



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

Jan. 9th

6:00 P.M.

Mickle Center

Menu: Cavatelli, dinner roll, salad

Next Meeting:

General meeting Feb. 13th

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JANUARY (EANAIR) 2023

New Year's Eve and 2022 are now in our rear-view mirror. Regrets or not, the new year is upon us, and resolutions are being sorted. One resolution that will be easy to keep is to renew your FSOSP dues. The meeting next week would be the perfect time to take care of that with cash or check. See Mr. Soliday at the front table. Another great resolution is to volunteer, we have many plans for 2023 with many committees being formed. The annual bike ride will be moving to an earlier month of the year, Mr. Soliday will be taking on the Bags tourney, and we are planning our first annual car show for September. There is plenty of room for help with these events, if you are a little more traditional then maybe parade volunteering is for you.

COUNTDOWN TO ST. PAT'S

Yes, the news is true, there will be a parade this year!

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 decisions for the parade and the club that you can help with. The board is still going over lists for Parade Grand Marshal and Irishman of the year. If you have any ideas, please let the board know.

Queen candidates will be interviewed on February 19th 2:00 P.M. at the Mickle Center. Applications are available on the Son's web site. Queen Elizabeth has set the bar high, but nevertheless look around and help us find a worthy successor.

Parade Raffle tickets will also be available at the January meeting.

Parade Float Meeting dates and times are on the parade application, on the Son's website.

BOARD NEWS

The Board wants to remind everyone that we have elections coming up in February. Up for nomination are the president, vice-president, and treasurer. As well as 2 board seats. Nominations open at the November meeting, and will continue up through the January meeting. If you or someone you know are interested, please let a board member know.

Mr. Soliday has applied for both the Prairie Meadows grant as well as the Polk County Grant, keep your fingers crossed.

The bike ride is moving to a June, 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.

The club also has some other plans for fund raising and events that will be discussed at the January meeting.

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OF CENTRAL IOWA





Presidents 'Pint of View'

Happy holidays gentlemen,
We're rounding the corner of 2022 and getting ready to roll into 2023.
After the last couple years, I am filled with hope and excitement of good things to come for our club!

For one example, excitement about our membership reminds me that it is the perfect time of year to think about all those family and friends that may have been interested in joining, supporting or participating in the great things the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick do, but may have put it on the back burner temporarily.

Now is perfect to reach out to them and let them know that this is the best time of year to start a new tradition, enjoy all 12 months of membership AND that we are always on the search for some new blood in our group (no matter how thin their blood may be due to a few nips from a bottle!).

Another example is hope.

A new year makes me hope that it is a good time to think about all the faces of members that you haven't seen attending for a while and send them a little reminder to think of the FSOSP this season, pay their yearly dues and come enjoy a monthly meeting or event again.

We all know we have some new members that have come and gone or don't get as excited about the club as the rest of us and I understand that, BUT I am going to make it a personal goal of mine to at least try and introduce (and reintroduce to past members) as many gentlemen to our club as I can this year and I hope you will join me and try to do the same.

CHEERS! 🍀

Your honored President,
Tony "T-bone" Schmid



Irish History

1794 - Frances Ball who, as Mother Mary Teresa founded the Sisters of Loretto, is born in Dublin

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

1898 - Colonel James Fitzmaurice, Ireland's greatest aviator, is born in Dublin

1920 - Recruitment begins for the 'Black and Tans', Britain's unofficial auxiliary army

1925 - Acclaimed singer, actor, comedian and performer Maureen Potter is born in Dublin

1937 - Mick O'Connell, Kerry Gaelic footballer, is born on Beginish Island, Co. Kerry

1939 - First publication of the newspaper Irish Freedom

1941 - On this date and 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 - Families from all over Ireland join President Mary McAleese and her family in A'ras an Uachtaráin in Dublin to celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Bay laurels from Bethlehem are planted to mark the 2000th anniversary since the birth of Christ

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 - Death of Patrick Denis O'Donnell, military historian, writer and former Commandant of the Irish Defense Forces (b.1922)



Wearin O' The Grin

"Never wrestle with pigs. You both get dirty and the pig likes it."

-George Bernard Shaw

"The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts."

-James Joyce

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account.

-Oscar Wilde

- A Kerryman and an American were sitting at the Shannon Airport.

"I've come to meet me brother", said the Kerryman, "he's due to fly in from America in an hour's time. It's his first trip home in forty years."

"Will you be able to recognize him?" asked the American.

"I'm sure I won't", said the Kerryman, "after all these years."

"I wonder if he will recognize you?" said the American.

"Of course, he will". Said the Kerryman, "sure I haven't been away at all."

- Sean and Liam were walking in the woods when they came across a sign saying, "Tree Fellers wanted". Liam says to Sean, "Now isn't that a shame. If Seamus was with us, we could have gotten the job".

The Doctor was puzzled "I'm very sorry but I can't diagnose your trouble, Mahoney. I think it must be drink."

"Don't worry about it Dr. Kelley, I'll come back when you're sober."

- The American had been fishing for two weeks at Ballinahinch without getting a bite. On the last day of his vacation, he caught a small salmon.

"Turlough," he said to his gillie as the fish was gaffed, "that salmon cost me five hundred dollars."

"Well now sir," comforted Turlough, "aren't you the lucky man you didn't catch two."