



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

This month's highlights

- Welcome to the new O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter "O'Maille" from the Clan Chieftain.
- The new US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F. O'Malley.
- Des O'Malley's new autobiography "Conduct Unbecoming" hits the bookshelves.
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Welcome to our new newsletter from Clan Chieftain Brigid O'Malley

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We hope with the creation of our brand new monthly newsletter that We'll be able to continue our ongoing mission of fostering connections between O'Malleys wherever they are around the globe.

The O'Malley Clan Association has been actively pursuing this aim of creating and maintaining links between O'Malleys wherever they are in the world for over 60 years now, and with the brand new monthly newsletter, website, and facebook page, We hope this will go from strength to strength.

The main event of my term in office will of course be the Clan Rally in Louisburgh, Co.

Mayo, next June, and We'll keep you all up to date on preparations for that milestone as the Annual Rally gets closer.

For now, I do hope you enjoy our new monthly newsletter, and enjoy making contact with your O'Malley cousins from near and far.

I hope all of our members, and all of the O'Malleys around the world have had a Happy and Peaceful Christmas, and heres hoping We'll all have a great 2015!

Blian Nua Shona Daoibh Go Leir

Happy New Year

Brigid O'Malley

O'Malley Clan Chieftain



The New US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley

The O'Malley Clan Association would like to welcome the new US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley.

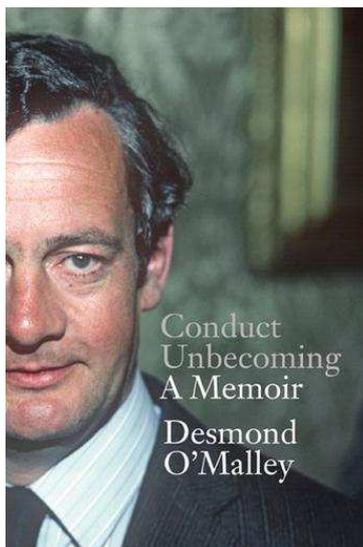
Mr O'Malley has been practicing law in St Louis Mis-

souri for over 35 years. He has also held teaching posts at both Washington University School of Law and St Louis University School of Law.

He has served as an Assistant US Attorney and also

worked with the Department of Justice during his career to date.

Welcome to Ireland Ambassador O'Malley



“Conduct Unbecoming” Des O’Malley’s biography

Candid, combative and entertaining, *Conduct Unbecoming* is a compelling account of an extraordinary career.

Desmond O'Malley leapt to prominence in 1970 as Jack Lynch's young and fiercely principled Minister for Justice. His role in the Arms Crisis, recalled here, earned him the enmity of Charles Haughey, whose leadership of Fianna Fáil he attempted first to prevent, then challenge for the best part of a decade.

Unable to arrest the party's slow retreat from what he saw as the high watermark of Jack Lynch's leadership, O'Malley was finally ejected from Fianna Fáil in 1985 following his acclaimed 'I stand by the republic' address. He would found the Progressive Democrats several months later.

Conduct Unbecoming is a landmark political memoir from one of Ireland's most outspoken and respected public figures.

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Des O'Malley is 29 years old. Son of the late D. J. O'Malley, former Mayor of Limerick. A member of one of Limerick's most distinguished political families who provided three former Mayors of Limerick. Nephew of the late Donogh O'Malley, B.E., T.D., Mayor of Limerick. Minister for Health, Minister for Education. Educated at Crescent College and U.C.D., Bachelor of Civil Law and a Solicitor. He is married with three children. He would make an ideal Deputy for East Limerick.

The O'Malley Clan Rally 2015



The O'Malley Clan Association hold an annual rally of members in Ireland.

This wonderful get together of clan members over a weekend is usually held during the summer near one of the O'Malley hotspots in Ireland, (Mayo, Limerick, Galway etc).

This years rally will be taking place in Louisburgh, Co Mayo

from Friday 26th June to Sunday 28th June and as always will be a fabulous occasion for all O'Malleys travelling from around the world. We'll have more details on the rally in the coming editions.

Music, Song, Dance, and visits to historic sites in Ireland always feature highly on the agenda, so its an event not to be missed!

This years rally was held in Limerick where the outgoing Clan Chieftain Margaret O'Malley-Davern handed over the reins to the incoming Clan Chieftain Brigid O'Malley of Chicago.

A great weekend was had by all, and 2015 it set to be even better if that's possible!!

Rockfleet Castle the home of Granualie



Rockfleet Castle is 8km (5 miles) west of [Newport](#), off the [Achill Road \(N59\)](#). It is also known as Carraigahowley, a corruption of the Irish Carraig an Chabhlaigh, meaning “rock of the fleet”. This tower house, built in the mid-16th century, is most famously associated with Granuaile, the chieftain of the O'Malley clan and notorious pirate queen in the late 16th century.

Rockfleet was owned by Risteárd an Iarainn Bourke, known as “Richard in iron”, who is reputed to have always worn a coat of chain mail inherited from his Anglo-Norman ancestors. The nickname may also have come from the fact that he controlled the ironworks at [Burrischoole](#), where his main castle and lands were.

Granuaile married Richard, her second husband, in 1566. When she moved her ships and army into

Rockfleet, she divorced him. The following year her son Tiobaid na Loinge (Toby of the ships) was born aboard her galley, which was later attacked by Barbary pirates. When she returned to Rockfleet, she reunited with Richard to protect themselves from the English. Tiobaid is buried at [Ballintubber Abbey](#).

She spent her latter years here, and legend has it that the door in the top-most room was where the rope from her galley came through from the outside and was tied to her bed. She most likely died at Rockfleet Castle around 1603 aged 73.

The castle, restored in the 1950s, is over 18 metres high and has a small rectangular corner turret rising above the parapet. Of the four floors, including ground level, the middle two are of wood and the top one is stone flagged. This stone floor may have

been included to prevent fires from reaching that level. The ceiling is a fine example of a barrel vault.

Every nook and cranny can be explored including the passages within the walls. A very unusual wooden ladder is used to access the first floor above ground level, and from there to the top there is a spiral stone stairway. As was common in tower houses, the staircase winds clockwise upwards, so that an intruder would need to wield his or her sword left handed to advance to the upper floors. The gate to the outside at the top is padlocked for safety.

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The O'Malley Clan Association aims to reach out to O'Malleys from all around the world and foster links between the O'Malleys around the globe and the clan at home here in Ireland.

The Clan Association formed in 1953 has been connecting O'Malleys around the world in The US and Canada, Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, South America, and anywhere else you can think of for over 60 years now.

We hope with our new website, and newsletter, that We can go from strength to strength in our

aim to connect all the O'Malleys around the world.

A Presidential Hopeful in 2016? Governor Martin O'Malley

Maryland governor Martin O'Malley had his arm twisted to play a few songs at a party hosted by the Ireland Funds, the Irish-American philanthropic group, in Washington last month. His second song was an impressive acapella rendition of the *Star Spangled Banner*.

The former Baltimore mayor fronts his own Irish rock band, O'Malley's March. If O'Malley's presidential credentials were to be adjudged on his singing of the American national anthem, he would be a shoo-in for Democratic presidential candidate in 2016. But he is not.

Hillary Clinton, the former first lady and most recently President Obama's first secretary of state, is clear favourite to be the party's contender, with her support hovering at about 63 per cent, based on an average of polls since June analysed by politics website Real Clear Politics, even though she has not yet said that she is running.

The Maryland governor, whose great-grandfather emigrated from Maam, Co Galway, is trailing well behind Clinton.

The Maryland governor's progressive policies, (during his time in the State

House in Annapolis he has repealed the death penalty, passed stringent gun control laws, and introduced same-sex marriage), marks him out as a natural heir to Obama's political agenda. He is described as a relative unknown though, but has said himself that " history is full of relative unknowns who go and do the hard work, put together a more compelling framework for our country's future, and go out and campaign."

Gary Hart, the new US envoy to Northern Ireland whose 1984 presidential campaign O'Malley worked on when Hart came from way behind to almost win the Democratic nomination, told the *New York Times*: "He should run, not only for his own sake but I think for the party's sake."

A man elected mayor of Baltimore, a city with a majority African-American population, certainly cannot be written off, at the very least to make picking a Democratic candidate more interesting than a one-horse race.