



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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Happy St Patrick's Day from all in the O'Malley Clan Association

Happy St Patrick's day everyone, and We hope you'll all have wonderful weather for the parades!! The next big event will be the O'Malley Clan Rally, more info on it below!

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!

Last 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!!



Welcome to the new O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter
 Welcome to our new newsletter from Clan Chieftain Brigid O'Malley
 The new O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter is now available to all members of the O'Malley Clan Association. It is a great way to stay up to date with all the news and events of the O'Malley Clan Association. The newsletter is published monthly and contains a wealth of information for all members of the O'Malley Clan Association. It is a great way to stay up to date with all the news and events of the O'Malley Clan Association. The newsletter is published monthly and contains a wealth of information for all members of the O'Malley Clan Association.

The New US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley
 The O'Malley Clan Association has been pleased to welcome the new US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley to the O'Malley Clan Association. Mr O'Malley has been ambassador to Ireland since 2011 and is a member of the O'Malley Clan Association. He has worked with the O'Malley Clan Association and has been a great ambassador to the O'Malley Clan Association.

Get in touch and share your O'Malley Heritage!

Have you got an article or old photographs that you'd like to submit for future editions of "O Maille" The O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter. We'd love to hear from you wherever you're based

around the world. Old photographs and stories to go with them, old letters, family trees or just an article that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!



A Trip back in time to the First O'Malley Clan Rally in 1953

One of our subscribers kindly emailed through some pictures and a newspaper report of the first O'Malley Clan Rally in 1953.....

Between 400 and 500 members of The O'Malley Clan, nobody knows the exact figure invaded Westport in County Mayo yesterday in two coaches and approximately 100 cars for the first in what is expected to be a series of clan reunions. They came from places as far apart as Leeds and Chicago to see the renowned stronghold of the famous Grace O'Malley "the Sea Queen" at Carrickaholey, opened by Lady Mary O'Malley who lives beside the castle. The welcome was as big and sincere for the humblest of clansmen as it was for the most materially favoured of our clansmen. John J O'Malley the Clans first President welcomed the gathered masses in a speech from the back of a lorry in The Mall in Westport. Mr O'Malley, at 83 years was the eldest of the gathering, with the youngest being Imelda

O'Malley, a 2 year old from Achill Island.

The gathering included Doctors and Professors, Farm Labourers and Fishermen. There were O'Malleys in tweeds, O'Malleys in Sunday suits, O'Malleys in caps and O'Malleys in flowered hats, red-haired O'Malleys, and white haired O'Malleys, they came in Limousines and on Bicycles.

All of Westport turned out to watch them. Mass was said for deceased members of the Clan in Westport and in Newport.

At the castle in Carrickaholey, (Rockfleet), The Westport Boys Band, (including at least one youthful O'Malley), led the procession to the castle. The group was then joined by more O'Malleys from Clare Island and other Islands in Clew Bay who arrived by boat at the castle. The lorry was brought into use again A cold wind blew in from Clew Bay but the O'Malley Clan were undeterred. The speakers included Dr C O'Malley of

University College Galway, and Mr Thomas O'Malley, Lecturer in Irish at University College Galway.

Lady Mary O'Malley who welcomed everyone to Carrickaholey on behalf of her husband Sir Owen O'Malley, who had to travel to London to see a sick relative, spoke about the importance of preserving the monuments that previous O'Malleys had left us. She also echoed Dr O'Malley's earlier words that this is only the beginning of O'Malley Clan Rallies which could and should go on for a thousand years.

The castle was then opened and the group crowded in and a few moments later a bandsman was playing his trumpet from the parapet. The group then carried on to Malranney where lunch was served in the local hotel, where 2 sittings were necessary, due to the multitudes that had travelled. A gettogether was held then that lasted long into the night.

Source: Sarah Kelly

"It was a great day for the O'Malleys"



Some of the Large Crowd of O'Malleys in 1953

Some of the Faces from 1953



Included in picture: Back Row: L-R, Conor O'Malley, Harold O'Malley, Andrew O'Malley, Stiofán Ó Máille, Tomás S Ó Máille, Páidric Máille, Sean Máille.

Middle Row: L-R: Cissie Ó Máille, Brian O'Malley, Peter Ó Máille,

Front Row: L-R: Ann O'Malley, Eithne O'Malley, Lil O'Malley, Brigid Ó Máille, Sally O'Malley

**Rockfleet Castle at
Carrickaholey, Near Newport
County Mayo. Former home
of Grace O'Malley, and
visited by the Clan members
at the first rally in 1953**



Pictures taken by Ann O'Malley & submitted by Sarah Kelly



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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 Place called O'Malley

O'Malley is a suburb in the Canberra District of Woden Valley, in Australia. The 2011 Australian census showed a population for the area of 873 people.

O'Malley is known for the number of embassies and high commissions located there, with 42.8% of the population being born outside Australia.

There are 25 embassies and high commissions located in O'Malley including those of Portugal, Croatia, Zimbabwe, and Libya.

O'Malley is called after "King O'Malley" an early 20th century politician who was instrumental in the founding of the city of Canberra as Australia's new capital.

Originally born in North America, "King O'Malley" made his home and made a name for himself in Australia, rising to the position of Minister for Home Home Affairs in the government elected in 1910. It was while he was in this position he was instrumental in the selection of Canberra to become Australia's new capital city.

