



Jeremiah Coleman

My grandfather, Jeremiah Joseph Coleman, was born in County Limerick in Ireland on April 1, 1852, and lived on that troubled isle until 1867 when he, at age 15, immigrated to the United States of America, where he eventually settled in the Town of Eaton, Wisconsin. He died of emphysema in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on January 29, 1917, at age 65.

My grandfather came by boat twice, my mother told me and I never asked for more explanation, once across the ocean and once from New York to Green Bay. To here . . . Green Bay? Why didn't I get more specifics when my mother was alive? Did she mean by the Erie Canal? Lake Michigan? But how could you cross the lake in that era?

In April 1883, Grandpa Jerry renounced forever all allegiance and fidelity to Victoria, Queen of Britain and Ireland, and was admitted to citizenship in the United State of America. In his Naturalization papers, filed in 1873, is found this line: He therefore prays he may be admitted to become a citizen of the United States. He prays . . . one wonders how many official documents today include the word prays.

Grandpa Jerry, son of John Coleman and Kathryn Maloney, had four sisters: Mary, Ellen, Catherine, and Bridget. He had four brothers: John, Michael, James, and David. Many of those names were repeated in my grandfather's children. He had seven by his first wife, Margaret, and four by his second wife, among those my mother, who was named Loretta, hardly an Irish name, but in fact, an Italian one. His second wife, Catherine, also had six children from her first marriage. Families were large years back and it was not necessarily the Catholic thing which one

often hears. Families needed sons and daughters to work the farms and to provide for their parents in their old age.

My grandfather came from a family of farmers and that continued in the New World. He started as a farm hand and when he had earned enough for a down payment purchased a small farm in the Town of Eaton. His property had a deep ravine on the east side and stony fields throughout. My mother remembered the stone boats hauling rocks to the ravine and dumping them in. It was a never ending job. His second wife, my grandmother, brought her farm on the north side of the property into the fold, although it remained in her name all of her life, which did not end until 1938.

Grandpa liked to tell family and friends, according to my mother, that he was the only Irishman who came into this country through New York that did not settle there and become a policeman or fireman. He was not far off in that assessment.

There was a shrine in Robinsonville ten miles, give or take a mile, from the Coleman farm in Eaton and Grandpa Jerry, good man and Catholic that he was, would on occasion drive a wagon of produce to the good sisters running the school. Sister Adele, who saw three apparitions back in

the 1880s, is a saint to those who knew her and my grandfather did. On November 10, 2010, the Chapel of the Shrine of Our

Lady of Good Help became the first and still only Marian apparition approved shrine by the Catholic Church in the United States.

What were my grandfather's politics? Was he a Republican or a Democrat? I don't know. I do know he was interested in local government as he served as Town Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Town Supervisor, and as Town Chairman for 1898 and 1899. In the 1880 census I see his name on the top of every page as the Enumerator – his writing is clear and neat, with a touch of elegance. It is certainly more legible than my scribble, and his formal education ended at a much earlier age than mine. My mother's politics are clearer to me. She supported Eisenhower and then in the following election, she switched parties to support the Irish Catholic John F. Kennedy, a position one would image many or most with her Irish background took.

There is a point to writing this sketchy story of my grandfather and here it comes.

Today at the latest start asking your parents, grandparents, and all of your older relatives to tell you their stories. Build the

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 • 7 P.M.

MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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



Dinner served at 6:30

Please bring a dish to pass. Hamburgers and brats provided.

☘ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ☘

For More Information visit <http://shamrockclubwis.com>

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Shamrock Club Monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
- 8 Delhi 2 Dublin; Cathedral Square; 8 pm
- 10 Greater Irish Open Golf Outing; Greenbrier Golf Club
- 12 Milwaukee AOH Chapter meeting; ICHC; 7:15 pm
- 14 Milwaukee Brewer's Halfway to St Patrick Day Game; Miller Park
- 22 Tinker; Eastown Farmer's Market; Cathedral Square, Jackson and Wells, downtown; 11 am
- 29 County Clare Inn's 2nd Annual Gaelic Festival; 11 am - 1 am; Frogwater, Rince Nia, Live Irish Sessions, Eamonn O'Neill; UWM's Irish Studies programs

OCTOBER

- 4 Shamrock Club monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
- 6 Milwaukee AOH Chapter William Ryan Drew Spaghetti Dinner and Mass of Remembrance; St Rose of Lima, 3101 W Michigan; 4 pm
- 10 Milwaukee AOH Chapter meeting; Burke's Irish Castle; 7.15 pm
- 13 Martain de Cogain Project; ICHC; 7.30 pm
- 19 Celtic Thunder; Riverside Theatre; 8 pm
- 20 ICHC Blarney Bingo
- 27 Mustard's Retreat - ICHC; 7.30 pm
- 29 Clannad; Potawatomi Northern Light Theatre; 8 pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 Shamrock Club Monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
- 16-18 International Holiday Folk Fair

ON GOING ... Set dancing at the following: Set dancing Wednesdays, 7 P.M. at O'Donoghue's ☘ Craobh Curtin Conradh na Gaeilge meeting at O'Donoghue's Pub, 7 P.M., last Tuesday each month ☘ Irish Emigration Library in ICHC open every Wednesday 2-8 P.M. ☘ Irish Sing-a-long, Irish Fest Center, First Sundays, (through May) 7 P.M. ☘ Irish Fest Song Circle, O'Donoghue's Pub, second and fourth Tuesday, 7 P.M. ☘ Irish Music Sessions at the following: ☘ Session at Ivanhoe's, Racine, 4 P.M. third Sundays ☘ Session - O'Donoghue's, Sundays 7 P.M.; Thursdays @ Paddy's 7 P.M.; and The Pub in Oconomowoc, 7:30 P.M. ☘ Thursdays: Barry Dodd; County Clare Inn; 10 P.M. ☘ Fridays - áthas and Myserk; County Clare Inn; 6 P.M. ☘ Sundays: áthas; Brocach Milwaukee ☘

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The Nuala Kennedy Band at the ICHC Sept. 14

The Nuala Kennedy Trio will kick off the fall concert series at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, on Friday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. This will be the third ICHC visit for Kennedy, an Irish folk singer, composer and musician, who is touring with her Brooklyn-based band in support of her third album, *Noble Stranger*.

Steeped in the traditional music and mythology of County Louth in the north-east corner of Ireland with its strong links to Scotland, Kennedy has received rave reviews for her eclectic combination of ancient Gaelic songs, contemporary compositions, and infectious grooves of traditional dance music. Recognized for her exquisite musical artistry, *Rhythms Magazine* said that Kennedy beguiles with "a voice as luminous as her flute playing."

Kennedy is accompanied by fiddler Dana Lyn and guitarist Kyle Sanna, who draw their musicality from strong classical and traditional music backgrounds. Lyn has had a long collaboration with Kennedy as well as vocalist Susan McKeown and Irish folklorist Mick Moloney. She has headlined at many of the world's top Celtic music festivals and has performed at Carnegie Hall and on Saturday Night Live.

Sanna, known for his inventive and powerful guitar style, went from playing rock and roll to the formal study of jazz and music composition and then immersed himself in traditional Irish music. He has performed with numerous virtuoso musicians including cellist Yo-Yo Ma and mandolin player Chris Thile.

"A delicious mix of influences abound, without ever sacrificing musical identity."

- **The Irish Times**

Tickets for the show are \$19 in advance and \$23 on concert day. Tickets for students with ID are \$10.

The second Hallamor show is *The Mairtin de Cogain Project* on Sat., Oct. 13 and the third is *Irish Christmas in America* on Sat., Dec. 1. The discounted subscription price for the three Hallamor concerts is \$53. To order tickets online, visit www.ichc.net. Tickets may also be ordered by calling (414) 345-8800.

Milwaukee President's Message

Another Irish Fest has come and gone. We were blessed with beautiful weather, and despite our Sunday afternoon rain, the festival ended with a spectacular DOUBLE RAINBOW. Only the Irish can deliver an event like this!

Thank you to all our members who have volunteered at this year's festival. From set-up to take-down, transportation, cultural and retail we were all busy. I hope everyone found time to enjoy some of the fun and festivities.

Did you by chance get a glimpse of the performances of our Color Guard Pipes and Drums? Let's give them an applause, they were outstanding as always. Thank you Rand for pulling our Color Guard and Pipers together, and a very special thanks to Noel Tylla for stepping forward as Drum Major when they needed someone. The Club appreciates all of you.

A special thanks to Glenn, Kim Nowak and Family, and also Sue Dushek for their endless hours in preparing for this event. I hear it was an outstanding retail weekend. Great Job!

Thanks to Denis and his crew in spreading the word about the club and our Irish heritage in the cultural area. I hope we were able to pick up some new members.

Our picnic was Aug. 25th at Sacred Heart Church. I hope all who came had a great time. Thank you Tori and Nicole for all your hard work in planning this event. It's always fun for our members old and new to come and share an afternoon together.

The Shamrock Club is selling a block of tickets for the Halfway to St. Patrick's Brewer Game, Friday evening Sept. 14th. You may contact John Fisher as to the availability of tickets we may have left. A percentage of the cost of each ticket will benefit the ICHC in helping them reach their fundraising goal. Hope to see you there!

Enjoy what is left of Summer. See you at the general meeting.

- Kathy Donovan, President



Celtic Women Lecture September 7, 2012

Welcome back to the new season of Celtic Women lectures. We are so happy to be returning to the ICHC, where the lectures began in 1997, hard to believe. If you have missed the lectures since 2008, please join us in Parlor A and get reacquainted while you sip a cup of tea and enjoy the home-made treats brought by our Lecture Ladies. We will begin again with John Gleeson, our local Irish man who is full of stories of his native Dublin and all things Irish.

As a side note, John will be leading a tour to Ireland next Spring, possibly his last tour for the public. When details are available we will try to let you know of them. Anyone who has ever enjoyed John's tours can tell you that they are "the best."

Date: Sep. 7, 2012

Topic: "The Poor Old Woman"

Speaker: John Gleeson

Using clips from a number of films about the Celtic World John will show how the image of a singing woman has become a common feature in these movies. Often used to represent the nation (Ireland and Scotland, in particular) they include Maureen O' Hara in "The Quiet Man" and Dolores Keane in "Trojan Eddy." John will relate these images to the myth and folklore of the Celtic Goddess and the sovereign deity of the landscape.

John Gleeson is co-director of the UWM Center for Celtic Studies, is a past Irishman of the Year, is numbered among Irish America's "Top One Hundred" and is well known in the community as a lecturer and cultural activist.

All lectures are held from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. Parking lot available from 23rd Street alley.

2012-2013 is our 16th year of lectures without interruption. The public is invited as always. We offer tea and home-made snacks and promise a delightful couple of hours. \$7 admission.

- John Gleeson

Emerald Reflections Goes Electronic

Welcome to our new *Emerald Reflections* Newsletter. This is our first electronic edition with a new look and feel that we hope you will enjoy. Over the next couple of months, we would like your feedback to any other items and/or features you would like to see and we'll see if we can make that happen.

Remember if you are a Club member and would like to get a copied emailed to you the 1st of the month, submit your e-mail address for the electronic Newsletter. There are still many names in our Membership Roster where we do not have an email address. Please send us an email to: club@shamrockclubwis.com and we will make sure it is in the list for September.

If you really do not have an email address or a computer to go to the website, you can: 1) pick up a copy at the monthly meeting, quantities will be limited, or 2) send by US mail a note requesting a hard copy to be mailed should you not have access to a computer or email, and the reason for a copy to be mailed. Please mail the note to Denis Donohoe at 1800 Pilgrim Pkwy., Elm Grove, WI 53122.

With your cooperation, this change will provide a very good cost savings for the Club while not having to increase our membership fees that have not changed for many years. Please ensure that we can make this work for all. A special thanks to the Newsletter Committee and especially Pam Canon for her great assistance in shaping our beginning issue.

Thanks,

- Denis Donohoe
Newsletter and Website Committee Chair
Shamrock Club or Wisconsin - Milwaukee



Emerald Reflections Copy Deadline

Content for Emerald Reflections is due on the first of the month (next deadline: September 1 to appear in the October issue.) Copy received after the first of the month will not appear. E-mail submissions preferred, send to:

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To become a member of the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin contact the membership chair of the chapter you would like to join. MILWAUKEE ONLY: Family membership (includes both parents and all children under eighteen) - \$25.00. Single membership - \$20.00. Membership is renewable annually on the anniversary month of the original membership. Please send all new and renewal Milwaukee club membership dues to Membership Chair, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233. Be sure to send change of address notification to Membership Chair, also. The post office will NOT forward copies of Reflections.

Wisconsin Scottish Highland Games August 31-September 2

Wisconsin's largest Highland Games kick off Friday night of Labor Day weekend for a celebration of all things Scottish, Irish and Celtic. Come hear the mighty roar of the bagpipes, see the kilted athletes perform their feats of strength, watch the spinning, leaping Highland dancers, shoot the longbow, toss the battle axe, and grab a pint or a wee dram at St. Andrew's Pub to the sound of the music of the British Isles.

A weekend of Celtic fun for the whole family!

There truly is something for everyone at the Wisconsin Highland Games, and as we always like to say, "You don't have to be Scottish!" Whether you're a wee bairn or an auld foggie, and whether your tastes are tea and scones or haggis and ale, we'll keep you busy with hands-on activities, demonstrations, performances, and competitions - all for one very affordable admission fee. And kids 12 and under get in free!

- Friday night:
5-10 pm • Opening Ceremonies +
Live Music & Party
- The Games:
Saturday 9 am - 10 pm
Sunday 9 am - 9 pm

Events and competitions run Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 5, with the Pub Tent remaining open with live music. Please note that Friday night is the Opening Ceremonies and Ceilidh (party) only.

- Ceilidh
There will be live music from Dublin O'Shea, Jiggernaut and the Sandcarvers.

• Volunteer
Want to volunteer for the Wisconsin Highland Games? Contact our volunteer coordinator! We need volunteers for ticket taking, checking in participants, handing out programs, heavy athletics, archery, and much more!

Wisconsin Scottish, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the traditional arts, crafts, culture, heritage and traditions of the British Isles through educational activities and the production of our annual Wisconsin Highland Games.

Waukesha Expo Center
1000 Northview Road (Highway FT)
Waukesha, Wisconsin; (262) 548-7200

Color Guard News & Notes

We have gotten through our summer season, and right now we only have one event on our calendar. That is the Ancient Order of Hibernians Mass of Remembrance on October 6.

We are again in a rebuilding form. We will be getting new pipers, drummers and color guard members coming in, and we are excited. New pipe major Noel Tylla has taken to the role. And again, if you wish to book an event, contact myself or Noel. Her contact numbers are ntylla@hotmail.com or 414-241-6472.

Have a great September.
- Rand Harteau
Color Guard Director
rand3011@yahoo.com



Five Clues

The answer to last month's person of interest was John Redmond.

Here is the September person:

1. I was born in Straide, County Mayo, but our family moved to Lancashire, England, when I was four after being forced from our farm.
2. I went to work in a cotton mill at seven, and lost my arm in a machine accident at age 11.
3. When I was 24, I joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and was arrested. I decided that violence was not a good pathway to independence.
4. I joined the Land League, working with Charles Stewart Parnell on land reform.
5. I died in 1906 from blood poisoning, but had pushed the idea of an independent Ireland forward.

If you know the answer, please email it to: info@shamrockclubwis.com.

Milwaukee Membership News

WOW!!! What a great August the Club had enjoying Irish Fest and its almost perfect weather plus our Club Picnic on August 25th !!! A special thanks to Nicole Haase and Tory Hubertz for planning and making the picnic a great success. The adults and kids especially enjoyed the shamrock piñatas and the treats they got and I hope everyone enjoyed my home-made Guinness Ice Cream!!!!!!

Please welcome our new members in August; Julie Murray & Connor Nash, Patricia Donovan, Jim Dooley, Kelly Devlin, Phillip Devlin, Wayde Carberry, Nancy Meeks, Nicholas Nowak & Tasha Dedynski, James Houchin, and Anne Wal. These new members qualify for the special basket drawing (the one with the neat stuff in it) at our September meeting, but they must be present to win. Be sure to come!

For August, we had 13 membership renewals and 4 membership drops from non-renewals in the Milwaukee chapter. At present, the Milwaukee Chapter as of August 31 has 342 total memberships with 143 families, 167 single, and 32 complimentary (libraries, businesses, etc.) memberships.

Please be sure to have your memberships renewals in before September 30th for those whose expire on or before 09/30/2012.

I would also like to thank those volunteers who took time out of their Irish Fest Festivities to be at our Club table in the Cultural Tent this year: Tammy Wolfe, Patti & Dan Stotmeister, Sarah Brust, Pam Canon, Frances Matusic, Addie O'Malley, Mary Jo Kaufmann, Nancy Fardy, Tori Hubertz, and Nicole Haase. They all did a wonderful job!!!!

Finally, I also would like to Club know that the La Crosse Chapter was thrilled to use our cottage that we use at the Folk Fair for the La Crosse Irish Fest this year. It was received extremely well by everyone who went to the Fest, even our Milwaukee's very own Barry Stapleton.

We hope you can attend our September meeting and see you soon and check out the new Club apparel we have for sale.

- Denis Donohoe
Membership Chair

Ceili Dances

Join us at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., for family Irish dancing at its best! Beginners and all ages welcome. Instruction begins at 7:30 P.M. and continues all evening. Music and dancing begin at 8 P.M.

The dances are called, and direction is given, by two of the Midwest's best ceili instructors, Gail McElroy on Fridays and Julie Clark on Saturdays.

September – December 2012

- Fri., Sep. 7 – Cream City Ceili
- Sat., Sep. 15 – Ceol Cairde
- Fri., Oct. 5 – Frogwater
- Sat., Oct. 20 – No ceili due to Blarney Bingo Fundraiser at the ICHC. Please join us!
- Fri., Nov. 2 – Myserk
- Sat., Nov. 17 – Wise Maids
- Fri., Dec. 7 – áthas
- Sat., Dec. 15 – Wise Maids

Entrance is \$8.00 Adults, and \$5.00 for Students, Seniors, and Children. All proceeds benefit the work of the ICHC.

Word of the Month

Earrach – Spring, the season
Air-ock
Is breá liom Páras san earrach.
(IS Bri Lum Paras san air-ack.)
I love Paris in the spring.

Jeremiah Coleman

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story of your family. Do it now before you lose any more of your precious elders. My grandfather came to the United States at age 15. I know nothing of his life in Ireland. If my mother knew I never asked and she never spoke of it. I know nothing of his struggles in his new homeland. There must have been struggles.

Today's ease of recording all of our breaths from birth to death on our lap tops, desk tops, Facebook, Twitter, blogs, you name it – makes our record and our children's record easy to compile.

It is the stories of our elders that are disappearing. They did not have the devices to record their stories that we have today. I am angry with myself for not asking more questions over the years . . . when I could. I am mad at myself for that lost opportunity.

- Joan Kapp Kreuser

Members Doings

Tammy Wolfe has taken a teaching assignment in the Middle eastern nation of Qatar. Erin and Pam Canon traveled to New Orleans for a mission trip in July where they helped rebuild a neighborhood devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Erin was also awarded two scholarships in the Distinguished Young Women of Wisconsin State Finals in August.



**Shamrock Club State Advisory Board Meeting
Irish Fest 2012**

Retail Irish Fest 2012

We would like to take a moment and thank the following people who helped out in the retail booth during the weekend: Dan and Patti Stotmeister, Tom and Gail McAleese, Mike and Mary Moze, Maggie Blaha, Dan, Maureen and Jackie Konkol, Pam and Erin Canon, Lisa and Matt Cohen, Kathy Headson, Linda Brothen, Ron Danielson, Amanda Nelson, and Mary Koehler, Nancy Fardy, Bob Lannon and Diane Pritchard, Nicholas Nowak and Tasha Dydinski, Sue, Ryan, and Eric Dushek. Without your help we would not have had the great weekend we did.

We will not disclose our total until after it is announced at the general meeting on the 6th, although we will say it was above expectations.

Highland Games 2012:

We will have a booth at the Wisconsin Highland Games the weekend of August 31- September 2, 2012 at the Waukesha Expo Center. The hours are from 9-6 Saturday and 10-5 on Sunday. We can always use help. Feel free to contact us at retail.shamrockclubwis@wi.rr.com or 414-466-8060, or 414-940-9032.

Holiday Folk Fair 2012:

November 16-18, 2012. Stay Tuned for More Information!

- Glenn and Kim Nowak
Retail Chairs

Glenn's Corner Cupboard

- September: Picnic Leftovers, Bring a Side Dish or Dessert to Share.
- October: Oktoberfest: Sliced Roast Pork, Bring a German themed side dish.
- November: Football Frenzy: Sandwiches, Bring your Favorite Halftime Snack
- December: Christmas Pot Luck/ Party: Watch for Details.

- Glenn



Blarney Bingo at the ICHC October 20, 2012

Join us at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, on Saturday, Oct. 20 for Blarney Bingo. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 7 p.m. There will be cash prizes, raffles, food and music.

The event is a benefit for the ICHC. For more information, go to www.ichc.net or call (414) 345-8800.

DENNIS JANZER RETURNS IN MILWAUKEE ORGAN CONCERT

Saturday, November 24, 2012

"Arts on the Avenue Holiday Celebration"



Janzer



McWilliam

Milwaukee favorite, Dennis Janzer, will appear in concert at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 24th. Bagpiper Rob McWilliam will join organist Janzer; the two musicians delighted fans for several years when the historic building housed the Grand Avenue Congregational Church and later the ICHC.

Dennis has presented over 100 concerts on this organ and knows it well, having maintained it and enlarged the instrument during the Church period as well as with the ICHC.

Music for the concert will showcase the pipe organ of over 3,000 pipes with Dennis playing original compositions and arrangements as well as favorites from past programs. Bagpiper Rob McWilliam will join in on the music making.

The Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Choir will join Rob and Dennis singing the traditional Irish hymn "Be Thou My Vision" and "Amazing Grace." Any singers who would like to participate may contact the ICHC for further information 414-345-8800. Rehearsal is Monday, Nov. 19th at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in singing will be welcomed.

A reception will follow the concert with time to visit the performers and enjoy refreshments. There will be a \$10 admission at the door. This is a concert not to be missed!

Website: <http://djanzer.com/>

Mustard's Retreat Samhain Show Oct. 27 at the ICHC

Spooky songs and stories about haunted bridges, rings of standing stones, and banshees will be featured when nationally known folk duo Mustard's Retreat includes songs for Samhain (the Celtic ancestor of Halloween) in their folk concert at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133. W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012. The family friendly show in the intimate ICHC Parlor begins at 7: 30 p.m. Concertgoers are welcome to come in costume.



This will be a third ICHC performance for the duo, who met in 1974 while working as short-order cooks while on hiatus from studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Their shared interest in music took them from open mic nights to shows at many of the most prestigious venues and festivals in this country. In 2011 and 2012, they were invited to perform at the large international folk festival Tai-As in Lithuania.

In concert, Mustard's Retreat mixes songs from America's song bag with their own memorable compositions and a warm, inviting stage presence. In addition to gorgeous voices, both are superb musicians, with Michael playing electric bass and acoustic guitar and David playing 6- and 12- string acoustic guitars as well as tin whistle, harmonica and dulcimer.

They are currently working on an 11th album and video to celebrate their 40th anniversary next year.

General admission for the Oct. 27th show is \$12 and \$10 for students. For more information and reservations, call (414) 345-8800. For information on the ICHC's Hallamor concert series and all other ICHC events, visit www.ichc.net.

Shamrock Club Tour to Ireland



Fellow Shamrock Club Members:

Just want to get back to you regarding the Ireland trip that we have been working on for the club. Rip O'Dwanny (owner, County Clare Pub and B&B, Milwaukee) has created a 'custom-designed' tour for us. He is calling it "The Shamrock Club Artisan Tour." Mr. O'Dwanny has been operating 'Harp & Eagle Tours, Inc.' for the past 20 years as well. To date, his tour group has brought over 10,000 people to Ireland! As an added bonus, he has committed to personally accompany us on the tour.

The following will be main features of the one-week tour (for Shamrock Club members only):

- Stay at The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis (former manor house dating back to the 18th century and centrally located)
- A walking tour of the town of Ennis guided by 'Himself'
- Irish Set Dancing (experiencing/participating)
- Crystal Factory Tour w/ professional etching demonstration
- Tour of a working goat farm (with cheese production etc.)
- Traditional Irish Music Sessions

Mr. O'Dwanny indicated that he will offer all of this to us at the base price of \$1,049. for any week in the month of November (or late October). The flight goes in to Dublin from Chicago-O'Hare. (Aer Lingus no longer flies direct to from Chicago to Shannon as of last year.)

This is a GREAT opportunity for us as October/November is a good time to travel to Ireland - average temperature is in mid 50's (or better) during the day. And the price cannot be beat! More information can be found at: <http://www.countyclareinn.com/Tours.html>

All we need is 20 or more to participate and the trip is ON! For all the time and energy we spend celebrating our heritage, I believe we owe it to ourselves to enjoy a week amongst our extended family members. One thing is for certain: no matter the weather or circumstances unforeseen – no one will regret having made the journey...

See you in Ennis!

- Brian Sneed





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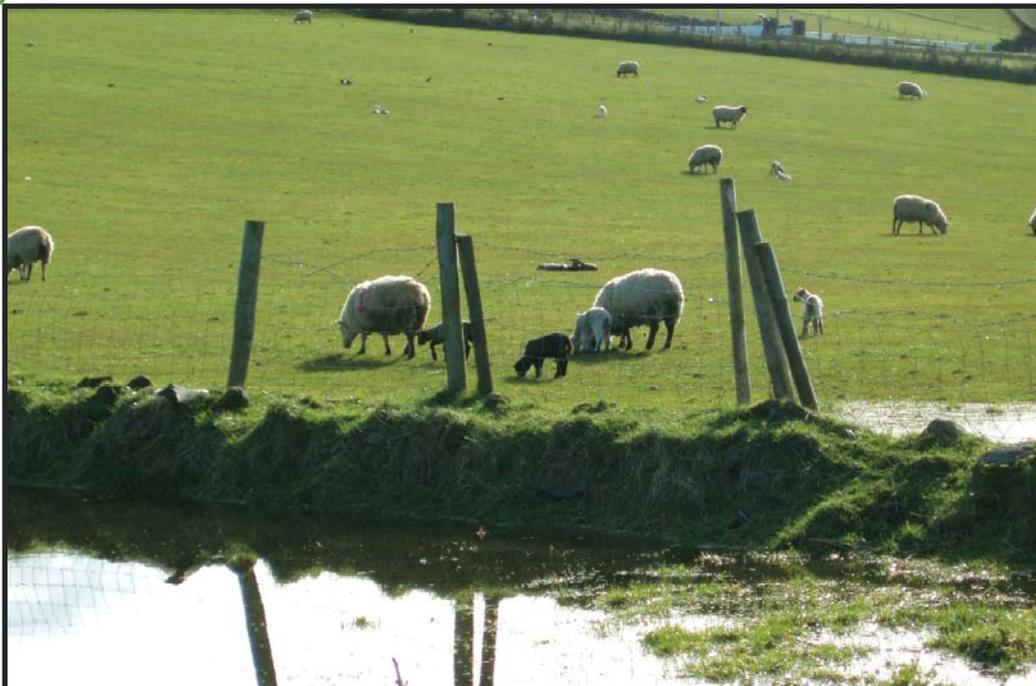
For Information: <http://shamrockclubwis.com>
or: www.saintpatricksparade.org

An Old Gaelic Prayer

May the Road Rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
till the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hands.



EMERALD REFLECTIONS PHOTO OF THE MONTH



(photo by Pam Canon)