



## O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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### Happy St Patrick's Day to all O'Malleys around the world!

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 in Murroe and Cappamore, County Limerick on the weekend of the 24th to 26th June 2016.

Check out details on our website: [www.omalleyclan.ie](http://www.omalleyclan.ie) or if you need any help with logistics, drop us a line by email [omalleyclanireland@gmail.com](mailto:omalleyclanireland@gmail.com)



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### 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!



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.

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## **The De Burgo O'Malley Chalice 1494**

The De Burgo O'Malley Chalice, which is now in The National Museum in Dublin is one of the finest of the Galway and Mayo Chalice. It is of silver gilt, is 23cm high was made for Burrishole Friary.

The inscription on its base gives us the only clues we have as to its origin. This reads in translation "Thomas De Burgo and Grannia Ni Malle caused me to be made in the year of our Lord 1494"

Thomas De Burgo has been tentatively identified by Martin Blake as Thomas Crosach Bourke, grandson of Richard Bourke, the founder of Burrishole Friary, near Newport in County Mayo. Mr Blake further identifies this Gráinne as being the granddaughter of Diarmuid O'Malley, Lord of Owles in 1415. Her Great Grandniece was the more famous Gráinne Ní Mháille of the sixteenth century, who married into the same Bourke family about the year 1566.

This fifteenth century alliance is indicative of the good relations existing between the Bourkes and O'Malleys at this early period and of their high regard for each other.

The style of this chalice has been affected by foreign influences which had been modifying the native tradition from the coming Normans in the eleventh century. Similar chalices have been noted in England and Sweden and the art historian Bruce Arnold has remarked that a certain similarity between it and The Processional Cross of Lislaughtin, found near Ballylongford in County Kerry would point to a connection between the craftsmen who made the two works.

A common feature of the two works of art is an almost identical knop surrounded by eight diamond shaped silver panels bearing floral decorations. This knop or boss appears on the stem of the chalice and on the base of the cross.

The De Burgo O'Malley Chalice was sold in 1897 by Anthony Walter Blake Dowling, Son of the owner of the chalice, William Darcy Dowling, a solicitor living in Tullamore, County Offaly, whose parents had lived at Longford Castle, County Galway. It was bought by Lord Swaythling M.P. at Christie's in London, and was acquired by The National Museum of Ireland in 1924.

The chalice also features in a recent publication "A History of Ireland in 100 objects"



**The De Burgo O'Malley Chalice  
(Above), and Burrishoole Friary,  
(Below)**





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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.*

## **The O'Malley Clan Rally 24th to 26th June 2016**

The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally takes place in Murroe and Cappamore in County Limerick on the weekend of the 24th to 26th June 2016. It'll be a fabulous weekend for O'Malleys from all over the globe.

Highlights will include a guided tour to The Rock of Cashel, including a trip along part of the route of The O'Sullivan Beara retreat from The Battle of Kinsale in 1601. Many O'Malleys were part of that long and terrible march.

Another highlight will be a talk given by Cormac O'Malley, son of Ernie O'Malley, and an exhibition of artworks linked to The O'Malleys at The University of Limerick.

The full programme of events is up on the website, and We hope to see you all there.

If you need any help with planning your trip, Or with further information on the Annual Rally, drop us a line by email to [omalleyclanireland@gmail.com](mailto:omalleyclanireland@gmail.com) and We'll get back to you right away!

