



Emerald Society of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 21, 2025

Meeting Called to Order: President Sean Moore called the meeting to order a 7pm and led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the December Meeting Minutes: Secretary Mike Redmond: A motion to wave the reading and approve the December Meeting Minutes was made by Gary Rundio and seconded by Mike Mobley. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Mike Redmond reported that we have a total of \$16,124.34 in the bank account. We have \$7,079.15 in the Checking Account and \$9,045.18 in the Scholarship Account. We had expenses so far in January of \$1,565.25 and income of 41,559.34. A motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Carolina Castro and seconded by Dan Mentel. Motion Carried.

Membership Report: Secretary Mike Redmond reported that we have a total of 85 Members, that include 8 Associate Members. We have 28 New Members that includes 3 New Associate Members. We still have 29 Members from 2024 who have not renewed their Membership yet. President Sean Moore then reviewed the new applications with the membership. A motion to accept the new members was made by Seymour Ludwig and seconded by Randy Kinzel. Members Approved.

Clann na nGael Banquet: President Sean Moore reported that we have sponsored a table of 8 for the Clann na nGael Banquet on Saturday February 8th. We still have seats available so let him know if you want to attend. The cost of dinner this year is \$80 pp. A motion to pay for any Emerald Society Members dinner was made by Seymour Ludwig and seconded by Sean O'Reilly. Motion Carried. Any guest will have to pay for their dinner by reimbursement to the Emerald Society as we have already paid for the table.

Proclamation Day Charity: President Sean Moore advised that he has started attending the Clann na nGael Committee Meetings and that part of the Proclamation Day Activity on March 7th, each organization donates \$500 to a local charity. There was discussion about donating to a 501C3 Charity or if we could donate to an individual in the Law Enforcement of Fire Community in need of financial help. CPD Officer Blake Andrews was shot multiple times last year by a suspect who was later killed by responding officers. However, Officer Andrews was severely wounded and will never work again and in need of financial assistance. A motion to make our Proclamation Day donation to Officer Blake Andrews was made by Gary Rundio and seconded by Seymour Ludwig. Motion Carried.

Lenten Fish Frys: Our Lenten fish fry will start this year on Friday March 7th. We will need a few people on Thursdays to help prep the fish and other items. We will need additional people of Friday to help cook, serve and take admission payment. Cost this year will be \$17 Adult and \$12 Children.

Green Season Events: Green Season Events this year will be listed on our website as well as the Shamrock Club and most of the other Clann na nGael Organizations. Here are a few events: Feb 8th Clann na nGael Banquet; March 2nd DOE Irish Breakfast; March 7th Proclamation Day and our first Fish Fry; March 10th Irishman of the Year

Party at Byrnes Pub; March 17th Mass/Parade/Irish Family Reunion. Check our website for additional information on each event: <https://www.emeraldsocietyofcolumbus.org>

Other Possible 2025 Events: We would like to get back to some of the annual events we have done in the past. The Charity Bike Ride; Columbus Clippers Game; Golf Outing; Hog Roast; Blue Mass and Christmas Dinner. We will be working on this in the coming weeks. The AOH also sponsors an Irish Road Bowling competition in the spring if we might be interested in putting a team together.

Tee Shirts for Sale: We do have some Emerald Society Tee shirts we ordered for the Dart Tournament left over. Other items for sale include Emerald Society Patch and Pins.

Pub Golf Tour: The Eighteen Annual Pub Golf (Putt Putt) Tour will start on Feb 4th. Dottie Dorn has offered to Captain a team if we can get a few golfers. We only need four to six golfers, and it starts on Tuesday Feb 4th at the Germania Club. Entry fee is \$100 which the Club will pay if we can get a team. For more information see:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1169087855220550&set=a.470036161792393>

New Business: None

Member Introductions: Since we had so many new members, we went around the table giving introductions and short bios on ourselves.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Seymour Ludwig and seconded by Dan Mentel. Motion Carried and the meeting adjourned at some time after 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michael Redmond

Secretary/Treasurer