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Galloping Hogan and the Battle of Campo Maior

by Brian Witt

The Irish have had a relationship with the Iberian peninsula for millennia. The Milesians supposedly used the land as a stopping off point from leaving Egypt to sail to Ireland. The Irish fought in the armies of Spain and Portugal, and served as their governors, merchants and clergy. In fact, the island of Ireland was called, according to some accounts, Hibernia, in deference to the outcropping of land on Western Europe. (There are also those who hold that Ireland was called this in reference to the fact it was always so wintry, ivernia in Latin.)

The ties between Gaelic Ireland and Lisbon were strong. The Irish were able to sail to ports of call as English citizens and trade Portuguese items, which became impossible for them after the Reformation. Because they were good Catholics, they were able to trade with their co-religionists, but there were other ties. The widow of the leader of the Irish troops at the Battle of Limerick, Patrick Sarsfield, had an illegitimate son who married Catalina Colon, the descendant of Christopher Columbus. The African lion in Galway was a present from Prince Henry to a Galwegian who had served him well.

Another Irishman of note in this relationship of countries was Michael "Galloping" Hogan, an Irish Army cavalry officer whose bravery at and after the Battle of the Boyne prevented the British forces from turning a loss into a rout. He later led Irish forces into the English camp at Ballyneety under the cover of darkness prior to the siege of Limerick, blew up the cannons, and dispersed the English soldiers in a futile attempt to end the English siege.

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He left Ireland with Sarsfield and went to join the Irish Brigade in France. However, his stay in that country was brief, as he was involved in a duel with his cousin, James Conway – killing him. Hogan was court-martialed, but was then given a chance to flee the country by King Louis XIV, due to bravery in the service of France in Flanders. The King gave him a letter of recognition to see the King of Portugal, King Joao VI.

Portugal, according to the book, *The Wandering Irish of Europe – Their Influence From the Dark Ages to Modern Times*, by Matthew J Culligan and Peter Cherchi, (2000 – Barnes and Noble Books), was in the midst of building its military strength after its separation from Spain after a sixty year rejoining of the two countries as one. Spain viewed Portugal as a renegade province, and was trying to hold together its provinces, as many tried to separate from the central government in Madrid. In 1708, Hogan was to arrive in Portugal to find an undisciplined and undertrained force that was trying to withstand the forces of Spain.

Michael Hogan was made a Brigadier General and put in charge of defending the eastern border. He taught his forces the guerrilla tactics that served him well in Ireland, attacking and hiding in the countryside, especially nighttime attacks. At the town of Campo Maior, Spanish Marquis de Bey, the “Scourge of Portugal” who showed no mercy to any of the country’s inhabitants, was readied to destroy the only obstacle between him and Lisbon. The town’s commander, Count de Riberia, sent word to Hogan, who then rode his troops through the night into the besieged town.

On the morning of October 5, 1712, Hogan helped to stop the advancement of Spanish troops on the town. There were more than 20,000 Spanish troops, versus the approximately 1,000 Portuguese. The battle turned into a siege and then a reversal for the Spanish, as they lost about 700 troops, even though they breached the walls of the city. The Spanish were chased into the trenches they had dug by the vengeful defenders, and Hogan, who was afraid of losing position if the Spanish decided to restart the battle, averted a complete slaughter. Altogether, Hogan’s troops suffered about one hundred killed and wounded.

As a reward, Hogan was promoted to Major General, given a stipend and a villa. He married into the ruling Bargarca family, and was a welcome guest at court.

However, not all was to be easy for Hogan. His son, Dennis, was brought up on charges by the Portuguese Inquisition, first

cousin to the Spanish Inquisition. His crime was that of becoming a Freemason, a group under attack by the Church in Rome. Quick maneuvering by his father, and the intercession of the royal court by his step-mother, helped save Dennis from execution. He was allowed to rejoin the army, and his rank as lieutenant was reinstated.

Michael Hogan's tactics were written about in many journals. He was noted for changing the ideas of nighttime battles and troop movement. His propositions about using cavalry as mobile and quick strike forces helped to change not only the Portuguese army, but other armies, as well.

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Dane County

We held our June meeting on the eighth of that month. After the Board Meeting, a presentation was given by club member Patricia Kinney-Lenz. Patricia is an accomplished photographer who has a vast number of pictures which she has taken in Ireland. Many have been converted to prints. Her format is a slide presentation with some audio backup and with at least some narrative and commentary on each slide. She uses a digital projector. At the end of the presentation she fielded many questions and made the prints available for purchase. I would recommend her to all club branches as a possible presenter.

The July meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus building. We will confirm our slate of officers at that time as well as having a dance troupe perform. All members are urged to attend to validate our slate of officers. We will have a buffet dinner.

On July 24, 2004, Madison Feis will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison on John Nolen Drive near the Beltline – Route 12/18.

We are a sponsor of this Irish Dance competition which will attract 1500 competitors. It should be quite a show with international judges. All are invited. Again, that is on Saturday, July 24, 2004.

– Bob Kerans, Dane County President

Rock County

UPCOMING EVENTS

- No meetings during July and August
- AUGUST 17 – Club Picnic, Sweet-Allyn Park at Shopiere
- SEPTEMBER 21 – Regular Membership Meeting, 7 p.m.

Our annual Club Picnic will be held at Sweet-Allyn Park in Shopiere, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. We will eat at 6 o'clock. Bring your own table service and beverage, and a dish to pass. We will be in the shelter house, so plan on coming rain or shine as we will be under cover.

Have you done any traveling or done anything special since our last meeting? If it is something you would like to share with us, tell us about it at the picnic.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the picnic.

Enjoy your summer.

– Tom Kennedy

South Central

The final meeting of the year was held on Sunday, May 16, at the Kalahari, in Lake Delton.

Past President Jack Gavin presented the slate of officers as follows for the year 2004-05:

President: John Delmore

Vice President: Wm. Crowley

Secretary: Mary E. Stieve

Membership Chair: Jackie Harris

It was decided to hold our Christmas Party at the Opera House in Baraboo, and our St. Patrick's Party in Reedsburg at the Voyageur.

President Delmore asked for a volunteer to attend the State Advisory Board Meeting in Appleton, which was held May 22.

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Shamrock Club Of New Dublin News

The Shamrock Club of New Dublin once again enjoyed record crowds for its Irish Festival and Parade despite unseasonable weather. The Grand parade kicked off at 1 p.m. and was greeted with brief snow showers but that did not dampen the spirits of our parade entrants or the crowds in the streets of New Dublin. Highlights of the parade included Five Bagpipe bands, the Red Hat Society, a huge Pumpkin Cannon that showered the crowd with confetti and the Big Wheel from Madison who delighted both young and old alike. The Irish Fest crowd enjoyed Shamus Fitzpatrick and the McNally Boys in the morning and Leahy's Luck in the afternoon. And we are already busy making plans for next year! Our Grand Parade and Irish Fest will be held Saturday March 19, 2004.

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of our club members for their hard work and support over this past year. We would not be able to accomplish what we do without you.

– Carrie Katerzynske

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Annual Report of the President 2002-2004



Board of Directors 2003: (l to r, front) Joe Donovan, Kerry Jo Pfeiffer, Noreen Barclay, Mike Payne. (Middle row) Judge Dennis Moroney, Bob Hamill, Tom Smith, Sharon Murphy, Tom McAleese. (Back row) Joe Hughes, Sue Dundon, Tom Blaha.

The Board of Directors, our Committee Chairpersons, our unselfish and dedicated volunteers; those that tirelessly worked on event after event are some of the finest folks I have ever had the privilege and honor to serve with. They deserve the appreciation and thanks of all of our Club members.

A little known and usually forgotten fact of the matter remains... these wonderful people not only work hard, they enjoy what they do. Their enjoyment shows through with the satisfaction of building friendships while constructing a foundation for the continued growth of our Shamrock Club.

Volunteers are the only assets any organization can build on and through our Annual Volunteer Party and our Summer Shamrock Club Picnic; I believe we show our volunteers and our members how much we appreciate their continued service. Both of these Annual Events have grown extemporaneously.

We can look forward to a newly revived Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums traveling the state and spreading our organization's can-do attitude.

Our efforts at Folk Fair have been wonderfully successful and will continue to grow with the new venue.

The Shamrock Club Mass honoring St. Patrick and the continued presence of Wisconsin's largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in Wisconsin's largest city – Milwaukee – provide a platform by which we can evolve from the neighborhood parade into a spectacle worthy of competition with the world class event held in New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Savannah and other major cities across the country.

The future???

The Shamrock Club is not the only game in town! The Shamrock Club like other fraternal, veteran and civic organizations is being tugged at by several competing ethnic groups and of course the usual family and business obligations.

We pride ourselves on our Irish Heritage... we need to do this the other eleven months of the year, like promotion, travel and a continued presence at every Celtic event ...everywhere ...every time. We need to grow our membership by recruiting family and friends. We also need to reach out to the youth of our community.

Our new status as “Non Profit” should provide us with opportunities to expand our sponsorships and our scholarships.

I envision an Emerald Reflections that not only pays for itself, but also creates an ongoing surplus through advertising revenues, as our Membership subscriptions grow and other Celtic groups, wanting to reach our members, promote their events and their businesses. I hope our members patronize our advertisers and make it known to them how much we appreciate them. Of course the potential of the inter-net could create new opportunities for us through e-mail or our web page.

Finally, if I started naming names and mentioning all special things some of you have done for our club there would be no end to this letter. I cannot express the overwhelming honor you as members and friends have bestowed upon me. I will always be thankful for the expression of your trust in allowing me to serve these past two years as your President.

Irish you all the best,

– Joe Hughes

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Corrections and Omissions

An incorrect meeting time was printed in the Milwaukee Calendar of Events for the June 3 meeting. The monthly meeting time is 7 p.m., never 7:30 p.m.

The date of the Installation Dinner and the Picnic were not listed in the June issue because that information was never submitted. Event chairs must submit dates, times, contact telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, if wished, as well as other pertinent details in order for them to be listed in Emerald Reflections.

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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin

Annual Installation Dinner

JULY 1, 2004

Check in: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7 p.m.

Reservations required

Replaces Milwaukee Monthly Membership Meeting)

Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue)

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Milwaukee Shamrock Club Picnic

Live at the Lake Front

Lake Park: Picnic Area #6

AUGUST 8, 2003 • Noon til 6 p.m.

(Lincoln Memorial Drive at Kenwood Avenue - Milwaukee)

Free Miller Genuine • Draft and Miller Lite

Free Refreshments • Free Soda • Free Entertainment

Free Guinness Starting at 3 p.m. • Free Hot Dogs and
Hamburgers

Irish Dance Exhibitions • Join in sessions with local musicians

Games for kids from 1 to 93 years old

Free Shuttle to Milwaukee Hurling Games at McKinley Marina

For Information call: (414) 358-0408

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Milw. Hurling Club

We are at our new location – the old Gun Club site on Lincoln Memorial. Still on the lake, each Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Harp Division

Milwaukee Ale House: 2-0

County Clare: 1-1

Shamrock Club: 1-1

Hanley's: 0-2

Guinness Division

McBob's: 2-0

Derry Hegarty's : 1-1

The Harp: 1-1

Axel's: 0-2

Color Guard News and Notes

“Pride and Honor”

The 2004 Parade/Event Season is upon us and your Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Color Guard, Pipes and Drums began with spectacular performances at the Burlington Chocolate Fest Parade and Memorial Day Parades in Menomonee Falls as well as down town Milwaukee. We sure hope you were able to see the Unit in action and were as proud of us as we were proud to represent you, the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin members.

As in past years, the Color Guard, Pipes and Drums gave a very moving performance at the War Memorial Monuments at the end of the parade route. I wish all of you could see the reaction of all the families, veterans and those who assembled at the monuments. The “feeling” of each of us, the members of the Unit is almost indescribable. To see the emotion and tears in the eyes of the veterans; to see so many, many people holding hands, hugging and holding each other during the playing of Amazing Grace as the Unit paid homage to “All Veterans – of All Wars” and then they salute your Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Color Guard, Pipes and Drums is a feeling that can never be forgotten! It is spiritual, inspirational, and a memorable moment which stays in your heart forever.

“A Little Known Fact:” the organizers of the Milwaukee Memorial Day Parade have never asked the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Color Guard, Pipes and Drums to do a special performance at the War Memorial Monuments. It was the members of the Unit who felt in their hearts a desire to say “thank you” to veterans. And now, after all these years of doing this on our own, we have received police escorts, veterans escorting us and many parade participants coming to the Monuments for our performance. It has become a tradition and an honor to be a participant! I sure hope you were able to experience this truly, extraordinary moment. This is just one example of the type of people who wear the uniform of the Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums – Pride, Honor, Commitment, Dedication ... people who truly care about representing the Shamrock Club and all that is Irish wherever the Unit appears or performs. Your next opportunity, say “Thanks”, let them know you are aware and

care about what they do!

Special Note

April 2005 will allow all of us to celebrate the “25th Anniversary” of the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Color Guard, Pipes and Drums. A fantastic evening of food, dancing, entertainment, acknowledgements, raffle and many, many more surprises are now being planned. The following Unit members have volunteered to coordinate different aspects of this special occasion:

- Date, Place, Time, Menu: Noel Tylla
- Entertainment: Bennett Stephens
- Decorations: Holly Pfeiffer and Karen Nielson
- Press Coverage: Del Canon
- Honor List of Past and Current Members: Tom Blaha. If you know of a past member, if you have pictures or memorabilia to help put together a beautiful display which will honor everyone who has been a part of the Unit over the past 25 years, please contact Tom at (414) 344-3584.

This is a Shamrock Club of Wisconsin celebration! Members of Milwaukee, Dane County, Fox Cities, LaCrosse, Lafayette Co., New (London) Dublin, Northeast Wisconsin, Rock County and South Central are not only invited but encouraged to participate by contacting the aforementioned Committee Chairpersons. Most of all – we hope you’ll come, have a great time and let us all make new friends! We know the celebration will occur in April 2005, so please continue to read “Color Guard News & Notes” in Emerald Reflections as more and more definitive information will be forthcoming. We hope all Wisconsin Shamrock Clubs will attend.

Parade/Event Schedule

- July 4 – Glendale 4th of July Parade 10:30 a.m.
- July 4 – Butler 4th of July Parade 2 p.m.
- July 10 – South Shore Water Frolics, (K.K. Ave. in Bay View) 11 a.m.
- July 24 – South Milwaukee Heritage Days, 11 a.m.
- July 25 – Random Lake Days, Noon
- Aug. 1 – Dousman Derby Days, 11 a.m.
- Aug. 7 – Sheboygan Brat Days, tba
- Aug. 20-22 – Milwaukee Irish Fest (Summerfest Grounds) tba
- Aug. 29 – Muskego Fest, 11 a.m.

If you would like to have the Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums appear in a parade, special event or family occasion – or you would like to join the Unit as a banner carrier, color guard, piper or drummer, please contact:

Richard Pfeiffer, Director
Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums
Telephone: (414) 769-1250
E-mail: milwpiper@cs.com

– Richard Stover

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Irishman of the Year Visits Ireland



Irishman of the Year Brian Witt meets new friends on Achill Island.

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RTE News Items

Urban garda stations to be closed

The Minister for Justice has said a number of long established garda stations, particularly in urban areas, are set to close as part of a modernisation program. Speaking at a graduation ceremony at the Garda College in Templemore this afternoon,

Michael McDowell said a 21st century police force can no longer be run on a century old system. There are currently 700 garda stations in the country and he said there will be less than that number in the future. Mr. McDowell also said he wants to see garda stations located where the demand and demographics exist. He added that while the Garda Commissioner would decide which stations would close and which ones would work reduced hours, the Government would still have a say in the matter. The minister said closing certain city garda stations would make available valuable real estate and free up extra gardai to work on the streets.

Children's rights groups call for No vote

The Children's Rights Alliance, which represents 78 organisations dealing with the rights and welfare of children, has called for a No vote in the referendum on citizenship. Speaking on RTÉ Radio, the alliance's chief executive, Ray Dooley, said that passage of the referendum would be a backward step for children's rights. The Minister of State with responsibility for Children, Brian Lenihan, defended the proposed constitutional change, saying it would bring Ireland in line with other EU states.

Murphy meets Orde over loyalist feuding

The Northern Secretary, Paul Murphy, is meeting the Chief Constable of the PSNI, Hugh Orde, to discuss a worsening feud between loyalist factions. There has been a series of violent incidents in east Belfast since a leading member of the Loyalist Volunteer Force, Brian Stewart, was shot dead recently. The LVF is an offshoot of the Ulster Volunteer Force and there is deep animosity between the two groups. In the latest attack, a man and a woman escaped injury in an explosion at a flat in Holywood in Co. Down. A police spokesman said the front door and porch areas of the flat were damaged, as were roof tiles and the door of an adjoining property. British army bomb experts were called to the scene at Beech End and a device was subsequently recovered. In a separate development, experts also made safe an improvised nail bomb type device in east Belfast. The device was discovered at the rear of premises on the Ballybeen estate in Dundonald.

Twink settles planning dispute with council

Pantomime star Twink has settled a planning dispute with her local authority over a boundary wall at her home. South Dublin County Council summonsed Twink under her real name Edel

King, as well as her partner, David Agnew, over the state of the wall at their home in Idrone House, Knocklyon. Mr Agnew told Dublin District Court that the couple would comply with planning conditions within three months and pay council costs. Judge Tim Lucey adjourned the case until 7 September, when he will check that these promises are met.

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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin

Annual Family Best Ball Golf and Dinner Outing

Sunday August 29, 2004

Edgewood Golf Club, Grafton

(I-43 north to Hwy 60, west 1.7 miles to 12th Avenue, right 1.4 miles to Cedar Creek Road, left to course)

Individual Awards – for Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to the Pin – for MEN and WOMEN!

(One individual winner per award)

Door Prizes, “Money Hole” and Putting Contest

Golf will begin at 1 p.m.

Carts Included

Cocktail Hour: 4:30–5:30 / Buffet Dinner: 5:30–7:00

AWARDS to be presented during dinner

2004 Shamrock Club Golf Outing Registration

([Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) is required to view and print golf registration form)

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Irish Sleep Habits

An old Irish proverb states “A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor’s book.” In news reports of late, Irish laughter isn’t touched upon, but sleep is. The Irish aren’t able to sleep at home, but seem to be able to catch up at work. These two items came from www.breakingnews.ie.

Work worries ‘stop bosses sleeping’

Managers lie awake at night worrying about how to motivate their staff or wade through the pile of paperwork they face

every day at work, new UK research has shown. Most managers said they worried about work more than they did a year ago, and two-thirds said their job was now more stressful. A survey of 120 human resources staff by payroll software firm Snowdrop Systems also found that other worries included changes in their organisations as well as their own careers.

Irish admit to sleeping on the job

The Irish are the sleepest workers in Europe, according to new research. A survey also revealed that most Europeans who fall asleep do so at their desk. Over 21,000 workers across Europe answered the survey, carried out by Monster, which asked: "Have you ever fallen asleep at work?" Almost 40% of respondents from Ireland admitted to falling asleep at work. St. Patrick's Help Fund

St. Patrick's Help Fund is in desperate need of non-perishable foods. Please place in container at each meeting. However, donations can be brought to the ICHC any time during the week. It is not restricted to just meetings. A big thank you to everybody who has contributed to help the needy people at St. Patrick's. Questions? Call Katy Voss (414) 352-6479.

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New Members

NOTE: Please send your dues to your Membership Chairperson in your chapter. All names and addresses are listed in Emerald Reflections.

Milwaukee – Kamala Amann (referred by Sharon Murphy); Jared Amann (referred by Sharon Murphy); Elizabeth J. Andrews (referred by Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums); Luanne M. Andrews (referred by Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums); Kristin and JJ Garsombke (referred by Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums); Gary and Sue Stephens; Mike and Alisa Stephens; Pat Stephens and Lynn Pink; Robert and Jeannie Stephens; Mike Stephens and Chris Mesenbrink (all referred by Mike Stephens).

Membership Report Milwaukee Chapter:

- March: 83 memberships up for renewal, 59 paid, 24 dropped for nonpayment.

- April: 51 memberships up for renewal, 37 paid, 14 due.
- May: 40 memberships up for renewal, 24 paid, 16 due.
- June: 25 memberships up for renewal, 25 due.

Membership note: from March to May we have lost 54 memberships, two by death; 52 for nonpayment of dues.

Note to all chapters: If you move, please let me know your new address. The US Post Office will not forward Emerald Reflections.

– **Tom Smith**

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