The Museum of Newport Irish History

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Subject: Annual Membership Renewal Notice

Dear Members,

On behalf of your entire Board of Directors, thank you for your past membership support, whether for 1 year, 10 years, or more. Your commitment helps us deepen our understanding of the experiences of Irish immigrants and their descendants in our community — and tell their stories in more compelling ways.

This past year, we made great progress toward our mission, highlighted by the installation and subsequent expansion of our Interpretive Center's first digital exhibit, *Tracing the Tides*. Our 2025–26 Lecture Series reached nearly 1,000 participants in person and online. Members generously supported our musical-comedy fundraiser and raffle, and grants and private donations helped fund new initiatives, including our digital interactive display. **Thanks to your support, our finances remain strong, and our endowment continues to grow as we enter our 30th anniversary year in 2026.**

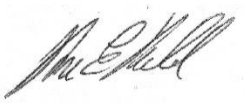
Our board members and dedicated docent volunteers are now preparing for opening day at the Interpretive Center, which also serves as a hub for our research and student interns. Interns are busy cataloging documents, photographs, and other historical resources while helping board members expand and refine the stories featured in *Tracing the Tides* through text, images, and video. Please stop by to experience our newest digital story area, "Notable Irish Newporters." You may even recognize an ancestor — or suggest additional "Notables" for future inclusion.

The Interpretive Center opens for the 2026 Season on Friday, May 22, and will be open Thursday through Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m., through October 25. Our 25th Annual Lecture Series begins September 23, and historic Irish cemetery tours will resume. Stay tuned for more 30th anniversary updates!

April 1 marked the beginning of our new fiscal year and Annual Membership cycle. Membership runs from April 1 through March 31, so **please renew today** by returning the form below in the enclosed payment envelope. To renew by credit/debit card or PayPal, visit NewportIrishHistory.org and click "Membership." You will receive an email receipt immediately. **Please continue with us as we celebrate 30 years of preserving and sharing Newport's rich Irish history!**

With gratitude for your continued support,





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PS – Should you have any questions regarding your membership status, please reach out by email or phone.

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