



# The Blarney

## UPCOMING:

### Monthly Meeting:

September 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M.

The Mickle Center

Dinner: Sausage/Shrimp Gumbo,  
Fish & Chips, Salad, and dessert

### Next Meeting:

October 12<sup>th</sup>

6:30 P.M.

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## SEPTEMBER (MEÁN FÓMHAIR) 2026

## BOARD NEWS

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 20th. Speaking of the car show come on down to Charlies Filling Station on Sunday September 20th 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, and vendors will also be plying their wares. Mr. Tilton and Mr. Corben could still use a couple extra hands to help out with registration.

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 10th. 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 7<sup>th</sup> **which is the first Monday of the month**. Attendance is limited to 64, and will once again be held at Chicago Speakeasy.

Mr. O'Connor is already busy with the 2026 parade, the city is already taken care of, he will be signing the contract with the Marriott soon, and the agreement has been made for the St. Paddy's pre-party. Please keep in mind that it takes all of us to keep this club running, we can always use an extra set of hands. If there is ever an event that you wish to be a part of, don't hesitate to let a board member know.

Mr. Enda Scahill contacted the board about a special concert in early October in conjunction with the CMA. Please see the CMA information in this month's Blarney.



FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK OF  
CENTRAL IOWA PRESENT

# HALFWAY TO ST. PAT'S DAY CHARITY CAR SHOW

SUNDAY SEPT. 20 2026



DJ.  
FOOD.  
TROPHIES.  
VENDORS.

JOIN US AT  
CHARLIE'S FILLING STATION  
305 Grand Ave., West Des Moines

**\$25 DAY-OF REGISTRATION** • CASH OR VENMO

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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."

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

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

- Charlie's Filling Station
- Vendor spots are \$30.
- Trophy sponsors are \$150.
- Entry fee \$25.

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

- Sully's Irish Pub West Des Moines
- Registration 11AM Play starts at Noon
- \$30 per team
- Cash payouts for the top 3 teams
- Raffle Prizes
- 50/50 drawing

### December

- Annual Christmas Party
- Chicago Speakeasy
- December 7<sup>th</sup> **first Monday**
- Plans are in the works





Dear Friends of the Friendly Sons of St Patrick  
I hope this note finds you well and that you are enjoying a wonderful summer/fall season I'm reaching out because we have a very special, one-off concert coming up in Des Moines on October 1st at The Franklin Centre, and as an Irishman abroad, connecting with local societies that keep our heritage alive is deeply important to me.

My band Gadan, play a high-energy Irish show that blends tradition with modern roots music, creating the kind of lively, heartwarming night out that feels right at home for a community rooted in Irish culture. For a bit of background, I am a founding member of We Banjo 3—an award-winning band and one of Ireland's most popular contemporary acts—and I am also honored to be one of only two Irish musicians to win the Steve Martin Banjo Prize (yes, THAT Steve Martin!)

Because preserving our traditions and maintaining strong bonds across communities is so meaningful to us, I wanted to extend a personal invitation to your members. We would love to host a private pre-show meet-and-greet for your society before we take the stage. It would be a genuine privilege for the band and me to sit down, share a few tunes, and meet the people who keep the heart of Ireland beating strong in Des Moines

This is a rare, one-off visit for us, and it means a lot to me to reach out directly to ensure our community knows we are eager to celebrate with you.

If any of your members would like to coordinate for the pre-show meet-and-greet, please just drop me a line directly.

Looking forward to a great night of music and shared company.

Warm regards,

Enda Scahill

Founding Member, We Banjo 3

Celtic Music Association 2026 Concert Season –

**Gadan**

Thursday, October 1, 2026  
7:30 PM 10:00 PM  
Franklin Junior High Event Center

**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/>

## *Irish History*

**1022 - Maelsechlainn II - "The great high king of Ireland" – dies**

**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'**

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

**1771 - Benjamin Franklin's visit to Ireland begins**

**1844 - Conspiracy judgment against Daniel O'Connell is reversed by House of Lords**

**1892 - John L. Sullivan loses his world heavyweight boxing title to another Irish American, James Corbett**

**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**

**1948 - Taoiseach John A. Costello declares the Irish Free State a Republic**

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

**1980 - Galway wins the All-Ireland Final**

**1981 - Death of Christy Brown, the handicapped Dublin author, who learned to type with his left foot**

**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.**

**1999 - History comes alive at Phoenix Park as the beating of the Millennium Drum signals the beginning of a weeklong celebration of Irish history and heritage**

**2000 - Dom Columba Marmion, a Dublin priest who is credited with curing an American woman of cancer, is beatified by Pope John Paul II**

## *Wearin' O' The Grin*

Confucius Say...

Kiss is merely shopping upstairs, for merchandise downstairs.

Confucius Say...

Better to lose a lover, than love a loser.

Confucius Say...

Sex is same as bank account:

You put it in, you take it out....you lose interest.

Confucius Say...

Viagra just like Disneyland ... one hour wait for 5-minute ride.

Confucius Say...

Joke is like sex. Neither any good, if you don't get it.

- And now some wisdom for you this fall:

Be decisive.

Right or wrong, make a decision.

The road of life is paved with flat squirrels  
who couldn't make a decision.

An 8-year-old girl went to her grandfather, who was working in the yard and asked him, "Grampa, what is a couple sex?" The grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to know to ask the question, then she's old enough to get a straight answer. Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities that go along with it. When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement.

Seeing the look on her face, the grandfather asked her, "Why did you ask this question, honey?" The little girl replied, "Well, Grandma says to tell you that dinner will be ready in just a couple secs."

