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Friendly Sons!!!

Hope you're all having as much fun this year as I am. We've just had several outstanding 17th-of-the-month-club gatherings. The first was at **Gallagher's Pub** in OB, the next at **Stout Public House**, and the most recent was last Friday at **McCaffrey's Pub** in Solana Beach. The folks that live up in North County were truly appreciative of the 'northern' venue. To all who showed up, a hearty "Thank you!"



FSOSP President Tim Adler

We've got several top-notch events on the calendar beginning with the FSOSP annual **Half-Fast Golf Tournament** at **Sail Ho** golf course on **Friday, 7/16**. **Nolan Spencer** is in charge and he says the event is selling out quickly so get your reservations in lads!

Following the golf tournament and dinner there will be another 17th of the month club gathering at **Sail Ho/Wine Steals**. This is always one of the highlights of the year and I look forward to seeing you all there, ideally for both events!

In August we'll have the annual **Day at the Races** in Del Mar. In September we'll have **The Wake**. Come October we'll have the **Gaslamp Pub Crawl** and **Chip** and company are looking to host our **2nd National FSOSP Gathering** here in San Diego in November, which will be a memorable event.

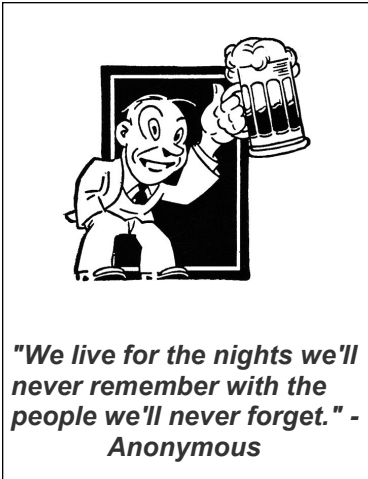
So Boyos, mark your calendars accordingly and I look forward to seeing both familiar faces and several new ones at the next event!



Sláinte,
Tim Adler
FSOSP 2010-11 President



Calendar of Events



Padres Game

TBD
 PETCO Park
 TBD
 TBD

Half-Fast Golf Tournament

Fri., July 16, 2010 3pm
 Liberty Station GC
 Contact: Nolan Spencer
nmspencer_99@hotmail.com

Day at the Races

Fri., Aug. 13, 2010, 2pm
 Del Mar Turf Club
 Contact: Chris McCain
jmccain@cox.net

The Wake

Fri., Sept. 17, 2010 5pm
 Location: TBA
 Contact: Trevor W-L
trevor.wessman@yahoo.com

Gaslamp Pub Crawl

Fri., Nov. 5, 2010, 5pm
 Gaslamp San Diego
 Contact: Chip Dykes
hdykes@cox.net

OB Holiday Parade

Sat., Dec. 4, 2010 , 5pm
 Gallagher's OB
 Contact: Chip Dykes
hdykes@cox.net

Smilin' Irishman Contest

Fri., Jan. 21, 2011, 5pm
 Firehouse Museum
 Contact: TBA
 TBA

Member's Luncheon

Fri., Feb.11, 2011, 11am
 Tom Ham's Lighthouse
 Contact: Mark Wheelan
mwheelan@earthlink.net

Black Tie Stag Dinner

Fri., March 11, 2011, 6pm
 Location: TBD
 Contact:: James Ryan
jryan@gordonrees.com

The SPD Parade

Sat., March 12, 2011 , 9am
 Balboa Park
 Contact: Mike Neil
mneil@neil-dymott.com

"THE DAY"

Thurs.March 17, 2011, 2pm
 Downtown San Diego
 ICT at Jimmy Love's
 Contact: "AMF-Yo-Yo"

NOTE: Any Calendar changes will appear in the newsletter. We will have a happy hour in months where there is no formal event scheduled. Location TBA via email spam.

"Ask Father Bob"

Dear Friendly Sons,

My last missive on eloquence seems to have inspired you more than I anticipated. Several

Sons offered their own prose on a variety of topics. I have chosen to share the best examples of the polite way to inform a fellow Son that he's left the men's room in too great a haste. For your consideration :

10. The cucumber is leaving the salad.
9. Quasimodo needs to go back in the tower and tend to his bells.
8. You need to bring your tray table to the upright and locked position.
7. Paging Mr. Johnson... Paging Mr. Johnson...
6. Elvis is leaving the building.
5. The Buick is not all the way in the garage.
4. Our next guest is someone who needs no introduction.
3. You've got a security breach at Los Pantalones.
2. Men may be From Mars.....but I can see something that rhymes with Venus.

And the number 1 way to tell someone his fly is unzipped.....

1. You've got your fly set for "Monica" instead of "Hillary". (while clever, it is 2 Hail Mary's if you use this one)

I hope that you'll all continue to practice your innate Irish gift of eloquence and will continue to honor your birthright by doing so. I'll be listening and they'll be burnin' knees after confession for those who sound more like graduates of the, "Tommy Lasorda School of the Verbal Arts" than the poets of Éire.

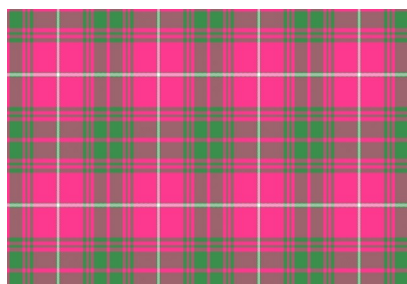
Slan,

Father Bob, C.L.B.



What's In a Name?

FITZGERALD: *Mac Gerailt* One of the two greatest families which came to Ireland as a result of the Anglo-Norman invasion. It had two main divisions. Desmond (of whom are the holders of the ancient titles, "Knight of Kerry "and "Knight of Glin"); and Kildare, whose leaders held almost regal sway up to the time of the rebellion of Silken Thomas and his near relatives in 1537. The name is now very numerous." - © MacLysaght, E. "The



Surnames of Ireland". 3rd ed. Irish Academic Press. Dublin, 1978.

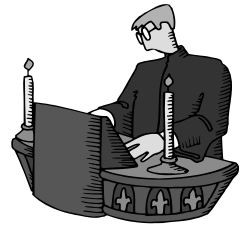
Left: Based on Rothesay dating possibly early 1900s. Adopted by the Baluch Regiment and the connection with Fitzgerald being the name of the commanding officer at the time. Has become the Fitzgerald tartan ever since. - © *Tartan Generator*. CD-ROM.

Clan Heritage. Glasgow, 2000. — **Doc**

Now, did y' know...

- that the horse has been in Ireland longer than man?
- that the mild, moist climate, the lush meadow grasses and the limestone (helps strengthen bones) makes the Emerald Isle particularly suited to raising horses?
- that the consensus of the world's top breeders is that there is no finer place to raise a horse than Ireland?
- that the world's fastest and finest horses are raised in Ireland and sold and transported to Europe and the United States?
- that there are over 270 horse races held in Ireland each year?
- that if you visit the Irish National Stud at Tully in County Kildare you'll be visiting the home of many a Derby winner and Grand National Champion?
- that there are still over 85 hunts held in Ireland each year?
- that the horses in these hunts jump walls, streams and fences and dash over open fields following the hounds?
- that these horses are bred and sold to riders of steeplechase competitions?
- that despite the grand thoroughbreds and steeplechasers, in Ireland the Connemara Pony is still held in high esteem?
- that the Pony is graced to have its own show each August in Clifden (*An Clochán*, meaning "bee-hive cell") Co. Galway (birthplace of *San Patricio* commander, John Reilly)?
- that while driving across Ireland you may encounter a horse or two on the roads and if you're lucky, a traffic jam caused by a mare named, "Danny Boy" pulling a load of turf in Kildare? (Relax. Slow down. This is Ireland.)

Well,... now you know! - *Doc*



Joint Operations



Friendly Sons from Hawaii, San Diego, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and New Jersey gather in Baltimore in October of 2009 for the 1st FSOSP National Gathering.

The San Diego FSOSP have been asked by our brothers on the East Coast to host the **2nd Annual National Gathering**. So we shall!

Our gathering will coincide with the **National Convention of the Law Enforcement Emerald Society**. At this time the schedule of events is being worked out with the **San Diego Law Enforcement Emerald Society**.

At a minimum there will be a **pub crawl** as well as an **evening dinner cruise**. Mark your calendars for **November 4-7** and let's show the FSOSP Chapters from across America why San Diego is called "America's Finest City".

Contact me if you'd like to help execute this event: hdykes@cox.net - *Chip*



*"Who will separate us?"
(trans. Order of St. Patrick Latin motto.)*

OPERATION CAREGIVER

Our accidental FSOSP charity, “**Operation Caregiver**” (OC) has been pretty busy. On 5/1/10, members of both the **SD FSOSP** and the **North County FSOSP** gathered in the drill hall of the **4th Tank BN Headquarters** on Pomerado Road near I-15 and packed **1350 Caregiver Kits** for the Marines and Sailors of USMC RCT-7.



Marines lending a hand.

Now to be sure, we didn't get this packing party done with just the Sons. Both active-duty and reserve Marines, and members of the community from every walk of life were there as well. And they all worked like Trojans to get this all packed. This was the largest shipment we ever attempted and it went off like clockwork. We finished in half the time we allotted!

After packing, our own SD Friendly Son, **SgtMaj Don Gallagher** took charge of the 270 18-inch cubes (~7 tons of materials) and arranged for them to be shipped via the 3rd-MAW to Afghanistan. Thanks to a very generous **NICE GUY**, ([click link](#)) as an added bonus, we were able to supply 4050 pairs of THORLO boot socks as well to these warriors. I'm told these socks are worth more than gold to these guys. Also, let me send a special shout-out as well to **The FSOSP of Morris County New Jersey** who sent us a large donation to make this shipment happen. (Great Irishmen and great Americans!)

This shipment done, we thought we could take a wee break until Fall, but it seems our “can do” reputation makes us a “go to” source when troops really need something now in-country. One of our own, FSOSP, **SgtMaj Neil O'Connell**, pinged me with a special request.

It seems that the medical

types have discovered that it is a great psychological benefit to the lesser wounded to rehab in-theater and to return to their company as soon as possible. These guys just do better in every way when they can get back to their units quickly.

With this in mind, a makeshift ward for 75 men was set up at Camp Leatherneck. There were a couple of problems and OC was contacted to help.

The 75 beds were fine, except that they had no sheets or pillowcases for them. Also, when the wounded arrive, they have their clothes cut off to make sure there are no missed wounds or undiscovered ordnance. The problem was that these wounded were also separated from their own gear and so then had nothing to wear.

SgtMaj O'Connell had requests into supply, but he thought we could get him the essentials even quicker. It's flattering to inspire such confidence.



QA table hard at work.

So after wiping out the shelves for socks, t-shirts, skivvies and laundry bags at the PX's at Miramar and Pendleton, we shipped four 18-inch cubes to Afghanistan and they arrived in just nine days! We had to get the sheets from Wal-Mart via special order and they arrived here a week later. Wal-Mart handed the linens over to us at-cost and the vendor ate the shipping charges to Poway. These 150 sets of sheets and pillowcases were packed into the 18-inch cubes and sent as well; still faster than supply!

I want to thank all the Sons who contributed to this special effort and especially our brothers **The FSOSP of Baltimore County** who not only sent a large donation to buy these materi-

als, but also spread the word to their membership, who also came through. (Again, great Irishmen and great Americans!)

And just when we came up for air...there was a terrible fire at Camp Leatherneck and many troops lost their personal gear; including the bagpipes of a Lt. that plays for the “Remembrance” ceremony for the departing KIA's. Again, **SgtMaj O'Connell**



“We're gonna need a few more trucks...”

put out the word to OC.

Our own SD FSOSP member, **Marty Walsh**, was tapped by OC to assist. He asked his mates in the **SD Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band** to buy the Lt. a new set of pipes and they did just that! A special shipping case was built by OC for the pipes and they are on their way to Afghanistan via the 3-MAW thanks to an assist from FS, **SgtMaj Don Gallagher**. Kudos to our brothers in the SDFES and all the other ES that participated with funds.

Finally, this Fall, we hope to be able to send **SgtMaj O'Connell** 1000 **Caregiver Kits** and 3000 pairs of boot socks. It being his last deployment before he retires, I am hoping we can do him proud. To that end, if every Friendly Son participates, and creates their own Irish “**Dedicated Dozen**”, ([click link](#)) we'll be a third of the way to our goal in no time. It is a small effort for each of us and I can assure its effects on morale in-country are huge; especially with McChrystal going home.

For those of you who are new to the FSOSP and not familiar with “**Operation Caregiver**”, please visit the website: **OPERATION CAREGIVER** ([click link](#)). It will give you the history of this little effort. If you want to get more involved (time, talent, treasure), just ping me: **DOC** ([click link](#)). I look forward to any assist you care to offer. — **Doc**

Day at the Races

Mark your calendars....one of the most popular FSOSP events of the year is right around the corner. The **53rd Annual Day-at-the-Races** is on **Friday, August 13th., 2pm**, first post 3 pm.

This event is open to all Friendly Sons *and* guests (ladies included). So, brush off your Green Blazer, GAS Cap, and put your betting shoes on. Whether you are a true horseman or you just pick the horses according to whatever, this event is fun for all!



*How are things at
Del Mar Racetrack?
Are the Bettors
all still
weepin'
there...?*



We have reserved the same air conditioned suite as last year (**The DURANTE Suite**). We will have a great balcony view of the track, catered buffet, private bar (no-host), some great raffle items/door prizes, private betting windows, and balcony access for your favorite smokes. We will also have a view of the paddock area so you can inspect your winners-to-be up close and personal.

As has become a staple of this day, you are encouraged to make the trek to the Winners Circle to support the dulcet tones of our own **Frank "Silverthroat" O'Dwyer** singing "**Where the Turf Meets the Surf**". Since they love us so much, a race named in honor of the Sons will also be run as well.

More information will follow in the coming weeks, but for now mark your calendars as you will not want to miss this event! Remember: this event sells out quickly. Questions? Contact: Chris McCain at [RACE DAY](#) (click link) or call: **858-232-4793**. - *Chris*



the golf tournament

Alright, Lads! Grab your sticks, grip it and rip it! Before you get too worked up, it's Golf we're talking about, right?

The Annual Friendly Son's **Half-Fast Golf Tournament** is coming up on **July 16th at 3pm** and we want you and your boyos out there with us at **Sail Ho Golf Course**. This one sells out each year so don't delay making reservations.

There'll be raffle prizes, gift bags, and all sorts of fun stuff, including a \$500 hole-in-one contest, closest to the pin and lots more. You can only use three (3) clubs, so choose wisely. Get your foursome in soon! (Still talking golf, you perv's!) See ya there!

Questions: nmspencer_99@hotmail.com — *Nolan*

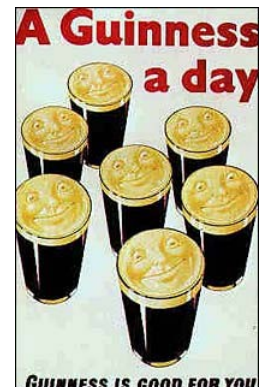
the Wake

The High Holy Season has come and gone. So you might think to yourself, "Time to give the body a break." And we say to you: "Get Irish!!"

The year's only so long and a glass half-empty is just as well a glass half-full! In honor of the traditional Irish calendar year, we'll be gathering on **Friday, September 17th**, at 5pm at **McGregor's Pub & Grill** in Mission Valley to celebrate the half-way mark to our most honored day of the year, and to toast the "soul" of one who's gone before us.

Festivities kick off at **5:00pm** with drink specials and free appetizers. In true Irish fashion we'll rattle the joint in song, led by the infamous **In Case Trio**. Keep yourself in fine Irish form and be there!

Questions: trevor.wessman@yahoo.com - *TWL*



Welcome to our newest San Diego Friendly Sons:

*Ian Kelly
D. Gregory Minton
James McMullen
Michael Ryan
Kevin Dunn*

Welcome Back :

Gerald J. Lewis



Welcome New Members!

We wish to welcome all our newest Friendly Sons to the fold. You are now part of a proud tradition that was born in **Philadelphia** in **1771** and that has been present here in **San Diego** since **1953**.

Now that you've joined, we hope to see more of you. Please plan on attending the **Half-Fast Golf Tournament** and the **Day at the Races**.

Come on by and meet some more of the boys. The Board will be there in force and we know that 2010-11 FSOSP SD President, **Tim Adler** is just dyin' to **buy you a pint!**



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