

The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

November 9th 6:30 P.M.

The Mickle Center

Dinner: Award-Winning World-Famous Chili & Fixin's, Cornbread, and Cinnamon Rolls

Next Meeting:

November 9th

6:30 P.M.

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NOVEMBER (SAMHAIN) 2026

BOARD NEWS

Our annual bags tourney was completed on October 10th, Mr. Soliday did a fine job of putting this all together. Thanks to all the sons who came out and made this day great. See the photos inside.

The Christmas party is next month, keep in mind the date, December 7th **which is the first Monday of the month**. Attendance is limited to 64, and will once again be held at Chicago Speakeasy. $40 per person gets you a meat selection, any vegetables from the menu, and salad bar. It would be great if you could get that taken care of at this month's meeting. Mr. Soliday would appreciate it.

Mr. Soliday says are coffers are in a fine spot, much better than in years past. He will expand on that at this month's meeting.

Elections are coming up, nominations are open for: President, Vice-President, and one Board position. So, if this is something you would be interested in, or know someone that is; make it to this month's meeting and get nominated.

Speaking of this month's meeting; dues are coming up soon, so please get this taken care of sooner rather than later. Also, to help get you there; we have not one, but two award winning chili variations to partake. Mr. Donnie Corben, and Jerry Von Sprecken, have volunteered their expertise in supplying us with their award-winning Chili. We will have all the trimmings plus homemade Cinnamon Rolls.

The board has decided to attend and enter the 2026 Hy-Vee Holiday Parade. Hopefully by us attending, they won't have weather as an excuse to cancel, because as you know the sons don't cancel because of bad weather! See inside the Blarney for more information and how you can attend.

F.S.O.S.P ACTIVITIES PAGE

December

- Annual Christmas Party
- Chicago Speakeasy
- December 7th **first Monday**
- $40 per person (please get this in by this month's meeting.)
- Any questions, contact Josh Soliday.

November 28th - Hy-Vee Holiday Parade

- Saturday 9AM
- Parade at 10AM
- See flyer in the Blarney

2027 –

Saturday March 13th – Annual Pre-Paddy Party

- The Shop in Des Moines
- More to come

Wednesday March 17th – FSOSP St. Patrick's Day Parade

- Chairman – Colton O'Connor

F S O S P

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ok Lads, it's that time of year, that ya let the Mrs. know how much fun we have. So, as has been mentioned please RSVP so that we can get a definite count on member's and their significant others that plan on attending.

This year we will meet at:

Chicago Speakeasy

1520 Euclid Ave.

Des Moines

Monday, December 7th, 2026

The festivities start at 6:30 P.M. with cocktails and fine beer being served.

Details are still being worked out on the dinner but, it will be the finest dining experience to date for sure.

The board and officers hope to see you there.



Celtic Music Association 2026 Concert Season –

The Byrne Brothers
Friday, November 20, 2026
7 :30 PM 10 :00 PM
Des Moines Playhouse

Skerryvore
Tuesday, January 26, 2027
7:30 PM 10:00 PM
Des Moines Playhouse

Socks in the Frying Pan
Saturday, March 20, 2027
7 :30 PM 10 :00 PM
Des Moines Playhouse

For more information or to purchase tickets visit the CMA at: https://www.thecma.org/





Puppy Jake
Service Dogs for Veterans

September 4, 2026

Dear Friendly Sons,

Thank you for your generous support of Puppy Jake. We are proud to share because of supporters like you, we have placed more than 70 dogs with wounded veterans and more than 30 service dogs in training. These heroes are now coaching their kids' sports, having date nights with their spouse's, and establishing more independence since returning from military conflict.

Your financial support assists PJF in raising well-bred and professionally trained service dogs. We continue to add puppies to our training program, and this would not be possible without giving people like you.

Puppy Jake Foundation relies on the generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations to help fund veterinary care, food, training for the dogs, and placement camps with the veterans and their new service dogs.

Thanks, you once again for your financial support of Puppy Jake Foundation, as we strive to make a positive difference in the lives of veterans that have given so much for our freedom and country.

With deep appreciation,

Lisa Russell, CEO

2026 HY-VEE HOLIDAY PARADE
Saturday, November 28, 2026, 10:00 AM

Staging starts at 9AM.
Sons and their families are welcome to join.
We have a reserved spot so look for us in staging.
The parade starts and ends at Principal Park



Any questions, please contact Colton O'Connor at: 515-770-2419

Irish History

1841 - Foundation stone is laid for St. Malachy's Church in Belfast.

1863 - First edition of The Irish People.

1866 - St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast is dedicated.

1892 - Douglas Hyde delivers a lecture to the Irish National Literary Society on 'the necessity of de-anglicizing the Irish people'.

1905 - Sinn Féin founded.

1913 - Irish Citizen Army founded by James Connolly to protect workers in the general lockout.

1913 - Irish Volunteers founded.

1919 - Labour leader James Larkin arrested in New York for attempting to overthrow a government.

1920 - Bloody Sunday. Following the assassinations of 14 undercover British agents by Michael Collins' men, British forces kill 12 people at a GAA football match at Croke Park.

1923 - William Butler Yeats is awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

1924 - Amnesty declared for politically motivated crimes committed during the Civil War.

1940 - Éamon de Valera lets it be known that Irish ports will not be handed over to the British.

1987 - The IRA kill eleven people at a Remembrance Service in Enniskillen.

1990 - Mary Robinson is elected seventh President of Ireland.

1997 - Mary McAleese inaugurated as the eighth President of Ireland.



Wearin O' The Grin

(From Mr. Kelly's file cabinet, in honor of the election season that has come to a close.)

The sayings may not be new, but they ring true today more than ever:

"If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us good candidates." ~Jay Leno~

"The problem with political jokes is they get elected." ~Henry Cate, VII~

"We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office." ~Aesop~

"If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State

of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven." ~Will Rogers~

"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it."

~Clarence Darrow~

"Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, they go out and buy some more tunnel." ~John Quinton~

"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other." ~Oscar Ameringer~

"I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them." ~Adlai Stevenson~

"A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country." ~ Tex Guinan~

"I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

~Charles de Gaulle~

"Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks."

~Doug Larson~

"There ought to be one day -- just one -- when there is open season on senators." ~Will Rogers~

The best is from Harry Truman: "If you want a real friend that you can trust in Washington, go buy a dog!"

2026 Annual Bags Tourney






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Yuengling
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GUINNESS
AutoZone
QUEEN
Liquid Death


LOVELY DAY FOR A GUINNESS
$4.00 PINTS
IT TOOK US 196 YEARS TO GET HERE
Yuengling
WINGS & WINGS


IRISH
SULLY'S
2ND PLACE


FIREBALL
AutoZone


IRISH
AutoZone