



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

July 14th 6:30 P.M.

The Mickle Center

Menu: BBQ pulled pork and all the trimmings

Next Meeting:

General meeting August 11th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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JULY (IÚIL) 2025

BOARD NEWS

We are still collecting monies from the 2025 parade but the accounts look good and as Mr. Soliday says: "We have money."

Speaking of money, we did really well at the golf outing and will be donating \$1300 to the Urbandale food pantry. Pat yourselves on the back, it was a great job by everyone, and a special thanks to T-Bone for chairing this year's event. We had 26 groups of golfers with 101 registered players.

This Saturday July 12th from 2 to 6 is Carl's Busch Light Carnival. We still could use some help putting this on, all proceeds go to the Friendly Sons. There will be carnival games and free SWAG, so come down and show your support.

Mr. Tilton and Mr. Corbin are busy with the car show organization but all looks good. Trophy sponsors are still needed, so if you or someone you know would like to donate, please let them know. September is fast approaching.

Mr. O'Connor is already busy with the 2026 parade, the city is already taken care of, he will be signing the contract with the Marriott soon, and also plans are in place for the St. Paddy's pre-party.

Please keep in mind that it takes all of us to keep this club running, we can always use an extra set of hands. If there is ever an event that you wish to be a part of, don't hesitate to let a board member know.

From now on the **front door is not to be propped open**, because of security reasons. We will have the door unlocked



Presidents Pint of View



Brothers,

As I sit down to write this, I find myself reflecting on all that has happened over the past month. We had a fantastic golf outing, and I can't thank T-Bone enough for the hard work and dedication that went into planning the event. I think we all enjoyed ourselves, chasing those little white balls and spending quality time together. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout and to connect with everyone.

We also just celebrated the Fourth of July—a joyful occasion for many, though sadly, a tragic time for some parts of our country. Having recently visited the Hill Country of Texas, just a week before the devastating floods, my heart goes out to all those affected. My spouse and I had a wonderful time exploring the wineries and meeting the welcoming people there. The experience has made me deeply appreciate how precious each day is, and how quickly things can change.

It also reminds me why our work in this club matters so much. Each year, we have the privilege of organizing the parade and other events that bring happiness and entertainment to our community. Sometimes, it's easy to lose sight of the impact we have on others, but moments like these reinforce the importance of what we do. I want to challenge everyone to come up with more ways that we as a club and individuals we can make a bigger impact on our communities.

We also have the Busch Light Carnival coming up this weekend. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

President

Adam McCarty



F.S.O.S.P UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday September 14th – 3rd Annual FSOSP Car Show

- Charlies Filling Station – 305 Grand WDM
- DJ – FOOD – VENDORS – TROPHIES
- Registration 11 to 1
- Trophy presentation at 3

Saturday October 11th – Annual FSOSP Bags Tourney

- Sully's Pub time to be determined
- \$30 per team

Monday December 1st, Annual FSOSP Christmas party

- Chicago Speakeasy

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK
OF CENTRAL IOWA



Hello, my FSOSP brothers, we received this info today from Howie McGahey

"I just wanted everyone to know, I have stage 3 renal cell carcinoma, they will have to remove my right kidney and a blood vessel that it has attached to. I'm undergoing treatment at Iowa City and surgery is scheduled sometime in August after more tests. Not sure about chemo and radiation yet. I'm gonna beat this!"

Howie is a new-ish member (he joined in early 2024). He has shown quite a bit of enthusiasm for our club; he has become well known over the last year + and is well liked! I'm sending a photo and his contact info (which he gave me permission to do), and I just wanted to remind you all that an encouraging word now and again can help in ways you may never know!

Howie McGahey
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Thank you,
T-bone Schmid



FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

OF CENTRAL IOWA



MONTHLY RAFFLE

\$25 PER TICKET

MAXIMUM 75 TICKETS TO BE SOLD

GRAND PRIZE \$1000 (must be present)

5 - \$100 winners

Maximum 2 tickets per person

***If the person chosen for the grand prize is not present then
an additional 5 - \$100 winners will be drawn***

***DRAWING IS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH***

Carl's Place just down the hill from the Mickle Center

***"Located just south of I-235 and slightly north of Western Gateway Park,
Carl's Place has been Des Moines' favorite dive since 1962. And it's the only
local bar that's totally, 100%, NO LIE -- on the way home from absolutely
everywhere!"***



FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK OF
CENTRAL IOWA PRESENT

HALFWAY TO ST. PAT'S DAY CHARITY CAR SHOW

SUNDAY SEPT. 14 2025



DJ.
FOOD.
TROPHIES.
VENDORS.

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

\$25 DAY-OF REGISTRATION • CASH OR VENMO

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."



IOWA IRISH FEST IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Make sure you download the official Iowa Irish Fest app - available in both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. We want to thank our app sponsor, [Cedar Valley ASCENT!](#)

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VOLUNTEER

It takes over 1,500 people to help with our Fest! We couldn't do it without our sponsors or volunteers. Get in for FREE by volunteering! Check out our open shifts by clicking below.

[Volunteer Shifts](#)

Tickets for this event can be purchased through their web site:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iowa-irish-fest-2025-tickets-1225632893979?aff=oddtcreator>

Are you ready for an adventure?

WE'RE GOING TO **Kansas City** **Irish Fest!**



Labor Day Weekend 2025

Saturday, August 30th — Sunday, August 31st

\$210 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOM
PER PERSON

\$298 SINGLE OCCUPANCY ROOM

\$25
FOR NON-CARA MEMBERS

Price includes transportation, lodging & admission to the
Kansas City Irish Fest for Saturday & Sunday.

\$50 deposit is due at booking, refunded if cancelled.

Depart from VGM

Stop in Ames

Stop in Des Moines

Stop TBD

GAMES ON THE BUS!



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2025

Wearin of The Grin'

A farmer finally decided to buy a TV. The store assured him that they would install the antenna and TV the next day. The next evening the farmer turned on his new TV and found only political ads on every channel. The next morning, he turned the TV on and found only political ads again. When he came in to eat dinner, he tried the TV again but still only found political ads. The next day when he still found only political ads, he called the store to complain. The owner said that it was impossible for every channel to only have political adverts, but agreed to send their repairman to check the TV. When the TV repairman turned on the TV, he found that the farmer was right. After looking at the TV for a while he went outside to check the antenna. In a few minutes he returned and told the farmer he had found the problem. The antenna had been installed on top of the windmill and grounded to the manure spreader.

A couple goes for a meal at a Chinese restaurant and orders the "Chicken Surprise." The waiter brings the meal, served in a lidded cast-iron pot. Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down. "Good grief, did you see that?" she asks her husband. He hasn't, so she asks him to look in the pot. He reaches for it and again the lid rises, and he sees two little eyes looking around before it slams down. Sputtering in a fit of pique, he calls the waiter over, describes what is happening, and demands an explanation! "Please sir," says the waiter, "what you order? The husband replies, "Chicken Surprise."

"Ah... so sorry," says the waiter, "I bring you Peeking Duck."

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."

Mr. Smith was travelling through Europe. When he visited the Pope, he noticed a red phone on a small table in the corner of the office. After several minutes of conversation, Smith asked the Pope what the red phone was for. The Holy Father told him that it was a very special phone with a direct line to God. However, the Pope told Smith that he rarely used it because it cost \$20,000 a minute from the Vatican. Without another thought, Smith accepted this explanation. Later, when Smith visited Ireland, he saw another red phone in the archbishop's office. Being curious, Smith asked the archbishop what it was for. The archbishop told Smith it was a direct line to God, and he used it whenever he had a puzzling question or concern. Smith asked if the calls were quite expensive since the Pope had to pay \$20,000 a minute when he used his red phone in the Vatican. "Oh no," replied the archbishop, "In Ireland it's a local call."

Did You Know?

- Ireland's largest church is St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin?
- The Popularity of Patrick as a Christian name in Ireland is due to the great 17th century general, Patrick Sarsfield, not our patron saint?
- The word íochtar (eek-tur) literally means lower part and is often used for the youngest child in an Irish family?
- George Bernard Shaw bequeathed one third of his estate to the National Gallery in Dublin, claiming that he received his education there?
- Guinness's fermenting vessel ferments 2,304,000 pints at one brewing?
- According to old custom, a piece of candle, a coin and a small quantity of wine or spirits should be placed next to someone who has died? The candle was to give the deceased light, the coin was to pay the fare over the river of death, and the liquor was to sustain him or her on their journey.
- Mass has been celebrated every Sunday at Ballintubber Abbey in Co. Mayo since 1216?
- Swallowing a live frog was an old Irish cure for a stomach ache?
- St. James's Gate Brewery is built on the site where, since medieval times, Dubliners held an annual drinking festival every 25th July to celebrate the feast day of St. James?
- Dublin was originally called Dubh Linn meaning Black Pool? The pool to which the name referred is the oldest known in Northern Europe and currently forms the centre-piece of the penguin enclosure in Dublin Zoo.
- Ireland's smallest church is at Portbraden in Co. Antrim? Only ten feet long by six feet wide, the structure is dedicated to St. Gobhnan - the patron saint of builders. (huh?!)
- Mulgrave Street in Limerick, which contains two hospitals, a prison and a lunatic asylum, is known as 'Calamity Avenue' by the locals?
- Every spring, more than twenty million eels swim into the River Bann to breed?
- In the village of Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary, there's a pub called The Ronald Reagan Bar?
- Charles Stuart Parnell was known as the Uncrowned King of Ireland?
- Irish women received the right to vote before American women?
- A river called the Poddle runs under Dublin Castle?
- The largest town in Offaly is Tullamore?