



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

November 11th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu: World Championship Chili
Corn Bread, Relish Tray,
Trimmings, Bread, Butter, Peanut
Butter, Cinnamon rolls

Next Meeting:

General meeting December 2nd

Chicago Speakeasy

6:00 P.M.

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NOVEMBER (SAMHAIN) 2024

Is running out for our annual Christmas Dinner, **if you have not yet reserved your spot Contact Mr. Soliday at: 515-577-0990**. There are a select number of spots left and he needs to hear from you, if you plan on attending.

Behold Lads we have secured some special eats for this coming months meeting. Mr. Donnie Corben, and Jerry Von Sprecken, have volunteered their expertise in supplying us with their award-winning Chili. We will have all the trimmings plus dessert.

The Massive parade planning is coming along great Mr. O'Connor has everything under control. Look for new happenings in 2025, stay tuned.

Mr. Soliday is putting together a tournament to end all, just in time to end our winter doldrums we will be having a Pickleball Tournament. He has secured a large prize fund and its shaping out to be a great time. We will have more information on this as he gets it put together.

Now that the general election has concluded, its time to really think about who you want to vote for. That's right the FSOSP elections are coming up. Up for election is President, Vice-President, and one Board position. If your interested or know someone that is please let a board member know. We always need more help.

The board is putting together a new list of charities that we support, if you have any ideas or know of someone that could use a helping hand, please let the board know.





Presidents Pint of View

Top o' the mornin' to all you turkeys. That's right November is upon us and with that comes one of the best holidays as far as I am concerned. A day most of us get off work so we can come together and give thanks for what we have, and to reflect on what we have been given and what it has taken to get where we are. If you haven't guessed by now, I'm speaking of Veteran's Day. That's right, without all of the veterans out there, where would we be? Thank you to all who have served this country and strove to make the world a better place! If you know a vet, please thank them, shake their hand, or give 'em a hug (with their permission of course. Don't just walk up to them and grab them without warning 'cause if they are anything like my late grandfather, they'll damn near kick your ass for sneaking up on them). Thank you! Thank you!

Now, I suppose there is another reason to give thanks this month. Not only is November 19th International Men's Day, it's also World Toilet Day! Where would one be without the other? Of course, let's not leave out National Stuffing Day on the 21st. Not sure if you're supposed to be stuffing something, eating stuffing, or what, so just to be safe I say just stuff your face with some stuffing, and go get some stuff to do stuff with. I'll leave it up to you for interpretation.

If you miss National Stuffing Day, you can always celebrate it late on Thanksgiving I suppose. I mean can you really have Thanksgiving without a good stuffing? I hope you take some time this month to relax, kick back and relish all that there is to be thankful for. Afterall who doesn't like a good relish? Anyway, Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

As always, I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and until then, stay safe.

President, Tim Schuck





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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 History

1625 - Birth near Oldcastle, Co. Meath of St. Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop of Armagh who was canonized in 1975.

1688 - William of Orange arrives in England with 15,000 men.

1797 - Tyrone Power, actor and great-grandfather of the Hollywood movie star of the same name, is born near Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford.

1798 - Sir Benjamin Guinness, owner of the Guinness brewery from 1855, is born in Dublin.

1815 - Birth in Dungiven, Co. Derry of John Mitchel, patriot and founder of the newspaper the United Irishman.

1878 - The New York Gaelic Society is formed.

1884 - Birth in Hillsborough, Co. Down of Harry Ferguson, engineer, inventor, and pioneer of the modern tractor.

1963 - 12 people are arrested at a Beatles concert in the Adelphi, Dublin.

1976 - Crosses are planted in Belfast for lives lost in Northern Ireland since 1969 -1,662 in all.

1986 - Sinn Féin Poblachtach founded in Dublin.

1999 - After stumbling on a huge complex of tombs and structures on his property which date back to the Stone Age, it is reported that farmer Tom Coffey may have uncovered one of Ireland's most important archaeological sites.

1999 - A two-shilling book of Irish stamps, forgotten since being bought in the 1930s, is set to fetch £1000 at auction. The stamps - six at two pence, nine at a penny and six at a halfpenny - were almost certainly bought for use when they were purchased sometime between 1931 and 1940. The orange-colored front cover bears the word STAMPAL and an advert proclaiming: McCairns for Vauxhalls and Bedford's, Showrooms, 2 Dawson Street, Dublin.

1999 - Former US Senator George Mitchell says he has no intention of imposing a deadline on the peace negotiations with Northern Ireland's political leaders.

2002 - Sonia O'Sullivan finishes 12th in NYC marathon.

2002 - Gerry Adams and David Trimble hold a face-to-face meeting at Stormont in an attempt to break the deadlock in the peace process.

2002 - The National Roads Authority denies protesters' claims of victory after archaeologists resume work on the controversial Carrickmines Castle site.

2002 - Allegations that a civil servant was spying on David Trimble for the IRA plunges the Northern Ireland peace process deeper into crisis.

Wearin' O' The Grin

- Have you heard about the Irish boomerang?
It doesn't come back; it just sings sad songs about how much it wants to.
- WHO SAYS MEN DON'T REMEMBER ANNIVERSARIES?
A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband was not in their bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee in front of him. He appears deep in thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of coffee. "What's the matter, dear?" she whispers as she steps into the room, "Why are you down here at this time of night?" Do you remember when I met you and you were only 16?" he asks solemnly. The wife is touched to tears thinking that her husband is so caring and sensitive. "Yes, I do" she replies. The husband pauses. The words are not coming easily. "Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car, making love?" "Yes, I remember" says the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him. The husband continues... "Do you remember when he shoved a shotgun in my face and said, "Either you marry my daughter, or I will send you to jail for 20 years?" "I remember that too" she replies softly. He wipes another tear from his cheek and says..."I would have gotten out today."
- Miss O'Leary, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. She was much admired for her sweetness and kindness to all. The parish priest came to call on her one afternoon early in the spring, and she welcomed him into her little cottage. She invited him to have a seat while she made the tea. As he sat facing her old pump organ, the priest noticed a cut glass bowl sitting on top of it, filled with water. In the water floated, of all things, an item the menfolk use to help prevent conception. Imagine his shock and surprise. Imagine his curiosity! Surely Miss O'Leary had lost her senses! When she returned with the tea and scones, they began to chat. The priest tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its unusual contents, but soon it got the better of him; he could resist no longer. Miss O'Leary," he said, "I wonder if you would tell me about this?" (pointing to the bowl). "Oh, yes, Father," she replied, "Isn't it wonderful? I was walking in the village last October and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to put it on the organ, keep it wet, and it would prevent disease. And you know... I haven't had a cold all winter.
- One morning at the bargaining table, the company's chief negotiator held aloft the morning edition of the Cork Examiner. "This man," he announced, "Called in sick yesterday!" There on the sports page was a photo of the supposedly ill employee, who had just won a local golf tournament with an excellent score. The silence in the room was broken by a union negotiator. "Jaysus," he said. "Think of the score he could have had if he hadn't been sick!"