

IRISH AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH JERSEY, INC.

P.O. BOX 195, ABSECON, NEW JERSEY 08201

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Last Name

First Name/Names

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Telephone

Email Address

How did you hear about the I.A.C.S.? _____

Do you have any areas of special interest, skills, crafts, etc.?

Article III of the I.A.C.S. Bylaws states: "Membership dues of \$15.00 (single) or \$20.00 (family) per year, and are payable when a member is admitted into the organization and thereafter on an annual basis at the first meeting in January".

I do hereby agree to observe the bylaws of the Irish American Cultural Society of South Jersey, Inc.

Signature

Dues Paid: \$ _____

Date: _____

Please mail with check for dues payable to IACS to P.O. Box 195, Absecon, NJ 08201

The Irish American Cultural Society of South Jersey was formed in 1983 by a small group of people, Irish-born or of Irish descent, to advance the knowledge and practice of Irish Culture.

The IACS routinely meets on the third Tuesday of every month from September through June at 7 30 p.m. at the American Legion Post #28 Mill Road and New Jersey Avenue. Absecon, NJ. Meetings usually begin with an educational and entertaining program on some aspect of Irish culture. Past programs have included a wide range of traditional music, poetry, dance, storytelling and history. An annual highlight over the past five years has been the Stockton College performing arts student presentation of a one act play by an Irish playwright. The program and the following social are open to the public at no charge. The March meeting takes the form of a St. Patrick's Mass, followed by a social. We participate in the St Patrick's Day Parade in Atlantic City.

One of the organization's proudest accomplishments was establishing a full credit course in Irish culture and history at the Richard Stockton College. The club provided the teacher and paid her salary for the first offering to test the level of interest. The waiting list of registrants persuaded the college to continue to offer the course. A second course, focusing on language, poetry and music was also developed but the ambitious plans for an Irish studies minor at the school have not come to fruition, yet. The IACS donated an extensive holding of Irish culture related books in memory of Marie Gubbins, long time Stockton employee and founding member of the organization. In addition to the support of college courses, club members travel to fraternal organizations, schools, and libraries for presentations of Irish culture.

In conjunction with the Jersey Shore Dancers, the IACS holds a monthly Saturday night ceili at the Somers Point American Legion, beginning at 8 PM on the last Saturday from September to June. A ceili is a traditional dance party with other entertainment included. The donation at the door goes to a local charity food bank. There are dance classes conducted by the members.

The IACS is a registered nonprofit organization with the State of New Jersey. We have awarded more than \$40,000 in scholarships over the years.

The IACS welcomes new members. Anyone interested in Irish Culture, is invited to join us at a meeting or on line at www.iacssj.org

