

IRISH in Florida

° British people love the Irish! English/Irish/Scottish and Welsh are all inter-married, strongly bonded by a love of pubs and great literature and settled in each other's countries. Just as it should be. We are closely involved in Florida, hence this page devoted to all things AUTHENTICALLY Irish in Florida. My major annoyance in Florida is noisy American bars cashing in on the love of all things Irish as a blatant marketing ploy. Sticking a shamrock on the door and calling it the Lucky Leprechaun or something cutesy no Irish-born pub builder would use anyway, is a dead giveaway. If you hear no Irish-accented bartenders or owners on site it's fake too. Since I have been writing the News of the Booze newspaper articles about Florida's Irish and English pubs for over 20 years, interviewing Irish pubowners and builders direct, I am considered the foremost expert. Irish people usually call their pubs after a celebrated Irish countryman or woman-----PK As I have often written in Union Jack Newspaper, the Irish come out of the womb knowing how to build a great pub.

° IRISH PUBS: You will find a list of Irish pubs on this website--click on the PUBS menu at top of home page. That's where you'll find a local place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in March. Phone the pub to ask what they have planned. There are too many Irish pubs in Florida to list, with new ones opening weekly, so we just list authentic Irish-operated ones.

° FT. LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD Irish Club. Call Irish President Patrick O'Dea [754] 281-7202

° MIAMI: The Emerald Society of South Florida holds events for Irish residents. Call [305] 274-3858 John Doherty

NOTE: There are St. Patrick's Day festivals in virtually every major city in Florida, too numerous to list the details. So before March 17, just do a Google Search by "St. Patrick's Celebration + your city".

° FT. LAUDERDALE every March enjoy the huge annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival. INFO www.ftlaudirishfest.com Call Terry Rynard on [954] 828-5985 to see what date the event is this year. [.....St. Patrick was of course, English!]

° MARCH in MIAMI [Coral Gables] The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival usually at Ponce Circle Park, Coral Gables. Vendors/sponsors/event info call City Hall [305] 446-6800. Ask for Culture Department.