



# Pipe & Shamrock

46th Annual Sons of Erin

## St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival

Water Street District, Henderson Nevada, March 16-18, 2012

Monthly Newsletter

April 2011

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### President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

St. Patrick's Day is over and once again the Sons of Erin had a great event. Everything went very well except, we can't control the weather. We tried some new things this year some worked good some not so well, but we learned a lot for next year. I want to thank all the members for all their hard work. We could not have done it without everyone's help. I especially want to thank all the Past Presidents and older members for such a great showing, I plan to be in your group soon. We will have the final figures shortly and I hope we can be proud of what we can give to The St. Baldrick's Foundation.

We have two great opportunities to show our Irish Heritage this month. Saturday, April 16 we will be in the Henderson Heritage Parade. That same weekend is the Las Vegas Celtic Gathering; we have a booth and we promised to help. Many of their members helped at Our Festival. More information on both of these will be at the meeting.

If you haven't seen it lately, visit our website [www.snsoc.com](http://www.snsoc.com) to see pictures of the event and to stay informed of club news. Again I would like to remind everyone if you have any ideas for our meeting please contact any board member before the last Wednesday of the month.

Slainte,  
Pat



### MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday,

**April 13**

McMullan's Irish Pub

7:15 P.M.

OPEN MEETING

Door Prizes

Free Food



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We would like to take this time to thank all of our sponsors, vendors & members that worked to help make this event possible:

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Henderson Farmers Market Vendors

All of the members, Past Presidents and Board members of the Southern Nevada Sons of Erin that donated their time and energy to make this event a success.

**Thank You!**

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## The Irish in America

At the turn of the 19th century, the majority of Ireland's land was owned by the English, who rented it in small plots to Irish farmers. Without the capital to purchase modern equipment or adopt advanced agricultural methods, Irish farm laborers earned eight pence a day, about a fifth of what could be obtained in the New World. In 1816, approximately 6,000 Irish sailed for America; two years later, the number had doubled.

In October 1845, about 75 percent of Ireland's potato crop was devastated when a serious blight hit the country. As the principal food for over four million people, The Great Potato Famine led to the death of nearly 1 million people over the next five years. The Irish people blamed the British government and absentee landlords for the catastrophe, and the famine ignited a newfound desire to emigrate to America. By 1855, nearly one million Irish—a quarter of the country's population—had emigrated to the United States.

Life in America proved difficult for the Irish immigrants, the vast majority of whom lived in desperate poverty near the ports where they had disembarked. Unwanted and unwelcome, the Irish clung to their Catholic faith and often resorted to physical violence in the face of severe discrimination. Desperation forced them to take the country's most dangerous jobs, including building bridges, canals and railroads. The Irish also met deplorable conditions while working in coal mines, eventually organizing a secret society called the Molly Maguires to intimidate mine owners.

During the Civil War, the Union Army had four times the number of Irish as the Confederates, but in general the Irish lacked sympathy for the slaves, believing emancipation would threaten their jobs. After the war, large Irish populations in cities like Boston, New York and Chicago enabled Irish voters to get their candidates elected to power. The number of Irish in the police force and fire departments also swelled. This, combined with an influx of new immigrant Jews, Slavs, and Italians, turned the tide for the Irish in America.

By 1900, living conditions had improved and institutionalized discrimination had waned for the majority of Irish Americans. Their contribution to American culture, education, politics, science and business during the 20th century is immeasurable. From the depths of discrimination to the heights of the oval office, the Irish have woven an intricate and proud path through the fabric of American history.

### Gaelic Phrases & Expressions

The first line is in Gaelic, the second line is the phonetic pronunciation and the last line is the English translation

PHRASE: Tá brón orm faoin moill  
PRONOUNCED: Thaw bro/inn ur/im fween mwill  
MEANING: I am sorry for the delay

### Symbols & Traditions

#### Shamrock—Clover



Ancient Celts revered the clover because of the trinity of its leaves too. These people had a deep understanding of their connection with nature, and had a myriad of powerful beliefs based on triads, as we see in the triskelion, triple spiral, triquetra, Druid marks, and various knot-work illustrated by the artists of the time. The occurrence of three's, depending on how they were depicted, indicated aspects of goddesses, gods, time, and balance of energies pertaining to the triple mark.

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### Alder

#### The Trailblazer

March 18—April 14

If you are an Alder sign within the Celtic tree astrology system, you are a natural-born pathfinder. You're a mover and a shaker, and will blaze a trail with **fiery passion** often gaining loyal followers to your cause. You are charming, gregarious and mingle easily with a broad mix of personalities. In other words, Alder signs get along with everybody and everybody loves to hang around with you. This might be because Alder's are easily confident and have a strong self-faith. This self-assurance is infectious and other people recognize this quality in you instantly. Alder Celtic tree astrology signs are very focused and **dislike waste**. Consequently, they can see through superficialities and will not tolerate fluff. Alder people place high value on their time, and feel that wasting time is insufferable. They are **motivated by action** and results. Alder's pair well with Hawthorns, Oaks or even Birch signs.

### Irish Stew

- 2 large onions
- 4 large Carrots
- ½ stewing steak or lamb
- 8 large potatoes
- Salt & pepper

Wash and cut onions into moderate size chunks and add to the pot. Also wash carrots and cut into chunks, some prefer thicker chunks for taste. Wash and peel the potatoes (spuds), cut each one in half. Slice the meat into smaller pieces and if using stewing mince roll into meatballs. Get a large pot full of water and add the potatoes and meat. Bring to boil then start adding the carrots and onions, keep on a low boil. Cooking time for the Irish stew should be approximately 60 minutes or when the meat is fully cooked and the potatoes are soft inside (check using a fork). Add salt & pepper according to taste. Once the stew is cooked, serve in bowls and provide fresh slices of bread & butter. The above meal does not sound exciting but it is a traditional way of making Irish stew which has been a common meal in Ireland for hundreds of years.

### April Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13—Monthly Meeting, McMullan's Irish Pub	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26—Last day to submit for agenda item	27	28	29	30

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