



Scots—American Society of Brevard
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Palmetto & Thistle

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 Monthly Meetings are held at:
 Front Street Civic Center
 2210 South Front Street, Melbourne, FL
 Every 2nd WEDNESDAY
 Months September thru April
 Doors Open-Social Time: 6:00pm
 Dinner is Served: Approximately 6:30pm
 Meeting Time: Approximately 7:30pm
 Entertainment to follow.
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March Monthly Membership Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 11th, 2020

Where: Front Street Community Center, Melbourne, FL

Doors Open: 6:00pm

Dining: Phil Stall, our Dining Coordinator, says we will be having **SHEPARD'S PIE** for our entree'. A \$9.00 donation per meal is requested to help cover cost of entrée, building rental, and entertainment. Several people have mentioned bringing sides, desserts, salads, etc. Be creative!! But reservations are still needed. Do email Mary Sue and Phil to make your reservation Email **to info@scotsbrevard.com**. The total meal count needs to be tallied by **Monday,**

March 11th.

Entertainment: Debbie Reid, our Program Coordinator, has 'booked' **STEPPING STONES.**

Dark Horse Raffle: There will be a Dark Horse Raffle at this month's festivities. The



Dark Horse Raffle last month honoring Valentines Day worked out great!! It was great fun and as the pictures show, our members delivered!! We had lots of 'bubbly', chocolate goodies, and a Unicorn even showed up, pink yet!! So let's continue the tradition and use imaginations for this meeting Remember we have the St Patricks's day Parade the Saturday after the meeting in Downtown Melbourne!! **You'all come!!**

February's Meeting. The February Meeting of the Scots-American Society of Brevard was called to Order after most members having endured challenging traffic on our local roads just to get here. We all recited the Pledge of Allegiance (Thanks Dave) - sorted out this month's Birthdays and Anniversaries - attended to the Business and Treasurers reports - welcomed a new Society Member, Lynne Lamy - and joined in for the saying of the Selkirk Grace. The Birthday People led the way to the food line. The table layout and the Grilled Salmon were great, (Thanks Phil and Mary Sue) complemented with so many delicious side dishes and as usual, the array of deserts were splendid (Thanks Everyone). The underlying theme of the evening was, of course - Valentine's Day - with lots of Pink. The table settings were **Tea Roses in Tea Cups** - more **Pink** (Thanks Debbie (again)). To entertain us tonight we were treated to the "Sweet Adelines", an a'Cappella singing group - 14 strong - even more Pink - who sang songs we all knew and told a few jokes we didn't. The evening passed quickly and the Dark Horse arrived (probably drawing a Surrey with Pink fringe on on top) with even more Valentine prizes - and more Pink, of course. The evening closed with everyone joining hands in a concentric circle (it was said) for the singing of "Auld Lang Syne". And a good time was had by all . . .



**NO ONE IN IRELAND
CALLS IT "ST PATTY'S" DAY.
PATTY IS SHORT FOR PATRICIA.
IT'S PADDY OR EVEN PAT.
BUT NEVER PATTY.**

Happy St Patrick's Day!



Shamrocks, saint and shillelaghs

St. Patrick's Day, celebrated on March 17, honors Ireland's patron saint who died on that day in 461. Icons of the Irish holiday and the history of St. Patrick:

Shamrock

■ Small, three-leafed herb appears on United Kingdom's coat of arms with English rose, Scottish thistle

Irish flag

■ Green stands for Catholics; orange for Protestants; white for wish for harmony

Leprechauns

■ Fairies who work day and night mending shoes of other fairies

Shillelagh (shi-lay-lee)

■ Walking stick; word is Irish for stout oak club or cudgel; also name of a forest that once stood in County Wicklow



Patrick: Saint and legend

387: Born in Britain to a Roman family; his father served as a magistrate; his original name was Maewyn

Early 400s: Taken to Ireland as a slave; after six years, he escaped to France where he studied for priesthood

432: Sent to Ireland as a Christian missionary by Pope Celestine I, who named him Patricius, which means noble in Latin; he introduced Roman alphabet, Latin literature; Christianized land

Familiar legend
He drove the snakes from Ireland by beating a drum

Source: "Shamrocks, Harps and Shillelaghs" by Edna Barish, "All About American Holidays," World Book

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How Do They Dye the Chicago River Green for St. Patrick's Day?

It wouldn't be a St. Patrick's Day celebration in the Windy City without 400,000 spectators crowding the banks of the Chicago River to "ooh" and "aah" at its (temporarily) emerald green tinge. But how do officials turn the water green? [Google "Chicago River Green for St. Patrick's Day" to see.](#)

15 Things You Might Not Know About St. Patrick's Day

- 1. We Should Really Wear Blue:** When George III created a new order of chivalry for the Kingdom of Ireland, the Order of **St. Patrick**, its official color was a sky **blue**, a name applied to shades of **blue** associated with Saint Patrick and Ireland, .
- 2. Saint Patrick Was British:** Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish himself. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.
- 3. The Irish Take Saint Patrick's Day Seriously:** As you might expect, Saint Patrick's Day is a huge deal in his old stomping grounds. It's a national holiday in both Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- 4. So Do New Yorkers:** New York City's Saint Patrick's Day Parade is one of the world's largest parades. Since 1762, 250,000 marchers have traipsed up Fifth Avenue on foot – the parade still doesn't allow floats, cars, or other modern trappings.
- 5. Chicago Feels Lucky, Too. Chicago River turns GREEN !!** See article above!
- 6. It Used to Be a Dry Holiday:** For most of the 20th century, Saint Patrick's Day was considered a strictly religious holiday in Ireland, which meant that the nation's pubs were closed for business on March 17. (The one exception went to beer vendors at the big national dog show, which was always held on Saint Patrick's Day.) In 1970, the day was converted to a national holiday, and the stout resumed flowing.
- 7. It's the Thought That Counts:** Not every city goes all-out in its celebratory efforts. From 1999 to 2007, the Irish village of Dripsey proudly touted that it hosted the **Shortest Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the World**. The route ran for **26 yards** between two pubs. Today, **Hot Springs, Arkansas claims the title for brevity** – its brief parade runs for **98 feet**.
- 8. There's a Reason for The Shamrocks:** How did the shamrock become associated with Saint Patrick? According to Irish legend, the saint used the three-leafed plant as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland – **the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost**.
- 9. Cold Weather Helped Saint Patrick's Legend:** In Irish lore, Saint Patrick gets credit for driving all the snakes out of Ireland. Modern scientists suggest that the job might not have been too hard – according to the fossil record, Ireland has never been home to any snakes. Through the Ice Age, Ireland was too cold to host any reptiles, and the surrounding seas have staved off serpentine invaders ever since. Modern scholars think the "snakes" Saint Patrick drove away were likely metaphorical.
- 10. There's No Corn in that Beef:** Corned beef and cabbage, a traditional Saint Patrick's Day staple, doesn't have anything to do with the grain corn. Instead, it's a nod to the large grains of salt that were historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns."
- 11. The World Runs Up Quite a Bar Tab:** All of the Saint Patrick's Day revelry around the globe is great news for brewers. A 2012 estimate pegged the total amount spent on beer for Saint Patrick's Day celebrations at \$245 million. And that's before tips to pubs' bartenders.
- 12. It Could have Been Saint Maewyn's Day:** According to Irish legend, Saint Patrick wasn't originally called Patrick. His birth name was Maewyn Succat, but he changed his name to Patricius after becoming a priest.
- 13. There Are No Female Leprechauns:** Don't be fooled by any holiday decorations showing lady leprechauns. In traditional Irish folk tales, there are no female leprechauns, only nattily attired little guys.
- 14. But the Leprechaun Economy Is Thriving:** Another little-known fact from Irish lore: Leprechauns earned that gold they're guarding. According to legend, leprechauns spend their days making and mending shoes. It's hard work, so you can't blame them for being territorial about their pots of gold.
- 15. The Lingo Makes Sense:** You can't attend a Saint Patrick's Day event without hearing a cry of "Erin go Bragh." What's the phrase mean? It's a corruption of the *Irish Éirinn go Brách*, which means roughly "Ireland Forever."