



NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY @ NOON
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CELTIC TAVERN RIVERSIDE
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CES EVENTS ♣

The Colorado Emerald Society participation in Denver's St. Patrick's Day parade has evolved into a grand family affair. This year we had families of CES members walking, riding in the DFD antique fire truck and on our float. Our participation would not be possible without the likes of Dan Farley, Chris Molloy and our host Alan O'Gorman of the Irish Rover.

Just like a pint of Guinness is to an Irish pub, so to is the Colorado Emerald Society Pipes & Drums Band to the Colorado Emerald Society. Led by Pipe Major Steve Johnston of West Metro Fire, the Band led us down Blake St. with the skirl of the pipes and the beat of the drums. They were excellent this year and we are very proud of their performance.

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade so please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 17, 2012.



Colorado Emerald Society preparing for the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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The Celtic Tavern, Riverside, will be our host for the next CES general membership meeting on April 30, 2011. Please join us at noon at 2620 W. Belleview Ave., Littleton, 80202.

CES members Bob Clair and Siobhan Barrett are organizing the CES 2011 Scholarship Benefit Golf Tournament. Our host will be the Highlands Ranch Golf Club located at 9000 Creekside Way, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129. Registration begins at 6:30 am with a piper start at 7:30 am. Single player cost is \$110.00; foursome, \$440.00. There are opportunities for sponsorship and any member in good standing who brings in \$1000.00 or more in sponsorship money will be awarded a CES letter jacket. You can find the registration form on the CES website, www.coemsoc.org.

The Colorado Emerald Society Pipes & Drums Band will be performing at the Colorado L.E. Memorial at Camp George West on May 6, 2011; the Colorado Fallen Fire Fighter's Memorial in Lakewood on May 7, 2011; the IAFF Fallen Fire Memorial in Colorado Springs on September 17, 2011.

The Colorado Irish Festival hosted by the Colorado United Irish Societies (CUIS) will be held in Clement Park July 8 through July 11, 2011

The CES member appreciation picnic dedicated to USMC Lance Corporal Andrew Riedel is scheduled for August 27, 2011 in Tanglewood Park.

Complete information on these events can be found at www.coemsoc.org.



1893 REVISTED

By David O'Shea-Dawkins ♣

Colorado was responsible for 60% of our Nation's silver in 1893. When the price of silver fell and it was no longer profitable, the mines shut down. By the end of October 1893 Congress repealed the "Sherman Silver Act" that required the United States to buy 4,500,000 ounces of silver at the market price, thus putting a stake through the heart of Colorado's prosperity.

Colorado was in a deep depression and Denver was flooded with the unemployed. The Denver dailies chose up sides and started the blame games. They attacked each other, politicians and anyone who didn't agree with their ideology.

Denver, Colorado was part of Arapahoe County in 1893 and enforcement of the law was the responsibility of the Denver Police Department and the Arapahoe County Sheriff. The sheriff's department's responsibilities were similar to the Denver Sheriff Department of 2011. They were responsible for prisoners, the courts and warrants.

An anti-Catholic organization known as the American Protection Associations (A.P.A.) was formed during this time and the members met in secrecy. One of their missions was to put men in positions of authority who were loyal to the A.P.A., and who would give jobs to non-Catholics. One example of the A.P.A.'s shenanigans may have caused Thomas O'Shea, who was a Denver sheriff and a Catholic, to lose his job. After the 1893 sheriff's election, William K. Burchinell, an A.P.A. member, won and Thomas O'Shea was no longer on the pay roll. It didn't help Thomas that his brother, Will O'Shea, ran against Burchinell in the election.

In spite of the politics and the end of prosperity, Denver life went on. Plucked from the Rocky Mountain News (RMN) the below listed articles, Irish & police/fire themed, are indicative of life in 1893.

"M.D. Van Horn is mayor of Denver. He is a native born citizen. He is a Protestant. After he became mayor he appointed John F. Farley as commissioner of city inspections...Farley had but recently been chief of police in Denver. Yet, John F. Farley is A ROMAN CATHOLIC.

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For this offence (sic) the A. P. A. demanded that Mayor Van Horn should remove him.

Because Mayor Van Horn declined to remove Mr. Farley the A. P. A.'s met and passed resolution condemning Mr. Van Horn as a Jesuit, as infamous, as a perjurer and traitor."
-RMN, October 6, 1893

"Members of the Irish-American club are hot at the reflections cast on the club by John Noonan. 'Noonan wanted to run the club and we wouldn't let him. Anyway, he is a Welshman and we don't care what he says,' was the remark of one member."
-RMN, Sept 14, 1893.

"Dick Shannon (Morphine Dick), who has been keeping an opium joint in the alley between Eighteenth and Nineteenth, Lawrence and Larimer streets was fined \$100 and costs by Judge Frost and went to jail. Shannon was allowed to keep his hypodermic needle when he went to prison, as a total absence would probably kill him or drive him crazy."
-RMN, September 14, 1893.

"Tuesday night L. O. Harrington, a young man driving an express wagon, took a notion to race with Assistant Fire Chief Dulmage who was on his way to a fire. Harrington paid \$10 (fine) for his fun."
-RMN, September 14, 1893.

"The fire & police board discharged Daniel Ford from the police force yesterday. The complaint against him was drunkenness...intoxication in Connor's saloon at Five Points after the hours of closing the place. Ford had been in police service since February 11, 1892 and was with the fire department seven years before that. He lost an opportunity to achieve a greatly desired capture at the burglary of the Schoppe drug store at Twenty-second and Welton streets by failing to jump from his horse and pursue the burglar who shot the druggist. A few nights later Ford's saddle was stolen off his horse."
-RMN, September 4, 1893.

"Murphy, the insane man, who raised such a disturbance at the door of the post office...is suffering from typhoid and escaped from a bed at his brother's house east of City Park."
-RMN, September 2, 1893

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1893 Revisited

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“Constable Jack Conley drummed up about twenty hobos and ten working men at his Cable Exchange saloon last night and they occupied the police court room in organization of the ‘Irish Silver Club.’ Tom Hickey was elected president and Tony Flanagan recording secretary. Tommy the Burro, Mike Cook and others were conspicuous. After the meeting, which had the taking of an oath as one of its ceremonials, they adjourned to the back yard of the saloon and emptied a keg of beer.”

-RMN, September 20, 1893.

“Police Judge Frost yesterday declared unconstitutional the provision of the saloon ordinance forbidding the serving of females with liquor...Malone was hauled up on charges of violating the law. (He) claimed that (his) place was a restaurant and had a perfect right to serve anything that women saw fit to purchase.”

-RMN, Sept 24 1893.

“Merchant Policeman Kennedy is establishing a record for thief catching his latest capture is ‘Sheeny’ Tom Richards, who is one of the quartet of young hoodlums charged with burglarizing Knight’s repair shop on 18th street. Kennedy has bagged two of the embryo thugs and is after the others.”

-RMN, October 14, 1893.

“Two deputy sheriffs, Con Kelleher and D. J. Harrington, had a disgraceful row in the latter’s saloon on Larimer street. The lie was passed and guns were flashed to the terror of the spectators. Kelleher wanted to bet \$5 that Harrington was not a deputy. Why either of the man holds commissions is a mystery.”

-RMN, February 22, 1893.

“Deputy Sheriff O’Shea and ex-Detective Botello had a fight out of which Botello came away with a broken ankle.”

-RMM, January 19, 1893.

“W. F. O’Shea pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting J H Marshall and was fined \$5 and costs.”

-Denver Times, October 3 1893.



Dr. Tom Noel, Dennis Gallagher and Jim Walsh are compiling history of the Irish in Denver. If you have family photographs and memorabilia, please contact Jim at james.walsh@comcast.net

*If you like Irish ballads with your pint contact our own Bill O’Donnell with Juice O’ The Barley. Bill can be reached at www.juiceofthebarley.com

ROSE OF TRALEE

By David O’Shea-Dawkins

“She was lovely and fair as the rose of the summer.

Yet ‘twas not her beauty alone that won me.
Oh no, ‘twas the truth in her eyes ever dawning
That made me love Mary, the Rose of Tralee.”

So wrote William Mulchinock to Rose O’Connor of Tralee in an effort to achieve her acceptance of his marriage proposal. But it wasn’t to be because of their class distinctions.

In 1848, at the height of the famine, Mary O’Connor died, but William Mulchinock’s words of devotion lived on.

William’s words were used as the inspiration for a local event in Tralee that began in the 1950’s and has grown into an international event that draws thousands to Tralee in County Kerry.

Keriayn O’Donnell, the 2011 Denver St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee’s Queen Colleen, who is sponsored by the Colorado Emerald Society, will compete in the June 2nd to 7th, 2011 Rose Of Tralee International Festival in County Kerry.

Keriayn is the daughter of CES member Bill O’Donnell and his wife Teresa. Bill is also a member of the Irish musical group, *Juice O’ The Barley*.

If you would like to contribute to the Queen Colleen to Tralee fund to help Keriayn defray the costs, please send your donations to:
Colorado Emerald Society, P. O. Box 40211,
Denver, CO 80204.



Queen Colleen Keriayn O’Donnell (front row, right) with Auditor Dennis Gallagher (far left), Mayor Bill Vidal (back row, right) and others at the annual changing Wazee St. to Tooley St.