to their second reading to be accepted as a member!



Membership Housekeeping...

Our official uniform consists of the Shillelagh Shirt, Khaki Shorts or Pants, & Hat

Full uniform is required for marching in parades, honor guard, memorial services, and other important events. During less formal occasions, just the Shirt is acceptable. While you are representing our club, locally and elsewhere, we do ask that you do so in a respectful and dignified manner.

Shillelagh Uniforms and Apparel can be purchased by contacting the Keeper of the Shillelagh, Kevin Scully by phone at 732-766-3961 or via e-mail at rotti-2@hotmail.com

Shirts



Uniforms

Hats



We also have some new gear available!

Hats \$25



Koozies \$5



Membership Dues

The annual membership fees are due in July. This year's membership fee is \$50 by check or \$55 for online payments to cover processing fee. Payments can be made in person at any FSOS Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the VFW Hall in Murrells Inlet or by mail to ***Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, P.O. Box 392, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576***

If you have any questions, please contact

Don Stratton at drs295@sc.rr.com or ***Mike Devins*** at mfdevins@gmail.com

Members Website

Our **FSOS Website** is available to the **Public** at: <https://fsoscarolinas.com/>

From the **Public FSOS Website** there is a **Members Only** tab – but you need to **Sign-Up** to get access. Here is where you sign-up: <https://fsoscarolinas.com/m/create-account>

Here are a few items available from within the ***Members Only*** section:

- * Annual Membership Dues Payment Portal
- * Online Donation Portal
- * Shillelagh Club Members List
- * Club Meeting Minutes
- * New Membership Application
- * FSOS By-Laws

If you have any questions, please contact *Jim Dougherty* at jimdoc58@gmail.com

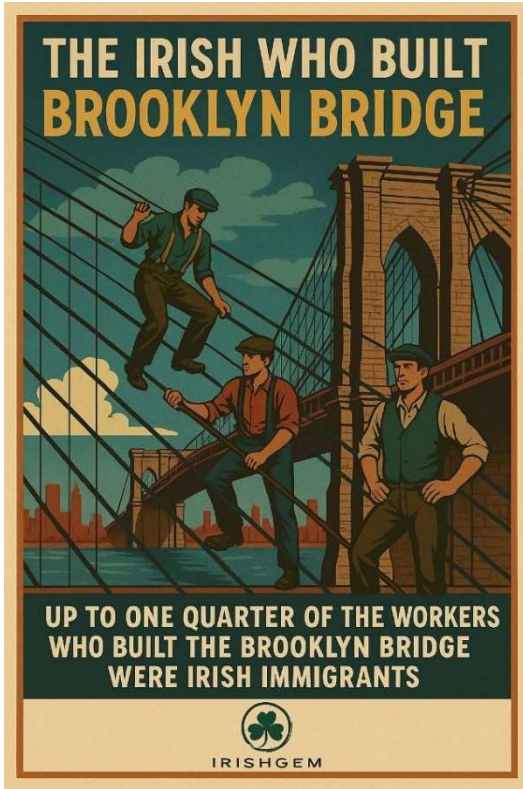
Website Suggestions / Newsletter / Photo Submissions

The tech committee would love more content on our website, both members-only and public-facing material. We restarted with a clean slate, but do have all previous editions of our site. We are collecting memories, anecdotes, cultural notes and important club and Celtic history in general. We are also assembling photos for internal historical photo galleries, and/or to be displayed on our vestibule/menu TVs in between promotional items (to come).

We are happy to take your submissions directly at: FSOS.Carolinas@gmail.com



History:



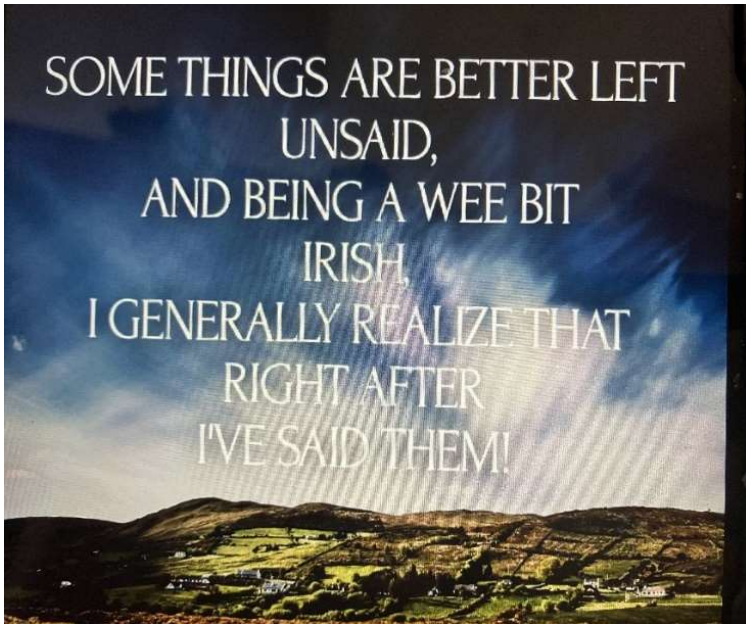
Many of the famous sights in New York City were built by the hands of Irish immigrants, with the iconic Brooklyn Bridge no exception.

A group known as the Sandhogs of New York laid the foundations of the Brooklyn Bridge and worked on a number of other big projects around the city including the Lincoln Tunnel, the Brooklyn Battery tunnel, the subway network, and the tunnels that bring water to the city from upstate. Learn more at:

<https://www.irishstar.com/news/us-news/irish-immigrants-who-helped-build-30078086>

Submitted by: Don Stratton

Humor:



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An Irishman walks into a bar in Toronto and orders a drink. The bartender, noticing his accent, asks him "What brings you to Canada?"

The Irishman says "Well, I was in a pub in Dublin and the coaster under my glass said 'Drink Canada Dry', so I thought I'd give it a shot"

Submitted by: Don Stratton

Now accepting submissions for History & Humor at: FSOS.Carolinas@gmail.com



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