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Mayors to hang in City Hall

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The unknown mayor.

FRAMED photographs of Limerick's Mayors over the past 100 years will shortly adorn City Hall.

Officials, Gerry Joyce and Michael J Ryan, have been entrusted with responsibility to get the collection together, and have sought the help of the public.

Limerick has had about 50 mayors since 1894, with the record shared by Ted Russell and Dan Burke, each having held office five times.

To complete the photographic collection, only nine are missing.

They are: William Nolan, 1895-96; M. Cusack, 1897-98, John Daly 1899-1901; James Barry, 1902-03; Michael Donnelly, 1903-04; Michael Joyce, 1905-06 John Kerr, 1909-10; Tim Ryan, 1910-1912 and Philip O'Donovan, 1913-15.

When rummaging through the archives recently, Corporation staff found a number of photographs of mayors of yesterday which were

able to identify, but one continues to elude them.

Said Mr Joyce: "Perhaps there is somebody who can assist us. I would calculate that the picture was taken somewhere between 1892 and 1915, and could be any one of the eight we are missing".

The first mayor to be photographed in office was Stephen O'Mara, in 1885. Before that, they were either in sketch form or oil painted.

Photographs have also been found of Francis A O'Keeffe, 1887-89, WJ O'Donnell, 1890-91 and Denis McNamara, 1892-93, all before the period under review.

The first Mayor of Limerick was Adam Sarvant, in 1197.

If you can identify the unknown mayor, contact Mr Joyce or Mr Ryan at 061-415799.

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