



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

This month's highlights

- New pilgrim Route to Knock in County Mayo
- Get in touch and share your stories!
- An O'Malley Lake Dwelling in Mayo
- About the O'Malley Clan Association
- Dublin in worldwide favourite city!!!!

First Pilgrimage to Knock in County Mayo!!

New ground in pilgrimage traffic to Ireland was broken on Sunday 9th August when an Aer Lingus flight from New York with 180 passengers on board touched down at Ireland West Airport Knock

The group, most of whom have never been to Ireland before, was led by Cardinal Timothy Dolan the leader of the Catholic faithful in New York.

Early grey skies at the Co Mayo airport failed to dampen the mood of the pilgrimage party who tucked into hearty Irish breakfasts prior to a welcoming reception.

"There is no reason why Knock cannot take its places on the pedestal of the most important [pilgrimage] shrines of the world such as Lourdes and Fatima," he said.

Following the airport reception, the pilgrimage party was ferried in a fleet of coaches to Knock Basilica for a special Mass of welcome at midday which was televised live by RTÉ

During the following days, an extensive series of tours was arranged for the visiting pilgrims. Places visited included the Cliffs of Moher, Killarney and Lough Derg on the borders of Donegal and Fermanagh.



Welcome to our new newsletter from Clan Chief Brigid O'Malley

Dear Brigid O'Malley, welcome to our new newsletter. It is a pleasure to have you as our Clan Chief. We hope you will find it an interesting and useful read. We will be happy to hear from you and share your stories with the rest of the clan.

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

The O'Malley Clan Association has been honoured to have Mr Kevin F O'Malley as its new US Ambassador. Mr O'Malley has a long and distinguished career in the US government and is a member of the O'Malley Clan. We are proud to have him as our representative in the US.



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 arti-

cle that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!



At Home on Moher Lake

An Ancient Lake Dwelling of The O'Malleys

Moher Lake lies five miles south of Westport on the road to Leenane. There is a wooded islet near its southern shore which appears to be partly man made. It constitutes, in effect, a crannóg (from crann, a tree) or ancient lake dwelling where a single family lived in one or more houses. Subsequently, they became places of refuge in times of danger and were widely used as a warriors' retreat in war time. In some cases castles were built on them for greater security.

In order to construct a crannóg, piles were driven into the bog or lake bottom, in a circle from about 18 to 24 meters in diameter, and platforms were built up of logs, brushwood, stones, gravel, earth and bracken. A palisade encircled it, constructed of posts and wickerwork, and access was by boat, or by submerged stepping stones or causeways. Superficial causeways or bridges were probably used in peacetime, and evidence of these can sometimes be seen in the approaches to the crannógs. They have been occupied from the Early Bronze Age to the seventeenth century, and have yielded up an enormous quantity of artefacts, including bones, pottery, domestic utensils, wearing apparel, fishing and hunting implements, and weapons of all kinds.

The Moher Lake dwelling, which is about 46 meters in diameter, is thickly overgrown with willows, holly and mountain ash, so that an investigation presents some difficulty. There is a small dock on the south-east, bordered with stones, which is just large enough to take a lake boat. A landing place slants up from water level from the end of the dock. Much of the island is covered with large stones as is usual with crannógs. About six meters from the entrance are the remains of a dry stone construction, consisting of one wall seven meters long with two with two short walls at each end which are about two and a half meters long. None of these walls are more than one meter in height at any point. This and the dock may have been made at a later stage by anglers using the island as a base. A causeway may have led to the landing area from the south shore, as the lake is shallower at this end with a considerable growth of rushes, but without thorough investigation it would be impossible to say whether or not this is a true crannóg or merely an island fort.

It has however, long been associated with the O'Malleys, and gave its name to that portion of the barony of Murrisk called Llanenemoghere (Oileáin Na Mothra, "Island Of The Thicket") in the Composition of Connacht, constituting about one third of the barony, and about half of the mainland area still belonging to the family. As the writer and historian Hubert Thomas Knox says "it must have been a place of note, or it would not have given a name to half the chieftry. We may take it to have been O'Malley's principal crannóg and place of safety for his valuables in turbulent times; it maybe O'Malley's island which Dermot took in 1415." He is referring here to an incident in the Annals of the Four Masters when Dermot took the island from Hugh, and "the sovereignty now passed from Hugh's descendants, and Dermot became king." K O' Connor





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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.

Dublin is favourite worldwide city!!



Ireland has won big at the Trazee awards in Orlando with Dublin city winning "favorite worldwide city" and Aer Lingus scooping "favourite airline in Europe."

The awards were organized by Trazee Travel, a publication owned by Global Traveller, which targets travellers aged 18 to 35. It celebrates young, "in-the-know" holidaymakers.

The awards were chosen by the publication's contributors and an online vote. According to recently released figures from the Central Statistics Offices, Ireland is set for another record year of tourism with the United States holiday-

makers being a key demographic. From January to June 2015 the number of Americans visiting Ireland has grown by 15 percent. Orla Carroll, Director of Dublin for Fáilte Ireland said, "This award is a fantastic accolade for Dublin which proves that our capital has something unique and extraordinary to offer the young and discerning traveller. Fáilte Ireland and the Dublin Tourism Industry have been working hard to reposition Dublin as a destination that offers unforgettable experiences to the young adventurous traveller.

She added "More than that, it is a real testament to the variety and quality of experiences Dublin has to offer visitors of all ages."

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