



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

August 12th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu: Walking Tacos and Dessert.

Next Meeting:

General meeting September 9th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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BOARD NEWS

Our annual bags tourney concluded on July 13th. A small band of hearty souls braved the extreme heat to play in the contest. A special thanks to Josh Soliday and his wife, for putting together a great event.

Our annual 'Halfway to St. Pat's' Car show will be held on September 22nd, at Charlie's Filling Station. Raffle tickets are available now, this year we will be giving away 3 whole hogs processed and ready to go. Be sure to pick up a book or three at this month's meeting. Tickets are \$10 each. Mr. Tilton has lots planned that day, including contests, prizes, and food.

Mr. O'Connor has the parade organization well at hand, everything is in place for this time of year. If you have any ideas about business sponsors for the parade, please speak with Colton. The idea here is that hopefully, sponsors can foot the bill for the parade.

Our annual Christmas party plans are coming together nicely. The party will be held on **December 2nd** this year. Menu options will be Prime Rib, Fish, Chicken, and an Alfredo with two sides, and salad bar. There will be a cash bar, and the board is working on all the other little bits and pieces. Deadline for this year's dinner is the November regular meeting. Price is \$40 per person.

The board is still looking for ideas for another fund raiser, if you have an idea or two, please speak with a board member.



Presidents Pint of View

I would like to start out by giving a big THANK YOU to Josh Soliday (and his wife) for their help once again with the bag's tournament. Though the turn-out was a bit lower than previous years, from what I could tell, everyone was having a great time despite the oppressive heat. Also, thank you to the various members that showed up, and those that participated that day. It was great to see all of the Sons participating in the event! I would also like to thank Sully's for partnering with us for this event once again.

Coming up in a few short weeks we are hosting our second annual Friendly Sons Car Show. Please do stop by and enjoy all there will be to see and eat. It was a great time last year, and it sounds like it will be even better this year with DeMoss at the grill cooking up some delicious treats, Corben heading up the vendors, and Tilton at Master Control. Don't forget, this is the last chance to sell, and turn in our Halfway to St. Patrick's Day raffle tickets! We look forward to seeing you there and thank you all for your help with the raffles. Don't worry, we get a brief respite before we gear up for our St. Patrick's Day Raffle.

Also, for this meeting your \$15 meal and drink cost will be donated to the Food Bank of Iowa. The Food Bank of Iowa will in turn use that that \$15 into a week's worth of meals for a fellow Iowan in need. I thought I was frugal, talk about stretching a dollar! So please come to the meeting and help us support the Food Bank, I can't think of a much better fit for our organization. These donations stay local, help families, children, seniors, neighbors, friends, veterans, and plenty of others.

Thank you all for your continuing support!

See you at the meeting. Until then, stay safe.

President, Tim Schuck



Are you excited for the 18th annual Iowa Irish Fest? The Fest takes place in downtown Waterloo, August 2 – 4. One of the most anticipated parts of the Fest is the live music! With an extensive list of Irish musicians and bands to entertain guests all weekend, the Fest is the place to be this August! Musicians from all over the world travel to Iowa to be part of Iowa Irish Fest!

See you August 2-4 in downtown Waterloo!

***NEW TO IOWA IRISH FEST**



Make sure to check out the 2024 Iowa Irish Fest Spotify playlist by scanning the QR code to the left or by clicking the button below!

[Spotify Playlist](#)





FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK
OF CENTRAL IOWA PRESENT

HALFWAY TO ST. PAT'S DAY CHARITY CAR SHOW

SUNDAY SEPT. 22 2024



JOIN US AT

CHARLIE'S FILLING STATION
305 Grand Ave., West Des Moines

\$20 REGISTRATION BY SEPT. 7
\$25 DAY-OF

REGISTRATION 11 A.M. — 1 P.M.
TROPHIES AWARDED AT 3 P.M.

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The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Central Iowa are a merry band of gentlemen that enjoys gathering together to commune and celebrate our Irish heritage. We are also a benevolent organization. With the support of many sponsors & contributors we are able to raise money that is donated back to local organizations in need that we call our "Community of Caring."



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Welcome to Season 2024-2025

The season gets underway on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 7:30 when we present One for the Foxes. All of this season's concerts will take place at The Franklin Event Center.

Our concert lineup for 2024-2025 season starts with One for the Foxes in November 2024, followed by The Bryne Brothers, Switchback, and The Jeremiahs in January, February and March 2025.

See our current newsletter with the information on the performers for this season's concerts.

The link below takes you to our website, from there you scroll down to the READ OUR NEWSLETTER box, open Summer 2024 to see the current newsletter. You may open any newsletters to see past information about previous concerts.

<https://www.thecma.org>

We held our annual meeting in July and re-elected officers to continue one more year. We would love for new people to join the board to help us continue our mission of bringing quality Celtic music to the Des Moines area. New email for information: info@thecma.org

Irish in the Olympics



Daniel Wiffen won Ireland's first Olympic gold medal in the pool in 28 years. That was thrilling enough as he wiped away tears standing on the podium, the Irish flag draped over his shoulders.

A team representing Republic of Ireland as an independent state or polity has competed at the Summer Olympic Games since 1924, and at the Winter Olympic Games since 1992.

The Irish Olympic Council was formed in 1922^[1] during the provisional administration prior to the formal establishment of the Irish Free State. The Irish Olympic Council (IOC) affiliated to the International Olympic Committee (also "IOC") in time for the Paris games in 1924.

For many sports, the respective national federation represents the entire island of Ireland, which comprises both the Republic of Ireland (originally a dominion with the title the Irish Free State) and Northern Ireland (which following the founding of the Irish Free State as an independent dominion remained part of the United Kingdom). Northern Ireland-born athletes are entitled to represent either Ireland or Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as they are automatically entitled to the citizenship of both countries. As a result, athletes will tend to represent the National Olympic Committee of the nation to which their sport federation is aligned. The smaller competition pool will also see athletes choose to represent Ireland to ensure greater Olympic qualification chances, although athletes may also move in the opposite direction to increase medal chances, especially in team events. A number of athletes have represented both nations.

In addition, Ireland has regularly been represented by members of the Irish diaspora who are explicitly recognized in the nation's constitution, and who often have citizenship rights through family heritage, i.e. a parent or grandparent with Irish citizenship.

To date, the highest number of medals won at an Olympiad is six, at the 2012 London games. The highest number of golds is three, at the 1996 Atlanta games, when Michelle Smith won all of Ireland's medals. Boxing however is by far Ireland's most successful sport at the games, accounting for more than 50% of the medals won. Athletics has provided the most gold medals, with four.

Many of the sport's most popular in Ireland are either not Olympic sports (such as Gaelic games, horse racing) or have only become so relative recently (Golf, rugby sevens), and this is reflected in a somewhat moderate overall record for Ireland at the Games outside of boxing. Notwithstanding this, however, Ireland has been a consistent and enthusiastic Olympic nation, and its medalists are widely publicized and celebrated, while Olympic qualification is highly valued even without medal success. Ireland notably was one of the nations that boycotted neither the 1980 Moscow nor the 1984 Los Angeles Games. Ireland did, however, choose not to participate in the 1936 Berlin Games in Nazi Germany.