

~ IMPORTANT REMINDER & AN ANNOUNCEMENT ~



“Luck of the Irish” is our most important fundraiser for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year, which ends on March 31.

Many of you have already purchased one or more raffle tickets and/or have made a tax-deductible gift to the fundraiser, and **we are most grateful** (see *list of all supporters on the back of enclosed event flyer*). While we have a way to go, we still have time to match the net profit of “Luck of the Irish” 2024 (\$17,500), and **we hope all members will consider a gift in any amount or type**.

Don’t forget, **the drawing for \$6,000 in cash prizes is coming up quickly, on Wed., March 19**, following the final talk of our 23rd Annual Lecture Series (see *enclosed green flyer*). If you plan to enter for a chance to win and have not yet sent in your completed ticket(s) and payment, **please do not delay**. If you need additional raffle tickets (\$25 each or a book of 5 for \$100), please contact Kathy Papp at (401) 236-2624 or email her at KathleenPapp@cox.net.

The fundraiser will run through March 31, the close of the Fiscal Year. If you’d like to make a gift by check, please mail it to Museum of Newport Irish History, PO Box 1378, Newport, RI 02840, and write “Luck of the Irish” in the memo. You can also donate online on the “Donations” page at NewportIrishHistory.org. Please type “Luck of the Irish” in the comment field. **Thank you!**

MEMBERSHIP DUES TO INCREASE MODESTLY

The Museum of Newport Irish History has not increased membership dues in nearly a decade, the last increase being in the spring of 2016. Our membership remains large and growing, and we are committed to keeping annual dues as affordable as possible and in line with fees charged by similar organizations.

Notes: *Those with existing Life memberships (a third of our memberships) are not impacted by dues increases as they made a large, one-time payment in the past. All dues payments are tax-deductible.*

Essential administrative and communications costs have risen since 2016. In addition to increasing postage and printing costs, we added services to help keep members better informed and more easily sign up for our many events. We’ve upgraded our online communications to better share our Mission, programs, and initiatives with you and the public. Since 2016, we’ve added a members’ e-newsletter and online event registration system, redesigned and relaunched our website, and invested in a cloud-based system to upload and catalog our archival materials (photos, documents, etc.), among other activities.

The new fees, effective April 1, 2025, are as follows:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>New</u>		<u>Existing</u>	<u>New</u>
Individual - Annual	\$20	\$30	Family/Household* - Annual	\$30	\$40
- Life	\$200	\$300	- Life	\$300	\$400

*All those living at the same address

Business/Institutional: Existing: \$50 / New: \$50 (*no change*)

- Our Annual Membership dues cycle will continue to correspond with our Fiscal Year: Apr. 1 to Mar. 31.
- Those with Annual Memberships will receive an invoice for their new 2025-2026 dues early in the spring.
- If you recently received a 3rd membership dues reminder letter in the mail, it means *we have not yet received your dues for the current membership year*, which ends on March 31. Of course, 2024-25 dues paid before March 31, 2025, will be at the current rate. *Please renew today to keep your membership in good standing.*
- Finally, if you become a Life member before March 31 it will be at the current/lower rate (*\$100 savings*).

Questions? Please contact Ann Arnold at (401) 841-5493 or email her at tpm1@earthlink.net