



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

August 8th

The Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu: Hamburgers, Brats, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Tomatoes

Next Meeting:

September 12th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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BOARD NEWS

Mr. Soliday says “We have Money!” A complete update will be available at the August meeting.

The August meeting is once again dedicated to donating money to the Food Bank of Iowa. Dinner is free but we ask a good will donation that we will be put with the Disc golf proceeds, and Mr. Soliday has connections to getting all of this doubled.

Member directory will now be electronic. Remember if you need to get in a new picture, now is the time

We have a nice Irish Soccer Jersey that will be auctioned off at the August meeting, see the picture of it in this month's Blarney.

We have many events planned for August and September. If you are not entering these events, we ask that you please help out by volunteering. It takes a great many of us to help put these events on, and they keep the club moving forward. A list of Upcoming events is on page 4.

There are currently raffle tickets available for the Halfway to St. Pat's Bike Ride, so please get out there and sell a book or two. Raffle tickets will be sold for the ride with the following prizes: 1-\$500. 1-\$250. 1-\$100. 1-\$50

The Board wants to remind everyone that we have elections coming up in January. Up for nomination are the president, vice-president, and treasurer. As well as 2 board seats. If this is something you would be interested in than make sure to get your name out there. It takes all of us to run the club.

***The October BOD meeting and the regular meeting dates are being moved to 10/3 for BOD and 10/17 for the regular meeting. The December board meeting is 12/9.**

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

OF CENTRAL IOWA



Presidents 'Pint of View'

Hello Son's,

I was at RAGBRAI (driving a vehicle, due to a back injury a couple weeks ago) when we held our monthly board meeting this month so my right-hand man and our Vice President (Tim Schuck) was gracious enough to step in and run it for me! Because of that I don't have much to report so I thought a list of 10 interesting facts about ancient Ireland might give you some interesting stuff to do an online search and read about this month, so here ya go!

The earliest known settlers arrived in Ireland in around 8000 BC.

St. Patrick wasn't born in Ireland.

There are many myths and legends from ancient Ireland, including the stories of Tír na nÓg and Cú Chulainn.

Medb (also called Meadhbh, Méibh, Méabh, and Maeve), a queen of Connacht in Irish mythology, is said to have been killed by a piece of cheese.

The Fianna were a group of fearsome warriors in ancient Irish mythology.

Newgrange, which is one of Ireland's most famous landmarks, is older than the Egyptian pyramids.

Ireland used to have its own 'Olympic' style games, which are even older than the ancient Olympic Games!

Ancient Irish writing used an alphabet called Ogham.

It's believed that there are over 300 ancient Irish or Celtic Gods and Goddesses.

Until the Normans took over, Ireland was ruled by High Kings.

Hopefully I'll have more for ya next month but until then I'll raise a glass to you all!

CHEERS! 🍀

Your honored President,
Tony "T-bone" Schmid



Here is the Official Ireland Soccer Jersey that we will be auctioning off at the August meeting.





Upcoming Events

- Saturday August 6th Annual Disc Golf Tourney. Misterys O'Connell and Grady are at the helm of this great event. Registration is online at: https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/Irish_Open_2022 Check-in and registration starts at 10 A.M. with a Shotgun start of 11 A.M. This is an 18-hole singles tournament
Cash payout for the first three places
Trophies for Open champion, Women's and Youth 16 and under
Star Mako 3 event discs for first 70 paid registrants
For more information you can contact Mike at: 515-277-0018 or Jerry at: 515-554-3006.
All proceeds will go to the Food Bank of Iowa.
- Sunday August 7th we will continue our fun for the weekend with a trip to Sully's for our annual bag's tournament. Cost is \$25 per person with 2 person teams. Registration starts at 2 P.M. with play starting at 3 P.M. Any questions contact Colton O'Connor at 515-770-2419 or Scott Tilton at: 515-822-2342. There is also a flyer on the next page.
- Last but not least, our annual Halfway to St. Pats Bike Ride. This is scheduled for Saturday September 24th, the ride will be a traditional 1 stage ride with a poker run. Raffle tickets are also available, so get yours today. There will be a sign up for volunteers at this month's meeting.
- Volunteers are still needed for all of these events. Without the club's help these events would not exist to help us raise money for the club's many endowers. If you are not participating in a given event, it would be greatly appreciated if you could help by volunteering your time. A special thanks to all of the Chair's that put these events on for us. Brian Krepps, Colton O'Connor, Scott Tilton, John Leonhart, Mike O'Connell, Jerry Grady, and Jeff DeMoss. Plus let's not forget the board members who put in extra time to make sure all of the planned events go off without a hitch. Thanks to all.



Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
of Central Iowa present

Leprechaun Bags Tournament Sunday, Aug. 7

REGISTRATION 2 P.M. • PLAY STARTS AT 3 P.M.

\$25 PER 2-PERSON TEAM

DOUBLE ELIMINATION • PRIZES FOR TOP 3 TEAMS

HOSTED AT SULLY'S IRISH PUB • 860 1ST ST., WEST DES MOINES



[HTTP://WWW.FRIENDLYSONSIOWA.COM/BAGS/BAGS.HTM](http://www.friendlysonsiowa.com/bags/bags.htm)

BOARD NEWS CONTINUED –

New Parade chairman for life Colton O'Connor is already hard at work on the 2023 parade.

- The Marriott is once again under contract for 2023 – The Board is looking at moving more events down to the tailgate party this year, so if you have any ideas for that please let us know.
- If you would like to reserve a room at the FSOSP discounted rate, please let Colton or Jeff DeMoss know, so we can get you on the list. Room is limited for this
- Colton will be meeting with the city soon to make sure there are no major road projects that will be happening along the parade route.
- The board will also be meeting with Tony Rose soon to start planning the tailgate party.

The board has started planning for the annual Christmas party so, if there is anything different you would like to see there, please let us know.

The board is also looking for new ideas on charities to donate too, so if you have a favorite, please let us know.

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.
- An elderly Kerry couple is sitting together watching television. During one of 'those' commercials, the husband asked his wife, "Whatever happened to our sexual relations?" After a long thoughtful silence (and during the next commercial), the wife replied, "You know, I don't know. I don't even think we got a Christmas card from them this year.
- 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."

Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
Annual 'Halfway to St.Pat's'
Bike Ride
Saturday September 24th, 2022
\$25. Entry

- *Registration begins at 10 A.M. at Sully's Tap Ride starts at noon*
- *There will be a Poker Run that will cover the distance of the ride, you will have the opportunity for 5 cards with additional cards for sale for \$5.00.
Best 5 card poker hand wins a 50/50 pot minimum \$25.00 Prize*
 - *Contest for Best Irish themed bike and rider combination*
- *Ride will follow the Great Western Trail and conclude at Cumming Tap*
 - *Contests and additional Poker Cards available at the
Cumming Tap*
 - *Dinner for Sale at Cumming Tap from Food Vendors*
 - *Raffle tickets available for \$10 at Sully's and Cumming Tap.*
 - *The Raffle ticket drawing, Best Irish Themed Bike, and the Poker Run winner will be awarded at the conclusion of the ride at Cumming Tap*
 - *Any questions contact: Jeff DeMoss – 515-771-7070*
- *All proceeds support the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick with Parade costs*
 - *Entertainment provided by Black Dirt Ramblers*



Irish History August

1166 - Dermot MacMurrough, King of Leinster and ally of Muirchertach Mac Lochlainn, is defeated in battle by Rory O'Connor and forced to flee from Ireland

1316 - Battle of Athenry. Irish rising in support of Edward Bruce of Scotland

1805 - Birth in Dublin of Sir William Rowan Hamilton, mathematician and astronomer

1822 - Irish Constabulary Act sets up county police forces and salaried magistracy

1823 - Thomas Francis Meagher, nationalist and transportee; journalist and lecturer; brigadier-general on Union side in US civil war, and Governor of Montana, is born in Waterford

1835 - Henry Grattan Guinness, is born in Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

1888 - Philip Henry Sheridan, the son of Irish immigrants from Cavan, dies in Nonquit, Massachusetts. He became an officer in the Federal cavalry and is infamously credited with the phrase: "The only good Indian is a dead one"

1892 - Birth of Tom Falcon Hazel, WWI Ace, in Clifden, Co. Galway

1916 - Roger Casement, Irish patriot, is hanged by the English in Pentonville Prison, London. He was the last to be executed as a result of the Easter Rebellion

1922 - Arthur Griffith, founder of Sinn Fein, dies of a cerebral hemorrhage

1927 - Poet Richard Murphy is born

1932 - Actor Peter O'Toole is born in Co. Galway

1971 - Birth in Co. Cork of soccer star Roy Maurice Keane, the "human dynamo"

1981 - After 71 days on hunger strike, Kevin Lynch dies at the Maze Prison in Belfast

1984 - John Treacy wins a silver medal in the marathon at the LA Olympics

1999 - Ireland's longest-serving rain observer, John Joe 'Goggles' Doyle retires; he has taken daily rainfall readings in his native Tulla since 1943 for Met Eireann and earned his nickname because of the goggles he wears when he takes his daily readings

2000 - Loyalists protest after Northern Ireland health minister Bairbre de Brun, a member of Sinn Féin, refuses to fly the Union flag outside her Belfast offices to mark the 100th birthday of Britain's Queen Mother

2001 - Playing to a capacity crowd at the Manchester Evening News Arena, U2 kicks off their European tour with a plea for peace in Northern Ireland

2002 - Less than two months after turning professional, rookie Graeme McDowell from Portrush, Co Antrim, wins the Scandinavian Masters.