

Charter:

Formed in 2010, The Heritage Committee of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick (Morris County) has been established to encourage and promote the culture and history of the Irish people and their offspring. The committee plans and organizes activities and programs that provide insight into the challenges and achievements that mark Irish ancestry.

The Committee strives to build and foster a common sense of shared ancestry. Activities and programs encourage a spirit of camaraderie within the club membership.

The ideals of Patriotism and good Citizenship will be emphasized through a program that encourages active member participation.

Purpose:

- A) Plan, organize and coordinate visits to historic and cultural sites that are associated with the Irish in America
- B) Where appropriate, prepare and present brief overviews on matters of historical interest.
- C) Promote/advance an awareness of a shared Irish identity among our Club members.
- D) Raise the public profile of the Club. Promote the deeds and sacrifices of prior generations who established their presence in Morris County.
- E) Help the FSSP club grow through our Irish events

Recent Activities:

2010: Bus Tour: 69th Brigade Armory / Famine Memorial / Old St. Patricks' Basilica/Fraunces Tavern/ Gaelic Park

2011: Bus Tour: Quinnipiac Famine Museum/ Gaelic Park/ Search for the FIVE Points

2013: Bus Tour: Pub Crawl / Fraunces Tavern- Wolf Tones / Plaque at Fraunces/Gaelic Park

2014: Bus Tour: America Irish Historical Society/ Old St. Patricks'/ Mother Seton church visit / Famine Memorial/ Ear Inn / McSorley's

2015: Bus Tour: Pub Crawl / Organized Archbishop John J. Hughes Memorial Project/ Gaelic Park

2016: Bus trip: Molly Maguires in PA / Easter Rising 1916 centennial visit Dublin Ireland/ Gaelic Park

2017: Gettysburg/ John Curry Internment at Basilica of Old St. Patrick's/ Martin J McGuinness

Remembrance Mass- St. Patrick's Cathedral / Gaelic park

2018: Shamrock presentation to Assumption church/ NYC Irish Bus Tour : America Irish historical society / Old St. Patrick's basilica and catacomb visit/5 Points visit/ Fraunces tavern Visit / Ear Inn visit **2019**: TBD

Events at Monthly Meetings

2010: The 7th Cav....The Irish troopers who rode/died with George Custer. Garryowen

2011: The Battle of Kinsale (1601)...Flight of the Wild Geese. Ireland's lost chance for Nationhood

2014: Easter Rising Profiles of Irish Patriots executed in Kilmainham Prison

2015: Skellig Michael Irish monastic life

2016: 1916 Centennial Program Presented at three consecutive meetings

Co- Chairmen:

William C. Duggan, Jr / Jack Haren

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