



The *Blarney*

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

September 9th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu: Fish & Fries, Hushpuppies,
Cole Slaw, Desert

Next Meeting:

General meeting October 14th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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BOARD NEWS

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. He also needs your help. He needs 12 volunteers from 10 to 2. If you're not doing anything that day, come on out and give us a hand.

It's been brought up by some members they would like to put together a bike ride pub crawl, if your interested please let L.J. or Jeff Stickle know. The idea is to make this a fee free event.

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. Please let Mr. Dennis know what your menu choice will be at this month's meeting.

Speaking of meetings, and judging by recent attendance, we have been missing a great many of you. Come on out this Monday and join us for some cold refreshments and dinner.

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.



Presidents Pint of View

Welcome to September Sons. As the cooler weather sets in, we approach the halfway mark to our big event! That's right, in just over six months it will be time to welcome a new Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Central Iowa president! And where do we do that, you may ask? At the parade of course. Yes, that is the event of which I speak, the parade, that's the big one, the culmination of our year's efforts, the celebration of our heritage, the streets full of green. I can see it now, what a glorious thing it will be. But before all of that, we need to celebrate this halfway point, and this year once again we will be celebrating with a car show and halfway raffle. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Tilton and Mr. Corben, our event will have cars, vendors, food, and fun for the whole family. So, bring out your friends and relatives and join us in ogling some sweet rides on September 22nd.

Another way I'd like to celebrate our halfway point is by seeing as many of you as possible at the September members meeting and dinner. Please come and join us, we've been missing you. I do mean that sincerely. It seems that our numbers have been dwindling at our monthly meetings, I know its partially due to it being summer and all, and you'd rather be frolicking outside or whatnot, but come on back and join us for some beverages, good food, comradery, prizes from the ends of the earth, and a live status report on the club and events. I promise to keep the boring stuff to a minimum. Don't do it for me, do it for your friends, they want to see you there.

Ok, in closing, I need to step up on my soap box for a moment and mention that we have not yet sold half of the raffle tickets we have available for our halfway raffle. We need your help to sell more tickets. So, get a hold of T-bone, me, or any of the other board members and we can set you up with a book or twelve to sell in the name of charity and all that is good. You can also pick some up at the September member meeting (just sayin'). Ok, I'll climb down now. Thanks for listening, er, reading.

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

President, Tim Schuck



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

Additional News

More news from the board –

Our first monthly son's raffle at Carl's place was a huge success. Tickets for next months drawing are already on sale. Remember, you must be present to claim the \$1,000. Grand Prize.

Golf Tourney – Toad Valley has a conflict with our original date, so we have moved to Saturday 6/14/2025 with an 8:30 A.M. shotgun start.

Last month's meeting gathered another \$345 for the food bank, which will be doubled. That puts us just shy of \$4,000. In donations to the food bank this year.

There has been some discussion about hosting a pickleball tournament. If this is something you would like to help chair or be a part of, please see Mr. Soliday. He is currently researching the feasibility of us pulling off an event like this.

Mr. Tilton needs 12 volunteers for a short shift of 10 to 2 the day of the car show. Please step up and give us a hand as we make this a successful fund raiser for the club.

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK
OF CENTRAL IOWA





Robert Joseph Conley, “Bob”, 77, passed away Saturday, August 10th, 2024. Bob spent his final days at the Kavanagh Hospice House. He displayed bravery, stoicism and grace navigating the many obstacles and challenges that accompany ALS. He was ever ready with a quip to make everyone around him laugh and feel at ease.

Bob was born on November 15th, 1946, in Des Moines, IA, to Joseph and Genevieve (Cunningham) Conley. He was their third of nine children (four boys and five girls). He was educated at St. Augustine’s, Sacred Heart and Dowling Catholic High School of the Des Moines area. He attended Loras College and was an alumnus of the United States Army War College. After serving in the Vietnam war, Bob was awarded many distinguished honors.

most notably two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He married Martha Jane Wellman on June 2nd, 1973 at St. Augustin’s chapel in Des Moines, IA, surrounded by their families. They went on to have three children, whilst building an over 50-year career in hospitality/hotels and real estate. From the beginning at the Des Moines Hyatt House, Hotel Fort Des Moines, Ramada and Holiday Inn Corporations. Eventually, Bob’s career moved them back home to Des Moines, IA, where they began their own hospitality company, RJ Conley Hotel Group. Bob partly and wholly owned many properties along the way, but most well-known is the Holiday Inn Downtown Des Moines. Bob shared his big spirit and broad talents with countless organizations, including the following: Co-Founder of Friendly Sons of St Patrick in Des Moines, Shrimp Club, Century Club, EOFBC, Disabled American Veterans, Za Ga Zig Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, Reciprocity Club, Rotary of Des Moines (including the “controversial: Bad Boys of Rotary”). He also was a serving board member of: Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Iowa, Mercy Foundation and Hospice of Central Iowa, to name a few.

Bob is survived by his wife, Martha, children, Grace Brick (David), Joseph M. Conley II, Gretchen Todahl (Grant), grandchildren; Genevieve & Elizabeth Brick, Madeleine Conley; siblings, Cay Plummer (Leo), Brian Conley (Mary), Patricia Millin (Michael), Terri McDermott (Alan), Jean Jones (Steve), countless beloved relatives and friends he considered ‘family’, as well as his devoted team at the RJ Conley Hotel Group.

Wearin' O' The Grin

From L.J.'s Vault of Dad Jokes –

- I went to the aquarium this weekend, but I didn't stay long. There's something fishy about that place.
- I gave my handyman a to-do list, but he only did jobs 1, 3, and 5. Turns out he only does odd jobs.
- Who won the neck decorating contest? It was a tie.
- Where do rainbows go when they've been bad? To prism, so they have time to reflect on what they've done.
- Dogs can't operate MRI machines. But catscan.
- I went to a silent auction. I won a dog whistle and two mimes.
- How is my wallet like an onion? Every time I open it, I cry.
- Which vegetable has the best kung fu? Broc-lee.
- Can a frog jump higher than a house? Of course, a house can't jump.
- I was going to try an all-almond diet, but that's just nuts.
- Why did the old man fall down the well? He couldn't see that well.
- Dad: What is the difference between a piano, a tuna, and a pot of glue?
Me: I don't know.
Dad: You can tuna piano but you can't piano a tuna.
Me: What about the pot of glue?
Dad: I knew you'd get stuck on that.
- Two windmills were sitting on a hill. One asks the other, "Do you have a favorite song?" The other replies, "Well... all my life I have been a heavy metal fan."
- Today at the bank, an old lady asked me to check her balance... So, I pushed her over.
- How many storm troopers does it take to change a lightbulb? None, because they are all on the dark side.
- If your house is cold, just stand in the corner. It's always 90 degrees there.
- Did you hear about the guy who went to the doctor for a headache? The doctor examined his ear and found money. The doctor kept pulling and pulling it out until he had \$1,999. Then the doctor said, "No wonder you're not feeling two grand!"
- The owner of the tuxedo store kept hovering over me when I was browsing, so I asked him to leave me alone. He said, "Fine, suit yourself."
- What is the best present? Broken drums! You can't beat them.
- What does a nosey pepper do? It gets jalapeño business.
- What do call a criminal landing an airplane? Condescending.
- I stayed up all night wondering where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- Why do people who live in Greece hate waking up at dawn? Because Dawn is tough on Greece.
- How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it.
- Why couldn't the tree get on his computer? Because he could not log on.