



# The Blarney

## **UPCOMING:**

**Monthly Meeting:**

**June 8th 6:30 P.M.**

**The Mickle Center**

**Dinner: Aloha! Luau Supper,  
Hawaiian Pork Loin, Baked Beans,  
Pasta Salad, Key Lime Pie,**

**Next Meeting:**

**July 13th**

**6:30 P.M.**

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## **JUNE (MEITHEAMH) 2026**

### **BOARD NEWS**

Almost everything has either been paid out or collected from this year’s parade, and Mr. Soliday says: “We Have Money!”

Next up is our most famous Leprechaun Open! T-Bone promises a fabulous good time with lots of prizes being planned. See the flyer on the next page. If you have not already done so, this month’s meeting is your last chance to get your foursome entered. T-Bone is hard at work putting the finishing touches on this year Leprechaun Open. He has scoured the ends of the earth for the best prizes and awards. Sign in begins at 7 AM that day with a shotgun start at 8:30. Deadline to sign up for this prestigious event is this Monday’s meeting. So, get your cash out and polish up your clubs!

Mr. DeMoss along with a few other sons are organizing a informal bike ride around town. The group will meet once every 4 to 6 weeks for a small ride. The idea being that we will spready the word about the sons, visit a few regular sponsors and visit some that could be regular sponsors. See the flyer inside for more details.

The board is also hard at work planning the Busch Light Carnival at Carl’s This year’s event will be even bigger and better lasting throughout the day. Many volunteers are needed for this event to run games and sell raffle tickets. If you are free on July 11<sup>th</sup> please volunteer. You can speak with anyone from the board to get signed up for a shift or all day.

Don’t forget our annual halfway to St. Pat’s car show is on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact either Scott Tilton, or Donnie Corben for more info.

## Presidents Pint of View



As we have just passed Memorial Day, I want to take a moment to thank all of our members who have served our country. We are deeply grateful for your service and sacrifice.

I also want to recognize the members we have lost over the past year: John Patrick McCarthy, John William Molloy, and Danny Middleton. Please join us in taking a moment to remember them. At this month's meeting, we will offer a toast in honor of these members and for all who have served.

Let's make sure we all show up and have a great meeting. Your presence will help us properly honor our members and strengthen our fellowship.

Also, if you are wanting to sign up for the golf tournament later this month you need to do it by the day of the meeting. I know we are reaching close to the team limit so don't delay and miss your chance.

We are also bringing back the Friends of the Friendly Sons gathering this year, and it will take place at our July meeting. Please help us make this event a success by encouraging strong attendance. It will be a great opportunity to share what we do as a club, highlight and learn more about some of the charities we support each year, and make a positive impression on our guests and potential new members.

President

Adam McCarty

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK OF CENTRAL IOWA PRESENT



# 2026 ANNUAL LEPRECHAUN OPEN

4 PERSON BEST BALL



**\$10 of every entry will be donated directly to the PUPPY JAKE FOUNDATION, benefiting local veterans.**

**SATURDAY,  
JUNE 13, 2026**

**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

**QUESTIONS? Contact Tony "T-bone" Schmid  
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## ***FRIENDLY SONS***

### ***Monthly ride***

*Here is an event I'm sure you all will love, a FREE one!*

*Join us on **June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Carl's place.** We will be gathering for a group ride around town. Once there we will decide where to go from there, the idea is to visit sponsors, and prospective or past sponsors.*

*Sons and friends of sons are all invited, the plan is to do a ride around town every 4 to 6 weeks, spreading the craic, and having a good time.*

*If you have any questions we will be at this month's meeting. Otherwise, you can contact either **Jeff DeMoss at 515-771-70710 or Jeff Stickel at 515-707-2501.***

*We hope to see you there!*



## *F.S.O.S.P ACTIVITIES PAGE*

Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. FSOSP Annual Leprechaun Open

- Toad Valley
- Entry Fee is \$80 Hole Sponsorship is \$110 Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> deadline to sign up.
- 7AM sign in with a 8:30 shotgun start
- Raffles and Contests
- Silent Auction
- Dinner to follow

Busch Light Carnival –July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

- In conjunction with Carl's Place
- Volunteers needed
- Carnival Games
- Food and Drinks

Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> – Annual Car Show

Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>– Annual Bags Tourney



# Iowa Irish Fest

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registered today!

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## *Wearin' O' The Grin*

- (From Mr. Kelly,)

those who do not golf do not get it. It's a mind game. It's a personal quest for a miracle. It's a...Well, we probably should all just admit that it's really playing fetch with yourself.

- **Q:** Why do golfers always carry a spare pair of trousers?  
**A:** In case they get a hole in one!
- **Q:** What's a golfer's favorite dance move?  
**A:** The bogey!
- **Q:** What did the golf ball say to the golfer?  
**A:** "You're driving me crazy!"
- **Q:** Why do golfers hate cake?  
**A:** Because they always get slices
- "I have a tip that can take five strokes off anyone's game: It's called an eraser."
- I spent my whole life searching for a good swing," a golfer admitted. "I finally found it on the first hole, but unfortunately, it was when I stepped on a rake."
- A frustrated golfer turned to his caddie after a particularly bad drive and said, "I think I'm going to drown myself in that water hazard."  
The caddie quickly replied, "I'm not sure you could keep your head down that long!"
- A vacationer walked into the clubhouse and the pro asked, "Did you have a good time out there?"  
"Fabulous," the man replied.  
"How did you find the greens?" the pro asked.  
"Easy," said the man. "I just walked to the end of the fairway, and there they were!"
- A husband and wife were lying in bed trying to fall asleep. Out of nowhere, the wife asks, "Honey, if I died, would you remarry?" The husband sighs and says, "Yes, I suppose I would." The wife's feelings are a bit hurt. After a moment of silence, she asks, "Would you live in this house with her? "Yes," the husband says. "It's a great house."  
Silence again. Then she asks, "Would you let her drive my new car?"  
"Well, I guess so," he says. "It would be awkward not to."  
Finally, she asks, "And I suppose you'd let her use my golf clubs too?"  
The husband rolls over and says, "Nope, absolutely not."  
Surprised, the wife asks, "Why not?" He says, "Because she's left-handed!"

## *Irish History*

History of the Fenians –

They were called "Fenians" after the Fianna, a legendary band of ancient Irish warriors led by the mythological hero Fionn mac Cumhaill (Finn Mac Cool)

The name was popularized in the 1850s by Irish scholar John O'Mahony, who founded the American branch of the movement (the Fenian Brotherhood). He chose the term because the original Fianna were celebrated in Celtic folklore as an elite, independent military force dedicated to defending Ireland from foreign invaders.

Here are a few quick facts about the group:

- **The Organization:** "Fenian" became the collective name for members of two secret societies founded in 1858: the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) in Dublin and the Fenian Brotherhood in New York.
- **The Goal:** Their goal was to end British rule in Ireland and establish an independent, democratic Irish republic through armed revolution.
- **The Actions:** While rebellions in Ireland largely failed, the American Fenians famously launched a series of armed raids into British Canada between 1866 and 1871, hoping to use Canada as leverage to force British withdrawal from Ireland.

Over time, the British political establishment used "Fenian" as a blanket term—and sometimes a derogatory slur—for anyone who advocated for Irish independence or questioned the British rule.

The specific 19th-century organizations known as the Fenian Brotherhood and the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) officially disbanded over a century ago. However, their legacy continues through modern Irish republican political parties, and the word "Fenian" persists in modern culture, usually as a term of identity or a political insult.

The name "Fenians" manifests in society today in three distinct ways:

- **Historical Legacy:** The original movement paved the way for the creation of the modern Irish Republican Army (IRA) and Sinn Féin. While those militant groups evolved, the foundational goal of an independent, unified Ireland remains the primary platform for political parties like Sinn Féin today.
- **Modern Derogatory Use:** In Northern Ireland and Scotland, the word "Fenian" is frequently used as a sectarian slur by Protestant loyalists to insult Irish Catholics or Irish nationalists.
- **Modern Reclamation:** Conversely, the term is worn as a badge of pride by many Irish republicans and nationalists, symbolizing their dedication to the cause of Irish unity.