



Museum of Newport IRISH HISTORY

Luck of the Irish Raffle

January 2024

Dear Member,

New Year's Greetings from the board of directors! Please accept our best wishes to you and your loved ones for health, happiness, and prosperity in 2024.

Thanks to your support, our dedicated volunteers, and generous Lecture Series sponsors, our autumn activities educated, entertained, and inspired 1,000 members and friends. Visitors from near and far stopped at our Lower Thames Street Interpretive Center. We presented the first three talks of our 2023-24 Lecture Series at Wyndham Newport Hotel and via Zoom. The Museum offered two historic Irish cemetery tours and presented a concert by Cahal Dunne, "Ireland's Happy Man," to the delight of members and friends. Our 7th Annual Christmas Open House added a festive note to close out 2023. Shortly, we'll announce plans for a Zoom lecture in February and a full slate of activities for March, the 46th Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month.

We feel lucky, indeed, to count you among our members! To kick off the New Year, we are excited to announce our first-ever raffle, "Luck of the Irish." Three lucky supporters will win cash prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000. Enclosed is a book of five tickets. Tickets are \$25 each or \$100 for the book of five. To participate in the raffle or make an additional tax-deductible gift in any amount, please complete the form below and return it with your filled-out raffle ticket stub(s) and payment in the enclosed envelope by March 15, 2024. Thank you for including any unused raffle tickets. Your gift in any amount is much appreciated.

The drawing will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at Wyndham Newport Hotel, at the conclusion of our final lecture of the 2023-24 Season, where attendees may purchase additional chances. Should you desire additional tickets, please contact Kathy Papp at (401) 236-2624 or KathleenPapp@cox.net.

With your enthusiastic support, this fundraiser will provide a strong close to our 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, which ends on March 31. Raffle proceeds will help defray expenses related to our core initiatives: operating and enhancing the Interpretive Center, maintaining the circa 1828 Barney Street Cemetery, the final resting place of many of Newport's earliest Irish immigrants, and producing our popular Lecture Series, now in its 22nd season. We are offering this raffle instead of an annual fund campaign this year as a change of pace.

Even if you are not one of the lucky winners, you demonstrate your support of our mission of telling the story of the Irish in Newport County. Thank you for your generous contribution!

Wishing you the Luck of the Irish,

Deanna Conheeny
President, Board of Directors

Kathleen Papp
Board of Directors/Chair, Fundraising Committee

Thank you for your generous support of the Museum of Newport Irish History March 2024 Luck of the Irish Raffle Fundraiser
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Name (s) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number filled-out Raffle Ticket stubs enclosed: _____ Total due for Raffle Tickets (\$25 each OR \$100 for 5): \$ _____

Raffle ticket purchases are not considered charitable contributions by the IRS, so payments are not tax-deductible. Additional, fully tax-deductible Donation: \$ _____
Non-ticket purchase gifts in support of this fundraiser are tax-deductible. Thank you for your gift in any form and amount! Total Gift: \$ _____

Enclosed is my/our Check for \$ _____ Check number: _____ Check Date: _____ (Payable to "MNIH" with "Luck of the Irish" in the Memo)

Please charge my Credit Card \$ _____ Circle one: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover (Jan. 2024)

Account #: _____ Exp Date: _____ Security Code: _____

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