Tempe Bar Haunted With Real Spirits

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Casey Moore's Oyster House is known as one of the most famous Irish pubs in Tempe. Although famous for their fresh seafood and cold beer, the spooky folklore is what gives it unique character. Regardless, it continues to be a favorite amongst students, professors, business professionals and residents of the area. The quaint bar is tucked close to Arizona State University's Tempe campus in the coveted Maple-Ash neighborhood between 9th and Ash Streets.

Built in 1910, the historic house has been one of Tempe's finest bars for over 25 years. Casey's wrap-around patio accompanied by deep red wooden benches and the shade of overgrown trees attracts an eclectic crowd of people in Tempe. A bar located outside on the side of restaurant ensures customers looking to relax will not have to venture far to get a refill of their beverages.

While patrons swarm to Casey's for its diverse, yet hip ambience, many are unaware that the neighborhood staple is suspected of being haunted. There have been a variety of haunted stories among locals; including the lingering ghost of a little girl upstairs and sightings of the initial couple that built the house over 100 years ago. However, Casey Moore's bartender Austin Owen, 25, describes his version of the spirits that linger at the bar after hours.

According to Owen, when the old house was being transformed into the bar and restaurant it is today, a photograph of a young boy was discovered. Co-owner Patty St. Vincent kept the photograph, but it was not until later she realized its significance. Over the years, employees of Casey's have told tales of seeing a boy frequently roaming around the house.

St. Vincent rediscovered the old tattered, photograph and showed it to employees who confirmed her suspicions – the bizarre sightings of the young boy is actually a ghost.

Inside, the lighting is dimmed with the bar being a welcoming focal point embedded in its speakeasy-type atmosphere. However, do not be deceived by the charming décor and "un-bar-like" dinner specials – with 13 beers on tap and strong mixed drinks, the bar is anything but elegant. Accompanied by crowded tables and busy servers, Casey's is great for people-watching while enjoying a laid-back indoor-outdoor experience. However, the upstairs dining room is only open to patrons on Friday and Saturday nights. With Halloween approaching, go check out the haunted historic house for a paranormal night of drinking.

If you go:

850 South Ash Ave., Tempe

Monday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

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