



# The Blarney

## **UPCOMING:**

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**March 13th**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Windows @ The Marriott**

**Cash Bar No Meal**

### **Next Meeting:**

**General meeting April 10th**

**Mickle Center**

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**MARCH (MÁRTA) 2023**

**COUNTDOWN TO ST. PAT'S**

## **UPCOMING DATES**

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

Monday Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting at Windows at the Marriott.

Our new Queen, as well as Irishman of the year, and Parade Marshall will be announced and introduced at the meeting. Raffle tickets can be turned in or more picked up to sell. They can be turned in the day of the Parade to Mr. McCarthy at the SWAG table, where with luck he will sell the remaining tickets before the drawing at 4 P.M. that day.

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

Our Parade Chairman for life Colton O'Connor is finalizing all of his hard work for this year's parade. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** There are other opportunities for the parade and the club that you can help with. 'Day of' volunteers will meet at the Marriott after breakfast for assignments.

Mr. Bill McCarthy needs some special help the day of operating our SWAG table. Please see Bill at the regular meeting and sign up to help him out.

### **Street painting is this Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>, (rain date is Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>) Meet at Exile Brewing at 9:00 A.M.**

Our flag raising has been moved to our Tailgate area and will be at 7:00 the morning of the Parade.

Breakfast will be at the Windows @ the Marriott. Cost is \$10.

## *BOARD NEWS*

Please welcome our somewhat new officers to the board. Mr. Schuck has taken the helm as President. Mr. Schmid has traded places, and is now Vice President. Also please thank Mr. Dennis for all his hard work these past few years, with all he has done to make the parade a more organized event, it makes it much easier for those of us following in his footsteps. Also, welcome Mr. Adam McCarty as he joins the board as a member.

Catch Des Moines has awarded us a grant to help with off-setting costs of the parade. Rumor has it that more is on the way. Mr. Soliday should have an answer for us at the March meeting.

The board would also like to remind you dues are due now. So, while you're at the March meeting, go ahead and get them paid and buy a few raffle tickets.

Sully's will not open until 11:00 A.M. on March 17<sup>th</sup>. So, the flag raising will move to the tailgate party area at 7:00 A.M. The Tailgate Party will officially open at 6:00 A.M. cost is \$10. There will be 3 entrances and will be open later this year.

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

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.

Friendly Sons Irish Party Ride (Bike ride) Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee is busy planning and will be finalizing everything for this after the parade.

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>. Please see flyer

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

**FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK**  
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## Presidents 'Pint of View'

Hello gentlemen,

This will be the last "Pint of View" I will be writing as your president and sadly I don't even feel like having a pint while writing it this month!

I'm at home very sick after testing positive for Covid this morning. However, I still intend to write the farewell that I planned so the length may be a little longer than usual. I am extremely grateful that if I have to battle an illness and be quarantined, it's this weekend and not over our beloved St. Paddy's Day!

I really want to start by expressing just how much of an honor it has been to represent you as your president for the last 4 years! Although I had little experience in my past in such a position, I have relied on the support of our club and board members to show me the way. I cannot thank you all enough for working with me and coming thru when I really needed it!

My hope when I accepted the position of president was to bring new perspective from a fresh set of eyes and I strived to do that and also to do my best at dealing with the hurdles we were thrown during my term (such as Covid!).

I joined this club 20+ years ago on a request from my beloved grandmother Mary Mahoney and even though she's no longer with us I know she would be beaming with pride to see me still here and holding such a prestigious position!

As your incoming Vice President my plan will be to continue to support our board and our president Tim Schuck in whatever way is needed and I have given myself three goals for that position.

The first is keeping with the tenets of Ireland's Claddagh symbol to continue to support the ideals of the club. Love, Loyalty, and Friendship is what we are all about, and what I feel life is really all about.

The second is to continue to search for more potential new members who would enjoy being part of our club and help carry us into many future generations.

And the third is to invest more time and ideas trying to find a financial situation that will both support our annual parade and still be able to donate to our local charities.

Please feel free to continue to express your feelings and ideas with me for the club and I will do all I can to lead us into a brighter future.

So, I guess I will say a toast to you this month but with a pint of orange juice and a shot of cough medicine until I feel better.

CHEERS! 🍀

Your honored President,  
Tony "T-bone" Schmid



## *Irish Names and Pronunciations*

### **25 Irish Names You're Probably Mispronouncing** (borrowed from [Mentalfloss.com](https://www.mentalfloss.com))

Certain Irish names, like Fiona, are easy to say because they follow American English pronunciation rules. Others are simply so common that you probably don't think much about the discrepancy between how they look and how they sound—Sean, for example.

But then there are monikers like Blathnaid, Caoimhe, and Tadhg, which either harbor silent letters, phonemes with unexpected sounds, or both. Sure, you may have guessed that they're not pronounced "BLATH-nayd," "COW-i-mee," and "Tadge," respectively. So how do you say them? Find out the phonetics of those and other classic Irish names below.

1. Ailis - This Irish version of Alice is pronounced "AY-lish."
2. Aoife - The first name of American folk singer Aoife O'Donovan is pronounced "EE-fuh."
3. Blathnaid - Ignore the th and the second a in this name, which is pronounced "BLAH-nid."
4. Caitríona - Outlander star Caitríona Balfe says her name exactly like American English speakers say Katrina: "Kuh-TREE-nuh."
5. Caoimhe - Caoimhe comes with options: Some people say "KWEE-vuh," while others say "KEE-vuh." Either way, that mh makes a "v" sound.
6. Ciara - American pop singer Ciara says her name like "See-AIR-uh." But the Irish pronunciation is "KEER-uh."
7. Ciaran - If you already know Ciara, its male counterpart isn't tough to remember: Ciaran can be "KEER-in" or "KEER-awn."
8. Cillian - There's no "s" sound in the first name of Peaky Blinders star Cillian Murphy; it's "KILL-ee-in."
9. Dearbhla - Some Dearbhlas say "DURV-luh," others say "DEERV-luh." But none of them say "DEER-blah."
10. Diarmuid - Gloss over a couple vowels to get the correct pronunciation of Diarmuid: "DEER-mid."

11. Domhnall - Irish actor Domhnall Gleeson pronounces his first name as “DOH-null,” rhyming with tonal.
12. Eamon - It’s not “EE-mahn”—it’s “AY-mun.”
13. and 14. Eoin and Eoghan - The first name of Artemis Fowl author Eoin Colfer is simpler to say than its vowels suggest: “OH-in,” like Owen. Eoghan, an alternate spelling, is also pronounced “OH-in.”
15. Fionn - It’s not “FEE-on”—it’s “FIN.”
16. Fionnuala Mastering Fionn will help you nail the first name of legendary Irish actor Fionnuala Flanagan: “fin-OO-luh.”
17. Grainne - No, it’s not “GRAIN” or “GRANNY.” It’s “GRAWN-yuh.”
18. Maebh - Whenever you see a bh or mh in an Irish name, it’s a safe bet to replace it with a “v” sound. Maebh is pronounced “MAYV,” just like Maeve.
19. Naoise - Nobody in Ireland is naming their baby Nosy or Noisy (that we know of). The name Naoise is pronounced “NEE-shuh.”
20. Niamh - Time to bring back that mh rule we mentioned earlier: Niamh is “NEEV” or “NEE-iv.”
21. Padraig - Padraig and its various alternate spellings—including Pádraic, the name of Colin Farrell’s hapless character in The Banshees of Inisherin—can be pronounced “PAW-drig” or “PAW-rick.”
22. Róisín - Róisín, meaning “little rose,” is pronounced “Roh-SHEEN.”
23. Saoirse - As Saoirse Ronan once said on Saturday Night Live, “It’s ‘SER-shuh,’ like inertia.” Then she sang a whole song about the pronunciation of her name in the hopes of clearing up the confusion once and for all. But there probably will still be a little uncertainty, in part because not even all Irish people pronounce it the same way—some say “SEER-shuh.”
24. Siobhan - HBO’s Succession no doubt taught some viewers that Siobhan is pronounced “Shiv-AWN”: Sarah Snook’s character, Siobhan Roy, is often called “Shiv.”
25. Tadhg - Tadhg is “TYG,” exactly like the first syllable of tiger.



## *2023 St. Patrick's Day Schedule of Events*

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7:00 A.M. Flag Raising at the Tailgate area 13<sup>th</sup> and Grand

8:00 A.M. Breakfast at Windows @The Marriott cost is \$10

9:00 A.M. Streets close parade volunteers meet in lobby at the Marriott

9:00 A.M. Irish Tailgate Party 13<sup>th</sup> and Grand cost is \$10 party last until ??

10:00 Parade Float staging begins

12:00 Parade starts

1:00 Marriott Ballroom opens with the day's activities Music provided by Ed Kelly and his band

4:00 P.M. Raffle drawing

