



# The Blarney

## UPCOMING:

### Monthly Meeting:

April 11th

The Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu: Corned Beef/ Cabbage

Carrots/ Potatoes,

Bread/ Butter, Dessert

### Next Meeting:

May 9th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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## BOARD NEWS

\* Treasurers Report: \$34,000. Which is approximate. We have money still coming in and our illustrious treasurer was on R.&R. We should have a better figure at the April meeting.

\* **PARKING** – The board has been asked by the Mickle Center to please leave the area open at the street where the handicap access is. They have had several complaints that this happens on Monday nights so please keep that area open.

\* **Parade news** – After a 2-year absence, Des Moines downtown streets were once again filled with the Irish on St. Patrick's Day. We looked a little polished in some areas and a little rusty in others. All in all, it was a great success for our new parade chairman for life Colt O'Connor.

Tony Rose visited with the board to fill us in on the tailgate party. We had approximately 850 attendees at the party, which was down considerably from what was hoped. The weather as well as other factors played a part in that. The board is exploring all options for 2023.

Final parade float count was 60.

Raffle sales in 2021 were approximately \$12,000. We sold approximately \$20,000. In 2022.

Parade award winners and Raffle Ticket winners are on page 3.

We still have some income and donations that came in from the parade which are not yet known. Josh will fill us in at the April meeting.

\* **MEMBERSHIP** – We currently have 68 paid members, if you have not yet paid your yearly dues, please contact a board member to get them caught up.

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# FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

OF CENTRAL IOWA



## Presidents 'Pint of View'

Hello sons, "We're back!"

It was a long time coming but I'm overjoyed to report that even though the weather was a bit overcast, we had a very successful St. Patrick's day parade and celebration for the first time in 3 years!

We had a few minor issues this year but nothing we couldn't handle or haven't experienced in the past and we made it through with flying colors, so I just want to thank you all and say congratulations.

Now with that said, I have good and bad news this month so let's get the bad out of the way first.

The general opinion is that attendance was down significantly from past due to the weather, it being a weekday and the belief that a percentage of people are still not ready to attend a large event.

Sadly, with attendance down and this being our first year of the event, the tailgate party was not the hugely profitable event we were all hoping for (due to some of the reasons listed above). However, the club was not significantly affected financially so we will be discussing it over the upcoming months to see if it will continue and if so, what could be done to improve it.

Now the good news is that we sold more raffle tickets than any past year and that will help put us in a good financial situation for the future. Thanks again to all who bought and sold tickets this year!

So, I will hold my glass high this month for a toast and say, "WE'RE BACK!"

See you in April.

CHEERS! 🍀

Your honored President,  
Tony "T-bone" Schmid

## *BOARD NEWS CONT.*

\* Brian Kreps contacted the board to let us know he has secured a date for our annual golf outing. Save the Date! Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 A.M. Brian is hard at work planning the particulars and should have more info soon.

\* FSOSP Run: is postponed at this time. The committee is having issues with permits from the city.

\* Disk Golf Tourney: August 6th. All profits will again go to the Food Bank of Iowa.

\* Bike ride is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>, raffle ticket ideas are still being worked out and a committee will need to be formed this year to help out with the planning. Please see Jeff DeMoss if you would like to help out.

### \* **2022 Parade Float Winners –**

Best of Parade: Georgetown

Judges Choice: Shenanigans

Best Irish Clan: O'Brien

Best Irish Theme: Melrose

### \* **2022 Raffle Ticket Winners –**

Ireland: Pam O'Connor

\$500: Jennifer Stirling

\$100: John Freitag

\$100: Kristina Womack

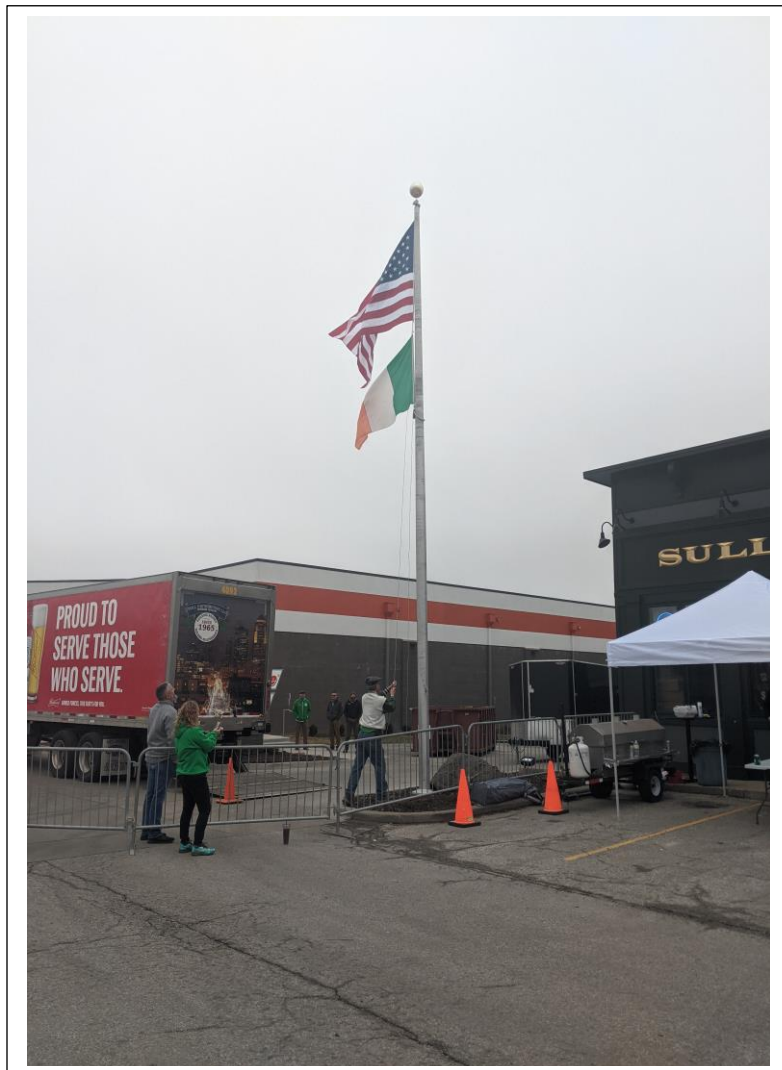
\$100: Amy Rupe

\$50: Derik Spoon

\$50: Adrian Welch

\$50: Eva Ross

\$50: Laura Thompson





## St Patrick's Day 2022



2022 Baconfest



Queen Elizabeth with Brookes Reynolds



2022 Pub Crawl



Colt brings a new meaning to the term 'Beer Goggles'



*St Patrick's Day 2022*

















