



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

January 10th,

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu:

Meatball or Sausage Cavatelli

Italian Salad

Dinner rolls, and dessert

Next Meeting:

February 14th,

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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BOARD NEWS

* Treasurers Report: \$22,500 +/- (Mr. Soliday was out of town.)

* We have 2 board positions and the Secretary position up for nomination. Nominations and Election will be at the January 2022 meeting. If you would like to nominate someone prior to the meeting contact a board member.

*A past members drive has been started, board members Dennis and O'Connor will be sending out e-mails and snail mail to get old members back in the club. This is ongoing. Also please don't forget, if you know someone that you think belongs in the Friendly Son's, please get them an application.

*Raffle Tickets are now available. Pick up a book or two and get them sold!

* Plans are being made for the Des Moines Bacon Fest which will be held on 2/26/2021. This will be a great time to really push the Raffle Tickets, The festival will not be Irish themed as first thought but we will still have a booth there with a presence.

* A December board meeting had not been held by the time the Blarney went to press as a quorum could not be made. The board will meet Monday January 10th. Additional board news will be in the February Blarney.

*** Live music this month:**

- **Monday January 10th 'Black Dirt Ramblers' Greenwood Lounge 7P.M.**
- **Saturday January 29th 'Black Dirt Ramblers' Cumming Tap 7 P.M.**

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

OF CENTRAL IOWA



Presidents 'Pint of View'

Howdy Son's,

Well, I'm back again with my monthly "pint of view" and I just so happen to be enjoying a lovely pint while writing to you this evening.

I have been enjoying quite a few more pints than usual.

To explain, I am excited to report that our FSOSP Christmas party went very well a couple weeks ago and luckily my wife won several items in the raffle that night (considering the number of tickets she bought it's not surprising!) but unluckily one of the recent "Christmas presents" she received was to test positive for COVID a few days ago so we are both currently following recommendations, and we are quarantining.

She felt pretty sick for a couple days but is feeling much better now and we are hoping that everyone (including myself), that she has been around lately are lucky enough to avoid it and celebrate the upcoming new year!

Speaking of the new year and excitement, I am also excited to start a new year with big plans to bring back our parade in 2022 and see all the happy faces that come with it so please reach out to all your friends/family and help promote the club, parade, donations and hopefully many new members this year!

We also will be voting in January for several board/officer positions so if any members are interested in joining our illustrious group, please feel free to throw your name in the hat at this upcoming meeting.

I hope to see you all in January!

CHEERS! 🍀

Your honored President,
Tony "T-bone" Schmid

IRISH COMMON SENSE

I've always known that I had common sense. In fact, I don't know of an Irishman that doesn't. Maybe we can all thank our mothers and grand mothers for this. That, or the wood spoon they were always sure to have close at hand when your common sense was failing. Take in this fact of Irish common sense.

Arthur Guinness started brewing ales in 1759 at the St. James's Gate Brewery, Dublin. On 31 December 1759, he signed a 9,000 year lease at £45 per annum for the unused brewery.

Figuring the math 45 english pounds to American Shillings at the time equaled .74 cents. Per annum was 2% a year and converting a rise of inflation of 7.94% Guinness pays somewhere around \$26,266.12 a year or \$2,188.84 a month, to lease the brewery. Arthur Guinness started selling the dark beer porter in 1778. The first Guinness beers to use the term were Single Stout and Double Stout in the 1840s. Throughout the bulk of its history, Guinness produced only three variations of a single beer type: porter or single stout, double or extra and foreign stout for export. "Stout" originally referred to a beer's strength, but eventually shifted meaning toward body and colour. Porter was also referred to as "plain", as mentioned in the famous refrain of Flann O'Brien's poem "The Workman's Friend": "A pint of plain is your only man."

IRISH PROVERBS FOR GOOD COMMON SENSE:

You may as well give cherries to a pig as advice to a fool.

A nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse.

Who keeps his tongue keeps his friends.

A good retreat is better than a bad stand.

Stupidity is sending the goose on a mission to the fox's den.

The friend that can be bought is not worth buying.

To Handle Misfortune

Better fifty enemies outside the house than one within.

He who can follow his own will is a king.

Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear, or an idiot from any direction.



Irish History

- 1562 - Shane O'Neill submits to Queen Elizabeth at Whitehall, but rebels again within months
- 1790 - James Wills, clergyman, and writer, is born in Castlerea, Co. Roscommon
- 1792 - The Northern Star, newspaper of the Belfast United Irishmen, first appears on this date
- 1801 - The Act of Union between Ireland and Great Britain goes into effect
- 1839 – January 6th, 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 mph
- 1871 - 33 Fenian prisoners, including Devoy, Rossa, O'Leary and Luby, are released by the British in a general amnesty
- 1885 - Hugh O'Brien is sworn in as Boston's first Irish mayor
- 1892 - Ellis Island becomes reception center for new immigrants. The first immigrant through the gates is Annie Moore, 15, of Co. Cork
- 1922 - Death of Kildareman Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer
- 1941 – January 1 through January 3, German bombs fall on counties Carlow, Kildare, Louth, Meath, Wexford, and Wicklow
- 1999 - The world's oldest priest, the Venerable Archdeacon Patrick Lyons, passes away at Limerick Regional hospital, just two months before his 106th birthday
- 2000 - Patrick O'Brian, born Richard Patrick Russ, 85-year-old author of maritime novels dies in a Dublin hotel
- 2001 - Ireland's third largest greyhound coursing meeting, Corn na Féile, is abandoned after saboteurs steal up to 30 hares.
- 2003 - According to a study published today, the Irish language is on the brink of extinction unless radical measures are taken to arrest its decline
- 2003 - Farmers put 1,000 tractors on the country's roads and head for Dublin at the start of the IFA's five-day family farm survival campaign.
- 2005 - Cork officially becomes the European Capital of Culture