



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

May 12th 6:30 P.M.

The Mickle Center

Menu: Steak, Baked Potato,

Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls,

Dessert

Next Meeting:

General meeting June 9th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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MAY (BEALTAINÉ) 2025

Funds are still coming in and going out from the 2025 parade, but Mr. Soliday is very impressed, and as always; “We Have Money!” A special thanks to all of those that attended or volunteered at this year’s Disc Golf Tourney. President McCarty says it went off without a hitch. Next on the horizon is the annual cow pasture pool game affectionally known as ‘The Annual Leprechaun Open.’ Get your foursome of the finest golfers together and get registered soon. The event is a shotgun start at 8:00 in the morning, on June 14th, at Toad Valley. Also, don’t forget to pick up some raffle tickets that are now available. A new directive was sent to the board about our use of the front meeting room. From now on the **front door is not to be propped open**, because of security reasons. We do plan to have someone monitor the door to let members in during the meeting. We also have many other events on tap, please see the events page or the flyers in the Blarney.

Another item of note: The O’Donnell and Friends Open will be held on June 27th, their 32nd year! The O’Donnell & Friends Open, first established in 1994, has raised more than \$1.8 million dollars for Des Moines area causes. This is the largest fundraiser that O’Donnell & Friends Charities holds, and has been hosted at Toad Valley Golf course every year since its inception. For more information on how to become a sponsor at the Open, please email us at info@odonnellcharities.org



Presidents Pint of View



Brothers,

April flew by in the blink of an eye! It feels like just yesterday we were celebrating St. Patrick's Day, and now here we are at the start of May. Summer is right around the corner, which means the annual Leprechaun Open is fast approaching!

T-Bone has been working hard to make this the best year yet, and we're excited to introduce our new 4-man best ball format. Now's the time to gather your teams and get registered—let's make this tournament one to remember!

I also want to send a big thank you to everyone who came out for the Disc Golf Tournament—it was an absolute blast! We had about 30 participants, and everything went off without a hitch.

A special shout-out goes to Dick McGinn, who volunteered to be the first member featured in our Member Spotlight. This project is all about capturing the incredible memories and experiences that make our club special, sharing our history, and celebrating the people who make it all happen, including the annual parade and our other fantastic events.

I'll be looking for more volunteers in the coming months, so if you have stories to share, I'd love to hear them! Let me know if you'd like to be interviewed—we'd love to highlight the incredible people that make this club what it is.

President

Adam McCarty



F.S.O.S.P UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday June 14th – Annual Leprechaun Open

- Early registration is now open \$80 per person
- 4-person best ball format
- There are 7 spots still open for early registration that will receive a free round of golf
- 8:30 AM Shotgun start

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

- Time and details are still being worked out for this

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MONTHLY RAFFLE

\$25 PER TICKET

MAXIMUM 75 TICKETS TO BE SOLD

GRAND PRIZE \$1000 (must be present)

5 - \$100 winners

***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
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2025 ANNUAL LEPRECHAUN OPEN

4 PERSON BEST BALL



**URBANDALE
FOOD PANTRY**

**\$10 of every entry will
be donated directly to the
Urbandale food pantry**

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 14, 2025**

TOAD VALLEY GOLF COURSE

237 N.E. 80th St., Pleasant Hill

\$80
per player

**Registration begins at 7am
8:30am shotgun start**

**Includes golf cart,
lunch and goodie bags**

**TROPHIES, RAFFLES,
CONTESTS, PRIZES
AND SILENT AUCTION**

Open to both members and non-members of all ages, heritage, race and gender!



**Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
of Central Iowa**

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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."

2025 PARADE PHOTOS



Iowa Irish Fest is thrilled to share some exciting news about our Fest leadership. After 18 incredible years with the Iowa Irish Fest Committee—nearly 10 of those as Director—Chad Shipman will be stepping aside from his director duties to take on a new role focused on advisory and fundraising efforts. Chad's years of leadership and vision helped transform the Iowa Irish Fest into a top-tier Irish cultural celebration in the Midwest and one of America's premier Irish festivals. We're equally excited to welcome Agnes Kress as the new Director of the Iowa Irish Fest! Agnes has been an integral part of the team for several years, having served in many different committee roles and acted as Co-Director for the 2024 festival. Her commitment, organizational skill and passion for the Fest make her the perfect leader to guide us forward.

"With Agnes leading the charge and Chad continuing to support in new ways, we're confident the best is yet to come," said Rory Dolan, Sr., Cedar Valley Irish Cultural Association Board President.

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

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

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

2025 FSDSP IRISH OPEN



Wearin of The Grin'

The Monsignor greeted Paddy and said "Congratulations on your 50th wedding anniversary"! Have you any plans made on how to celebrate?"

"Well," said Paddy, "on our 25th Anniversary I took Mary to Ireland."

And what are you going to do on your 50th?" asked the Msgr.

"Well," said Paddy "I think I'll bring her back."

A Texas rancher comes to Ireland and meets a Kerry farmer.

The Texan says: "Takes me a whole day to drive from one side of my ranch to the other."

The Kerry farmer says: "Ah sure, I know, sir. We have tractors like that here too."

The warden catches Seamus leaving the vicinity of the reservoir with a bucket of fish. "Aha! I've caught you poachin' fish red-handed," says the warden. "What do you mean, red-handed?" says Seamus. "You've got a bucket full of 'em right there. You can't talk your way out of it this time." "Oh, you don't understand," says Seamus, "I've not poached a thing. These are me pet fish. I bring 'em to the reservoir once a week for exercise. After they've had a good swim, they come back to the bucket and we go back home." "Do ya expect me to believe such an outlandish tale?"

"I can prove it." say Seamus. So they walk back to the reservoir and Seamus dips the bucket in and the fish swim away. They stand in silence for 20, 30, 40 minutes - no sign of the fish coming back to the pail.

"Ha, ya lyin' rogue!" shouts the warden. "Where are your fish?"

"What fish?"

Seamus was getting exasperated and shouted upstairs to his wife, "Sheila, will you please hurry up or we'll be late." "Oh, calm yourself, Seamus" Sheila replied. "Haven't I been telling you for the last hour that I'll be ready in a minute?"

Mrs. Casey was telling her friend Mrs. Kelly about a rather juicy rumor. "That's very interesting," said Mrs. Kelly. "Come on, tell me more about it." Mrs. Casey said, "I can't. I've already told you more than I heard!"

