



Upcoming Events

JANUARY 11

LE VENT DU NORD - CMA CONCERT

@ HOLY TRINITY HALL

\$25 GEN. ADMISSION

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FEBRUARY 15

HIGH TIME - CMA CONCERT

@ HOLY TRINITY HALL

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MARCH 14

CALAN - CMA CONCERT

@ FRANKLIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick
The Mickie Center #241
1620 Pleasant
Des Moines, IA 50314



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Upcoming:

Monthly Meeting

Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Menu:

OKTOBERFEST!!

Brats & Dogs

Granny Heddingers' Potato Salad

Beans & Fixin's

Following Meeting

Nov. 11

OCTOBER (DEIREADH FOMHAIR) 2019

Bike Ride Recap

I am told that the Annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Bike Ride was a success in spite of the varying weather forecasts. We had over 50 registered riders, and a myriad of others that contributed to a great day on the Great Western Trail. The change of starting the ride at Sully's was a welcome one. We sold over \$50 in merchandise, and the 50/50 raffle brought in \$48. However, the big news of the day is that we sold over 330 raffle tickets! That brings the total income for this event to over \$3,800! That is a great boost to our coffers. Thank you to all those who sold tickets. Speaking of which, the winners of our annual bike ride raffle are as follows:

Raffle Grand Prize (Custom Irish Themed Bike):
Trudi O'Connell

\$500 prize:
Latischa Nail

\$250 prize:
Tom McCarthy and Rob Jackson who donated it back to the club! Thank you Tom and Rob your generosity is what helps to keep this club alive!

Meat Bundle:
Dylan Conroy

Spud and Spoon Races:
Mary Groves and Carol Eckels

Bag Toss:
Carolyn McCarthy

Make Your Holiday Reservations

It is only the beginning of October, however, it is time to start thinking about our annual Christmas Party. If you and yours are planning on attending our **Annual FSOSP Christmas dinner party on Dec. 09**, it's time to get some dinner reservations on the books.

Once again we will be gathering at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the top of the tower. Cocktail time starts at 6 p.m. and your choices for dinner that evening have changed a bit and are as follows: Pork loin, Baked Salmon, and Chicken DeBurgo, all with potatoes, salad and extras. Entertainment, charming gifts, a fabulous raffle, a dazzling slide show and our dressed-out Irish Christmas tree will all be part of the evening, too. We want to avoid last minute chaos, so make plans to attend as soon as possible. Starting at this month's meeting you can reserve your spot for \$40/person.

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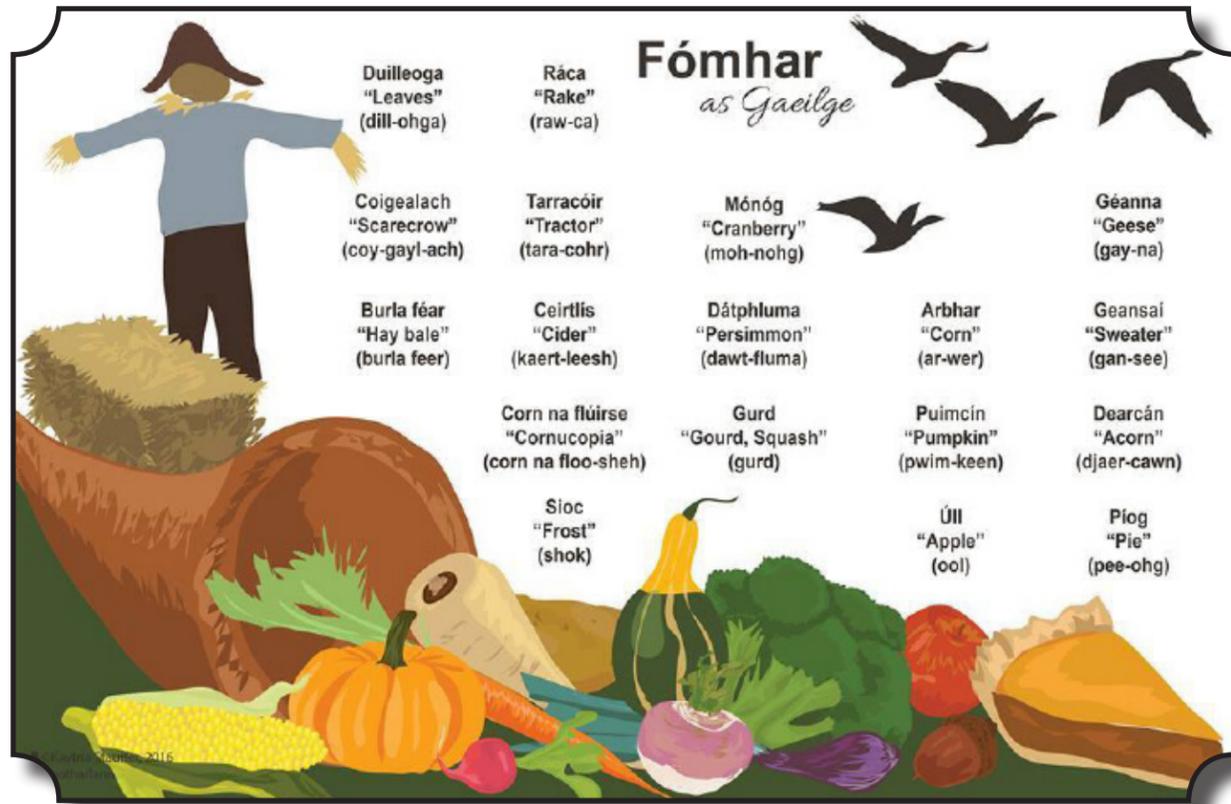
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here's a gaelic take on our autumnal world:



Wearin' of the grin



I was in the clubhouse talking with a friend of mine the other day. He mentioned he was out golfing with his girlfriend and she got stung by a bee between the first and second hole. I said, that's terrible, tell her that her stance is too wide !

Did I tell you the one about the broken pencil?
Never mind, it's pointless.

Good (Bad) Dad Jokes just in time for Beggars Night...

Did you hear they finally built a restaurant on the moon?
The food is great, but there's no atmosphere.

A pony walks into a bar. The bartender asks him if he is thirsty. He says "No, I'm just a little horse."

How do you make holy water?
You boil the hell out of it!

Did you know the first French fries weren't cooked in France?
They were fried in Greece.

Board News

Unfortunately, due to rising food and beverage costs, we will be raising our monthly meeting meal cost to \$15.00. According to our records, this is the first cost increase in nearly 20 years. Please bring an additional \$5 to the November meeting. This is still the best deal in town for a great evening spent with friends, great food and plenty of drinks. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Due to limited funds, donations will be tabled for this month. We are hopeful that our partnership with Tony Rose and his promotion company, Function House Hospitality Group, will reap great benefits this St. Patrick's Day and allow us to continue our tradition of giving back to our Community of Caring.

Rumor has it, Mike Hall and Ken Murray will be providing us with some palette pleasing home brew for this meeting! Prost to our brewers!!



Hello gentelman,

The board met this month and we are having to make some tough decisions once again.

Although we see a very bright future for the club, we do not want to gamble our entire existence on the possibility of securing a windfall of money from the parade so we are setting the wheels in motion to keep our club thriving for many more years to come.

I'm sure we all realize that our monthly meetings are becoming more expensive as food and beverage costs have continued to climb over the past 20 years. We have not increased the cost to members in that time as a benefit for being a part of this club, however, we feel the time has come to raise this cost slightly to help offset some of the meal expenses, so starting in November our monthly meeting fee will be increased to \$15. I feel this is still an incredible price for a full dinner, drinks and great company!

Also, one of my favorite events that we hold is our annual Christmas party. However the cost of this event has become overly expensive and the club picks up a large amount of that cost as another "thank you" to our members. To offset this cost we have raised the price of entrance slightly and meal choices that help with the cost. It is predicted that with these changes in place it will save the club over \$1000 this year!

I know that the increases are not a choice we are happy to see but remember that without your support this group would not exist.

Your Honored President, *Tony "T-Bone" Schmid*

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I apologize for the quality of this month's newsletter. Our famed Secretary and former Irishman of the Year, Ed Kelly, is on assignment in The Homeland no doubt talkin' some craic and tippin' back a few. Speaking of which, did you know The word "whiskey" is an Anglicisation of the first word in the Irish Gaelic phrase, uisce beatha, meaning "water of life"? The phrase was a translation of the Latin term aqua vitae (water/liquid of life), which was commonly used to describe distilled spirits during the Middle Ages...You're welcome.

Thank you for your consideration and patience .