



# The Blarney

## **UPCOMING:**

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**January Meeting: January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Mickle Center**

**Dinner: Grinders, Chips/ Salsa**

**Dessert**

### **Next Meeting:**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, Mickle Center**

**6:30p.m.**

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## **Presidents ‘Pint of View’**

### **Happy 2021 New Year Sons!**

2020 has been quite a year and I’m sure most of us are happy to see a new year beginning.

It appears that the possibility of finding some relief from the current pandemic is within sight and I for one am very excited. The idea of everyone attending FSOSP events again is going to seem unusual but I’m sure our members will be happy to do so.

Speaking of events, I’m sure you are all wondering, so below is an update I have prepared on the possibility of holding the 2021 parade.

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Iowa are tentatively planning to hold our annual parade at noon on Wednesday March 17th in downtown Des Moines however we will be adjusting based on the current pandemic, CDC/government recommendations and possible future mandates as information comes available. We have high hopes, and we will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

The board is scheduled to have an online meeting with the city in January and we will have a much more informed situation for you at that point.

No matter what decision is made about the parade we WILL still be holding our annual “trip to Ireland” raffle on March 17th! We may have trouble reaching the kind of sales we have had in the past so PLEASE contact me and I can make sure you get tickets!

As always.... Your honored President,

Tony “T-bone” Schmid

# FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

OF CENTRAL IOWA



We are installing several measures to the January meeting due to the COVID threat.

- Please do not attend if you are feeling sick in any way.
- We recommend wearing a mask to prevent the spread of airborne germs.
- We WILL BE serving a dinner.
- We will be providing beverages as normal.
- We recommend that everyone follow the current social distancing practices.
- We WILL BE having a Raffle we WILL NOT Raffle a whisky bottle.
- Meeting cost will be the normal \$10.

## Irish History January –

1710 - Charles O'Connor, writer, historian, and editor, is born in Kilmactranny, Co. Sligo.

1892 - Ellis Island becomes reception center for new immigrants. The first immigrant through the gates is Annie Moore, 15, of Co. Cork.

1941 – January 1, through January 3, German bombs fall on counties Carlow, Kildare, Louth, Meath, Wexford and Wicklow.

1920 - Recruitment begins for the 'Black and Tans', Britain's unofficial auxiliary army.

1885 - Hugh O'Brien is sworn in as Boston's first Irish mayor.

1839 - On this date, the Night Of The Big Wind or Oiche na Gaoithe Moire takes place; the most damaging storm in Irish history, some winds are estimated in excess of 130 m.p.h.

1939 - First publication of the newspaper Irish Freedom.

1922 - Dáil Éireann votes 64 to 57 to accept the Anglo-Irish Treaty, creating the Irish Free State



## ***BOARD NEWS***

It has been brought to the boards attention that we will indeed need to hold an election for upcoming terms that are ending. President, Vice-President is up for Election. If you would like to nominate someone for office, please let the board know. We will try to have the election at the January meeting, but need a minimum of 20 members in attendance. Please show up to vote.

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Treasury update is that we have \$12,410.41 in the bank. Mr. Soliday is currently working on grants for us to continue on.

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The board is currently working on plans for spring fund raisers, with the Parade, annual run, and the disc golf tourney all in the works. There is quite a bit of conversation going on for the parade, and we are to meet with the city later this month.

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If you know of anyone that did not receive a shirt from the run we held in March, let them know its on the way. We are trying to expedite getting these out as soon as possible.

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The board wishes to thank Terri O'Donnell, and Mary Beth Hedding for everything they did to help the Son's provide Christmas Gifts for Mentor Iowa.

**Thank You Ladies!**

Treasurer Soliday stated the ladies saved us 28.81% from the last time we did this.

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Don't forget to pick up some raffle tickets and get to selling them. This is our single biggest fund raiser of the year. A special thanks to George "Old Man River" Schmid for getting out and hustling raffle tickets.

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Dues are now due \$50 cash is appreciated and the board has a onetime offer this year for \$65 and you get a free raffle ticket.

## *Wearin of The Grin'*

- Wife: Look at that drunk guy! Husband: Who is he? Wife: 10 years back he proposed to me and I rejected him. Husband: Oh my God he's still celebrating.
- What's the difference between an Irish wedding and an Irish funeral? There's one less drunk!
- The people who debate of whether the glass is half full or half empty are missing the point. The glass is refillable.
- I pointed to two old drunks sitting at the bar across from a friend and me and said, "That's us in 10 years." He said, "That's a mirror dipshit."
- Finnegan drunk as usual walks into the church confessional. The priest waits and waits for Finnegan to say something. Finally, the priest pounds on the wall of the confessional box. "Ain't no use in knocking," Finnegan yells back. "There's no paper on this side either."
- Recently at an Irish wedding reception someone yelled..... "All the married men stand next to the one person that has made your life worth living."  
The bartender was nearly crushed to death!



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