

Irish American Association

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Malden Veteran's of Irish Ancestry, Inc

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The Next Business Meeting will be March 15th, 2012 at 7:00 pm Sharp!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to wish all of our members and their families a Happy St. Patrick's Day. I hope to see you all come down and celebrate with us for our annual St. Patrick's Day banquet hosted by Vice President Dennis Leonard to be held on Saturday March 10th Once again we will be having a corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings. Music will be by **Tradition** and performance by the Heavey Quinn Academy of Irish Dance and the Kevin Barry Pipes & Drums. Tickets are \$40 per person. Doors open at 7PM with dinner at 7:30. Please get your tickets in advanced

Hope to see you all on St. Patrick's Day Saturday March 17th as well, as we have a busy schedule planned for that day. St. Patrick's Day Tee Shirts are still available for \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00. Some sizes are running low on supply. See the rest of the bulletin for more information on Irish American Club jackets.

As the winter weather slowly disappears I encourage everyone to be extra careful as we approach and leave our club as the neighborhood children will be out more. I also ask that you try to make our monthly meetings held each third Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Rick O'Sullivan
President

Board of Directors Message

On behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors and Management I would like to wish you a happy and enjoyable St. Patrick's Day and looking forward to seeing you around the club during March.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who came down on Super Bowl morning to do the bulletin and the St. Patrick's Day tickets and a big thank you to Chef Scott Norris for cooking breakfast.

I respectfully ask that you send in your St. Patrick's Day drawing tickets. If you need more tickets, you can contact PJ Quinn, Bill Hart or any of the bartenders.

PJ Quinn

Chaplain O'Donnell's Message

Of course this month we celebrate the great St. Patrick. St. Patrick used basics (like the shamrock) to teach faith. It was that faith in Ireland that grew and became strong and bold and it was that faith that traveled across the seas and landed on the shores of America. That faith sustained our ancestors in times of famine and persecution. What is the lesson in all this, well just like St. Patrick we must look at the basics of faith and use them. The gift of faith that came from St. Patrick and Ireland is truly what our own Country was founded on and guided our own principal of "In God we Trust." May we all have a blessed St. Patrick Day and whatever our faith may be.....may it increase!

Very Rev. Richard O'Donnell VF

Ways and Means Committee

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On March 17th, we will have Wayne Fleury in the Member's Bar starting at 3:00. In the main hall, from 3-7 we will have the Andy Healy Band and 8-12 will be Margaret Dalton and Erin's Melody along with the Heavey Quinn Academy of Irish Dance and the Kevin Barry Pipes & Drums. There will be a \$10 charge into the main hall. We know this is a family day, however, I respectfully ask parents to make sure kids are not running around or on the dance floor as people will be coming to enjoy the music and dance.

For information on tickets for these events, call PJ Quinn at 781-322-8624 or Bill Hart at 781-321-7720.

On April 21st, Billy Fonzi will be in the Member's Bar for a Rock & Roll Martini Night starting at 8PM.

PJ Quinn & Keith Lordan

Irish American Scholarship Fund

Once again the Malden Irish American club will be offering scholarships to High School Students entering their first year of college. Remember applications to apply for scholarships are for sons/daughter, grandsons/granddaughters of our members.

Applications forms for these scholarships will be available at the club on March 1st, 2012. Completed forms need to be returned to the Scholarship Committee, attention: Bill Smith, postmarked no later than April 30th, 2012.

Scholarships will be awarded Father's Day, at the Communion Breakfast on June 17th, 2012.

Regards

Bill Smith
Scholarship Committee

MALDEN IRISH AMERICAN JACKET

We will be having jackets available for order by the time you get this bulletin. They are nice jackets and will be available in Harvest Green or Black. They will have our logo on the front and your name placed on the sleeve. You can also have other designs placed on the jacket as well (i.e. flags, fighting leprechaun etc.) for a small extra fee. Sizes available are XSmall-5X.

See Brendan Smith or Rick O'Sullivan for more info. There will be a few samples on display at the club soon to be used to try on for sizes. The price of the jackets will be available soon as well.

Veteran's Committee St. Patrick's Day Raffle

Again this year, our Veteran's Committee will be sponsoring a "Basket of Cheer" raffle throughout the day on St. Patrick's Day to raise funds for our Veterans. Keep in mind that all the monies raised from this raffle will go directly to the support of our Veterans. We ask that everyone who is planning to stop by the club on St. Patrick's Day, please consider purchasing a raffle ticket for this very worthwhile cause.

The way the raffle will be conducted is that there will be one "Basket of Cheer" raffled each hour commencing at 2:00 pm and ending at 6:00 pm. Color coded raffle tickets will be sold that correspond to a specific hourly raffle. For example, red tickets will only be valid for the 2:00 pm drawing and yellow tickets will only be valid for the 3:00 pm drawing, and so forth. Please come down to the club on St. Patrick's Day and show your support for our Veterans. Look for us under the "Help Support Your Vets" banner.

Thanks

The Veteran's Committee

Irish American Club Golf League

The start of the 2012 golfing season is rapidly approaching and the IA Golf League committee is finalizing plans for another great season. The cost to play in the golf league this year will remain at \$450, - this is for IA club members only - and will be payable in three equal installments of \$150 each. The first payment of \$150 is now past due and we ask you that have your first payment in to the golf committee as soon as possible ; please make all checks payable to Jack Marshall and indicate your preference for playing in the afternoon or evening divisions on your check.

On Thursday, April 5th, at 6:30 pm, a league meeting will take place where the league rules and regulations will be discussed. All interested golfers are encouraged to attend this meeting and voice their ideas as to how we can best improve our league. This is the time and place to discuss league policy and procedures, not on the golf course. At the close of this meeting our 2012 golf teams will be drawn. Actual play will begin on April 25th

Any IA member interested in playing in the league during the 2012 season should contact one of our committee members: George Nuttall, Bill Lordan, Ken Johnson or Jack Marshall.

The IA Golf Committee

Irish Humor

On holiday in Europe, Bert noticed a marble column in a church in Rome with a golden telephone on it. As a young priest passed by, Bert asked who the telephone was for. The priest told him it was a direct line to Heaven, and if he'd like to call, it would be a thousand dollars.

Bert was amazed, but declined the offer.

Throughout Europe, Bert kept seeing the same golden telephone on a marble column. At each, he asked about it and the answer was always the same: a direct line to Heaven and he could call for a thousand dollars.

After Bert finished his tour in Ireland, he decided to attend Mass at a local village church. When he walked in the door he noticed the golden telephone, but underneath it there was a sign stating:

DIRECT LINE TO HEAVEN - 25 CENTS!

'Father,' he said, "I have been all over Europe and in all the great cathedrals I visited, I've seen telephones exactly like this one but the price is always a thousand dollars. Why is it that this one is only 25 cents?"

The priest smiled and said, *"Son, you're in Ireland, it's a local call!"*

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