



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

March Meeting: March 8th

6:30 P.M.

Mickle Center

Dinner:

**Grilled Boneless Pork Chop,
Baked Potato, and Sides**

Dessert

Next Meeting:

April 12th, Mickle Center

6:30p.m.

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BOARD NEWS

Treasury update is that we have \$15,117.95 in the bank.

YEARLY DUES – they are now due, the board has extended the late penalty to July 12th, remember that once your dues lapse the Blarney will no longer be delivered to you, along with all the other great perks of being a member. If you see a board member out and about you can pay them or you can mail a check to us here at the Mickle Center. The address is on the back of the Blarney.

St. Patrick’s Day Flag Raising will be at Sully’s at 8:00 on the 17th. This is not an advertised event, if you feel like stopping by for a pint and a salute, we will be there.

Speaking of St. Patrick’s Day, Sully’s will be open early for us as well as all day. Rumor has it that Carl’s Place will also have some festivities going on that day.

Raffle Tickets are still available to buy or to help us sell. The drawing will be held live via Facebook. Its time now to push us forward to our goal of getting all of the tickets sold. President T-Bone will have more on that at the monthly meeting. Many of our other fund-raising activities will be tied to how well we move forward from the Pandemic, so the more help with sales the better.



FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

OF CENTRAL IOWA



Presidents 'Pint of View'

Hello gentlemen,

Well, I'm excited to say that St. Paddy's day is just a few short weeks away.

Sadly, our annual festivities and parade are once again not going to be held due to the ongoing pandemic.

I'm sure we will all find our own way of acknowledging the day, our club, and our ancestors. I hope whether I see you or not that day, that it is an enjoyable one for all!

I am however very happy to announce that as long as any unforeseen restrictions don't keep us from doing it, the club is still planning on holding our annual St. Paddy's morning flag raising in Sully's Irish pub parking lot at 8am. Our members (that feel healthy and safe enough) are invited to come join in on this yearly tradition and enjoy a "pint" together to kick off the day. We will not be "advertising" this event to the general public to help control crowds.

I'm also very happy to announce that we are still planning on holding our annual raffle that afternoon! In order to make sure everyone gets to enjoy the "thrill of the raffle" safely, our queen, Elizabeth Rucker will be joining me, and we are planning to live stream the raffle on our FSOSP Facebook page around 4pm for anyone who wants to watch. Soooo.... get tickets bought or sold and turned in so they will get to me prior to the drawing. Just an FYI, I personally plan on being at Sully's for at least a couple hours after the flag raising if you want to drop your tickets off with me that morning. If you need to get ahold of me after that feel free to call me. 515-554-1107.

I want to end this month by once again thanking all the members of this club for putting their trust in the board and myself, to make decisions that both protect our members and our prestigious club's name and I want to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday this year and many years to come! 🍀

Your honored president,

Tony "T-bone" Schmid

We are installing several measures to the March 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.

Wearin of The Grin'

- **Father Connelly has passed on and is at the pearly gates. In front of him is this slick dressed guy with a leather jacket and bright shiny sunglasses. As they get to the front of the line St. Peter asked the man in the sunglasses: "And what did you do before you came here my son?" "Well sir, I was an airline pilot." "Very well," says St. Peter and hands the man a beautiful silken robe and golden staff. Now Father Connelly is very excited as he knows that only the best is in store for him now. He moves to the front of the line and St Peter asked him; "And what did you do before you came here my son?" Father Connelly explains that he has been a priest for 45 years. St Peter says, "very well," and hands him on old worn-out woolen robe and a wooden stick for a staff. "But Wait St. Peter!" "How is it that that man who was an airline pilot gets such fine ornaments and I am handed this?" St Peter looks Father Connelly square in the eyes and said, "for 45 years you preached, and people slept." "Every time he flew, people prayed."**
- **Murphy was arrested and sent to trial for armed robbery. After due deliberation, the jury foreman stood up and announced, "Not guilty." "That's grand!" shouted Murphy, "does that me I get to keep the money?"**
- **Knock-Knock**
Who's there?
Irish!
Irish who?
Irish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day

Irish History March

1592 - A charter incorporates the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, near Dublin, later to become known as Trinity College.

1778 - Robert Emmet, one of Ireland's most famous revolutionaries, is born in Dublin.

1916 - First Irish Race Convention is held in New York City. Serves as immediate call for the Easter Rebellion in Dublin.

2000 - The Government closes the book on the millennium bug after spending £40m preparing for a potential disaster that doesn't happen.

1935 - Ronnie Delany, 1500-meter gold medalist in the 1956 Olympic Games, is born in Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

1999 - A human chain is formed around the Central Bank in Dublin to highlight the campaign to cancel unpayable Third World debt for the millennium. Over 400 people take part in the ceremony organized by Trocaire, Jubilee 2000 and the One World Network of Students in Ireland. Similar events are held in as many as 50 other countries across the world.

2005 - Calling the story of the Irish in America "an important part of the history of our country," President George W. Bush proclaims March as Irish American Heritage Month.



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