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## O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

### This month's highlights

- Are you an O'Malley in business?
- Get in touch and share your stories!
- How the O'Malley's survived, (as legend would have it)
- About the O'Malley Clan Association
- The O'Malley Clan Rally 2017

### O'Malley Businesses, its time to get in touch!

Are you an O'Malley family business? If so, drop us a line by email to [omalley-clanireland@gmail.com](mailto:omalley-clanireland@gmail.com) and We'll see if We can spread the word about what products or services you provide.

We can help by various means, through social media, maybe a little plug in the monthly newsletter etc.

So get in touch and tell us about yourself and We'll take it from there!



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**Our month's highlights**

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- The new US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley
- How the O'Malley's survived, legend has it
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**Welcome to our new newsletter from Clan Chief Brigid O'Malley**

Many, many thanks, and I hope you will all enjoy this new newsletter. It is a pleasure to be able to share with you all the news and stories of the O'Malley Clan. I hope you will all enjoy this new newsletter. It is a pleasure to be able to share with you all the news and stories of the O'Malley Clan. I hope you will all enjoy this new newsletter. It is a pleasure to be able to share with you all the news and stories of the O'Malley Clan.

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

The O'Malley Clan Association has been very 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 a member of the O'Malley Clan Association for many years and has been a very active member. He has been a member of the O'Malley Clan Association for many years and has been a very active member. He has been a member of the O'Malley Clan Association for many years and has been a very active member.

### 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!



## **How the O'Malley's survived, (Legend)**

By the 9th Century the Vikings, or Norse sea raiders were making their presence felt in the Western world. The Annals record battles between the “sea-robbers” and the men of Umhall in 807, 811, and 812., with further raids from then at intervals until the middle of the following century.

In the 812 raid it is recorded that they slaughtered Cosgrach, son of Hannabhrat and Dunadach, King of Umhall.

This slaughter, though it predates by 300 years the first mention of the name O'Malley in the Annals, appears to be the source of an old O'Malley legend which is commemorated in a beautiful stained glass window in Kilmilkin Church in the Maam valley in Connemara.

There are two versions of the legend, with the same theme in both, the miraculous survival of the clan.

According to one legend, the family, with the exception of one young boy was wiped out by the Danes. This boy was saved by his nurse who fled with him to the South of Ireland. Here the nurse married and the boy was raised as her own.

When the boy grew up however, She thought it unfair to leave the boy in ignorance of his true birth and parentage. When she told him of his illustrious descent he travelled back to Umhall where he was recognised by a blind man named Ó hOireacta, (Herrity), an old retainer of the O'Malley family. It was said that He knew him by his hands!!

The young man told him his story and immediately with manifestations of great rejoicing, He was proclaimed Chieftain of Umhall.

The other version of the legend is the one chosen by the great Evie Hone for her stained glass window in Kilmilkin Church. The window was dedicated to the great London surgeon John Francis O'Malley.

In this version the young mother, with her Son, the only surviving male member of the O'Malley Clan, fled to Inish Glora, off the Mullet Peninsula. The child was sickly and restored to health through the intervention of St Brendan at who's well his mother prayed. There is a variation of the story which attaches the incident to St Brendan's well in Kilmeena Parish. It was believed that this well could change the sex of babies who were dipped into it, and when all the male O'Malley children were slain a baby girl was dipped into it and changed to a boy, and from him all O'Malleys are descended.

The stained glass window, (pictured right) depicts St Brendan with the mother and child at the well in the foreground.

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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 23rd to 25th June 2017**

The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally for 2017 takes place in beautiful Claregalway, County Galway on the weekend of the 23rd to 25th June 2017. It'll be a fabulous weekend for O'Malleys from all over the globe. Highlights will include Medieval Banquet, Castle Experience, Abbey Visits, Talks and Tours, music, dancing, ceol agus craic!

It's time to begin planning your trip, there's only 11 months to go!!!.

The full programme of events will be up on the website in the coming months, 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 (the address is at the top of this page), and We'll get back to you right away!

