



# Pipe & Shamrock

45th Annual Sons of Erin

## St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival

Water Street District, Henderson Nevada, March 17-20, 2011

Monthly Newsletter

March 2011

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### President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Well the time is almost here. This month's meeting will unofficially kick off our festival. Our monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9, followed by our Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, March 11. The Festival officially kicks off on Thursday, March 17 and run thru Sunday, March 20. The parade will be on Saturday, March 19 at 10 am and will be followed by a car show.

I hope to see everyone at this month's meeting, we will have sign up sheets to work at the festival. We still need volunteers for the beer garden, the membership booth and the parade. Tickets to the dinner dance will also be available at this month's meeting.

We look forward to the 45th Annual Festival and Parade being the biggest and the best one to date. I look forward to seeing you all at this month's meeting and at the festival.

Slainte,  
Pat



### MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday,

**March 9**

McMullan's Irish Pub

7:15 P.M.

OPEN MEETING

Door Prizes

Free Food

**McMullan's  
Irish Pub**

*Across from the  
Orleans Hotel*

**Home of the  
Sons of Erin**

Visit the  
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**Sale  
Club Merchandise**

Limited number of  
shirts & hats remain-  
ing to purchase

Currently accepting  
orders for Jackets,  
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Contact  
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**Monthly Meeting**

This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at McMullan's Irish Pub, 7:15 pm.

**Annual Dinner Dance**

Be sure to get your tickets to this year's Annual Dinner Dance. Friday, March 11, 7pm at Joker's Wild Casino in Henderson. Tickets will be available at this month's meeting, you can purchase them at the door and even call 496-1888 and reserve tickets. Don't miss out, we have live entertainment by Seamus Quinn and Jimmie Ray, an Irish Auction, dinner of corned beef and cabbage and of course a fully stocked bar. Come out and celebrate the kick off of the festival and celebrate Tom Lally's birthday.

**Festival Committees**

Carnival—The carnival and festival are all finalized and in addition to the variety of rides, we have full slate of vendors ranging from jewelry and handmade crafts in the convention center to a wide variety of food and merchandise vendors outside on the events plaza and front lawn.

Parade—To keep the parade to 2 hours, we limited it to 100 entries and have been turning people away. The best way to see the parade is to volunteer, you have the view or bring your fam-

ily, but get there early and see why this is one of the largest parades in Nevada.

Entertainment—Dona Brown and the entertainment committee have done a wonderful job arranging entertainment for the entire 4 day festival on 2 stages. This year we have added an Irish emphasis with more Irish acts and activities.

Membership—Our membership booth will be located near the Pub set up to ensure heavy traffic and will serve as our information booth. In addition to memberships, we will be selling St. Patrick's related novelty trinkets.

Refreshments—No worries, we have secured enough refreshments to last the entire festival.

**Announcements**

Do you have some exciting information that you would like to share with other club members? Marriages, anniversaries, birthdays or anything else you might want to share, send the info to:

Announcements

P.O. Box 749

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Please try to have any item submitted by the 25th of the month to make sure it makes the current issue.

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The Southern Nevada Sons of Erin  
Are proud to present:  
The 45th Annual  
St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival  
In beautiful downtown Henderson



Four fun filled days of carnival rides, merchandise booths, food booths, live music.

Festival begins on St. Patrick's Day and runs all weekend long.

Thursday, March 17, 2011 5pm to 10pm

Friday, March 18, 2011 5pm to 10 pm

Saturday, March 19, 2011 10am to 10 pm

Sunday, March 20, 2011 Noon to 8 pm

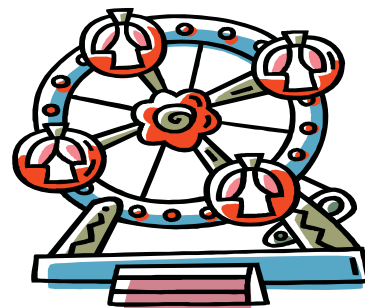
Don't miss the 45th Annual Southern Nevada Sons of Erin Parade. This is consistently one of the largest parades to march down Water St every year. Shriners in little cars, car clubs, horse clubs, live bands and many other groups are all represented. Parade starts at 10 am and arrive early if you want a good spot! The parade will be followed by a car show on Water St.

Annual Dinner Dance

Enjoy a night of dining and dancing, featuring live music our annual awards presentation and like last year, an Irish auction. A classic St. Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and cabbage will be served and of course there will be a full bar.

Tickets will be available at the monthly meeting, or call 496-1888 to reserve tickets.

Davis Amusement will again partner with us this year to provide the carnival and mid-way games. Bring the family and enjoy the ferris wheel or the sizzler and there will even be an area for the younger children. Be sure to stroll through and check out all the booths, many unique items will be on sale and like last year, we will be expanding into the convention center.



# St. Patrick's Day Celebrations and Traditions

March 17th marks the day of St Patrick, celebrated by millions of people around the world. In Ireland, St Patrick's Day was always held as an important religious day to celebrate the teachings of Christianity by St Patrick. As [St Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland](#) it became a major day in Ireland's religious calendar and has always been mainly associated with Christianity.

## Typical Traditions & Customs of St Patrick's Day

There are a number of things that are associated with St Patrick's Day and the whole celebration that surrounds it. Some are old Irish traditions and are directly related to celebrating the Patron Saint of Ireland and others are more recent such as being Irish for a day.

### The wearing of the green on St Patrick's Day

Many people wear something green on St Patrick's Day which is known in the U.S. and other countries as wearing of the green. Usually people would wear green to show their Irish heritage & culture on the day that everyone's Irish but in Ireland the wearing of the green doesn't really exist, well in terms of celebrating our culture. However, we do wear Shamrocks to symbolize the teaching of the holy trinity by St Patrick. A small bunch of Shamrocks would be pinned to the breast of our outer coats.

### Holy day of obligation

Most [Christians in Ireland](#) will attend Church as they would every Sunday and treat it as a day of rest to spend with the family. Family members would attend Church wearing their shamrocks and afterwards head home for a large roast, similar to a typical Sunday roast. Some families would sit around and watch the St Patrick's day parades take place in Dublin, New York, Chicago and other major cities.

### A day of parades & festivals

Another American tradition for celebrating St Patrick's day is the parades. First started in New York City in 1766 the parades have become a major attraction for millions around the world. Today hundreds of parades take places in many different countries with thousands in attendance. Did you know that it wasn't until 1995 when the Irish government decided to start holding a parade in Dublin, to help boost tourism?

It's now known in Ireland as St Patrick's festival which takes place over 5 days with events including art shows, plays, concerts, fun fairs and the main parade.

## 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: Beannachtai na Feile Pádraig

PRONOUNCED: bann/ockt/tee nih fail/eh pawd/rig

MEANING: Happy Saint Patrick's Day

## Symbols & Traditions

### Three Rays (Arwen)



The first and third rays in this symbol represent male and female energy (respectively). The middle ray represents the balance of both energies. See also [Yin-Yang symbols page](#). See also [fire symbol](#)



**Ash -**  
**The Enchanter**  
**February 18 – March 17**

Those born under the Celtic tree astrology sign of the Ash are **free thinkers**. Imaginative, intuitive, and naturally artistic, you see the world in water-color purity. You have a tendency to moody and withdrawn at times, but that's only because your inner landscape is in constant motion. You are in touch with your muse, and you are easily **inspired by nature**. Likewise, you inspire all that you associate with and people seek you out for your enchanting personality. Art, writing (especially poetry), science, and theology (spiritual matters) are areas that strongly interest you. Others may think you are reclusive, but in all honesty, you are simply immersed in your own world of fantastic vision and design. You are in a constant state of **self-renewal** and you rarely place a value on what others think about you. Ash signs partner well with Willow and Reed signs.

**Irish potato bread**

- 3 oz plain flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1 oz butter
- 8oz mashed potatoes
- 2 tablespoons milk
- Butter to serve
- Handful of scallions if desired

Mix together the flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl, rub in the butter using the fingertips until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.

Add in the scallions now if you are using them.

Stir in the mashed potato and enough milk to make soft but not loose dough. Roll out onto a floured board into a round approx ½ inch thick and mark into quarters without cutting right through the potato farl.

Place on a greased baking tray and bake in the oven at 200 degrees for about 20 minutes.

Serve hot with plenty of butter.

**March Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9—Monthly Meeting, McMullan's Irish Pub	10	11— Annual Dinner Dance 7pm, Joker's Wild	12
13	14	15	16	17—Festival Starts, Happy St. Patrick's Day	18—Festival	19—Parade, Water Street 10am
20—Festival Closes	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29—Last day to submit for agenda item	30	31		

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