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The Irish Will to Win

by

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The dark, gloomy, and snowy end of winter slowly evolved into what promised to be a glorious spring. Winter crocus flowers grew through the melting snow, announcing the grandeur about to be born. Just a few days before, the great St. Patrick’s Day blizzard provided a gold mine for the taverns and restaurants, filled to overflowing with revelers sanely trying to escape the weather. Maeve Garvey was stuck in Indiana, and while it wasn’t snowing there, planes could not land anywhere in the northeast.

Maeve spent her time in her hotel room and dedicated this unexpected spare time to the Gala. She wrote a newsy e-mail to her friend Katie O’Bierne in Ireland. Katie already knew about Maeve and Patrick’s engagement, and the plans for the Gala. Maeve wrote about the progress of their pre-Cana activities. That was going quite well with Maeve and her fiancé, Patrick Malone, continuing to discuss the issues raised, during much of their time together. Maeve was pleased that they were communicating together on a level she could not have previously imagined. Patrick was indeed the conservative traditionalist that she once feared. However, because of their new communication skills, both of them were changing their old attitudes and opening themselves to new possibilities. Maeve was pleased that they were on the right track.

When she started writing about the Gala, she subtly factored in her dream entertainment. She asked if Katie knew if U2 was going to be touring in America in October. Would it be possible for them to donate their talents for the Jesuit Urban Ministry?

Maeve sent off her email.

She then reviewed the activities of the William Penn Party Planners, the professional party planning group that she hired after interviewing six candidates. They had broken down several threads of activity and organized volunteer committees. The undertaking was mammoth, not the simple cookie-cutter activity that she once described for Patrick. Penn Party Planners assured her that everything would work out well. It was one of their biggest projects as well and they had a vested interest in the success of the event.

She already had more than one million dollars pledged from some seventy-five Philadelphia companies who had agreed to be co-sponsors. Several more were expected. The financial success of the event was guaranteed.

She started making phone calls, the first to her office to see how Dave and her staff were doing. Dave answered the phone.

The blizzard was bad news and he sent the staff home early for their own safety. They discussed the news about the success of the Indiana project. They were going to provide training programs for thirty companies on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.

“We’ll have to hire adjuncts for this project,” said Dave.

“I’m already making a list of people that I want. I know of a couple of law firms that do terrific work in that area.”
“Hmm,” hummed Dave. “Would Garvey Law Associates be among them?”

“Who could do it better and who would we trust more?”

“Get out of the office and get yourself home safely. If the weather is bad tomorrow call Susan. She knows the email-chain we use. I would rather that everyone is safe. I may not get home for another day.”

Bookbinders was a frenetic scene. Ordinarily it would be empty during the blizzard, but hundreds of St. Patrick’s day revelers took the party inside. The schools were closed, and Maria Soto and a group of her teacher friends, gravitated to Bookbinders to toast the great saint, several times. For Maria, it was unexpected time she could spend with her boyfriend, Desmond Dowd, the Maitre ‘d, who had a seat at their table from which he could command the room and guide and assist the waitstaff. Desmond did periodic checks of the kitchen and walked through the room several times just to make sure that patrons were safely enjoying themselves. Being trapped in a blizzard with unlimited supplies of alcohol was a formula for trouble. This was a young and hot-blooded crowd who spent the night singing Irish songs and, in general, having a great time of it. Maria and her friends enjoyed being part of such great craic.

It was almost midnight and that was last call for restaurants. Desmond, making the best of his already lilting brogue, had previously announced that, and as the hour drifter toward closing time, told the crowd that, in deference to the blizzard, they were welcome to stay. Coffee, tea, and sandwiches would be available at no additional cost.

Most of the crowd left to look for local taverns that could stay open until One O’ Clock. Maria and her friends stayed behind and enjoyed the coffee. The storm was still raging, and the schools would be closed. The staff had finished with clean-up and Desmond invited anyone who so wished to stay for coffee to join the group. A few did, one of them pleased to speak Spanish with Maria.

Everyone had a way to get home. The plows were out in the streets, but you would never know they were there. However, the main streets were at least relatively passable. Desmond had a four-wheel drive vehicle and Maria would ride with him to stay overnight at his apartment. The restaurant would be closed the next day and they planned to spend that time together.

The drive to Desmond’s apartment, usually relatively brief, took almost a half hour. After shaking off the snow, Desmond started a fire in the fireplace, and the cold, snowy, outdoors atmosphere immediately dissipated into a lighted and cozy, warm ambiance.

Desmond and Maria settled into the couch in front of the fireplace, each with a glass of wine. Maria rested her head on his shoulder. Desmond reached down and tenderly kissed her. Speaking softly, he talked about the grand evening at the restaurant and hoped everyone would get home safely.

He turned and kissed her again, this time more passionately. “Maria, I love you very much. We come from different backgrounds, indeed, different countries. I am twelve years older than you. I have already experienced great love in my life, love that I thought I would never experience again. With you, I have experienced it again. I don’t know why I am so blessed, but I am grateful for it. I love you so much, I would like to talk about marriage.

Maria immediately snapped up, “Are you asking me to marry you?”

“I thought we would talk about it first, but yes, I want to marry you if you’ll have me,”
“Yes, yes, of course I’ll marry you. I have had so many blessings in my life and so many attempts at love, but I have never experienced love like I have for you and receive from you. Desmond, I’ll marry you in a fleeting minute.” And she passionately kissed him, again, again, and again.

Desmond responded, “Well, we are officially engaged, and I don’t even have a ring for you.”

“I don’t need a ring, Desmond, as long as I have you.”

“I guess, I lost perspective about these romantic things. I thought that we would have to talk about it first.”

“Desmond, you are the most romantic person I have ever met.”

“I was previously married. I thought that would add confusion to our relationship. I wanted to make clear that I don’t want you to replace my late wife. I am grateful for her and our life together. I want our love to be a new beginning and we can build a great future together.”

“Desmond, though I didn’t know your wife, I love her too. She helped make you the man you are. You are my gift from her.”

“Can we get married in Florida for the sake of my family?”

“Of course, I thought about that. Instead of a destination wedding, we can marry in Florida and then have another reception here for our friends.”

“It sounds too great. Can we afford that? I have a good bank account, but not that good.”

“We don’t have to worry about costs.”

Following Emmanuel Bookbinder’s example, Desmond kept one-third of his money in the market and put the rest of it in safe but lower producing investments. He now had a net worth of one and a half million.

“I’ll tell you the story another time, but I assure you, we are financially secure.”

It was now 4:00 AM and both were exhausted. They snuggled together in Desmond’s bed and in each other’s arms fell into the deep sleep of contentment that only lovers know.

Desmond would call his daughter the following day.

Theresa Malone was getting ready to leave the Jesuit Urban Ministry. She had slept there rather than challenge the storm. John Garvey was picking her up for a dinner of the most special cheese steaks in Philadelphia. He had called the restaurant and they were open in spite of the previous day’s blizzard. He was driving the golf club’s four-wheel drive pickup truck. Theresa laughed as John helped her into the truck. She had left her own car at home the previous day and a fellow worker picked her up for work.

“Put a plow on the front and you can make a fortune.”

“I’ve been pushing the plow all day at the club,” said John. “The maintenance staff couldn’t get in today.”

“I received an email from Maeve before,” remarked Theresa. “She is stranded in Indianapolis where the sun is brilliantly shining.”

“Hah! She just didn’t want to get her expensive snow boots wet.”
“You’re such a tease,” said Theresa. “She is not like that at all.”

“No! You are right. She would give the boots away to someone who could use them, and possibly walk barefoot in the snow.”

“That is closer to the truth.”

The restaurant that John drove up to was one of Maeve’s favorite stops. Theresa didn’t say anything. She didn’t want to tarnish John’s pride at providing something special for her. She did think, though, that she would have to learn how to tease back. John had been teasing her for almost two decades and by and large, she didn’t think anything of it. She would have to work John into communicating without teasing, without criticizing his teasing.

She really liked John and she was ready to take their relationship into a more mature level.

John told her that he had plowed around the church early this morning. Fr. Milos brought him in for breakfast. He told him that Fr. Paul was permanently assigned to Notre Dame as Director of the Ministry of Catholic Identity. Fr. Milos has just been assigned as pastor of the parish. Paul will also be starting doctoral studies involving Shakespearean literature.

“Yes, I received an email from him last week. He was always a fan of Shakespeare according to Patrick.”

“Now that time has passed, how do you feel about Fr. Paul.”

“That is interesting, John. We’ve been hanging out together for three months and you never mentioned him before.”

“I didn’t want to rub salt into any old wounds.”

“Theresa, I have known for years that you could be the love of my life. Somehow, you being my little sister’s best friend was an impediment. Then all of a sudden our age difference was small and meaningless. We both had our distractions and now we face each other on the ship of life, each with an oar in hand. Would you believe I confessed all of this to Maeve? She’ll deny it, of course. Discretion is her stock in trade. She opened the door just a crack and asked me to wait until you are ready to let me in.”

“Welcome, John.”

They both half stood and reached over the table to kiss, a tender, welcoming kiss that meant an explosive beginning to the heat of friendship being turned up to the next level.

“Wow! The Garveys and the Jesuits would be scandalized at such a public display of affection.”
“Au contraire! I know both would be extremely pleased.”

John assisted Theresa into the truck. His door was barely closed before they were passionately kissing. The heat was up in the cab long before the motor was turned on.

Later that night Theresa floated under the covers of her bed, as she telephoned Maeve in Indiana.

“You stinker, you never told me you were quarterbacking a play for John and me.”

“John who,” answered Maeve?

“You knew all the while this was going to happen.”

“What was going to happen?”

“I’m working on being in love with John?”

“Who is John?”

“John, your brother.”

“Oh, that John.”

“Don’t tell me you don’t know what I’m talking about.”

“What are you talking about?”

“I’m in love with John.”

“What is the big discovery? You have been in love with each other for more than ten years.”

“How come I didn’t know that, Maeve?”

“Maybe you needed St. Paul to knock you off of your horse.”

“That is a very mixed metaphor, worthy of a doctoral dissertation.”

“E equals get off your butt and enjoy the trip.”

“I want you to know that this hasn’t gone unnoticed and I am very, very grateful.”

“You are very confusing, Theresa, I haven’t the slightest idea what you are talking about.”

“You are exasperating but I love you anyway. Good Night.”

Maeve sat back in her chair and smiled.

Two days later, Maeve’s mom called her.

“John wants to bring a date to Sunday dinner. Could you and Patrick come to assist with the flow of conversation? He has never brought a date to meet us, so this must be serious. Do you know anything about this?”

“John has dated every woman in Philadelphia. It could be anyone. Relax, Mom. Patrick and I will be glad to join you. We’ll all enjoy the surprise together.”
“Come about 5:30. We’ll plan dinner for 6:00.”

“Time dinner for 6:30, Mom. Let’s give the poor girl a little time to get to know us.”

The brunch bunch were having a grand afternoon. The St. Patrick’s Day celebration stretched into Sunday. Desmond was able to join the group, his one Sunday off from Bookbinders each month. Since he wasn’t able to reach his daughter, the friends would be the first to know the good news that he and Maria were engaged. Maria had called her parents with the news and she and Desmond would visit them during the school spring break. That brought the revelry of the day to a fever pitch. The Gala project was on track and on time and the financial success was assured by the contributions of the Philadelphia corporations. Everyone was just relaxed and enjoying each other’s company.

After the afternoon wound down, Maeve and Patrick made their way to the nearby home of her parents. Bridgid was in a dither although she filled the house with delectable aromas.

Dave was a little frustrated because he didn’t know what to do or say because he didn’t know what to expect. Trial lawyers hate that. Maeve was able to calm them down. She didn’t even tell Patrick what was going on and neither did his sister, Theresa, soon she be the guest of honor in the home she loved so much with friends that she loved so much more.

John rang the doorbell and opened the door. He and Theresa walked in and shouted “SURPRISE.”

The Garvey’s and Patrick were certainly stunned. Theresa was John’s secret love.

“How did this come about, asked Bridgid?

“I found this lovely orphaned girl shivering in the snow and I decided I would bring her home with me,” quipped John.

His mother punched him in the shoulder, “God forgive you, John. That is my surrogate step-daughter you are talking about.”

There were hugs from parents, siblings, in-laws to be. The shock was the unexpected. The surprise was extremely pleasant. Bridgid regarded all of Maeve’s friends as surrogate step-daughters.

“This is getting seriously incestuous. I have three sons seriously dating girls that I helped raise.”

“Apparently it has been evolving for the last ten years or so,” said John. “Everyone seems to have known this but us. When the time seemed right, after the New Year’s party, we started seeing more of each other. I would visit the Jesuit Urban Mission. We would meet for lunch. We went for walks when the weather was decent. We went out for dinner the day after St. Patrick’s Day and realized that we were in love. However, it was at the New Years Party that I realized that I really felt something special for Theresa, and I have quietly known that for about ten years.”

Theresa added, “John was always the friend that I admired even though he was my best friend’s big brother who used to tease us all the time. I had fun dancing and talking with him on New Year’s Eve. Then he stopped by the mission with a truck load of clothes and while he was there we had tea together. It took three cups of tea before we semi closed the deal. We definitely closed the deal at dinner over special Philadelphia cheese steaks.

Maeve found it difficult to not smile.
Theresa interjected, “By the way, Maria Soto and Desmond Dowd announced their engagement this afternoon. Susan and Michael are dating, June and Brian and very happy together, John and I are happily in love, guess who the elf is that we all have in common.”

Every head turned toward Maeve.

A blushing Maeve denied any involvement and said that Theresa never even told her that she and John were dating.

“We saw each other over the past three months but we were like friends getting together because we had no one else to talk with,” said Theresa. “However, all of this has a strange connection to my dearest friend, Miss Maeve.”

“Lovers become lovers by starting with a conversation. Let’s loosen our tongues with a drink or two before dinner.”

“We are all fortunate that my little sister has such great friends,” said John.

“The Spirit of God moves quietly,” said Maeve, “does her work, and says that it is good.”

“Would you listen to the Scripture scholar covering her backside with prayer,” said Theresa.

“One drink,” said Bridgid, “the dinner will be burned. We can do serious drinking with the Spirit later.”

Everyone laughed knowing that Bridgid’s sense of temperance would keep everyone happy but sober.

When everyone finally walked into the dining room, Maeve gave her big brother a hug and whispered, “Well played, John.”

In a comfortable conference room at the Jesuit residence, Maeve and Patrick exchanged envelopes and read their letters to each other. The subject of the conference was children although the previous conferences evolved into conversations about a variety of topics. The important thing was that they were talking to each other about topics they never would have considered.

Patrick came from a relatively large family of four children, raised in Catholic schools in a small conservative suburb in New Jersey. He was educated in the local parish grammar and high schools. He did undergraduate work at Notre Dame and completed his doctoral studies in Irish and English literature at Loyola University and taught there and at Chicago University before accepting professor’s position at St. Joseph’s in Philadelphia.

Maeve also came from a family of four with three brothers. She grew up in urban Philadelphia, attended Catholic schools, had a Law degree and a Professional Diploma in Psychotherapy, with a much different family atmosphere than Patrick. Her parents were her principle teachers, supplementing, contradicting, and expanding what their children were learning in school, and challenging them to move beyond the obvious. The issues of the day were freely discussed in the family circle and each child was free to discuss just about anything. Everything was questioned.

Maeve was an Irish beauty from infancy and had a flock of boyfriends from the seventh grade on.

On the other hand, Patrick was shy and studious through graduate school. His family life was very traditional. Both his parents were deceased. When he started teaching at Loyola, he reverently allowed his
faculty peers to form his conservative outlook even though Chicago was a hotbed of political drama and human rights issues, Patrick was safely unexposed in his academic ivory tower.

Pat was also religiously and spiritually very traditional. It was almost as if the Vatican Council never reached New Jersey, Notre Dame, or Loyola. It appears that Patrick, because of his satisfaction with traditionalism, did not pay much attention to ecclesiastical dynamics.

Maeve had no intention of reeducating him. However, she would challenge him, and this was intensely discussed in one of their sessions. It would come up again and again, since the opposing attitudes clearly influenced their discussions. Maeve was clear about wanting a big family if this was possible. Patrick wanted a smaller family since that is what they could afford on his salary. He had no idea of the wealth that Maeve had accumulated or the expansive plans that she had for her organization. These were yet to be discussed.

For the moment, Maeve just assured him that everything was under control financially and they would discuss that in their next session.

Maeve was more than pleased with the process. They were talking on a far more deep level than they had ever talked before and carried that into the days between sessions. They were confronting each other’s biases and discussing them rationally. They also discussed sex and their current arrangement. While they did not have sexual intercourse, the relationship was extremely romantic and loving. Fr. Jim thought their decision was rather mature for two people in their 30’s. He was also pleased with the process and was learning a great deal from it. He did not have to intervene very much. He provided opening and closing prayers that both Maeve and Patrick shared. It was turning out to be a great spiritual and communications preparation for the reception of a sacrament.

While the Garvey’s were celebrating John and Theresa’s romance after their Sunday brunch, Brian had volunteered to shovel out June’s driveway so that she could get her car out for school the next day.

June and Brian were having a lot of fun throwing shovelfuls of snow at each other. In spite of their play, they were making headway clearing the driveway. As they were finishing, Brian suddenly grabbed at his chest and fell into the snowbank. June was quickly at his side, but he was unconscious. She immediately called the rescue squad who arrived within minutes, although for June, it was an eternity. She had been giving him CPR and he was starting to come out of it when the Rescue Squad arrived. They quickly assessed John who was now sluggishly answering their questions. They wrapped him up in thermal blankets and with June accompanying him in the ambulance, took him to Hahnemann Medical Center.

After a period of time in the Emergency Department, Brian seemed to stabilize. The medical staff still had not ruled out a heart attack. The admitting doctor explained that they would not know much until they received a report on the blood work.

While they were waiting, June dialed the Garvey household.

“Dave, this is June Gilliam. I’m with Brian at Hahnemann Hospital. He may have had a heart attack. He seems alright now. He is stable and responding normally. But we are awaiting the results of bloodwork. All his vitals have returned to normal.

“We’ll be right over,” exclaimed Dave who was clearly unnerved. “Maeve and John are here with Patrick and Theresa.”
About forty minutes later John pulled his dad’s van into a parking space near the Emergency Department. They rushed in, got directions to the room that Brian was in, and rushed to it, only to have a smiling Brian greet them.

June greeted them with a hug. “It wasn’t a heart attack.”

Seeing a face he recognized, the doctor who was filling out forms at the nurses’ station, came into the room.

“Doctor, I am Dave Garvey, Brian’s dad. What can you tell me?”

“We know each other, Mr. Garvey. My dad is Michael Keefe.”

“Glory be, you look just like him. Yes we did meet at a Rotary Club meeting about a year ago.”

“It is a good sign that both our memories still work. Brian did not have a heart attack. However, I want to keep him here for three or four days. I am uncomfortable not knowing why a healthy young man suddenly collapses for no apparent reason. I want to run a series of cardiac and neurological tests. If we find something wrong we can fix it. If not, maybe we can make an educated guess from the data we gather. Obviously something has misfired. We have an order for a room, and we’ll be moving him upstairs before long.”

“Can I stay with him tonight,” asked June?

“That will make him feel more comfortable. I’ll order a reclining chair so you can sleep as well?”

“I feel terrible. He was helping me clear the snow from my driveway.”

“Nothing to feel bad about,” said Brian. “That was the fun part before it all went downhill.”

“I’ll pick you up in the morning,” said Theresa.

They stayed with Brian and June until they moved him to his room upstairs.

On the way home, Maeve heard a ping from her telephone. It was a message from Katie O’Bierne. Bono will come to the gala. He has a speech at the UN that week. He is also bringing a friend, Jon Bon Jovi. When they were talking on the phone, Jon realized that the Jesuit Urban Mission was on his charity list. He wanted to be included. Shane and Katie will be coming as well.

Theresa gulped. “This will be the biggest event in Philadelphia since the signing of the Declaration of Independence.”

“Mom, Dad, are you guys alright.”

“A lot better now,” said Dave, as Bridgid snuggled into his shoulder. “We have been so blessed, so free from illness, that it is a real shock when something like this strikes. Thanks for driving, John. I don’t think I could have managed it. We’ve known June for about twenty years, and I love her more every time I see her.”

“Yup, she is a keeper, dad.”

“Maeve smiled to herself and squeezed Patrick’s hand.”

When they reached the home of the senior Garveys, they all got into their own cars. Patrick was staying over with Maeve and John drove Theresa to her apartment.
On the way to Theresa’s, John said that he didn’t know Patrick was staying over with Maeve and that he didn’t know what to think about that. Theresa laughed. “Patrick is perfectly safe with the virgin queen. She is storing all that sexual energy for their honeymoon. Patrick will come home limping.”

John laughed. “Stay over with me and make me limp.”

Theresa said, thoughtfully, “I just got out of a chaste relationship. After a while it grew old because I knew that it would always be a chaste relationship. John, I believe our time will come. I am still a virgin and I want that to be my marriage gift to you. I have no problem with loving you and I would love to be your guest any time. I’m sure we can find a way to work around my boundaries.”

“Fair enough,” said John. “I have no intention of violating your boundaries. I didn’t expect this to be the seduction conversation.”

“Why don’t you stay over with me tonight. Neither one of us has a specific time to start work. I promise you won’t be limping in the morning.”

“By the way, John, where do you live?”

“I have a rather nice apartment on the second floor of the golf club.”

When they arrived at Theresa’s apartment, John went in with her. Theresa put the kettle on for a cup of tea that they shared in Theresa’s sitting room. When time passed and the TV news was over, Theresa led John to her bedroom. They kissed a bit, curled up together, and quietly fell into a deep sleep in each other’s arms.
Rebel Music and Conformity - with special reference to The Wolfe Tones
By Alex Fell

After the 56 years The Wolfe Tones have toured, very few of Hibernia’s lovers can be ignorant of their existence. This Irish folk band, its members, their repertoire and reputation embody the hologram of political controversy which has become ever more prevalent in public debate, certainly in Ireland, for reasons which will become apparent.

It is a striking feature of our times that the terms used to describe events no longer have stand alone meanings because of the power of connotations. For years we have been familiar with the idea that one man’s freedom fighter is another man’s terrorist and it is a sign of our times that our grandfathers’ patriotism, the ultimate unselfishness, is now viewed as misguided nationalism and that we are all now one world free to travel and invest where we will. And to work and affect unemployment locally without compunction.

More than any other band The Wolfe Tones has been the target of political criticism and victimization because of its reflection of Irish culture, beliefs and dreams, and particularly because of the timing of public events. The forte of the band is the ballad which is as old as the hills and was for centuries the vehicle for public information and comment. This is one stage removed from run of the mill folk songs that concentrate on the human condition and the big emotions. Both, however, are by the people for the people so essentially sociological and psychological unlike the intricacies of major orchestral works requiring extensive education and the resources of the modern age. As such they reflect public opinion and in so doing provide a reassuring and entertaining focus for like minds. Herein lies the difficulty.

The band members are products of Ireland’s history, the quasi compulsory large families and the Celtic Revival that responded to the difficulties of the absentee landlord system that had tied people to the land by reminding the Irish of their cultural history and reviving the training of musicians and teaching the Irish language.

Economic changes had followed the work of the Land Commission despite the resistance of the old guard resulting in the boost to the national economy of the creation of saleable leases for land. Such resistance concerned preventing the development of the Irish identity, leading as it inevitably must to political independence. Associated with opposition to this thinking was the songs.

Naturally the songs were Irish songs from the ages telling of the struggles and successes, as well as the emotions of the people trying to navigate literally their path through these dangerous times. And many of them came to America. Inevitably so did the Wolfe Tones with their songs of coffin ships and homesickness.

It was natural to include in the repertoire songs about modern history which had special resonance for the descendants of the survivors of these terrible journeys following on from the terrible experiences that decimated the population. And so we arrive at the 20th century which to the uninitiated is all the band sing about and particularly the events during and following 1916. In the 60s a term for marketing American Civil War songs could have seemed both useful and innocuous. Rebel Songs.

The Easter Rising, The War of Independence and the Civil War were unimaginably bloody as we know and left indelible scars. Their aftermath lead to hardened attitudes and modern violence.
Part of the war of words in the struggle for the moral high ground included the hologram effect of patriotism being redefined as Republicanism and no mention of the evolution of the Irish Republican Army over a century and its changed strategies, despite the shared goal of political independence. This was to falsely equate patriotism with violence. It provided fertile ground for song writing however.

There is so much more to say which has occupied scholars ever since and an abiding question concerns the influences and affiliations of the principal players and the possible explanations for their decisions. Why did DeValera inflict such hardship on women and families? Why did he and Michael Collins go along with summary execution in the back garden for the volunteers, not to mention the barbaric event at Ballyseedy? During his tenure of office when he influenced changes in Irish life, including public entertainment even within a strict religious context, why did he not repeal the British overall control of Irish Broadcasting embodied in the Partition Treaty as described by Count Plunkett? Did he? Does anybody know? Tori had suggestions

The past had a bearing on the present when violence in the North lead to the Hunger Strikes and the burning of the British Embassy and British Home Stores in Dublin. The response was to sack and replace the entire management board of Radio Telefeis Eireann (RTE) the public broadcaster and instruct staff to specifically ask the question of participants about membership of Sinn Fein and if the response was yes to exclude all members from all programmes irrespective of however unpolitical the subject. Despite twenty two top twenty hits including the iconic “Streets of New York” [number one and fifteen weeks in the charts], having been presented with the civic honors of the keys of New York and Los Angeles, and many American proclamations attesting to the quality of their work and their example to others, this included the Wolfe Tones, themselves models of conformity who espoused national dreams and were far from rebellious. This certainly punished the Irish but significantly it prevented a legitimate political party from being questioned and putting its followers’ point of view or for that matter talking about conditions elsewhere in Ireland, immediately prior to national elections.

The Wolfe Tones continued to tour believing it a duty to support their fans wherever they lived until musicians became targets themselves in Northern Ireland when they stopped visiting the North for a while. Thankfully America stepped in to attempt to help heal the wounds resulting in the intervention of Senator Mitchell and the Good Friday Agreement and the ensuing twenty years of peace.

Long may it continue.

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2019 WOMEN OF IRISH HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Type or print)

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Applicant Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

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On a separate sheet (s), please provide the following:

1. Recent grade transcript

2. Essay – Tell us about yourself, your Irish heritage, involvement in the Irish community and your plans for the future

3. List any awards / Honors received – scholastic or other / Extracurricular Activities

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LtGen “Bill” Maloney, USMC(Ret) Ireland Memorial Tour
“50 Shades of Green”
U.S. Marines, Sailors & Soldiers WWII Sites
17 Sept—1 Oct 2019
Tour Leader: Col Dave Wall USMCR(Ret)

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LtGen William R. Maloney was President of The Army and Navy Club, Washington DC. He was commissioned in the USMC in June 1951 and served as a rifle platoon commander in combat in Korea. He completed flight training and flew Skyraiders until he transitioned to helicopters and served in Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1), tasked with transporting the President until May 1962. He commanded Marine Observation Squadron-6, flying combat missions during the Vietnam War. After serving as Fleet Marine Officer, Sixth Fleet in Gaeta, Italy, he returned to the Western Pacific and commanded the twelve squadrons of Marine Air Group-36. As a General Officer, he commanded the 5th Marine Amphibious Brigade and is one of the few to be Commanding General of all three Marine Aircraft Wings the 1st, 2nd & 3rd as well as the III Marine Amphibious Force in Japan. Promoted to Lieutenant General he returned to Washington serving as Deputy Chief of Staff of both Plans Policies and Operations and Manpower Branches. His personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with gold star, Distinguished Flying Cross with gold star, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and Air Medal with numeral 21.

Tour Leader: Col David F. Wall USMCR(Ret) served with the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam from April 1967 until May 1968 as an Artillery Forward Observer and Battery Commander. Dave remained in the Selected Marine Corps Reserve until 1992 then retiring at the rank of Colonel. David joined the MHT team in 2006 and has led numerous tours to Ireland, France, Vietnam, South Korea and China.

Ireland Itinerary

Travel to the Emerald Isle with MHT’s special “50 Shades of Green” tour to honor a great Marine and friend of MHT as we see the amazing sites other companies fail to visit. Soak in the landscapes of rolling hills and feel the warmth of an Irish welcome.

Day 1: Tue, 17 Sept Overnight Flight to Dublin
Departure for overnight flight to Dublin to arrive by 10AM local time on the 18th.

Day 2 Wed, 18 Sept—Day 4: Fri, 20 Sept Dublin
Meet your Tour Leader at the Airport in Dublin and kick off our Ireland tour, we are based in fabulous Dublin for the next three days.

Attractions Visited
- O’Connell & Grafton Streets
- Jameson Distillery,
- Trinity College for The Book of Kells
- St Patricks Cathedral
- Guinness Brewery
- Jameson or Teelin (New & very popular) Brewery
- Irish Night at Arlington Hotel (Dinner)

Hotel: Ashling Hotel—3 Nights
(Meals: Breakfast (B) x 3) / Dinner (D) x 1

Day 5-6: Sat, 21 & Sun, 22 Sept Dublin—County Clare & Limerick
Attractions Visited
- Irish National Stud & Gardens
- Cliffs of Moher
- Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum
- Bunratty Folk Park & Castle
- Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet

Hotel: Bunratty Castle Hotel—2 Nights
(Meals: B x 2 / D x 2 (one the Medieval Banquet)

Join MHT in Ireland with our Expert Tour Partners:

Price: $ 3,275
Based On Double Occupancy

Single Room Supplement: $ 950
(depending on availability)

Tour Price Includes:
- 13 Days accommodation in superior 4 & 3 star hotels in rooms with private facilities
- Coach with professional driver/guide per itinerary
- Transfers on arrival & departure by private coach
- Meals as listed in itinerary 13 Breakfasts/ 6 Dinners
- Admission fees to all sites, museums and special attractions listed
- Services of experienced Tour Directors and knowledgeable local guides
- All local sales taxes & Hotel service charges

Not included in tour: Gratuities.

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MHT can book you round trip from your home city to Guadalcanal via MHT’s Airline Partners and save you domestic baggage fees! Business Class upgrade is also available upon request.
Day 7: Mon, 23 Sept Limerick—Galway

Attractions Visited
- Downtown Galway
- Ferry to The Aran Islands: Inishmore (Iron Age fortress, Dún Aenghus)
  Inishmaan & Inisheer

Hotel: Park House Hotel Galway
(Meals: B)

Day 8-9: Tue, 24 & Wed, 25 Sept Limerick—Enniskillen

Attractions Visited
- Drumcliff Cemetery Poet W. B. Yeats’ gravesite
- Lissadell House
- Belleek Pottery, famed Parian Porcelain factory
- Castle Archdale (Lough Erne Flying Boats, Donegal Corridor & the Battle of the Atlantic)
- Eisenhower Field (May 1944 the Supreme Commander reviewed troops before D-Day)
- Colebrooke Park (dependent on availability)
- Inniskillings Museum
- Enniskillen Castle

Overnight Killyhevlin Hotel—2 Nights
(Meals: B/D)

Day 10-11: Thur, 26 & Fri, 27 Sept Enniskillen—Derry

Attractions Visited
- Beech Hill—Site of the Marine Provisional Battalion
- U.S. Navy Pier
- U.S. Navy Headquarters
- Battle of the Atlantic Memorial
- Peace Bridge
- City Wall Tour
- St. Augustine’s Cathedral
- Guildhall.

Hotel: Beech Hill Country House Hotel—2 Nights
(Meals: B x 2 / D x 2 (Battle of North Atlantic Dinner)

Day 12-13: Sat, 28 & Sun, 29 Sept Derry—Causeway Coast & Belfast

Attractions Visited
- Glens of Antrim and on to the Giants Causeway
- Dunluce Castle
- Bushmills Distillery
- Brownlow House Headquarters for WWII U.S. Forces
- Eisenhower WWII Memorial—Belfast City Hall
- RMS Titanic Museum
- “Troubles” Murals in the Falls Road (Catholic) & the Shankill Road (Protestant) areas
- Stormont (Parliament)
- Carrickfergus Castle
- Andrew Jackson Cottage.
- U.S. Rangers Birthplace—Ranger Rock

Hotel: Europa Hotel—2 Nights
(Meals: B x 2 / D x 1)

Day 14: Mon, 30 Sept Belfast—Dublin

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Dublin Airport Hotel—1 Night
(Meals: B)
Day 15: Tue 1 Oct—Dublin Departure Flight
We bid farewell to the Emerald Isle as we fly from Dublin International Airport.
MHT Tour Registration Form

Please complete the entire form. **Type or print all information.**

YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued Passport documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to your Passport including middle names or suffixes (Jr, Sr.)

Name of Tour: Ireland & U.S. Military Sites during WWII  Tour Dates: 17 Sept – 1 Oct 2019

First: _______________ Middle: _______________ Last: ____________________________ Suffix: ________

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AIR GATEWAY: Your departure airport for this tour: _______________________

Air Seat Request: (_) Aisle (_) Window (_) Next To Traveling Companion

Military Historical Tours (MHT) cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through MHT and wish to purchase transfers when applicable, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

AIR UPGRADE: I am interested in purchasing an air upgrade to: £ Premium Economy £ Business Class £ First Class Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? (_) Yes (_) No

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(2) Veteran of: (___) Vietnam (___) Korea (___) Cold War (___) WWII (___) GWOT (___) other (_________)
(3) Areas of Operations/Firebases/Bases: _____________________________ (4) Dates Served: _______________

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*(Note: If we are unable to match you with a roommate, the single supplement will apply.)

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ON THIS DAY IN IRISH HISTORY

April 22

1671 - An English Navigation Act prohibits direct importation of sugar, tobacco and other produce from the colonies to Ireland; act expires in 1681 but is renewed in 1685 and extended in 1696

1918 - A general strike takes place throughout Ireland against the British government's attempts to introduce conscription

April 23

1014 - The Dublin Norse and the king of Leinster, with Viking allies from overseas, are defeated by Brian Boru's army at Clontarf. Brian, now an old man, is killed. This thwarts the potential domination of Ireland by the Norse, but they are well established in the coastal towns, and will continue to have a major influence. Máel Sechnaill succeeds Brian as high king

1918 - The Military Service Act 18 April threatens conscription for Ireland: there is a one-day general strike in protest (except in Ulster) on this date

1961 - A census shows the population of Northern Ireland is 1,425,642; an earlier census on April 9 shows the population of the Republic to be 2,818,341

April 24

1596 - Pacificatie of Ireland drawn

1913 - Large supply of guns from Germany are landed at Larne for the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF)

1916 - On Easter Monday, the Irish Volunteers and Citizen Army seize the General Post Office (GPO) in Dublin and demand Irish sovereignty

1993 - A massive IRA bomb rips through the City of London, killing one and injuring more than 40

1998 - The Ulster Defense Association and Ulster Freedom Fighters' Inner Council - the North's largest loyalist paramilitary group - backs the Stormont Agreement, saying it secures the state's place within the United Kingdom

April 25

1185 - Henry II sends his son John to Ireland; John lands at Waterford on this date to assert control over Hugh de Lacy, but he fails to achieve this. Henry still suspects that de Lacy wants to be king of Ireland

1707 - Thomas Erle, MP for Cork city, commands the centre at the Battle of Alamanza and loses his right hand on this date; David Dunbar, later MP for Blessington, is wounded and captured in the same battle, and John Upton, later MP for Co. Antrim, distinguishes himself

1861 - William Ford, who crossed the Atlantic from Ireland by steerage, marries fellow country woman Mary O'Hern. Their son Henry Ford, pioneered the mass manufacturing of the automobile

1918 - Irish Labour Party declares one-day strike in protest over conscription act
Anglo-Irish agreements on defense, finance and trade (25 April) end the 'Economic War': the 'Treaty' ports are ceded by Britain; the Irish Government pays £10 million to settle financial claims; both sides repeal penal duties on imports

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1946 - Birth of Peter Sutherland; in 1981, he becomes Ireland's youngest ever Attorney-General in the Fine Gael–Labour coalition government. In 1997, he becomes chairman of BP and when BP merges with Amoco in 1998 he becomes non-executive chairman of the new company. BP Amoco has a market value of about $40 billion. Sutherland is also on the boards of ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd., Investor AB and Eriksson. He is chairman of the Overseas Development Council in Washington and the recipient of numerous honorary doctorates and awards in Europe and America.

1976 - About 10,000 people attend the Easter week commemorative rally at the GPO, convened by the Provisionist IRA, despite government prohibition

1998 - The first ever mass demonstrations against immigration laws and racism take place in Dublin, Cork and Limerick. At the same time, protests are staged by Irish people outside embassies all over Europe and the United States. Dublin edges close to a standstill as more than 1,000 protesters march from St Stephen's Green to the GPO

April 26

1718 - Thomas St Lawrence, 13th Baron of Howth, receives £215 14s 1 1/2d for the expense he incurs in building a quay at Howth for landing coals for the lighthouse

1745 - On this date, John Allen (3rd Viscount Allen), former MP for Carysfort, kills a dragoon in a street brawl. ‘His Lordship was at a house in Eustace Street. At twelve in the night, three dragoons making a noise in the street, he threw up the window and threatening them, adding as is not unusual with him a great deal of bad language. The dragoons returned it. He went out to them loaded with a pistol. At the first snapping of it, it did not fire. This irritated the dragoon who cut his fingers with his sword, upon which Lord Allen shot him.’ The wound occasions a fever which causes Lord Allen’s death on 25 May

1756 - John Ponsonby is unanimously elected Speaker of the Irish parliament

1784 - Death of Nano Nagle, 'God's Beggar', founder of the Order of the Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1808 - Benjamin Burton, son of William Burton (former MP for Gowran and Co. Carlow) fractures his skull in a fall from his horse while hunting but, having apparently recovered, goes out again with the hounds and dies from 'brain fever'

1895 - The trial of Oscar Wilde for homosexuality, then a crime, begins at the Old Bailey

1916 - Francis Sheehy-Skeffington, writer, suffragist, pacifist and patriot, is apprehended while trying to stop Easter Rising looting and is later executed by the British without a trial
1999 - Former Supreme Court Justice, Hugh O'Flaherty, confirms he will give a full and frank account of his role in the Philip Sheedy affair before the Oireachtas Committee on Justice, Equality and Women's Rights

April 27

1696 - Act 'for encouraging the linen manufacture of Ireland': Irish linen gains duty-free access to the British market on this date

1739 - Lord Barry of Santry is tried by his peers in the parliament house for the murder of his former servant Laughlin Murphy in August 1738. They unanimously find him guilty, but recommend him to the royal mercy. The Lord Lieutenant endorses this plea, and Santry is pardoned under the great seal on 17 June. His estates, which had been forfeited for life, will be restored in 1741

1880 - The Royal University of Ireland is founded by charter

1904 - Cecil Day-Lewis, poet, novelist, critic, and Ireland's poet laureate from 1968 to 1972, is born in Ballintogher, Co. Sligo

1920 - Georgina Frost wins a legal battle to allow her to be clerk of the petty sessions for Sixmilebridge and Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare; she is thus the first woman to hold public office from central government in the UK

1923 - De Valera announces end of operations against the Irish Free State, effectively ending the Irish Civil War

2001 - Ireland's foremost literary town officially opens a permanent home for its famous wordsmiths and their works. A 19th century Georgian house, in the heart of Listowel, has become the Kerry Literary and Cultural Centre, where life-size models and audio-visual presentations help portray the personalities and output of various writers. The £1.5 million centre is appropriately named Seanchaí after the art of storytelling and in recognition of the folklore and traditions that inspire great literature.

April 28

1714 - Sir Wentworth Harman, MP for Lanesborough, 'coming in a dark night from Chapel-Izod, his coach overturning, tumbled down a precipice, and he dies in consequence of the wounds and bruises he received'

1864 - Birth of William Ellison, clergyman and the sixth director of the Armagh Observatory. On his appointment in 1918, he donates the original late nineteenth-century telescope to the Observatory - an 18-inch Newtonian reflector, made by the famous English telescope maker George Calver; for many years it is one of the largest telescopes in Ireland. During the 1920s and 1930s, Ellison and others use the telescope for observations of the planets and for taking spectral images of the stars, using a spectroscope to split the starlight into its constituent colours

1936 - The Dáil introduces a bill awarding pensions to the Connaught Rangers who mutinied in India in 1920

1998 - Some 30 years after waiting on Eamonn De Valera and literary luminaries of the day in the Great Southern Hotel in Galway, 57-year old Rita Gilligan from Bohermore is presented with an honorary MBE
by UK Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, at London's Hard Rock Cafe where she has worked as a waitress for 27 years.

2000 - It is announced that 100 free bicycles will be placed on the streets of Dublin for the Heineken Green Energy Weekend. The free bicycles will be placed outside Trinity College, outside Dublin Castle and at the top of Grafton Street and will be available to anyone wishing to cycle around the city to take in the atmosphere of the Festival.

April 29

1665 - Birth of James Butler, 2nd Duke of Ormonde and an ancestor of Princess Diana. The Dublin-born Irish general becomes one of the most powerful men in the Tory administration, governing England in the early part of the 18th century - from 1710 to 1714.

1680 - The first stone of the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham is laid by the Duke of Ormonde.

1916 - Pearse orders surrender of the Easter Rising rebels on this date. Approximately 64 rebels have been killed, 132 crown forces, and 230 civilians. 2,500 people have been wounded; the centre of Dublin has been devastated by the shelling.

2001 - A monument is unveiled in Inniscarra, Co Cork, in honour of an Ulster chief who could have changed the history of Europe if he hadn't been killed in battle. Chief of Fermanagh, Aodh Mag Uidhir (Hugh Maguire) is shot dead during an ambush in 1600 at Carrigrohane before the Battle of Kinsale the following year, which sees the last struggle for an independent Gaelic Ireland fail. "Maguire was a great strategist, and some believe that had he survived, the result of the Battle of Kinsale might have been different, changing the course of European history. He was the Rommel of the 1600s," says Seán O’Ceallacháin of the Hugh Maguire Commemoration Committee.

April 30

1428 - Sir John Sutton, Lord Dudley, is appointed lieutenant for two years from this date; he has some success against the various rebels.

1795 - Rev. William Jackson of the United Irishmen returns from France, unaware that his travelling companion, John Cockayne, is a spy; Jackson is arrested and found guilty of high treason; he commits suicide in the dock by taking poison.

1942 - Because of petrol rationing, all private motoring in Ireland is banned, and bicycle thefts soar overnight.

1951 - The first demonstration of television in Ireland is held at the Spring Show in the RDS, Dublin.

1970 - "B-Specials" reserves within the Royal Ulster Constabulary formed to contain violence in 1933 (but notoriously violent in their own right) are disbanded.
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