



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

October 17th

The Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu: Brats and Hot Dogs

baked beans, chips, dessert

Next Meeting:

November 14th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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BOARD NEWS

Mr. Soliday once again says we have money! A current balance sheet will be provided at the October meeting. We still had some funds out that had not yet been counted from the bike ride. Speaking of the bike ride,

The ‘Annual Halfway to St. Pat’s’ bike ride is now in the books, we had 19 paid riders which was down from last year. We will plan on ways to increase this for next year. The raffle prizes were won by the following individuals: \$500. **Tunielle Burgait** \$250. **Randy Boyle** \$100. **Jessica Johnson** \$50 **Jake Parkhurst**

The board is currently researching ideas for this year’s Christmas party, if anyone has an idea, please share it with the board. Plans are set to have this on Dec. 12th but we are still flexible in case we have issues with scheduling. It will still be held on a Monday.

The board has started to turn its attention to next year’s parade, we recently met with Tony Rose, and he is prepared to go all in and make the tailgate party event bigger and better. Several plans are in the works for this so stay tuned.

Also, any member wishing to get a room at the Marriott for the parade, please let Colt know as soon as possible. We need to get those reservations in sooner rather than later

The Board wants to remind everyone that we have elections coming up in January. Up for nomination are the president, vice-president, and treasurer. As well as 2 board seats.

*** The December board meeting is 12/19.**

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OF CENTRAL IOWA



Presidents 'Pint of View'

Hi guys!

Well.... Just about the time I think things couldn't get any busier or crazier in my life, I'm proved wrong! Last week your Vice President, Tim Schuck, myself and our wives all went on the "relaxing and pampered" vacation we had been planning out since February.

Just so happens that trip was planned for Ft. Meyers beach Florida.

Obviously, things did not go as planned!

We were awoken up 2 days into the vacation to a mandatory evacuation of the island due to the hurricane, had to tuck tail and run out of town barely escaping the storm (that completely destroyed the town) to a small hotel in Ft. Lauderdale for the rest of our vacation.

Luckily, we are Friendly Sons and are not easily disheartened!

We kept our hopes high and found the good things even in the bad moments and enjoyed ourselves anyway.

We also, luckily returned home (obviously on a different flight) and will talk about our experience for the rest of our lives, I'm sure!

Since we were traveling to "the ends of the earth", Schuck and I had plans to try and help out our illustrious prize committee and bring back some raffle prizes that "spared no expense" but since our lives were slightly at risk, we decided that souvenirs were not a high priority at that point.

However.... (Insert sarcastic voice here) Because of my love for my Irish brothers, you are very lucky that I'm willing to leave again today for another vacation (only in search of prizes of course!)

I am headed to Louisiana for an alligator hunt trip that I won in a raffle back in March!

I will see you guys at the next meeting with more exciting stories from that trip, I'm sure!

CHEERS! 🍀

Your honored President,
Tony "T-bone" Schmid



Irish History October

1175 - Under the Treaty of Windsor, concluded on this date, Rory O'Connor recognizes Henry as his overlord and agrees to collect tribute for him from all parts of Ireland. Henry agrees that O'Connor can be king of the areas not conquered by the Normans. But O'Connor cannot control the territories of which he is nominally king, and Henry and his barons annex further land without consulting him

1600 - O'Neill engages Mountjoy's forces in the Battle of Moyry Pass

1693 - Irish Brigade of France fights in the battle of Marsaglia

1796 - The Royal College of St. Patrick, a Catholic seminary, is opened in Maynooth, Co. Kildare

1833 - Birth of Father William Corby who became Chaplain of the Irish Brigade in Detroit, Michigan

1842 - Birth of heavyweight bare-knuckle boxer Jim Dunne in Co. Kildare.

Dunne won the American heavyweight title from fellow Irishman Jim Elliot - the pair were jailed after the illegal event

1871 - Gen. John O'Neill and a small force of Fenians invade Canada at Pembina, Manitoba

1903 - Ernest Thomas Sinton Walton is born at Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. He and Sir John Douglas Cockcroft were awarded the 1951 Nobel Prize in Physics for their pioneer work on the transmutation of atomic nuclei by artificially accelerated atomic particles

1930 - Actor Richard Harris is born in Limerick

1935 - Birth of Thomas Kineally, Irish-Australian author of Schindler's List which was originally called Schindler's Ark

1968 - Police clash with Derry civil rights marchers, giving birth to the civil rights organization People's Democracy

1971 - Death of Seán Ó Riada, founder, composer, and arranger for the Chieftains. He composed Mná na hÉireann (Women of Ireland). Guided by his vision, traditional music changed radically, and became accessible to a modern Irish audience, and through this traditional music, the cultural life of Ireland was invigorated.

1981 - In the Maze Prison, Northern Ireland, ten IRA and INLA hunger-strikers die between 5 May and 12 August; the hunger strike is called off.

2000 - Midleton Distillery in Co. Cork wins the Distillery of the Year award

2001 - Cork will be Europe's Culture Capital in 2005 after landing the prestigious title ahead of Galway

2001 - The Black & White Pub of The Year Award 2001 goes to Fitzpatrick's Bar of Jenkinstown, Co Louth.

2010 - Graeme McDowell after delivering the match-winning point for Europe in his final singles match against the USA's Hunter Mahan at the Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor in Wales. For the first time in its history, the Ryder Cup stretched into a fourth day due to inclement weather

Wearin O' The Grin

- A Kerry man went for a job at the local stables and the farmer said "Can you shoe horses?" The Kerry man thinks for a minute and then says "No, but I once told a donkey to get lost."
- A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting into heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big rummage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?" "NO!" the children answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, cut the grass, and kept everything tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!" By now the teacher was starting to smile - this was fun! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweets to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, they all answered, "NO!" Bursting with pride for them, the teacher continued: "So, how can I get into Heaven?" Five-year-old Sean shouted out, "YOU HAVE TO BE DEAD."
- John Smith was the only Protestant to move into a large Catholic neighborhood. On the first Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big juicy steak on his grill. Meanwhile, all of his neighbors were fixing fish. This went on each Friday of Lent. On the last Friday of Lent, the neighborhood men got together and decided that something had to be done about John - he was tempting them to eat meat each Friday of Lent, and they couldn't take it anymore. They decided to try and convert John to be a Catholic. They went over and talked to him and were so happy that he decided to join all of his neighbors and become a Catholic. They took him to Church, and the Priest sprinkled some water over him, and said, "You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, and now you are a Catholic." The men were so relieved, now their biggest Lenten temptation was resolved. The next year's Lenten season rolled around. The first Friday of Lent came, and just at supper time, when the neighborhood was sitting down to their fish dinner, came the wafting smell of steak cooking on a grill. The neighborhood men could not believe their noses! WHAT WAS GOING ON? They called each other up and decided to meet over at John's place to see if he had forgotten it was the first Friday of Lent. The group arrived just in time to see John standing over his grill with a small pitcher of water. He was sprinkling some water over his steak on the grill, saying, "You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, and now you are a fish."
- The spring bank holiday was over and the teacher asked the class how they had spent the time. Kevin eagerly put up his hand. "We visited our cousins in Carrigaline!" "Well, Kevin," says the teacher, "that sounds like a brilliant vocabulary word - can you tell the class how to spell Carrigaline?" Kevin furrowed his brow, chewed on his lip, and then said with a big grin, "Em, well now, come to think of it, we went to Cork!"