Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu – Father of Horror and Mystery

In 1871, the first sections of the serialized novel, Carmilla, appeared in the magazine, The Dark Blue. The author was Irish writer Joseph Thomas Sheridan Le Fanu, a Dubliner with a good literary pedigree. The story featured a young woman named Carmilla, who had appeared years earlier to the protagonist, Laura, in a dream. Carmilla, it turns out, is a vampire.

This was one of the first vampire stories and one of the most famous. It predated fellow Dubliner Bram Stoker’s Dracula by 21 years.

Le Fanu would be one of the first writers of mystery and horror fiction. His three-plus decade career was groundbreaking in many areas of writing. He influenced writers up to the present in Ireland, Britain and the world. Charles Dickens was so taken by Le Fanu’s writing that he published some of his work in his own magazine.

Le Fanu’s stories were filled with Irish names and locales. And with suicides, haunted suicides that abound in his mind and works. One writer said his ghosts were the most disquieted of any.

Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu was born at 45 Lower Dominick Street, Dublin, in 1814, into a literary family of Huguenot, Irish and English descent. He had an elder sister, Catherine Frances, and a younger brother, William Richard. His parents were Thomas Philip Le Fanu and Emma Lucretia Dobbin.

His grandmother, Alicia Sheridan Le Fanu, and his great-uncle, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, were playwrights, his great-aunt, Frances Sheridan, was a novelist, and his niece, Rhoda Broughton, would become a successful novelist. His mother was also a writer, producing a biography of Charles Orpen.

Within a year of his birth, his family moved to the Royal Hibernian Military School in the Phoenix Park, where his father, a Church of Ireland clergyman, was appointed to the chaplaincy of the establishment. The Phoenix Park and the adjacent village and parish church of Chapeltown would appear in Le Fanu’s later stories.

His father was later posted to Limerick, where he hired a tutor for his children, who, according to his brother William, taught them nothing and was finally dismissed. Le Fanu used his father’s library to educate himself. By the age of fifteen, Joseph was writing poetry which he shared with his mother and siblings but never with his Calvinistic father.

During the Tithe Wars of 1831, the family returned to County Dublin, where his father had a government posting. (The Tithe Wars were caused by the government requiring Catholics to pay for the upkeep of the Church of Ireland via taxation. The Catholics refused to pay.) The Le Fanus were living off the tithes, but when the British government eliminated them in 1832, the family fell on hard times. At the time of his death, Thomas was penniless and his family sold off his library to settle debts.

In the meanwhile, Joseph studied law at Trinity College in Dublin, where he was elected Auditor of the College Historical Society. Under a system peculiar to Ireland, he did not have to live in Dublin to attend lectures, but could study at home and take examinations at the university when necessary. He was called to the bar in 1839, but he never practiced and soon abandoned law for journalism.

By 1838, he began contributing stories to the Dublin University Magazine, including his first ghost story, entitled The Ghost and the Bone-Setter (1838). His characters contained oddities not seen prior to this, such as found in The Fortunes of Sir Robert Ardcagh (1838), wherein Ardcagh is plagued by a foreign valet named Jacque, known to Ardcagh’s servants as “Jack the devil.” Jack, it turns out, delights in the distress of others. He was also a cipher, and held Ardcagh’s soul, so when Jack took his leave, Ardcagh wasted away.

Subsequent to getting his law degree, he became owner of several newspapers, from 1840, including the Dublin Evening Mail and the Warder. He used his publications to serialize and publicize his works.

At the age of thirty, he found love and marriage when he met Susanna Bennett, the daughter of a leading Dublin barrister. His first child, Eleanor, was born in 1845, followed by Emma in 1846, Thomas in 1847 and George in 1854. Although it took him until age 30 to take a bride, he made up for

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FEBRUARY 2, 2017 • 7:00 PM
MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue)
Chili Cook-off at 6:30 • Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass.
FEBRUARY

2 Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting; ICHC; 7 pm; Dinner at 6:30
14 Celtic Women International Book Club; *The Wonder*, by Emma Donohue; Hostess: Nancy Vose; ICHC; 1 pm
24-26 Set Dance Weekend; Irish Cultural and Heritage Center; music by athas plus others
25 Shamrock Club Honoree Dinner; Thunder Bay Grill, N24 W24130 Tower Place, Pewaukee; 6:00 pm cocktails, 7:00 pm dinner
28 3 Pints Gone: Live Recording Party; ICHC; 7 pm - 11 pm

MARCH

2 Shamrock Club’s 57th Birthday Party and Monthly Meeting; ICHC; 7 pm; Dinner at 6:30
3 Ulster Project Fun Night; Pius X Parish; 2506 N. Wauwatosa Ave.; 5 pm
5 Emerald Society Fundraiser to benefit WI C.O.P.S. and Shielded Hearts; Irish Cultural and Heritage Center; 12 pm
6 Friends of Saint Patrick Open House; O’Donoghue’s Irish Pub; 7:00 pm
11 Shamrock Club’s Annual Mass in Honor of St. Patrick; St. Patrick’s Church; 8:30 am
11 51st Annual Shamrock Club St. Patrick’s Day Parade; Downtown Milwaukee; noon
11 Shamrock Club Post Parade Party; ICHC; 1-6 pm
11 Friends of Saint Patrick Food Drives; Downtown and Bluemound parades
14 Celtic Women International Book Club; *The Spinning Heart*, by Donal Ryan; Hostess: Sheila Isakson; ICHC; 1 pm

APRIL

7 Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting; ICHC; 7 pm

ON GOING … Set dancing at the following:  Set dancing Wednesdays, 7 PM at O’Donoghue’s; Craobh Curtin Conradh na Gaeilge meeting at O’Donoghue’s Pub, 7 PM, last Tuesday each month; Irish Emigration Library in ICHC open every Wednesday 12-6 PM; Irish Sing-a-long, Irish Fest Center, First Sundays, (through May) 7 PM; Irish Fest Sing-a-long: O’Donoghue’s Pub, second and fourth Sundays, 7-9 PM; Irish Music Sessions at the following: Session - O’Donoghue’s, Sundays 7 PM; Thursdays @ Paddy’s 7 PM; and The Pub in Oconomowoc, 7:30 PM; Thursdays: Barry Dodd; County Clare Inn; 10 PM; Fridays: áthas and Myserk; County Clare Inn; 6 PM

Shamrock Club Parade Day Breakfast
March 11, 2017

A traditional Irish Breakfast will again be served after mass and before the parade on March 11th, 2017 at the ICHC. Cost for the breakfast will be $10 in advance and $12 at the door. Please make a reservation for the breakfast as well as for the bus. A request for reservations will also be sent out via email for those who do not attend meetings regularly. We hope you will attend parade day events.

We will be offering Irish Coffee ($4) and Bloody Marys or Mollys ($5) as you prefer. The cost for these beverages are separate from the breakfast. Look for more information soon. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please email Joe Hughes at: j Hughes0317@yahoo.com.

Saint Brigid’s Day
February 1st

February 1 is the feast of Saint Brigid of Kildare. She was born to a Druid chieftain, and his Christian wife. Brigid dedicated her life to God at an early age. At one time, while waiting for her father to return to his chariot, she sold all of his armaments and gave the money to the poor.

She created a monastery in Kildare on what is now the Curragh. The settlement had a woman's and a man's segment where crops were grown and milled, and Brigid had a brewery. Brigid also hung her cloak on a sunbeam.

It is also known as Imbolg, hearkening back to the days when the Triad goddess of the same name was celebrated.
32nd Annual Mass In Honor of

Saturday, March 11, 2017
8:30 AM at St. Patrick’s Church
723 W. Washington Street
Milwaukee

- Liturgy Sung by the Shamrock Club Choir
- Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes & Drums
- Songs and Readings in Irish and English
- Sign Reader for the Hearing Impaired

For more information contact Chuck McLaughlin at (414) 771-0458, or at chmclaughlin@att.net
**Emerald Reflections**

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**Jackie’s Corner Cupboard**

Thank you to all of those who made soup for the January meeting. Congratulations to the winner Ron Danielson for his chicken noodle soup! Second place went to Pam Canon and third place to Terese Dineen both for their split pea soups. The soup helped us all stay warm on such a cold winter night!

**Chili Cook-Off!**

For the February meeting we will have our annual Chili cook-off. You are invited to make your favorite chili to share. There will be special prizes for the top three. If you don’t want to bring chili, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Looking ahead to March already, we will be celebrating the club’s birthday and the beginning of a month-long celebration of all things green! The club will provide corned beef sandwiches and birthday cake. Please bring your favorite side dish or Irish specialty to share. There will be extra special raffle prizes as well. Hope to see you there!

Thank you all for your participation in bringing dishes to share and making the meetings great! It is very much appreciated! Slainte!

- Jackie Konkol
Sergeant-at-Arms

**Singers Needed**

Do you like to sing? Join us and sing at the Mass in Honor of St. Patrick on Saturday, March 11 at 8:30 am. There will be two practices: dates, times and location TBA.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Blaha at:
slainte4142-shamrock@yahoo.com

**Makem and Clancy**

Saturday, Feb. 18 - 7:30 pm

Acclaimed Irish performers Rory Makem and Dónal Clancy will make their debut as a duo when they perform at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee on Saturday, Feb. 18.

It's no surprise that the two are outstanding singers and musicians as well as masterful storytellers with a witty and charming stage presence. They learned from the best: their respective fathers Tommy Makem and Liam Clancy, who along with the Clancy Brothers were the first group to shine an international spotlight on Irish folk song.

Born in County Louth, Ireland, Makem continues the lineage of an Irish music dynasty begun by his grandmother, Sarah Makem, who was sought after for her vast collection of Irish songs. His father, who died in 2007, was widely recognized as the modern Bard of Armagh. A seasoned performer with more than 25 years on the road, Makem is known to Milwaukee audiences both through frequent performances with his father at Irish Fest and more recently Makem and Spain. He has recorded with many of the luminaries in folk music including Noel Paul Stookey, Tom Paxton, Schooner Fare and Gordon Bok. Makem has performed on movie soundtracks and his compositions can be heard woven into a number of PBS programs.

Clancy spent his early childhood in Canada and the United States before his family moved back to County Waterford, Ireland. His father gave him a guitar when he was 8-years-old and he was performing professionally by his early teens. He recorded with his father and cousin Robbie O’Connell as well as with well-known artists such as Cherish the Ladies and Eileen Ivers. Clancy was one of the founding members of the band Danú and also a member of the supergroup Solas. Following his father’s death in 2009, he has focused his attention on the Clancy tradition and his family’s repertoire of songs.

Tickets are $21 in advance and $25 on concert day. Student tickets are $10 with an ID. For tickets and more information, go to www.ichec.net or call (414) 345-8800.

- Kathy Schultz
lost time very quickly.

Le Fanu also became involved in politics and joined with the Young Ireland leaders, John Mitchel and Thomas Francis Meagher, in their campaign against the indifference of the government to the Irish Famine.

He was a prolific writer. Sir Walter Scott was to influence his first novel The C'ock and Anchor (1845). His second novel, The Fortunes of Colonel Torlogh O'Brien, was published in 1847.

In 1851, Le Fanu and Susanna moved to her parents’ house on Merrion Square, Dublin, vacated when they moved to England, where he remained until his death. The influential and groundbreaking Ghost Stories and Tales of Mystery was produced at Merrion Square, as was The Mysterious Lodger.

Although his literary star was on the rise, Le Fanu’s home life was disintegrating. His wife suffered from what was called a series of neuroses. She had lost her faith, but then found it again, only to lose it again. She suffered from anxiety after the deaths of several close relatives, including her father, which may have led to marital problems.

In April, 1858, she suffered an “hysterical attack” and died the following day in unclear circumstances. She was buried in the Bennett family vault in Mount Jerome Cemetery beside her father and brothers. The anguish of Le Fanu’s diaries suggests that he felt guilt as well as loss. After that, he did not write any fiction until the death of his mother in 1861. He also lived as a recluse, walled away in the house on Merrion Square. His wife’s mental breakdown most likely provided him with the basis of the many horrors of his literary creations.

When he returned to writing, it was at a frantic pace, and books appeared in a torrential manner.

A series of books came forth in close succession: Wylder's Hand (1864), Guy Deverell (1865), The Tenants of Malory (1867), The Green Tea (1869), The Haunted Baronet (1870), Mr. Justice Harbottle (1872), The Room in the Dragon Volant (1872) and In a Glass Darkly (1872).

Le Fanu acquired an English publisher, who told him to set his stories in England to appeal to a great audience. His novel, Uncle Silas, set in Derbyshire, is his greatest Gothic mystery and tells how the main character, a wealthy heiress, survives a murder plot against her by her uncle, her cousin and an evil governess. It was his best-selling book.

In a Glass Darkly is purportedly a collection of case histories written up by German Dr Martin Hesselius, a proto-psychiatrist who is among the first occult detectives in literature. The pompous (and not always effectual) Dr Hesselius tries to present the supernatural in semi-scientific terms, which paradoxically invite the reader to consider stranger explanations. In Green Tea, an English clergyman claims to be persecuted by a monkey no one else can see, which Hesselius believes is a spirit from a parallel plane that the patient can discern because of his addiction to sacrilegiously milk-free tea.

Le Fanu’s writing influenced many subsequent writers. His The House by the Churchyard remains one of his best-known novels, and has been called an important influence on James Joyce’s Finnegans Wake. Stoker’s Dracula drew heavily on his Carmilla. Many films about vampires referenced Le Fanu’s creatures.

By the time of his death in 1873, Joseph Le Fanu had published fifty-five books, numerous short stories, and a number of non-fiction pieces. Yet, despite his fame and influence at the time, Le Fanu would have entered the annals of obscurity were it not for M.R. James, who published a collection of Le Fanu's work in 1923.

On 7 February, 1873, Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu died in Merrion Square and lies buried in Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin, Ireland. Possibly the ghosts that haunted him during life left as his mortal remains entered the earth.

- Brian Witt

Scholarship Raffle Needs Your Donations!

The annual raffle to benefit the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin’s Scholarship Fund will be held at the Post Parade Party on March 11 at the ICHC. We are in need of prizes for the raffle and are reaching out to all members to donate or solicit donations from the businesses you patronize or work for. You could donate items that might be combined with others to create a basket or you could put together an entire basket possibly based on a theme: sports, kids, pampering, music, food, drink, holidays, etc.

Examples of prizes in past years are:

- Gift baskets: Irish items, gourmet candy and foods, children’s items, etc.
- Handmade items: jewelry, knit wear, home decor, etc.
- Gift certificates from area merchants: stores, spa and salons, car washes, etc.
- Gift certificates from area restaurants: Event tickets: concerts, plays, sporting events, movies, etc.
- Bottles of liquor and wine
- Sports/entertainment equipment and apparel, etc.

These are only a few suggestions. Remember: anything that you would like to have is an idea for a raffle prize!

The Shamrock Club is a 501(c)3 organization, so your donations are tax deductible. Donors will receive recognition for their generosity. All prize donations need to be received by March 4.

- Mary Moze, Scholarship Committee

Honoree Dinner
Saturday, February 25th, 2017
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Pewaukee

Cocktails (Cash Bar) ................. 6:00 pm
Dinner .................................... 7:00 pm
Cost: $40 per person
Buffet dinner of Woodfired Chicken, Salmon with dill sauce, and Chef Carved Prime Rib with salad, assorted sides, rolls, coffee, tea, soda and dessert.

Tickets can be ordered at the February meeting or by emailing Ron Danielson by February 10th at rddanielson4@gmail.com
Planning has begun for our 51st Annual Saint Patrick’s Day Parade in cooperation with the Westown Association. Parade unit invitations were emailed out around December 29th, and responses are beginning to come in. Early confirmations include the AOH, Neville-Dunn Post, The Mil- town Gaels Gaelic Football Club, the 484th Army Reserve Band, the Milwaukee Dancing Grannies, Bernie Brewer, and a fun veteran’s advocacy group from GE called Ride 2 Recovery.

As always, we’re looking for help on the parade, especially for banner carriers – visit the parade website (www.saintpatricksparade.org) for more information, or send me an email at: parade@shamrockclubwis.com.

March 11th is only a few short weeks away – – make plans now to be there to be part of the fun!

-Mike Boyle, Parade Director

**St. Patrick’s Day Parade News**

**Shamrock Club Post Parade Party**

**March 11, 2017, 1 to 6 pm**

**Be a Part of the Oldest Parade Day Party**

The Shamrock Club of Wisconsin’s Post Parade Party takes place on Saturday, March 11, 2011. It is the largest family day event of the St Patrick’s season. For over forty years, the Shamrock Club has presented Milwaukee with the best in Irish entertainment geared towards families. There are four stages, including a children’s stage. See page 9 for the entertainment schedule.

The cost will be $5 per person, or a family at $15.

We will need help on Friday, March 10 for set up, and March 11. On Saturday, we will need people to open the ICHC, man the doors for our early acts, selling tickets, preparing and selling food, selling at the bars, and clean-up during the day and after the party has ended at 6 pm.

We will also need people to sell tickets for the scholarship raffle, as well as label them. Look for Mary Moze’s article elsewhere in the Reflections.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Brian Witt at volunteers@shamrockclubwis.com, or at 414-899-0830.

- Brian Witt

**St. Patrick’s Mass Donations**

The Shamrock Club will start accepting donations for the March 11, 2017 St. Patrick’s Day Mass Book Memorials on January 1, 2017. You may give Joe Hughes donations at the monthly club meeting or -

Phone - 414-315-0631 (leave a message with your name and phone number if Joe does not answer)

Email - jhughes0317@yahoo.com (include your name, phone number, and any short message you would like used)

Address for mail orders - Joe Hughes, 6966 N. 86th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53224

THE LAST DAY TO ACCEPT DONATIONS IS MARCH 6, 2017

**Word of the Month**

Chlog - (Chlog ) Clock.
Tá sé leathuir tar éis a sé a chlog.
(Taw shay lah-o tar-aysh a shay a hlug.)
It is a half hour after six o’clock.

- Brian Witt
Shamrock Club Honoree Banquet

The Honoree Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Thunder Bay, N24 W24130 Tower Place in Pewaukee. Thunder Bay is located on the Northwest corner of I-94 and Hwy 164, just behind the Mobil Station. This venue has no stairs and there is ample parking.

Join the club in honoring the 2017 Irish Rose, the 2017 Irishman of the Year, and the St. Patrick’s Parade Marshal. (Honorees have yet to be announced.) This is a great lead in to the St. Patrick’s events.

The buffet dinner will include Wood-fired Chicken, Salmon with dill sauce, and Chef Carved Prime Rib, salads, vegetable, potatoes, rolls, coffee, tea, soft drinks, and dessert. There will be a cash bar.

Social Hour is 6 pm, with dinner at 7 pm.
Cost is $40 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Make checks payable to: Shamrock Club of Wisconsin, and mail to Ron Danielson, 651 S. 67th Street, Milwaukee 53214.

RSVP by Friday, February 10th as the count has to be in by the 11th. Any questions, contact Ron at 262-470-1004.

All are welcome! You do not have to be a member of the Shamrock Club to attend.

Please join us as we honor our very deserving 2017 Irish honorees.

- Ron Danielson

Friends of Saint Patrick Food Drive

The Friends of Saint Patrick Centre - Milwaukee Chapter, in partnership with Hunger Task Force, is spearheading an effort to collect food donations at the upcoming Shamrock Club and Bluemound Business Association Parades to be held on Saturday, March 11th.

Parade-goers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the parades for donations. Volunteers will walk the parade route with grocery carts collecting the donated food items. The Friends of Saint Patrick Centre-Milwaukee believe the parade food collection will support the Chapter’s mission and provide a positive image for the Saint Patrick Day Celebration while bringing the spirit of St Patrick to all.

- Maggie Blaha
Annual Shamrock Club
POST PARADE PARTY
Saturday, March 11th, 2017
1 - 6 pm • ICHC

Entertainment
- Shamrock Club
- Color Guard Pipes & Drums
- Cashel Dennehy, Glencastle and Kinsella Irish Dancers
- Blackthorn Folly, Blarney, Evan & Tom Leahy, Ian Gould, ‘Tis


Admission: $5.00 person, $15.00 Family Maximum. Under 5 Free.
Cultural Program in Northern Ireland for Young Adults

The Milwaukee Chapter of the Friends of the Saint Patrick Centre is once again sponsoring the Young Ambassador program, in which young adults ages 20-25 are selected for a two week cultural learning program in Northern Ireland, hosted by the St. Patrick Centre in County Down during the first half of June 2017.

We are looking for students that are very interested in Northern Ireland who will gain a lot by an internship-like experience that will be tailored toward their intended career.

Please contact Jen Vettrus at jentropy4@gmail.com and visit the website www.youngambassadorprogram.com. Deadline for applications is February 15th. Please share this with young adults you know.

Milwaukee President’s Message

Ladies and Gentlemen, Celtic Friends All,

February, no, WAIT... before we get to February, there are some very wonderful events we should all take notice of:

1. The Shamrock Club has become a producer...??! January 28, 7pm, here at the ICHC, 3 Pints Gone, one of Milwaukee's famous and fabulous Celtic groups, will do a LIVE RECORDING, in the ICHC Hallamore!!!

We are the primary sponsor for this event with the co-operation of the ICHC. This is a great opportunity to really put on our very best and show what a fun time can be had!

Three Pints Gone is a traditional group that performs throughout the Midwest. Bill and Kathleen Masino with Jesse Linder have played Irish Fest and the Wisconsin Highland Games for years, along with several festivals in the St. Louis area, Des Moines, and Ft Lauderdale, Florida.

We have a chance to really put on a Craic and showcase, not just the ICHC, but our Shamrock Club.

Bring your friends and family...this will be really FUN. Something new, different and memorable.

2. We wish to pay special tribute to our 2016 Honorees...Irishman of the Year, Denis Donohoe; our Irish Rose, Peggy Hamill and Jacob Nowak, our Parade Marshall. Thank you.... well done and safe home.

On February 2nd, the Shamrock Club will introduce the 2017 Shamrock Club Honorees. Your board, after receiving several nominations, has chosen individuals that are the epitome of a Shamrock Club member. True to the Celtic spirit and our Irish heritage, these folks continually volunteer, work and wholeheartedly represent the Shamrock Club in all of their endeavors.

We will have a Special Honoree Dinner on February 25th at Thunder Bay Restaurant. (See more details in a separate article.)

So many things coming up and I'm not talking about the Chili Contest we are all competing in this month.

February also has the ICHC Spring Concert series starting with Makem and Clancy on the 18th.

March is the green month. Your Shamrock Club needs all hands on deck (think of St. Brendan).

Shamrock pre-Parade Kick-off, Parade Floats, Parade Sponsors, Raffle Items, St. Patrick's Mass choir, St. Patrick's Mass, parade day breakfast, parade set-up, parade courtesy patrols, parade, parade take down, Post Parade Party, Post Parade Party clean-up.

DID I MISS ANYTHING?
Volunteer NOW. Don't make us come and get YOU.

- Joseph Hughes, President

Ulster Project Fun Night
Friday, March 3, 2017

Join us on Friday, March 3 (always the first Friday in March) for a full evening of Irish Dance, Music, Food and Fun!! Our new location is at Pius X Parish at 2506 N. Wauwatosa Avenue. Ample free parking behind the building – enter at 75th and Wright. Bring your family and friends and enjoy our Irish Cottage ambience from 5pm – 10 pm. Featuring all six dance schools in one location – Kinsella, McMenamin, Glencastle, Beglan, Trinity, and Cashel Dennehy. In our new location we also able to offer a great fish fry and sides, pizza, beer, wine, soda and more!!

Admission is $7 at the door - $5 in advance or $10 for a full evening of camaraderie, friendship, and family fun. Enjoy our silent auction, 50/50 raffle (new), wine pull, and opportunity items. Visit with Shamrock Club, ICHC, and Irish Fest representatives during the event. Our grand raffle drawing – including two round trip tickets to Ireland or $1000 – takes place at 9:30. You need not be present to win!

Wish to donate to a great cause, volunteer, or purchase tickets in advance? Contact co-chairs Karen or Fred Rondinelli at 414-232-5779 or Maureen Kenfield at 414-333-6164. For more information visit our website: ulsterprojectmilwaukee.org.

Rent the ICHC for your next Party Meeting Recital Wedding

Spaces available for large or small events

Email: director@ichc.net or call (414) 345-8800
LIVE RECORDING PARTY
Saturday, January 28th
7 PM - 11 PM
Irish Cultural & Heritage Center
2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee

$5 cover fee at the door
Cash bar • Scotch Eggs & Baked Goods available
Wear your kilts and bring your love of Celtic and Folk music.

Sponsored by:
Shamrock Club Post-Parade Party
Saturday March 11, 2017
2017 Entertainment Schedule

Hallamor
1:30  Dennis Wolfgang: Organist
2:00  S.C. Pipes & Drums
2:30  Cashel Dennehy Irish Dancers
3:15  Glencastle Irish Dancers
4:00  Reilly
5:15  Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance

Shamrock Club Parlor
1:00  Blackthorn Folly
2:15  Evan & Tom Leahy
3:30  Ian Gould
4:45  Tis

Upstairs Ballroom
2:00  Blarney
3:15  Caledonian Scottish Dancers
3:45  Blarney

Basement Pub: Childrens Area
3:00  Eileen O'Rourke: Leprechaun Stories
4:15  Eileen O'Rourke: Leprechaun Stories

$5 per person over 12: $15 for Family
Irish Cultural & Heritage Center
2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI
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.
Friends of St. Patrick Centre
2017 Young Ambassador Program

A two week summer study program designed to:

Promote a greater understanding of the shared cultural interests of Northern Ireland and the work of the Saint Patrick Centre

Establish a network of informed individuals throughout North America who can actively represent the Saint Patrick Centre and share their experiences in Northern Ireland with local Friends chapters and the general public

**Who:** US residents ages 20-25 actively enrolled in or graduates of an accredited higher educational system

**When:** Summer 2017

**Cost:** Airfare, accommodations and transportation while in Northern Ireland are covered through the program. Participants are responsible for other costs.

**Interested?**

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