



# The Blarney

## **UPCOMING:**

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**Feb. 13th**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Mickle Center**

**Menu: Sausage and Meatball Sandwiches, salad, and dessert**

### **Next Meeting:**

**General meeting Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**@ Marriott Windows Bar**

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**FEBRUARY (FEABHRA) 2023**

**COUNTDOWN TO ST. PAT’S**

## **UPCOMING DATES**

Tuesday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7P.M. Marriott – Parade Float Meeting

Saturday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 2P.M. Marriott – Parade Float Meeting

Sunday Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 2P.M. Marriott – Parade Float Meeting

Thursday Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>. @ 7P.M. Marriott – Parade Float Meeting

Parade date: Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>

FSOSP Disc Golf Tourney Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>. proceeds to the foodbank of Iowa. More news to come on this.

Our Parade Chairman for life Colton O’Connor is hard at work with plans moving forward both with the city and the Marriott. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! There are other opportunities for the parade and the club that you can help with.

Queen candidates will be interviewed on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00 P.M. at the Mickle Center. Applications are available on the Son’s web site. If you know a young deserving lady that would up our standing in the community, please get her an application! (or refer her to our web site.

Parade Raffle tickets are available, the board has already been hard at work getting these sold and we want you to do the same. Rumor has it that we may have a pub crawl again to sell even more tickets.

## *BOARD NEWS*

Elections were completed at the January meeting. Mr. Mike Dennis has decided to step away from the board after many years of helping the club. Mr. Adam McCarty was elected to fill his position. Adams contact information will be posted on next month's Blarney. All other positions were filled internally for a lack of nominations. Remember Son's, this is our club it takes all of us.

Mr. Soliday has applied for both the Prairie Meadows grant as well as the Polk County Grant, this is ongoing.

The bike ride is moving to an early July date, so the committee will start meeting soon to prepare for this. If you are interested in helping out with this, please see Jeff DeMoss.

We also have many other fundraisers on the schedule, those dates are:

Baconfest Birthday Party Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> 5:00P.M. at the High Life Lounge – we will be selling tickets at this event.

FSOSP Disc Golf Tourney Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Baconfest Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> to Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, the club will have a booth at this event selling raffle tickets.

FSOSP Golf Outing – June 17<sup>th</sup>. Still in the planning stages

FSOSP Bags Tourney –July 15<sup>th</sup>

FSOSP Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Car Show –September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Lots of events with lots of spots open for volunteering Please help your club by volunteering at one or more of these events.

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## Presidents 'Pint of View'

I wanted to apologize again for my mess up with the election months.

I was looking at our old bylaws and got the months wrong but caught it at the last minute so we held our board and officer elections at our January general meeting instead of February.

Speaking of the bylaws, It was brought to our attention that according to our current bylaws that "the nomination and election of officers and board members will be held at the January meeting" however in the hopes of making the meeting go as swiftly as possible (some complaints have been heard about the general meeting taking too long and needing to be hurried up) it had been announced at the prior 3 months (October, November and December) general meetings that the board would be accepting nominations anytime (as long as the nominee accepts it, of course) as well as during the election meeting.

The bylaws also state "the election will be by written ballot" so once those nominees were contacted and they agreed to accept the position those names were then listed on the ballot (to also save time).

The ballot listed a "write in" space on all positions for any nominations that were made at the January meeting.

However, sadly not one member made or accepted a single nomination at the January meeting when requested so we just barely had enough candidates to even fill the needed positions.

The situation made it impossible to vote for anyone who was not already listed on the ballot however paper ballots were still handed out and the accepted and nominated candidates were voted on anyway.

(Just a little side note: This is a good time for me to once again remind you that our bylaws state that "eligibility for elections of officers and board members shall be limited to active members who have paid dues for the last two years.") So, if you have paid at least 2 years dues and feel like you could be a positive addition to the board then please feel free to make it known that you would be interested in a position and join us because we can always use more help!

Even though not all of the members of our board/officers are "overwhelmed with excitement" to be in the positions they have taken you need to remember they all "stepped up" and are willing to donate their personal time and energy for the betterment of our club and I want to highly commend them for that!

In March I will be stepping down as your president and this will be one of the last POV's you will receive from me so I will leave you with a quick little reminder that as a brotherhood if you would like to see this club exist for our future generations we need to work together with understanding and patience

CHEERS! 🍀

Your honored President,  
Tony "T-bone" Schmid



*Christmas Party 2022*





Justin Dye, Colton O'Connor, and T-Bone at the RAGBRAI Bike Fest