

THE VILLA NEWS

The Legend of the Jack-O-Lantern
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The Halloween Jack-O-Lantern comes from an Irish legend about a man named Jack, who lured the Devil up a tree to fetch an apple. As soon as the Devil climbed up the tree, Jack carved the sign of the cross on the bark of the tree to prevent him from coming down again. As a condition to setting him free, Jack made the Devil promise never to seek Jack's soul, which he promised. When Jack died he wasn't allowed into Heaven because of his drunken ways and wrongs he committed. When he tried to settle into Hell, the Devil, as he had promised, wouldn't take him either. Jack was walking away, wondering where to go, when the Devil threw a hot coal at him, which landed in the turnip Jack was eating at the time! Legend claims that Jack must now carry his turnip lantern as he spends all of eternity looking for a place to rest. In America, the turnip has been replaced by the pumpkin and carving it into a Jack-O-Lantern has become a Halloween tradition.

Well I certainly would never turn anyone away from living at The Villa! In fact I'd like to welcome Shirley McFarland, Apt. 136 and Natalie Poplawski, Apt. 314 into our Villa family! Don't forget to come to the Halloween Party on Oct. 30th! Costumes are fun but not required!

If the Devil lost his tail, where would he go to get a new one?

Why, he would go to the liquor store, where all spirits are

Re-tailed!

Happy  Halloween