



## The Society of The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick for The Relief of Emigrants from Ireland

Organized March 17, 1771 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Kevin M. Maloney, President

### **RE: Society Progress Report (August 2018)**

Dear Friendly Sons,

A few important milestones and business items to take note of:

#### Fundraising

Our annual appeal is underway! Big or small, your donations are equally important and help to support our scholarship endowments and many worthy causes, which are important to both our Society and the Irish-American community here in Greater Philadelphia. You can donate online by clicking [HERE](#).

#### Membership

26 new members have been inducted since the start of 2018. Please contact our membership committee, Frank Watson ([fmwats@aol.com](mailto:fmwats@aol.com)) and/or Kathy McGee Burns ([mcgeeburns@aol.com](mailto:mcgeeburns@aol.com)), regarding any new prospective candidates that might be a good fit for the Society.

#### Benevolence

The Friendly Sons have approved and issued a \$1,500 donation in support of the Commodore John Barry Arts & Cultural Center "The Irish Center" during their Summer Fundraiser. The Irish Center, a cornerstone of the Irish community since 1959, helps to promote Irish culture, art and music.

The Friendly Sons, via personal member donations, will be "Gold Sponsor" of the St. Patrick's Day Observance Association Golf Outing, the proceeds of which directly support the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade, a Philadelphia tradition since 1771.

#### Scholarship Endowment Funds

The Villanova University Center for Irish Studies will be contributing \$18,000 to the most recently endowed Friendly Sons account. This will bring the total of that endowment from \$132,000 to \$150,000. Dr. Joseph Lennon, Associate Dean, reports that the first fund is already helping students get abroad. Three fortunate students with high financial need enjoyed their first trip Ireland in June, with assistance from the Friendly Sons.

On Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Gwynedd Mercy University held a send-off ceremony for seven students and two staff chaperones currently traveling in Ireland for the Dublin Pilgrimage and Young Mercy Leaders Conference. Kate Hagarty, Assistant Director of Donor Events and Stewardship, tells us that the Friendly Sons Scholarship Fund played a very large role in supporting the trip. Past-President and FSSP ambassador Russ Wylie attended the event on behalf of the society.

### New Website

Ryan Heenan (Secretary) has been hard at work on a new website for the Friendly Sons. We'll be engaging with Conshohocken based GetPhound, a web developer, to spearhead this effort. The overall objective is to improve the aesthetic and functionality of the site, creating a more useful resource for both current and prospective members.

### Friendly Sons Neckties

NEW Friendly Sons neckties will be available for purchase at our September Quarterly meeting for a cost of \$50.00. These will compliment your green blazer nicely!

### September Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

6:00-8:30 PM

Philadelphia Cricket Club, St. Martin's Clubhouse

415 W. Willow Grove Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118

Cost of \$30.00/person

September's meeting will feature special guest speaker, Breandán Mac Suibhne (PhD Carnegie Mellon, 1999), author of "The End of Outrage," his most recent book.

Thank you again for your support and active participation.

Best Regards,



Kevin M. Maloney  
President