



## Museum of Newport Irish History

# Luck of the Irish Raffle

January 2026

Dear Member,

**Warm New Year's greetings from the Board of Directors!** As we welcome 2026, we extend our heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones for a year filled with health, happiness, and peace.

The museum had an exciting year in 2025, with the debut of our first digital display at the Interpretive Center, "Tracing the Tides," the launch of our Walking Tours app, and enthusiastic participation in our Lecture Series and historic Irish cemetery tours. We educated, engaged with, and entertained over two thousand people in person and online through our virtual programming, and many more through our website and social media.

Your commitment as members keeps our organization vibrant and growing. We are deeply grateful to all who provided financial support beyond their 2025 membership dues. Fundraising successes, such as last fall's sold-out Irish musical-comedy show, "Blarney, Bologna & Beyond," not only support our essential operations but also help us steadily increase our endowment to support future growth.

Inspired by your enthusiastic support of the past two "Luck of the Irish" raffles, we are delighted to bring it back to **help close out our 2025-2026 Fiscal Year**, which ends as we wrap up Newport Irish Heritage Month, on March 31.

You could be one of three lucky winners of cash prizes of **\$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000**. Enclosed is a book of five tickets. **Tickets are \$25.00 each or \$100 for a book of five.** To participate in the raffle and/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 **Friday, March 20**.

The raffle drawing will take place at our final lecture of the 2025-26 Lecture Series, on Monday, March 23, at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, where attendees may purchase additional entries. Should you desire additional tickets, please contact Kathy Papp at (401) 236-2624 or KathleenPapp@cox.net.

Looking ahead, **2026 marks a milestone—our 30th anniversary!** We can't wait to share our plans to honor our rich history and bright future ahead. In the meantime, **please help us close out the current fiscal year on a strong note by participating in this fundraiser.**

Even if you don't win a raffle prize, your support for "Luck of the Irish" demonstrates your commitment to our mission and fuels our many initiatives for the year ahead. Thank you for making a difference!

***Wishing you the Luck of the Irish,***

Deanna Conheeny  
President, Board of Directors

Kathleen Papp  
Board of Directors/Chair, Fundraising Committee

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**Thank you for your generous support of the Museum of Newport Irish History March 2026 Luck of the Irish Raffle Fundraiser**  
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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.  
**Thank you for your gift in any form and amount!**

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

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. 2026)

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