



Museum of Newport IRISH HISTORY

Luck of the Irish Raffle

November 2024

Dear Member,

The season of Thanksgiving is upon us! The Board of the Museum of Newport Irish History would like to extend our gratitude to you, our members, for your generosity over the past year in support of our Mission of telling the rich story of the Irish in Newport County.

In 2024 and into the New Year, the museum is moving forward with exciting new initiatives. This summer, we received a \$15,000 grant from the Government of Ireland's Emigrant Support Programme. This grant will provide seed money to create a media display so visitors can explore Irish immigration in Newport County by accessing some of our archives in a storybook fashion. Earlier in the year, we received a RI Humanities Grant to expand access to our self-guided walking tours. Currently available only in printed leaflets, the Irish Newport neighborhood tours will be available as an app on a cell phone by downloading a QR code. With your support, we can complete these initiatives.

Last year's "Luck of the Irish" raffle fundraiser was a success! Thanks to your enthusiastic response, the net proceeds of \$17,500 helped defray the expense of operating the Interpretive Center, maintaining the circa 1828 Barney Street Cemetery, and producing our popular Annual Lecture Series, which has been educating and entertaining members for over 20 years.

We are delighted to offer "Luck of the Irish" again as our major fundraiser for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, which ends on March 31, 2025. 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 stub(s) and payment in the enclosed envelope by March 14, 2025. Your gift in any amount is much appreciated. Should you desire additional tickets, please contact Kathy Papp at (401) 236-2624 or kathleenpapp@cox.net.

The raffle drawing will be held following our March lecture, the final talk of our 2024-25 Series, to be hosted at the Wyndham Newport Hotel on Wednesday, March 19, where attendees may purchase additional chances.

Even if you are not one of the lucky winners, your gift to "Luck of the Irish" is a testament to your ongoing support of our Mission and our initiatives. We are grateful to you!

Wishing you a lovely holiday season, and the "Luck of the Irish" always,

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 2025 Luck of the Irish Raffle Fundraiser
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Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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. Non-ticket purchase gifts in support of this fundraiser are tax-deductible.

Additional, fully tax-deductible\* Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your gift in any form and amount!

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 (Nov. 2024)

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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