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## April 2022 *Your President's Message*

President's Letter – April 2022

Brother Shillelaghs,

Welcome to April. Spring has sprung. We have gotten so good weather and we got baseball.

April marks the 20th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Inc. The official charity of the club. Since 2002, this Foundation has overseen the donations of over a million dollars, to our community to help the less fortunate and needy. Inside the newsletter is a more detailed history about how the Foundation came to be.

On April 10th, we had two different events. One: The Greg Higgins Pint for a Pint Blood Drive. 71 people who turned out. The donors were able to give 58 pints of whole blood and 6 donors gave double red cells! These units can be used to help up to 186 people. Thanks to Ryan and Mary Lavender and Moira Horan for setting this up.

Second: the club hosted the annual Easter Bunny picture day from 10am to 2 pm. 115 children attended. Each child was able to have their picture taking with the Easter Bunny and also each received an Easter gift bag. Thanks to Buggy, the live rabbit, for coming and letting the kids pet and feed him. Special Thanks to Kevin Malter, Billy Lindsay, Glen Sanford, Anthony Aldorasi, Mike Siverson for helping to make this a fun day for the kids.

On April 23rd the First Annual Shillelagh Polar Bear Plunge. Net proceeds from the event will be donated to local charitable causes, including AutismMVP, as well as supporting the Belmar Junior Lifeguard program and the Foundation of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh. Contacts for this event are Craig Coyle, Danny Reilly, Anthony Kelly and Rob Defelice.

The election of officers took place on 3/26/2022. The officers going forward are President Craig Coyle, Vice President John Padgett, Recording Secretary Ryan Lavender, Correspondence Secretary Kevin Giblin, Treasurer Ray Barnes, Steward Mike Siverson, First Keeper Matt Doherty and Second Keeper Chuck Healey. Thanks to Snuffy Smith who is in charge of the election committee.

On Saturday May 14, 2022 the club will be holding our Annual Club Awards & Recognition Dinner At Pat's 30 Acres – Wall Township from 3:30-8:30pm. That day we will be transitioning to the new Executive Board and will be awarding the Irishman of the Year and the Shillelaghs of the Year.

This is my last newsletter as President. It has been my honor to be President of this club. We did a lot of great things over the past two years despite global pandemic. Thankfully Covid appears to be behind us. Thank you to all you who volunteered for the different events that were held. Thank you to Executive Board for doing a great job over the past two years and I have every confidence that the new Executive Board will continue to make this club better and better.

See you around the club.

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Bill "Mumbles" Ryan  
President FSOS Belmar

## **20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION of the FRIENDLY SONS of the SHILLELAGH, INC.**

April 2022 marks the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Foundation of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Inc, a 501©(3) charitable organization. Below is a brief history about how the foundation came to be.

The Foundation of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Inc. came about as a result of a meeting that was held at the home of Tom Murphy in December 2001, in attendance was then President Kenneth “Babe” Coyle , Vice-President James “Snuffy” Smith, Treasurer Billy “Numbers” Ryan, Assistant Treasurer Tommy Ryan, the club’s accountant at the time, Brendan Dolan, Former Club Treasurer Tommy Murphy and Bill “Mumbles” Ryan. During this meeting a decision was made to form the Foundation. It was decided that the Foundation would have complete control of where the club’s monetary donations would go.

The original Foundation members, who were appointed by President Coyle, were Tommy Powers, Bob Munyon, Ed Quirk, Billy Newsome, Ed Hickey, Danny Cosgrove and Bill “Mumbles” Ryan.

The Foundation of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Inc was established in April 2002 as a separate entity and for it to be independent of the club’s leadership. It is the official 501(c)(3) charitable organization of the club.

The Foundation, acting on behalf of the club strives to aid those in need and assist those whose purpose it is to help others.

The Foundation believes charitable giving should be broad based, community oriented and reach every person who demonstrates a need for financial help.

The Foundation’s Board Members, on a case-by-case basis, review and vote on every request for need. We do our best to render assistance to our community while being fiscally responsible and only after collectively determining a demonstrable need exists.

Over the years, many members have dedicated their time to make sure that this Foundation continues to serve our club and our community. Since 2002, this Foundation has overseen the donations of over a million dollars, to our community to help the less fortunate and needy. Either coming to the aid of a brother member or his family who needed assistance or to help our neighbors in a time of need or natural disaster our foundation and the club was there.

The current members of the foundation are: Rosco Quirk, Ed Neafsey, John Finnegan, Jim Mulholland, Matt Sharin, and original members Billy Newsome, Ed Quirk and Bill “Mumbles” Ryan.

Thank you to all the current members and former members of the foundation for the great work that the Foundation has done and will continue to do for many years to come.

Thanks to Kenneth “Babe” Coyle for the history!

Bill “Mumbles” Ryan  
President FSOS Belmar



- Saturday, April 23rd • FSOS Polar Bear Plunge**  
**Wednesday, May 4th • Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 7th • Cinco de Derby**  
**Saturday, May 14th • Club Picnic Pat's Forty Acres**  
**Saturday, May 21st • Just Killin Time Band**  
**Friday, May 27th • Vinyl Band**  
**Sunday, June 5th • Irish Festival**  
**Sunday, June 12th • Edna Keegan**  
**Friday, June 24th • FSOS Golf Outing**

### **The Foundation of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Inc.**

The Foundation of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Inc., is a charitable organization established and operated to benefit the public interest and is the club's only IRS designated 501C(3) charity and donations are tax deductible. Please help us help individuals in need. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at [Info.fsosbelmar@gmail.com](mailto:Info.fsosbelmar@gmail.com).

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



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# Irish History #91

## Lead Up to the 1916 Easter Rising

The nation of Ireland was shaped by important events that began in 1913 and continued through the end of the civil war in 1923. These years marked Ireland's revolutionary decade. We will review the civil war in upcoming chapters. For now, we will take a look at the impactful things that happened during the years leading up to the 1916 Easter Rising.

A revival of Irish cultural heritage took place in the late 19th century. The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) was formed in 1884 in Thurles, Co. Tipperary, to promote Irish football and hurling (see chapter 66) throughout the country. These were considered to be uniquely Irish sports, while soccer and rugby were viewed as foreign sports. In 1893, Douglas Hyde (a future President of Ireland) and Eoin MacNeill formed the Gaelic League to promote the Irish language (Gaeilge).

Arthur Griffith established the Sinn Fein (Ourselves Alone) political party in 1905, as an alternative to the Irish Parliamentary Party (IPP) which had spent decades trying unsuccessfully to achieve "Home Rule for Ireland." There was also an Irish literary renaissance during this period. W.B. Yeats and others started the Abbey Theatre in Dublin.

The revival of Irish "cultural nationalism" influenced revolutionary leaders. For example, Padraig Pearse taught at an Irish language school and Michael Collins played hurling. Revolutionary leaders were also influenced by the physical force philosophy of the Fenian movement and Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB). Like the Fenians before them, IRB adherents believed the use of arms, not politics, was necessary to deliver Irish independence from British rule. A growth in IRB ranks accompanied this revival.

When Fenian and IRB man Thomas (Tom) J. Clarke returned to Ireland from America in 1907, he provided leadership to new IRB members. In 1911, the IRB formed a Supreme Council who would decide when the time was right for a rebellion. Clarke was appointed to the Council. Later, he was given the honor of being the first to sign the Proclamation of the Irish Republic. He was also part of the first group - along with Pearse and Thomas MacDonagh - to be executed after the Easter Rising failed.

The British government led by the Liberal Party finally enacted a Home Rule for Ireland Bill in 1912. It was the third attempt over a 26- year period to win passage, and it happened only after a new law came into effect that blocked the power of the Conservative dominated House of Lords to veto any law passed by the House of Commons. All the Lords could do after the legislation was delay any new

law's effect for two years. 1914 became the Home Rule Law's date of effect. The law triggered furious opposition in Ulster.

Once again, chants of "Ulster will fight" rang out in the north of Ireland. Frenzied threats of insurrection against a home rule parliament in Dublin were made. Sir Edward Carson led the charge. He organized "Ulster Day" on September 28, 1912. 470,000 men signed the "Solemn League and Covenant," pledging: ". . . throughout this time of threatened calamity to stand by one another defending for ourselves and our children our cherished position of equal citizenship in the United Kingdom and in using all means which may be found necessary to defeat the present conspiracy to set up a Home Rule Parliament in Ireland." Another quarter million women signed their own version of the covenant.

British Conservative party leader Andrew Bonar Law promised to "support" them in their treason. He urged "violent resistance" in a speech, saying: "We regard the government as a revolutionary committee which has seized upon despotic power by fraud. In our opposition to them we shall not be guided by the considerations or bound by the restraints which would influence us in a normal constitutional struggle. We shall take the means, whatever means seems to us most effective, to deprive them of the despotic power which they have usurped and compel them to appeal to the people they have deceived." This was a grossly irresponsible and reckless position for the leader of the opposition party in Parliament to espouse.

It became clear that violent protest was not a baseless threat the following year, when unionists established the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF). This private paramilitary army, trained by retired soldiers, numbered over 100,000. Despite a government ban on arming, the UVF smuggled 35,000 German rifles and 5 million rounds of ammunition mainly through the port in Larne, Co. Armagh, in 1914. As 300 tons of material was unlawfully unloaded, "police and customs officials stood by idly" and watched.

This was not a surprise. Army and law enforcement officials had no intention of ensuring that home rule was implemented. A month earlier, a majority of British Army officers stationed at the main military base in Ireland, Camp Curragh in Co. Kildare, made clear they would not confront a population opposed to the law. The incident is known as the "Curragh Mutiny." British Commanding General Arthur Paget informed London via telegram that he and 57 officers preferred dismissal to obeying orders to move north. None

of the mutineers were court-martialed. Instead, London provided Paget a document that said "troops under our command will not be called upon to enforce the present Home Rule Bill on Ulster, and we can assure our Officers."

Law and order had clearly broken down. The outbreak of World War I (WWI) in August 1914 averted further confrontation. British Prime Minister Herbert H. Asquith agreed to postpone the Home Rule Law's effective date until the war's end. By then, however, home rule would "no longer be enough for the majority of Irish nationalists" on the island.

Unionist behavior throughout this period greatly affected nationalists. In response to the UVF, Eoin MacNeil set up the Irish Volunteers as a defensive force in 1913. IPP leader John Redmond controlled the Volunteers' movement in the beginning. But the IRB took a keen interest in the organization and infiltrated it. A dozen members of the Volunteers' executive committee were IRB members. The Volunteers split during WWI. A majority followed Redmond into the British Army to fight the war. About 11,000 Volunteers, however, remained in Ireland and trained for action against the British that culminated in the Easter Rising.

After the UVF's successful but illegal landing of arms at Larne, the Irish Volunteers staged a "mini-version" of their own gun-running. Erskine Childers, his wife Molly and Mary Spring Rice landed 900 German rifles aboard the yacht *Asgard* at Howth, Co. Dublin. As Pearse put it, "the only thing more ridiculous than a unionist with a weapon was a nationalist without one." 800 Irish Volunteers marched with the rifles to Dublin, 8 miles away. Along the route they were challenged by the British Army and Dublin police, but managed to get away with the weapons. As the soldiers returned to their barracks, a hostile crowd at Bachelors Walk threw stones at them. The soldiers responded by opening fire on the crowd, killing four and wounding 37. Nationalists saw the stark contrast between the deaths at Bachelors Walk and the lack of action at Larne as another example of "one law for Green and another for Orange."

The IRB Supreme Council met soon after the start of WWI, and decided to organize a rebellion in Ireland before the war's end. "England's difficulty" was viewed as "Ireland's opportunity," and the war offered these elements. The decision resulted in the 1916 Easter Rising.

As the war continued, this miasma of affairs simmered like a stew in a pot. The contents boiled over during a seminal event in 1915 - the funeral of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa. According to historian Dermot McEvoy, when O'Donovan Rossa died in Staten Island, Fenian John Devoy in New York wired Tom Clarke in Dublin asking "what should I do?" Clarke responded that O'Donovan Rossa's body should be

sent "home at once," meaning returned to Ireland.

O'Donovan Rossa grew up in Skibbereen, Co. Cork, one of the hardest hit areas during An Gorta Mor (the great hunger). "Dear Old Skibbereen" is an Irish folk song about the famine. The disconsolate song was sung in the movie *Michael Collins*, and many artists including the Dubliners, Wolfe Tones and Sinead O'Connor have recorded it. In one verse, a father explains to his son why he left Skibbereen: ". . . Oh it's well I do remember, that bleak December day. The landlord and the sheriff came, to drive us all away. They set my roof on fire, with their cursed English spleen. And that's another reason that I left old Skibbereen."

O'Donovan Rossa joined the IRB, and managed its newspaper - the *Irish People*. The British considered the newspaper's "uncompromisingly republican" opinions to be seditious. He was arrested along with Devoy and others, and charged with treason felony and attempting to levy war on the Queen. He was convicted of treason and sentenced to life in prison. The Amnesty Association, established to win the release of Fenian prisoners, got O'Donovan Rossa placed on the ballot for an open seat in the British House of Commons. Despite his imprisonment, he was elected an MP from Co. Tipperary. British Prime Minister William Gladstone granted amnesty to the Fenian political prisoners on the condition that they leave Ireland. O'Donovan Rossa and Devoy were among those released who journeyed to the US aboard a steamer-ship, the *SS Cuba*.

O'Donovan Rossa left Ireland but he did not leave the fight for Irish freedom. From the US, he organized and funded a Fenian dynamite campaign in Great Britain. Dynamite, the invention of Alfred Nobel, made it possible for one person to attack and kill many. It was a new and deadly way to instill terror. For O'Donovan Rossa, it leveled the playing field against a more powerful opponent. He was the mastermind of "the first ever Irish bombing campaign on British shores," and he recruited Clarke to be one of the bombers. Clarke was convicted for his role in London bombings, and sentenced to life imprisonment. He served 15 years before release, at which time he emigrated to the US and worked with Devoy.

Living in Ireland once again when O'Donovan Rossa died, Clarke wanted his body returned home so the IRB could make his funeral a spectacle. And that is what happened. O'Donovan Rossa laid in-state at Dublin City Hall. From there, MacDonagh and an advance guard of Irish Volunteers led his funeral procession to Glasnevin Cemetery. A contingent from the Irish Citizen Army and the *Cumann na mBan* followed the advance guard. It was estimated that 200,000 people lined the city streets along the miles-long route to the cemetery.

A funeral mass was said at the cemetery chapel. After

a blessing at the gravesite, Pearse, wearing his uniform, delivered a famous eulogy that suggested the torch for Irish freedom was being passed from an older generation to a younger one. It set forth justification for the upcoming Rising, and it noted the concept of “blood sacrifice” (i.e., the idea that success should not be measured in military terms, but measured in terms of how the “example of patriotism encourages future generations to rise up against British rule.”). He pledged to Ireland his generation’s “love” and “to English rule in Ireland our hate.”

Pearse ended his speech with the following immortal words: “Our foes . . . cannot undo the miracles of God that ripen in the hearts of young men the seeds sown by young men of a former generation . . . Life springs from death; and from the graves of patriot men and women spring living nations. The defenders of the realm have worked well in the secret and the open. They think they have pacified Ireland. They think they have purchased and intimidated the other half. They think they have foreseen everything, think they have provided against everything; but the fools, the fools, the fools! They have left us our Fenian dead, and while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree shall never be at peace.” (During the Troubles, the underlined inspirational words were painted on the sides of buildings in West Belfast.) The ceremony concluded with a volley of shots fired over the grave by Volunteers.

Some view Pearse’s speech to be the unofficial launch of the Rising that took place during Easter week 8 months later. On the Rising’s first day, it was the oratorical Pearse

who read the Proclamation of the Irish Republic on the steps of the General Post Office.

That Proclamation states in part: “TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND - Irishmen and Irishwomen: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom. . . We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. . . {W}e hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign, Independent State. . . In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its value and discipline, and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.” (emphasis added).

Primary Sources: Thomas Clarke, Glimpses of an Irish Felon’s Prison Life, Read and Co. (2020); Tim Pat Coogan, Ireland in the 20th Century, Palgrave MacMillan (2003); Tim Pat Coogan, The Troubles, Roberts Rinehart Publishers (1996); Shane Kenna, Jeremiah O’Donovan Rossa, Unrepentant Fenian, Merrion Press (2015); F.J.M. Madden, Understand Irish History, McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. (2010).

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

March has been a fantastic month for the band! After a partial 2020 season, we are finally back with a full parade seasons and month of festivities in 3 years. It feels great to be back performing with the band family. It has been wonderful to see the smiling faces of the band and spectators throughout the parade season!

Let's start with Belmar:

What a great parade day!!! I know for a fact Amanda and Craig had an amazing day as Grand Marshals!!!!

The club was absolutely packed with our club brothers, families and friends. The bar and kitchen crew along with the security team were outstanding!!

We want to thank the club for all you do to support the band and what you all did to support both Amanda and Craig!

Belmar was not the only parade or event we did in March. We were in the Asbury, Keyport and Keansburg parades also! Every parade has been a lot of fun this year!

The band took first prize in Asbury and Keyport along with a first place win in the battle of the Pipe Bands after the Keyport parade!!

Congratulations to all the band members! Quite a team effort and is a tribute to your dedication to the band!

We also performed at the club on March 17 along with a series of other local performances around the area ending with the annual school tour!

We have one more parade in Seaside set for April 2 (make up from a rain out) then we move on to a hosts of fundraisers and other events in April including performing for the the Shillelagh Plunge.

May has a few events including the Club Dinner where the new officers will be recognized.

Congratulations to the outgoing and incoming club officers! The club has been and continues to be in good hands every year!

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 1300 strong..... it would be great to see more of you (and your families) join the band!

For seasoned club members, you know the scoop on how to join. For the many new club members out there, you 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 or talk to any band member for information.

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 perform for all kinds of events: weddings, funerals, parties, grand openings, ceremonies, graduations and more! 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!

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

Thank you!

Slainte,

Ray Spengler



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

The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of the Jersey Shore is requesting sponsors for our 1st Annual Polar Bear Plunge. This event will take place on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Belmar, NJ at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Ocean Avenue in front of D'jais Oceanview Bar & Café at 1PM. A post plunge party will also take place at D'jais.

The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh membership has participated in many polar bear plunge events over the past twenty years. Our membership wants to now create its own event where we can focus on raising money for local charities or organizations at the Jersey Shore. We plan on making this an annual event to occur each April. We appreciate the town of Belmar partnering with us to allow the event to take place. We also appreciate the support of our sponsors, members, and friends.

Our net proceeds from the event will be donated to local charitable causes, including AutismMVP, as well as supporting the Belmar Junior Lifeguard program. AutismMVP is an outstanding local organization and with April being National Autism Month, it is a great time to support this charitable organization. About 1 in 44 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) according to estimates from CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network. AutismMVP has a mission to increase the number of autism-focused educators and therapists to meet the current and future needs of students on the autism spectrum. They accomplish this by supporting unique training and professional development programs for teachers, therapists and paraprofessionals, and by providing scholarships to graduate students.

Any monetary sponsorship, gift cards, or donations of supplies would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions via email or phone below. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**1st Annual Shillelagh Polar Bear Plunge**  
**Saturday, April 23, 2022**  
***Sponsorship Opportunities***

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**AFTER PLUNGE PARTY SPONSOR**

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

## 1st Annual Shillelagh Polar Bear Plunge

**DATE: Saturday, April 23, 2022**

**TIME: 1:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**Entry Fee: \$25 Entry Fee, Each Plunger Raises Minimum of \$100**

**Participants are encouraged to get plunge sponsors to offset individual cost**

**All plungers registered by 4/16/22 with \$100 in donations will receive a Shillelagh Polar Bear Plunge sweatshirt**

**Plunge Day Registration begins at 1130AM**

**PRIZES: Top Three Fundraisers, Best Group Theme, Best Display of Autism Awareness**

**(Award winners must participate in Plunge)**

**Post Plunge Spring Splash Party at D'Jais Belmar**

**This year we will be raising funds for local charities and organizations,**

**including AutismMVP and the Belmar Junior Lifeguard Program**

**Registration also on-line at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) choosing Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Polar Plunge as the event**

**Contact: [FSOSbelmarplunge@gmail.com](mailto:FSOSbelmarplunge@gmail.com) with any questions**

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Circle Sweatshirt: YM YL S M L XL XXL XXXL

Shillelagh Member? (circle) YES NO

Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver: FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH, JERSEY SHORE  
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY, AND PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")

In consideration of participating in the Shillelagh Polar Bear Plunge in Belmar, NJ, I represent that I understand the nature of polar bear plunge events and that I and/or my minor child am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I acknowledge that if I and/or my minor child believe event conditions are unsafe, I and/or my minor child will immediately discontinue participation in the Shillelagh Polar Bear Plunge in Belmar, NJ.

I fully understand that polar bear plunge events involve risks of serious bodily injury, including viral infections, bacterial infections and other communicable diseases and illnesses, permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event takes place, or the negligence of the "releasees" named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I and/or my minor child incur as a result of my and/or my minor child's participation in the Polar Bear Plunge in Belmar, NJ.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Jersey Shore, its respective board members, officers, volunteers, and other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releasees" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk I, or anyone on my and/or my minor child's behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

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I hereby grant my full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. All persons and items are subject to search and must go through a security check. This Form Must Be Accepted By Clicking on "I Agree" In Order To Participate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Participant signature (or parent/guardian if under 18). Must be a signature here.

**Return Completed Form with check made payable to the FSOS Foundation – Shillelagh Plunge**

**Mail to FSOS Shillelagh Plunge, PO Box 1226, Belmar, NJ 07719**

**FSOS Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) Non Profit organization**

# Upcoming Meetings

## Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### 7:30pm

Not receiving email or have contact information to update?

Contact Ned Barrett at [nbarrett@deltec-ny-com](mailto:nbarrett@deltec-ny-com)

Have information on bereavement?

Contact Dan Reilly at [Irish0361@aol.com](mailto:Irish0361@aol.com)

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