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Learn the Truth about St. Patrick and Leave Your Friends Green with Envy!



What exactly is it about "envy" that makes it green? One wonders, but that's a topic for another time.

Today, the focus is on St. Patrick's Day, that international day of celebration and Irish pride celebrated each year on March 17. And yet for all the "wearin' o' the green," eating Irish soda bread, and attending a St. Patrick's Day parade, most folks would have a hard time telling you very much about the man in whose honor all of the celebrating takes place.

So, to get the real inside scoop, **we did some digging and discovered a pot full of golden trivia nuggets** we just know you'll want to share with family and friends.

1. What was St. Patrick's favorite color?

The original color associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green as commonly believed. In several artworks depicting the saint, he is shown wearing blue vestments. King Henry VIII used the Irish harp in gold on a blue flag to represent the country.

2. What was his nationality?

Wrong again! St. Patrick wasn't Irish, and he wasn't born in Ireland. Patrick's parents were Roman citizens living in modern-day England, or more precisely in Scotland or Wales (scholars cannot agree on which). He was born in 385 AD. By that time, most Romans were Christians and the Christian religion was spreading rapidly across Europe.



Green & Healthy Living Tips

Go fish. If you suffer from dry eyes, up your seafood intake. Salmon, sardines, and mackerel contain omega-3 fatty acids, which the body uses to produce tears, among other things.

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3. Why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17?

Saint Patrick is a saint of the Catholic Church, and his holy day is the day of his death, and subsequent entrance to heaven, rather than the day of his physical birth. After spending most of his adult life converting the pagans of Ireland to Christianity, St. Patrick went to his reward on March 17, 461 AD.

4. What did he do with all the snakes?

There is no evidence that snakes ever existed in Ireland in the first place. Ireland, after all, is surrounded by icy ocean waters—much too cold to allow snakes to migrate from Britain or anywhere else.

5. What is the significance of the shamrock?

Legend has it that St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity by showing an unbeliever the three-leaved plant with one stalk. The shamrock is the national flower of Ireland, but it is not the national symbol. That distinction goes to the harp.

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William Kirkorian
President



Amazing Fact

**Al Capone's
business card said
he was a used
furniture dealer.**

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Our Favorite Recipes

Deluxe Corned Beef Hash



"There's nothing like the taste of fresh versus canned hash. This is also good for leftover St. Paddy's Day corned beef."

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You Gotta Laugh

"I dream of a better life, where chickens can cross the road and not be questioned about their motives."
Anonymous



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