



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

February 14th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu:

Meatball or Sausage Sandwiches

Italian Salad

Dessert

Next Meeting:

March 14th,

Windows @The Marriott

6:30 P.M.

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BOARD NEWS

* Treasurers Report: \$24605.32

* Mr. Ed Kelly has decided to resign his board position effective immediately. Nominations and a vote will take place at the February meeting. Ed will still be around he would just like to spend more quality time at home.

* Raffle Tickets are now available. Pick up a book or two and get them sold! Currently we only have 650 tickets out, with 200 sold. Now is the time to kick it into high gear sons.

* Parade planning is coming along nicely, parade float meetings will be held at the Marriott downtown on the following dates:
2/22 @7P.M. – 2/26 @2P.M. – 3/3 @7P.M. – 3/6 @2P.M.
Now is the time for volunteers to step forward, Mr. Dennis and Mr. O'Connor need our help. Remember we cannot make this parade successful without pitching in. They will be taking names and contact info at the February meeting, please stop by and sign up to help.

* Des Moines' very own Baconfest will be held on 2/26/2021. This will be a great time to really push the Raffle Tickets, Our fearless President is putting a list together for attendees to the event to really hard sell a lot of tickets. Stop by at the meeting if you would like to help with this.

* Our Queen Elizabeth Rucker has begun helping us with our social media presence, to help ensure our message and advertisements stay out front on social media pages.

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FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

OF CENTRAL IOWA



Presidents 'Pint of View'

Hello my friends,

Excitement is really starting now! St. Paddy's day is just a few short weeks away and I'm extremely happy to say our parade is scheduled to return after a 2-year hiatus!

Plans are in full swing ranging from meetings with the Marriott to our parade tailgate party and of course our yearly raffle to win a trip to Ireland!

Speaking of the raffle, we have increased the number of tickets available this year in the hopes of raising more money and to help pay for our beloved parade so make sure to contact myself or one of your board members and start selling those tickets.

In the hope of keeping all the members in good graces at home, I happened to notice that our general meeting in February happens to land on a special day (Valentine's Day). So, if your planning on attending you may want to make plans early to find a way to show your significant other that they are special to you even though you will be busy that evening.

Also, don't forget to plan to eat ahead of time and bring some pocket money to purchase drinks for our March 14th general meeting which will be held at Windows in the Marriott.

I'll see y'all soon!

CHEERS! 🍀

Your honored President,
Tony "T-bone" Schmid

BOARD NEWS CONT.

* A Pub Crawl is being organized at this time, the boards plan is to visit several pubs that have helped the club throughout the years. We will also plan to see raffle tickets at this time. The crawl is scheduled for March 5th, from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. friends and family of the sons are invited to come along if they can handle that much Irish at one time. The more the merrier. Pubs that we plan to visit are Carl's where we will start, Cooney's Tap, Sully's, Cumming tap, Outskirtz Bar, and The Chicken, both in Orilla. You can ride all or part of the ride. The cost of the bus is guaranteed not to be over \$10 per person. We will need an idea of how many plan to attend by the next regular meeting, so that we can get the right sized bus. Please see Jeff DeMoss if you would like to attend.\

* FSOSP Run: Tentative date of March 19th with only a 5K run planned. T-shirts are also planned.

* Disk Golf Tourney: August 6th. All profits will again go to the Food Bank of Iowa.

* DUES: It is also that time of year again, we currently have only 22 paid members. So, get your cash out lad's. Yearly dues are \$50.

***Live Music / Entertainment this month:**

- **Friday, Feb. 11th Black Dirt Ramblers @ Reclaimed Rails, Bondurant**
- **Every Wednesday, through March Sully's has Rock and Roll Bingo @ 7P.M.**
- **Saturday, March 5th Sully's Irish Bike Ride – Costume Contest with Raffle route TBD**
- **Thursday, March 17th, 1P.M. – 4 P.M. Kelly's Clan @ The Marriott**
- **Thursday, March 17th, 7P.M. – 11P.M. Kelly's Clan @ Magee's Irish Pub, Ankeny**
- **Thursday, March 17th, all day long Sully's will once again have their tent party**
- **Thursday, March 17th, 7 P.M. Black Dirt Ramblers @ The Cumming Tap**
- **Saturday, March 19th, 7 P.M. Black Dirt Ramblers @ Magee's Irish Pub, Ankeny**
- **Saturday, March 19th, 5P.M. – 8 P.M. Kelly's Clan @ Snus Hill Winery Madrid**



Wearin' O' the Grin

- Every night, an Irishman walks into a bar and orders three shots of whiskey. He downs each shot, pays the barman, and leaves. The bartender eventually asks him why he always drinks exactly three shots. "It's one for me and one for each of my brothers," he tells the bartender. "One is in America and the other is in Australia, and we do this to feel like we're all still drinking together." A month later the Irishman only orders two shots of whiskey. "Oh no," says the barman. "I'm sorry for your loss. Was it the one in America or Australia?" "What?" The Irishman looks puzzled, then glances at the whiskey glasses. "Jesus no, it's nothin' like that. It's just that I've decided to stop drinking."
- When Billy saw Paddy with one of his shoelaces undone, he said, "Watch you don't trip up over your laces, Paddy."
Paddy said, "Yeah, it's these bloody instructions."
Billy said, "What instructions, Paddy?"
Paddy replies, "Underneath the shoe, it says 'Taiwan'."
- Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney. "Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher, "They say I died!!"
"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney, "Where are ye callin' from?"
- An Englishman, a Scotsman, and an Irishman wander into a little old pub in Kildare. They each ask the barman for a pint of Guinness. After the pints are placed onto the bar, three bluebottles drop into each man's freshly poured pint. The Englishman pushes his pint away in disgust and orders up another. The Scot reaches in and plucks the fly out. The Irishman reaches in, picks the fly out, holds it up close to his face and shouts, "Spit it out you little bastard."
- An English lawyer was sat with his Irish client. 'Marty' he sighed, 'Why is it that whenever you ask an Irishman a question, he replies with another question?'
'Bollocks. Who told you that?' asked Marty.