



Pipe & Shamrock

46th Annual Sons of Erin

St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival

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

Monthly Newsletter

January 2012

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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year, hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Santa Claus brought you everything you asked for this year.

With the coming of the new year also signifies the beginning of the full scale planning for our festival. We have begun all aspects of planning and have been working to have almost all details hammered out before our initial meeting with the City of Henderson. We are also working to fill out our festival committees, stop by and sign up to help out. Our committees consist of membership, vendors, beer (selling, not drinking), entertainment, parade, volunteers and charities. We will also need parade marshalls, members for set up and tear down and various other tasks throughout the weekend. Please be sure to sign up to help out.

See you at this month's meeting!

Slainte,
Pat



MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday,

January 11

McMullan's Irish Pub

7:15 P.M.

OPEN MEETING

Door Prizes

Free Food

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This year we resumed our traditional Seniors Center Dinner, there was a great turn out. We also held our Annual Christmas Party at McMullan's Irish Pub.



James Smith

James Smith was born in Ireland around 1719. He emigrated to Cheshire County Pennsylvania with his family when he was ten or twelve years old. His father was a successful farmer and James benefited from a good, simple, classical education from a local Church Minister. He later studied law at the office of his older brother George, in Lancaster. Smith was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar at age twenty-six, and set up an office in Cumberland County, near Shippensburg. This was a frontier area at the time, so he spent much of his time engaged in surveying, only practicing law when such work was available. After four or five years he moved back to more populated York, where he might practice law exclusively.

During the 1760s Smith became a leader in the area. He attended a provincial assembly in 1774 where he offered a paper he had written, called "Essay on the Constitutional Power of Great Britain over the Colonies in America." In the essay, he offered a boycott of British goods, and a General Congress of the Colonies, as measures in defense of colonial rights. Later that year he organized a volunteer militia company in York, which elected him Captain. His company later grew to be a battalion, at which point he deferred leadership to younger men.

He was appointed to the provincial convention in Philadelphia in 1775, the state constitutional convention in 1776, and was elected to the Continental Congress the same year. He remained in Congress only two years, and as Congress was meeting in Philadelphia in those days, provided his office for meetings of the Board of War.

James Smith retired from the Congress in 1777, and served in few public offices after: one term in the State assembly, a few months as a judge of the state High Court of Appeals. In 1782 he was appointed Brigadier General of the Pennsylvania militia. He was reelected to Congress in 1785 but declined to attend due to advancing age. Little is known about his work, because a fire destroyed his office and papers shortly before he died.

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: Athblian shona duit

PRONOUNCED: ought/bleen hunna dwit

MEANING: Happy new year to you

Symbols & Traditions

Pookas



The Pookas are a certain type of fairy - one bent on creating havoc in the mortal world. The Pooka appeared at night across rural Ireland and the seaboard. On a good day, the Pooka would cause destruction on a farm-tearing down fences and disrupting the animals. On a bad day, the Pooka would stand outside the farmhouse and call the people outside by name. If anyone came out, the Pooka would carry them away. The Pookas also loved to mess with the [ships](#) pulling away from Ireland, and were blamed for many shipwrecks along the rocky coast



Stag/Deer

Nov 25—

Dec 23

The stag Celtic animal sign has high ideals and aspirations. If you want to start a new project, get a Stag sign to help you. They will not be deterred from their vision. They are thorough, patient and their persistence insures their triumphs. When others have long given up, Stags buck their way past boundaries. They are proud, and rightfully so – they hold themselves in a regal way. They are naturally noble, like they came from royalty. This is not to say Stags feel entitled. Far from it. They believe in righteous hard work, and their integrity is their trademark.

Irish Tea Cake

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
 - 1 cup white sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar for dusting
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9 inch round pan.

In a medium bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time then stir in the vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; stir into the batter alternately with the milk. If the batter is too stiff, a tablespoon or two of milk may be added. Spread the batter evenly into the prepared pan.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes in the preheated oven, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack, then turn out onto a serving plate. Dust with confectioners' sugar right before serving.

January Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1—Happy New Year	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11—Monthly Meeting 7:15 pm McMullan's	12	13—Wranglers Hockey Game, Orleans 7:30 pm	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

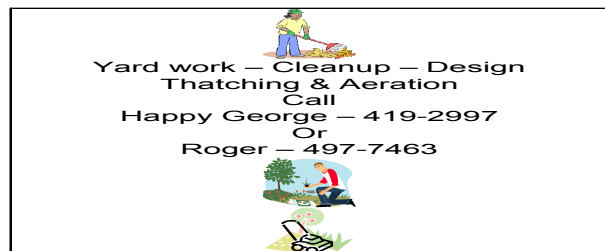
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New Energy, Self-Sufficiency Solutions
Spiritual Economics, Banking Alternatives
Innovative Business Ideas, Permaculture
& Organic Activism

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