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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE JERSEY SHORE ORDER OF THE FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH

### **July 2024** Your President's Message

#### My Brother Shillelagh's

We are off to another hot summer! Hope everyone had a great 4th of July and is enjoying everything the Jersey shore has to offer. June was another busy month at the club. Need to thank all the volunteers who help support all the events we offer.

We closed the second half of the month with our second Trivia night, a good time was had by all. The winning team was Drunken Irishman. Next up was our annual golf tournament. Ray Barnes, Rick Mkenna, Mike Kahrer and the golf committee did an outstanding job putting this event on. Can't forget Wayne Burning and the kitchen crew for feeding some 300 guests after the outing, the ladies that helped serve, and yes, Jeff Wells manning the grill cooking great steaks for all. The weekend finished off with comedian John Pizzi entertaining guests for a comedy night under the big top. Thanks to Mark Chadwick for organizing the event. Next up was a cigar and whiskey night hosted by Al Gonzalez and Wayne Berning. Again, thanks to the volunteers who helped.

Not to be outdone, we finished the month off with Irish Heritage Night at the Blue Claws. The greatest band in the land, The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore Shillelagh's played at the opening ceremony, and yours truly got to throw out the first pitch, contrary to all the heckling the pitch was a strike. We also had the left field picnic area for the club to enjoy the game with our families.

#### Reminder, we will have the August meeting on Wednesday July 31st

For the month of July, the corn hole league finishes this weekend with the playoffs. Team GFY is in first place. Thanks, Mike Miles, for organizing. The Golf league is also winding down and will have their closing dinner on August the 1st. Mike Kahrer, thanks for starting and running the league. And our softball team, managed by Dan Reilly is at 10-12, thanks for putting the team together.

The big top will go up at the beginning of August, we will be holding our first Vendor Day Sunday August 4th, watch your email for details. Followed by Joe Kelly Bingo Thursday August 8th. Next up, The Annual Fluke Tournament. Friday August 9th is registration, and the tournament is held Saturday August 10th. Signups are available now. A big shout out to Chairman Ryan Lavender and Co-chair Billy Clohosey. We hope to have t-shirts at the August meeting. We need volunteers for the tent committee, again watch your email for dates.

Speaking of the big top, our tent, the tent crew needs some new help. We do pay a tent company to assist in the setup, we still need help to finish the setup and the take down. Emails will go out for setup, if you're looking to volunteer, this is a great place to start.

In closing, big thanks go out to the many committees that make things happen at our club. The kitchen crew, the golf committee, cornhole league, golf league, dart league, fluke committee. That's just to name a few of our many committees.

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John J Padgett President

FSOS, Jersey Shore

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### Welcome New Members Class of 2024!

Below is a list of new members from part of the Class of 2024 that were welcomed to the club at the July meeting held on June 26. We have screenings for more of the class of 2024 over the next couple of months before they become members at future meetings.

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## Irish History #116

#### U.S. Army General Philip Sheridan and Juneteenth; the Irish Brigade and the Emancipation Proclamation

The nation's newest federal holiday, "Juneteenth," was celebrated this past June 19. It is also known as "Freedom Day" because, on that day in 1865, U.S. Army General Philip Sheridan - an Irish American - oversaw the issuance of General Order #3 by General Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, informing still enslaved people of the Emancipation Proclamation and their freedom. The U.S. Civil War had ended 2 months and 10 days earlier, when General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox, Virginia. Grant sent Sheridan and 50,000 soldiers to Texas to restore the State to Union control. The mission included enforcing the end of slavery, which had not yet happened. Because Texas had resisted the Emancipation Proclamation and ignored the Confederate war defeat, slaves on plantations in that State were unaware they were free. General Order #3 changed that.

Please indulge me for a short digression. Friendly bartender Tim Ryan doesn't just know movies. He also knows something about Union civil war generals. He can repeat verbatim something my old friend First Cavalry Captain John Hutchins used to say quite often. It was General William Tecumseh Sherman's famous quote about Grant. "Grant stood by me when I was crazy, and I stood by him when he was drunk, and now we stand by each other." Grant and Sherman were close. When Grant became President, Sherman succeeded him as Commanding General of the U.S. Army (4-star general).

In the closing scene of the John Ford's classic movie "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon," Captain Nathan Brittles (John Wayne) is riding into the sunset and retirement when he is chased down by a galloper from Fort Starke with a U.S. War Department order recalling him to duty as Chief of Scouts with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Wayne expresses glee, not only because of the promotion, but also because the order is signed by Generals Grant, Sherman, and Sheridan. Wayne tells the rider, "[t]here's three aces for you, boy!"

As the civil war's end neared, Sheridan's cavalry forced Lee's Army of Northern Virginia to evacuate Petersburg and abandon the defense of Richmond. At Appomattox, Sheridan blocked Lee's escape and pressured his surrender. Grant praised Sheridan's performance, saying: "I believe Sheridan has no superior as general, whether living or dead, and perhaps no equal." Sheridan was one of Grant's two favorite generals. The other was Sherman, who is remembered for the capture of Atlanta and his "March to the Sea".

General Order #3 stated in part: "The people of Texas are

informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former master and slaves, and the connection here to fore between them, becomes that of employer and hired labor." The executive proclamation referred to in the order was the Emancipation Proclamation. President Abraham Lincoln signed and delivered it to Congress on September 22, 1862.

This was 5 days after the bloodiest battle in U.S. history, "Antietam" in Maryland. The casualties numbered 4,710 killed and 21,000 wounded. The Union unit with the highest casualty rate in the battle was the Irish Brigade. They were part of U.S. General George B. McClellan's Army of the Potomac.

Brigadier General Thomas Francis Meagher commanded the Irish Brigade and 1400 men at Antietam. They were called into action at the Sunken Road, later renamed "Bloody Lane," which the Confederates had fortified and held. Ferocious, back and forth, close-range fire decimated each side. It was described as a "bloody brawl," during which the Irish Brigade was reduced to 500 men. Still, they pressed forward. With assistance from the 29th Massachusetts, the Irish Brigade drove the rebels from the Sunken Road and the cornfield behind. McClellan said it was "the most beautiful field I ever saw and the grandest battle." Bloody Lane turned the tide of the battle in the Union's favor.

Lincoln had wanted to issue the Emancipation Proclamation earlier in the war, but his cabinet convinced him to hold off until there was "success" on the battlefield. Antietam provided the victory Lincoln had been awaiting. His proclamation changed the character of the war. Now, it was more than a fight to save the Union. The war became an "act of justice" for 4 million slaves in the Confederacy. (Photo of the Irish Brigade Memorial at Bloody Lane in Antietam National Battlefield.)

The Emancipation Proclamation came into effect on January 1, 1863, when President Lincoln issued the final draft. It freed the slaves in rebel states. The Emancipation Proclamation stated in part: ". . . all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive government, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons."

Sheridan's parents were Irish. It is unclear if he was born in beautiful Co. Cavan or on the boat taking his family from there to America. Nevertheless, he is an acclaimed Irish American for his exceptional skills as a cavalry officer and Army general.

He is also remembered for some of the things he said and did during the "Indian Wars." Grant called upon Sheridan at a low point for the army in the Indian Wars. Indian raids were killing settlers on the frontier. Sheridan developed the strategy of slaughtering vast herds of bison on the American Plains to deprive the Indians of their primary source of food. The goal was to get Indian tribes to honor treaties. He testified about it in Congress: "For the sake of lasting peace, let them [buffalo hunters] kill, skin, and sell until the buffaloes are exterminated."

Another quote attributed to him was his response to an Indian Chief saying "me good injun." Sheridan is said to have replied, "[t]he only good Indian is a dead Indian." He held

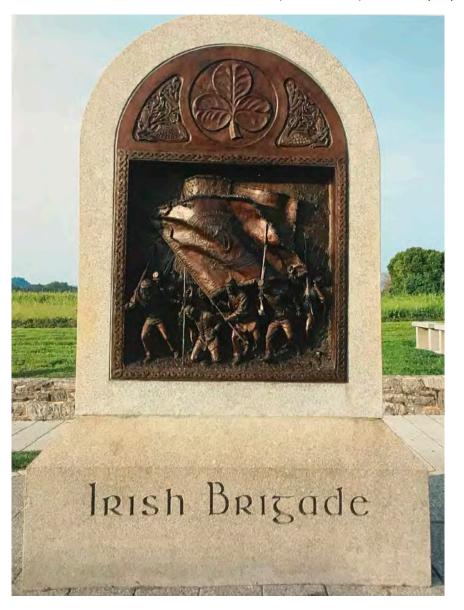
deep disdain for his military enemies, first the rebel South and later Indians. For him, this justified the orders he issued that resulted in mass killings and the infliction of communal pain.

Sheridan is also known as a protector of Yellowstone. After a string of incompetent park superintendents, Sheridan sentin the U.S. cavalry to operate the park, which it did until the National Park Service took over in 1916.

The Indian Wars wound down in the 1880's with Geronimo's capture. Just before his death in 1888, Sheridan was promoted to Commanding General of the Army of the United States. The same rank his friends, Grant and Sherman, had achieved earlier. Three aces indeed!

#### Slainte, EMN

(Will return in September. Enjoy the rest of the summer!) References: Niall O'Dowd, "How Irish American US General Phil Sheridan Paved the Way for Juneteenth," Irish Central News (June 19, 2023); World Encyclopedia, Philp H. Sheridan.





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## The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore July 2024

Did you see that powerful paralyzing perfect pachyderms percussion pitch from our Club President John Padgett? We did from the outfield when we performed at Irish Heritage Night at the Blueclaws game. It was great to see so many club members and families at the game! What fun night for our return to this event!

Coming up July 3 we are making our return to the Manasquan 4th of July Parade!

We had band members represent the band at other events also the last month or so including graduations, birthday parties, weddings and funerals.

Yes, we are continuing to hold beginner lessons every Tuesday night at 6:30 upstairs at the club followed by rehearsal. We are working on new music. We have a number of beginners that will likely earn their kilt after auditioning sometime this year.

August and September events will be listed next month as we are in the process of finalizing one or two of the events.

PDJS Q&A:

1. How does the band get to and from events?

Each member is responsible for getting to/from events (and rehearsals) on their own. There is no reimbursement from the band. Sometimes, if the venue is far away we will rent a bus however, each band member ponies up the cash to cover the cost.

2. Why are band members in kilts at the bar?

Some of us stop at the club for a celebratory beverage after performing at a parade or other event. It's fun to get together after events (and rehearsals too).

#### 3. Do you play in poor weather?

I think this was asked before. Yes we perform in the rain, snow, bitter cold and extreme heat. However, lightning is a show stopper. The best weather overall, in my opinion, is sunny or partly cloudy between 50 - 70 degrees with a light breeze. Cool enough not to sweat too much in our wool kilts and not bone chilling.

Do you have a question to ask? Let me know and your question can be featured right here! Email me: pdjspiper@ hotmail.com or text 732-685-9232

Growth is key the band's future. It would be great to see more club members (and your families) join the band! Remember the band is not just for club members and ...... lessons are FREE!!!

Did you read that? FREE LESSONS!

Reach out and contact me 732-685-9232 or our band manager Mark Mastowski 732-233-6136 so you can get started with 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 to check us out.

Our email is band@jspipesanddrums.com which can be accessed by visiting our updated website www. jspipesanddrums.com or talk to any band member for information.

Need a piper or the band to play at an event?

Want to have a bagpiper, small group or the band to celebrate a promotion, a backyard bbq or birthday party? We perform for all kinds of events: weddings, funerals, parties, grand openings, ceremonies, graduations, backyard bbq's and more!

For more info, please contact our Band Manager, Mark Mastowski (732-233-6136)

We always try to accommodate all requests. Remember that we, just like you, have family, job and other commitments/ obligations (some beyond our control).

Anyone with pictures or video of the band, please send them along to me pdjspiper@hotmail.com

Thank you!

Thank you all and we appreciate the continued support from all of you!!

Slainte,

Ray Spengler

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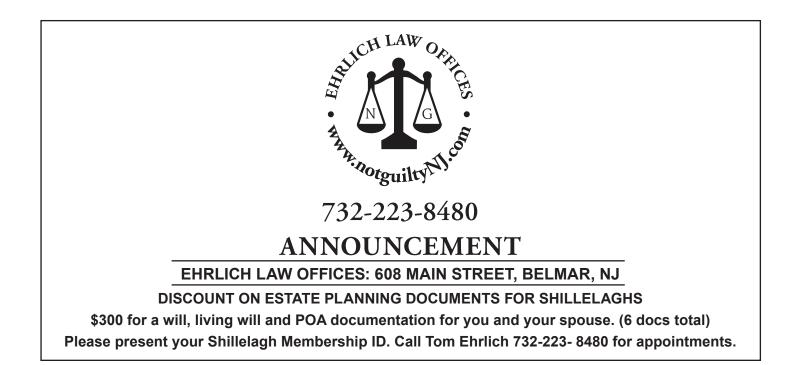
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