



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

September 8th 6:30 P.M.

The Mickle Center

Menu: McGrinders, Chessy Hashbrowns, Orlando's Salad, and dessert.

Next Meeting:

General meeting October 13th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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SEPTEMBER (MEÁN FÓMHAIR) 2025

BOARD NEWS

The FSOSP Prize Committee has been on the road this past week, seeking out ever-wonderful raffle items, looking high and low, hither and yon. If anyone has ideas on what would be great items and where to locate them, please let the board know.

We still have a few loose items we are collecting on but Mr. Soliday says the coffers look good. If you have any halfway tickets left to sell for the 3 little pigs raffle, please get them sold. Money and spare tickets are due by the car show on September 14th.

Speaking of the car show come on down to Charlies Filling Station on Sunday September 14th to view some really fine rides. Registration opens at 11:00 with the show to follow. The sons will also have food there for sale. Mr. Tilton and Mr. Corben could still use a couple extra hands to help out with registration.

After a lighter than expected couple of months with our monthly raffle the committee has decided to take a short break and evaluate what we should do with the raffle in the future.

October will be here before you know it and that means our annual bags tourney is on the horizon. Mr. Soliday is hard at work putting together prizes. The Tourney will be held at Sully's on October 11th. Registration is at 11 and will cost \$30 per 2-person team. Play starts at noon.

The Christmas party is in the works. Keep in mind the date, December 1st, which is the first Monday of the month. Attendance is limited to 65, and will once again be held at Chicago Speakeasy. Meal selections will be: Prime Rib, Pork Chop, Mahi Mahi, Ribs/ Chicken, Alfredo, any side, plus salad bar.



Presidents Pint of View



As September arrives and summer draws to a close, it's amazing to realize that our Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Car Show is just around the corner, and the parade is only six months away. Scott Tilton and Donnie Corban are seeking additional volunteers for the car show, and everyone is encouraged to help sell more raffle tickets for the "Three Little Pigs" raffle. Let's all make an effort to attend and enjoy the festivities on September 14th at Charlie's Filling Station, where hot dogs, brats, and burgers will be available. Bring your family and come admire a great collection of cars.

Since my parents just got back from a trip to Ireland and Blarney Castle I figured I would include some fun info about it.

The Blarney Stone (Irish: Cloch na Blarnan) is a block of Carboniferous limestone built into the battlements of Blarney Castle, Blarney, about 8 kilometres (5 miles) from the centre of Cork City, Ireland. According to legend, kissing the stone endows the kisser with the gift of the gab (great eloquence or skill at flattery). The stone was set into a tower of the castle in 1446. The castle is a popular tourist site in Ireland, attracting visitors from all over the world to kiss the stone and tour the castle and its gardens.

The word blarney has come to mean 'clever, flattering, or coaxing' Irish politician John O'Connor Power defined it this way: "Blarney is something more than mere flattery. It is flattery sweetened by humor and flavored by wit. Those who mix with Irish folk have many examples of it in their everyday experience."

It is claimed that the synonymy of 'blarney' with 'empty flattery' or 'beguiling talk' derives from one of two sources. One story involves the goddess Clíodhna and Cormac Laidir MacCarthy. Another legend suggests that Queen Elizabeth I requested Cormac MacDermot MacCarthy, the Lord of Blarney, be deprived of his traditional land rights. Cormac travelled to see the queen, but was certain he would not persuade her to change her mind, as he wasn't an effective speaker. He met an old woman on the way who told him that anyone who kissed a particular stone in Blarney Castle would be given the gift of eloquent speech.

Cormac went on to persuade the queen that he should not be deprived of his land.

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 Registration is \$30 per 2-person team
- Registration is at 11 AM with play to start around noon.
- Cash payouts for the top 3 teams
- Raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle

Monday December 1st, Annual FSOSP Christmas party

- Chicago Speakeasy
- Seating limited to the first 65 paid members and guests
- Menu: Prime Rib, Pork Chop, Mahi Mahi, Ribs/ Chicken, Alfredo, any side, plus salad bar

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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."



Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
of Central Iowa present

Leprechaun Bags Tournament

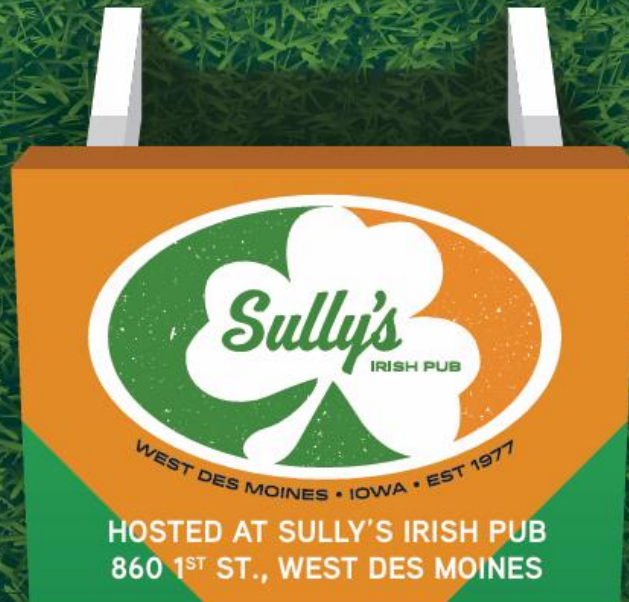
Saturday, Oct. 11

REGISTRATION 11 A.M. • PLAY STARTS AT NOON

\$30 PER 2-PERSON TEAM

CASH PAYOUTS FOR TOP 3 TEAMS

RAFFLE PRIZES - 50/50 RAFFLE - FUN FOR ALL



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

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Irish History

1737 - Launch of the Belfast News Letter, now the oldest surviving newspaper in Ireland or Britain, and one of the oldest in the world.

1729 - Death of dramatist, essayist and publisher Sir Richard Steele, the Dubliner who founded The Tatler and The Spectator.

1731 - Birth of Sir Lucius O'Brien, opposition politician, once described as 'a man who disagrees with the rest of mankind by thinking well of himself.'

1771 - Benjamin Franklin's visit to Ireland begins.

1798 - Cornwallis moves forward from Tuam to attack Castlebar. Humbert leaves Castlebar with 800 French troops and 1000 Irish rebels and moves into Co Sligo. His plan is to march to Ulster. Humbert marches all night. Rising takes place in Longford and Westmeath.

1814 - Birth of James O'Flanagan, author, in Fermoy, Co. Cork.

1830 - Dublin Zoo opens.

1830 - The "Wild Colonial Boy" is shot dead in a gun battle with police at Cambelltown, Sydney. Contrary to the popular song, "The Wild Colonial Boy" was John Donohue, transported from Ireland in 1824.

1905 - Birth of James "Snowy" Dunne, widely regarded as one of Ireland's greatest centre forwards. He played for Arsenal, Southampton and the Shamrock Rovers.

1913 - A meeting of 400 employers with William Martin Murphy pledges not to employ any persons who continue to be members of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union.

1930 - The first edition of the Irish Press, a Dublin daily newspaper founded by De Valera as a platform for Fianna Fáil, is published.

1942 - IRA Volunteer Tom Williams is hanged at Belfast's Crumlin Road Jail.

1972 - Tony Fleming is born in Virginia USA.

1972 - Mary Peters wins the women's pentathlon in Munich and becomes the first Irish woman to win an Olympic Gold medal.

1987 - Cyclist Stephen Roche wins the World Professional Road Race Championship.

1999 - Van Morrison becomes the first inductee to The Hot Press Irish Music Hall of Fame.

2002 - Hugh Orde, Northern Ireland's new chief constable vows to crack down on paramilitary "godfathers" who have orchestrated a series of unsolved sectarian murders.

2002 - Ireland forms an alliance with Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark and Greece in a bid to limit the expansion of nuclear energy.

Wearin' of the Grin

- An Irishman was in New York, patiently waiting to cross a busy street. There was a traffic cop manning the crossing. The cop stopped after a few minutes and told those waiting to cross the road, 'Okay, pedestrians,' he said, 'let's go.' The Irishman stood waiting, growing more and more frustrated. After five minutes, he shouts to the cop, 'Here! The pedestrians crossed ages ago—when's it time for the Catholics?!'
- An Irish farmer was walking along the boundary between his and his neighbor's fields when he spotted his neighbor carrying 2 sheep in his arms. 'Tony', he called. 'Are you going to shear those sheep'. 'I am not', the neighbor replied, 'They're both for me'.
- A Cork man went for a job at the local stables. When he sat down for the interview, the farmer asked him 'Have you ever shod horses?' The Cork man thought about this for a couple of minutes and replied, 'No, but I once told a donkey to get f***ked'.
- Two Irishmen were walking out of a funeral. One turns to the other and says, 'It was a beautiful ceremony, wasn't it?!' 'It was', replied the friend. 'Listen – when I die, will you pour a decent bottle of whiskey over my grave, as a toast?'. 'I will', says the friend. 'But would you mind if I run it through my kidneys first?'
- An Englishman, a Scotsman and an Irishman wander into a little old pub in Kildare. They each ask the barman for a pint of Guinness. After the pints are placed onto the bar, three bluebottles drop into each man's freshly poured pint. The Englishman pushes his pint away in disgust and orders up another. The Scot reaches in and plucks the fly out. The Irishman reaches in, picks the fly out, holds it up close to his face and shouts, 'Spit it out you little bastard.'
- It was a cold Friday evening when the doorbell rang in Mrs. Molloy's house. When she answered the door, Pat Glynn, her husband's manager at the brewery, was stood on the doorstep. 'Pat. Hello. Where's my husband? He should have been home from work 3 hours ago?' The man sighed. 'I'm sorry to be the one to tell you this, Mrs. Molloy, but there was an accident over in the brewery. Your husband fell into a vat of Guinness and drowned'. 'Oh my God' she replied. 'Please tell me it was quick?!', Mrs. Molloy pleaded. Well... no. It wasn't. He climbed out 4 times to take a piss'. 😊