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## O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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### Merry Christmas from The O'Malley Clan!

A very Merry Christmas from Chieftain Grace and all of us in the O'Malley Clan to all of our O'Malley families and friends around the globe. Some of you will be sweating in South Australia, more of you will be freezing in Finland, but wherever you are around the world, you'll be in our thoughts. If you're having a big O'Malley family Christmas, why not send us over a picture and we might get it into a coming issue of the newsletter! We hope you all have a safe and peaceful Christmas.



## Merry Christmas

### 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!



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## King O'Malley—We have an update to the story!

*Editor's Note: As can happen sometimes when we put an article into the monthly newsletter, an O'Malley out there around the world will get in touch to fill us in on the back story, and maybe let us know of the full history behind a person or a place. We had a brief article on the famous Australian politician King O'Malley in last month's issue, and thankfully Brian O'Malley from Canberra, Australia got in touch. He's done a lot of research work on the life and times of King O'Malley, and has even produced a book on the subject. Here's his "King O'Malley Update" Thanks Brian for all the hard work, and for getting in touch with us.*

Hi – my name is Brian O'Malley and I live in Canberra. I read the article in the November edition of the Clan Newsletter about 'King' O'Malley. The article appears to draw heavily on the current Australian Dictionary of Biography entry about King O'Malley and, as noted, his early personal history is related as 'by his own account'. There is a very significant reason he obfuscated his past and it has remained unknown until now.

As an amateur genealogist, I've been researching my own family for about forty years or so, and while, as an Australian, I was aware of the politician 'King' O'Malley, he had never turned up in any searches I did during that time. So about four years ago, I began researching whether or not I was related to him. His past, prior to arrival in Australia in July 1888, was always (intentionally) shrouded in mystery. Thus started a long journey which culminated in my recently published book - *'How James became King – The true story of James 'King' O'Malley*.

Using an array of sources including O'Malley's personal archive of over 11,000 items he left to the National Library of Australia (NLA) collection, US Library of Congress newspaper records, several biographies of 'King' O'Malley, US and Australian contemporary newspaper sources, genealogical sites, and a wide range of other sources (the book contains over 700 references), I have traced 'King' O'Malley back to his roots in New Haven, Connecticut. Here, he was better known as the notorious James Malley Jr., the prime suspect in the infamous 1881 murder of Jennie Cramer. The inquest and trial were a notable sensation of the era, with newspaper coverage equal to that of the Jesse James saga of the period. James Malley's uncle Edward Malley – the owner of a department store in New Haven - funded much of the legal defence.

In 1999, Virginia McConnell published *Arsenic Under the Elms, Murder in Victorian New Haven* about the 1881 murder and trial, and in a concluding commentary noted: 'Whatever the case, there is no official record of James Malley, Jr., in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York, or Connecticut after August 1883. He simply vanished without leaving a paper trail.' The family subsequently authored an elaborate back story to conceal his whereabouts which I have also addressed in the book. Indeed, McConnell's ob-



Above: Brian O'Malley's book, "How James became King"

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servation is supported by James Malley's appearance in Kansas precisely at this point and my book traces his (somewhat nefarious) journey through Kansas, with occasional sojourns back East, and eventually to Washington Territory and San Francisco as an insurance agent, before his eventual arrival in Australia and ultimate elevation to political life. Upon his death in 1953, and as the last member of the first Australian Federal Parliament of 1901, he was honoured with a state funeral in Melbourne.

The persona of 'King' O'Malley has iconic status in Australia. So I was necessarily forensic in my collection of evidence, to ensure I dispelled doubts on what I had uncovered about a famous historical character in the Australian pantheon. The book has numerous points of proof, including photographic evidence, physical evidence, common behaviours and personality traits, personal correspondence, profession and location overlaps, and the common application of religious appellations to his various personas (e.g. Bishop James Malley), as I trace the timeline of his identity change from James Malley Jr to King O'Malley.

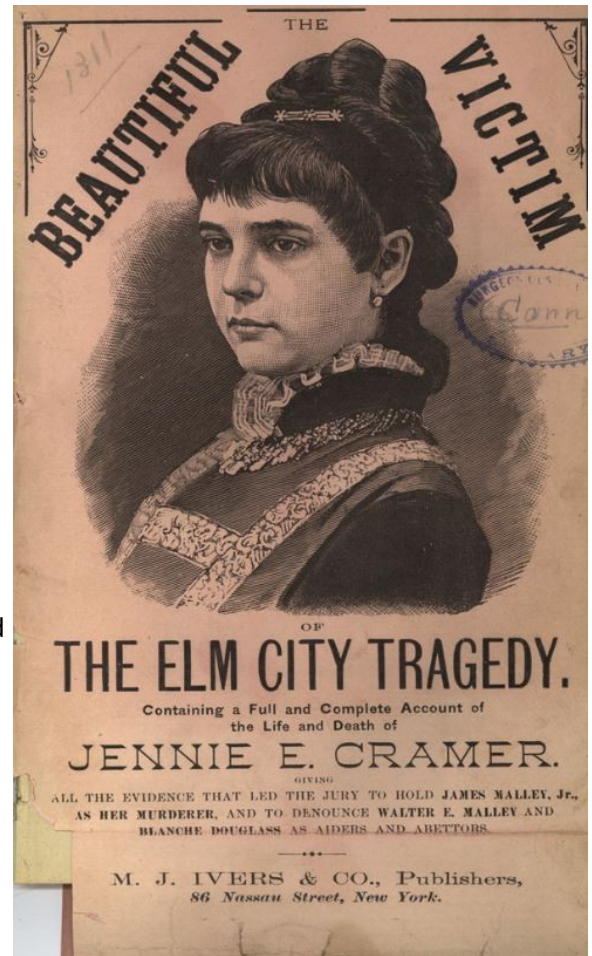
The Prologue from my book will provide some further context:

### Prologue

*King O'Malley is known to history as a 'larrikin' and maverick politician who was a member of the first Australian Federal Parliament, as well as a Federal Minister. His political career spanned two decades, from his election to the South Australian Parliament in 1896, and his subsequent election to Federal Parliament in 1901, where he remained until his unsuccessful attempts to be re-elected in the 1917 and two subsequent elections.*

*O'Malley arrived in Australia from the United States in the late 1880s and quickly drew the attention of the populace to his public shenanigans. A combination of his theatrical storytelling, his elaborate and fashionable accoutrements, and his generally 'larger than life' persona swept his reputation, like a comet, across the sleepy colonial skies.*

*In his early forays into the public consciousness he was unabashedly American, willingly playing to the audience with his derring-do stories of Kansas and the Wild West, and the part he played in taming that wilderness. But as he declared himself for election – initially in South Australia – questions were raised about his antecedents, for his American birth precluded him from standing for parliament. However, persons born in Commonwealth countries were eligible to stand, and thus he began to relate an elaborate story; he had been born just across the United States border in Canada where his mother had fled to give birth while his father was away on the Oregon Trail. The ruse – aided and abetted by a letter confirming his antecedents from a long time insurance salesman friend – was sufficient to keep the pretence intact. Yet ongoing questions about his nativity and personal history remained unresolved through to his death in 1953, when he was honoured with a*



Above: One of the reports on the murder of Jennie Cramer in Connecticut, USA.

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state funeral. His official biography still refers to his related origins as 'by his own account'.

*And thus the first thirty years of his life have remained hidden, Christ-like, behind a shroud he purposefully cast around his history; in truth, the veil he cast was a death shroud soiled with the blood of infamy, for on the other side of the Pacific another story and mystery remained unresolved.*

*On the 6th August, 1881, the body of a young woman was found washed in by the tide on West Haven beach on Long Island Sound, Connecticut. Jennie Cramer appeared to have been murdered, and James Malley was quickly identified by coronial inquest as the prime suspect along with his cousin, Walter Malley, and Walter's beau, Blanche Douglass.*

*The trio was arrested and incarcerated until a full trial the subsequent year, which found them not guilty of murder. The outcome was a national and internationally identified miscarriage of justice, bankrolled by Walter's father, department store owner, Edward Malley. Witnesses allegedly 'had their mouths covered in greenbacks'.*

*Shortly after the trial, James Malley disappears from official records in the north east United States, and the journey begins. Along the trail are numerous locations, characters, personas and multiple aliases. The arc of his masquerade life traced numerous identity changes, and a wide variety of work experiences, driven by a relentless desire to be centre stage, and to seek out and plunder 'the main chance', whatever the cost to his many victims.*

*James Malley's history comprised a series of unscrupulous vocations; as a business 'drummer', a lightning rod salesman, an insurance canvasser and fraudster, a prohibitionist, an evangelist, a theatrical agent, a 'bishop' of his own church, and self declared newspaper owner and journalist. His personality leaves a remarkable trail which can be followed during the years following the trial which takes him – and his notoriety – to Australia. Meanwhile, in his native state of Connecticut, his family created an elaborate back-story to cover his tracks.*

*This chronicle predominately addresses the critical hidden years of his life, and reveals the startling truth about why James Malley ultimately fled to the ends of the earth to escape his disrepute. But ultimately the visage is unmasked and the truth revealed. The tale would otherwise appear to be fiction; however it is entirely factual. This is the true story of how James became King.*

And after all that, and based on DNA research, I have concluded that in my own case I'm not related to James 'King' O'Malley, although my family directly overlaps with his family in the town of Pittston, Pennsylvania, in the mid to late 1800s.

The book may be of interest to people who like mystery, crime, or history (or all three!) and to O'Malleys in general, as it traces family links with Westport and the US. (James 'King' O'Malley's Uncle Edward {and father of Jane O'Malley-Keyes}, stated he was born in Ross House in 1827).

It's a remarkable tale in its own right.

For anyone interested in the story, below is the link to the Amazon site:

<https://www.amazon.com.au/How-James-became-King-OMalley/dp/1923068474>

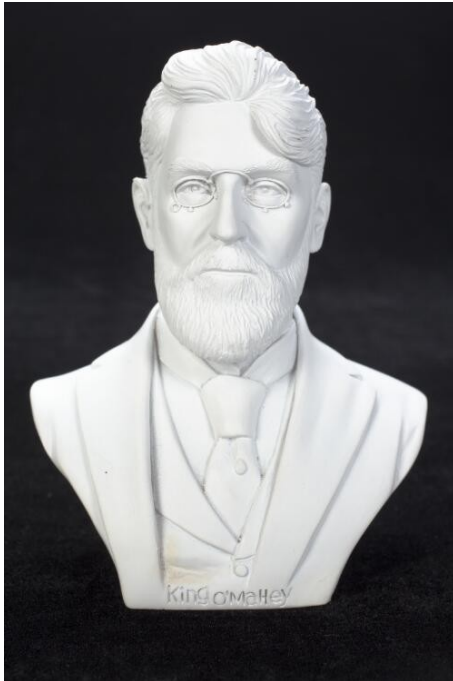
Regards

Brian O'Malley



Above: King O'Malley, pictured in 1915

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*Above right: King O'Malley, on the right, pictured in 1913, at the ceremony naming Canberra as Australia's new capital. Above Left: A bust of King O'Malley at the Australian National Museum.*

*Below: King O'Malley driving the first peg at the start of the construction of Canberra, Australia's Capital City*



## The Pirate Queen, Grace O'Malley and Howth Castle

### The Legend of Pirate Queen Grace O'Malley and Howth Castle

Grace O'Malley, also known as Gráinne Mhaol or the Pirate Queen of Ireland, was a legendary figure in Irish history whose life epitomized defiance, resilience, and cunning. Born in 1530 in County Mayo, she was a fearless leader, a skilled navigator, and a chieftain of the Ó Máille clan. Grace's story, woven with exploits on land and sea, remains a source of inspiration, especially her infamous encounter with Howth Castle, a tale that combines daring rebellion and political savvy.

### The Rise of Grace O'Malley

Grace grew up during a turbulent time when English rule was tightening its grip on Ireland. Despite societal norms that limited women's roles, Grace defied conventions from an early age. She joined her father on sea voyages, proving her mettle as a sailor and strategist. Eventually, she took over as the leader of her clan, managing a fleet of ships that controlled trade and raiding routes along the western Irish coast.

Grace's reputation as a pirate and leader spread far and wide. She commanded loyalty from her followers, negotiated with rival clans, and fearlessly faced English forces. Her fleet not only raided merchant ships but also defended Irish interests against foreign powers.

### The Howth Castle Incident

One of the most famous episodes in Grace's life revolves around her visit to Howth Castle in 1576. According to legend, Grace arrived at the castle unannounced, seeking hospitality, as was customary for nobility in Gaelic Ireland. However, the gates of the castle were closed, and she was denied entry—a grave insult in Gaelic culture.

Incensed, Grace took swift action. She kidnapped the young heir of the Howth family, a bold move that shocked the castle's residents. Grace only agreed to release the child on the condition that the St. Lawrence family, the lords of Howth, pledge to never again turn away unexpected visitors. This pact included a promise to leave a place at the dining table for any guest who might arrive uninvited.

The Howth family honored this agreement, and to this day, a seat remains set for a guest at the castle. The incident exemplifies Grace's wit and her ability to demand respect from even the most powerful families in Ireland.



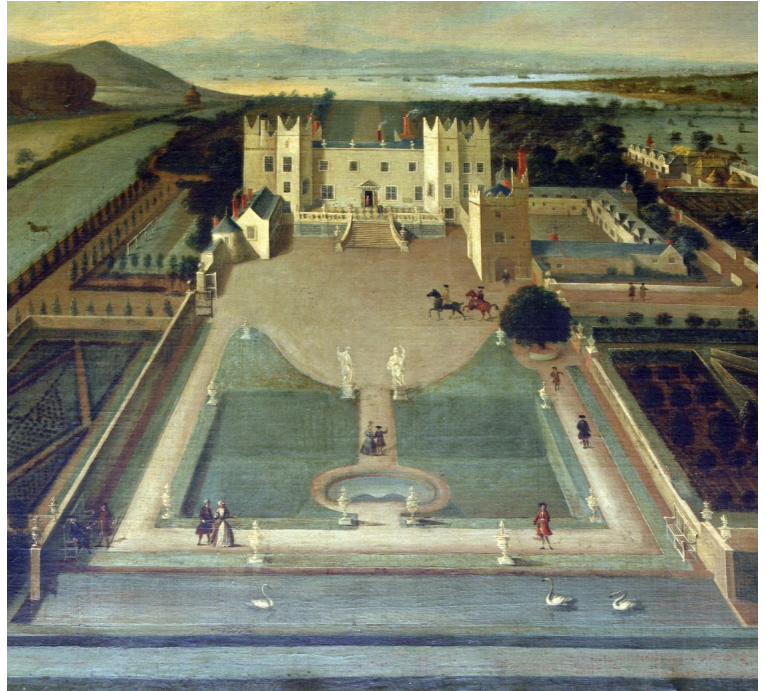
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### Legacy of Grace O'Malley

Grace O'Malley's legacy extends far beyond her exploits at Howth Castle. Her audacity and strength earned her a meeting with Queen Elizabeth I, where she negotiated for her family's interests without speaking English, relying on her native Irish and a translator. This meeting was a rare occurrence for a woman of her time, let alone one considered an outlaw.

Grace's story is celebrated in Irish folklore and history as a symbol of resistance against oppression and a testament to the power of women in leadership. Howth Castle, with its connection to her legend, remains a significant landmark, blending history with the enduring spirit of Irish culture.

In today's Ireland, Grace O'Malley is remembered as a trailblazer who navigated the tumultuous waters of her era with courage and cunning. Her tale with Howth Castle underscores her quick thinking and unwavering demand for respect, securing her place as one of Ireland's most enduring legends.



*Right: The dining room in Howth Castle. To this day, a spare setting is made at the table for any visitor that might arrive!*



## Time to nominate our next Tánaiste, check out the details

Every organisation needs a leader and the O'Malley Clan is no different. If you go back through the mists of time, the O'Malleys most famous leader would be usually acknowledged to have been Granuaile, or Grace O'Malley, often known as The Pirate Queen.

Our current Chieftain, also Grace O'Malley, (but not a pirate!), is leading the O'Malley Clan during 2024 and up to June 2025, where she will host O'Malleys from all around the world at The O'Malley Clan Gathering in Westport in County Mayo on the weekend of 27th to 29th June.

At the end of the annual O'Malley Clan Gathering next June, our current Tánaiste, Denise O'Malley, will take over the reins from Grace and will be inaugurated as the new Chieftain of the O'Malley Clan for the remainder of 2025 up to June of 2026. Denise will then host the annual O'Malley Clan Gathering in County Clare in June of 2026.

As has been done since 1953, a Tánaiste is elected each year as "Chieftain elect" and they then become Chieftain and continue an unbroken line back through the decades.

So what does the O'Malley Clan Chieftain actually do in the 2020's I hear you ask?

There aren't any tribal wars in which the Chieftain will need to lead us into battle thankfully, and so the main role of the Chieftain is ceremonial. Events can pop up from time to time during the year, but the main duty of each Chieftain is to lead the organisation and running of the annual O'Malley Clan Gathering on the last weekend in June each year.

You don't need to have a qualification in event management, so not to worry. There's a great team of folks on the O'Malley Clan Association committee who have literally decades of experience in putting the weekends together. All you'll need is a bit of enthusiasm, and a good sense of humour.

In order to be nominated for the position of Tánaiste you are required to be a current member, and to be nominated, you have to have agreed to be nominated, and are required to be nominated in writing, (the nomination form is below), by two other current members.

Of course if there is more than one nomination, and both nominees wish to contest a particular year, then an election would be held at the Annual General Meeting, on a 50% + 1 basis.

If you're thinking about putting your name forward, and seeking a nomination from some fellow members, don't worry that you're going to be thrown into the deep end and be asked to run the organisation from a standing start. The entire organisational side of things within the O'Malley Clan Association is overseen by the Guardian Chieftain. This position is filled every three years from within the ranks of the former Chieftains of the clan, with the Guardian Chieftain being selected and appointed by the Council of Chieftains. The Guardian Chieftain is there to guide the Chieftain of the day in making their year of office as Chieftain of the O'Malley Clan a success, and chairs the O'Malley Clan Association committee.

So, to conclude, if you'd like to be a part of history, and think you have what it takes to lead this powerful, historic, Irish clan. Have a think about it over the holidays and have a chat with your family or other members.

If you've any questions at all on how it all works, there's information on the "about us" section of the O'Malley Clan Association website, or pop us over an email to [omalleyclanireland@gmail.com](mailto:omalleyclanireland@gmail.com)

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### O'Malley Clan Association

#### Nomination of Tánaiste (Chieftain elect) for 2025 -2026

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), \_\_\_\_\_ (Membership No.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (address)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (e-mail)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (phone)

AND

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), \_\_\_\_\_ (Membership No.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (address)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (e-mail)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (phone)

hereby nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ (name), \_\_\_\_\_ (Membership No.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (address)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (e-mail)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (phone)

For the position of Tánaiste of the O'Malley Clan and confirm that my candidate has agreed to be nominated.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed forms (hard copy) to:

Ellen O'Malley Dunlop, Guardian Chieftain  
 33 Springfield Road  
 Templeogue  
 Dublin 6W, Ireland

OR

Photo or scan of signed form by e-mail  
 to: [ellenomalleydunlop@gmail.com](mailto:ellenomalleydunlop@gmail.com)

## **O'Malleys, How can we grow The O'Malley Clan Association?**

### **Terra Marique Potens, Powrerful on Land and Sea!**

#### **How can we grow The O'Malley Clan Association?**

For O'Malleys, Malleys, Maleys, and Melias around the world, there is a unique opportunity to connect, celebrate your heritage, and contribute to a thriving global community. The O'Malley Clan Association invites you to be a part of this remarkable journey, where traditional values, and a shared heritage meet the innovation of modern technology, and together we can ensure the O'Malley Clan legacy continues to grow and flourish.

So why should you join I hear you ask! Well apart from the actual member benefits, (I'll get into those further down) there's

#### **Preserving Our Heritage**

One of the primary objectives of The O'Malley Clan Association is to preserve the rich heritage and culture of the O'Malley name. It's people and its historic places. As an O'Malley, you have a unique history that spans centuries and continents. By joining our association, you contribute to the ongoing documentation and celebration of this heritage. We organize events, share stories, and conduct research, all aimed at ensuring that the legacy of the O'Malley clan is passed down through generations.

#### **Building a Global Network**

The O'Malley Clan Association is not limited by geographical boundaries. We have members from all over the world, allowing you to connect with fellow O'Malleys from different backgrounds and experiences. This network provides opportunities for cultural exchange, collaboration, and the chance to learn about the diverse traditions that have shaped our clan.

#### **Celebrating Our Achievements**

O'Malleys have made significant contributions to various fields, from politics and art to sports and science. By joining the association, you can take pride in the accomplishments of your fellow O'Malleys and celebrate their successes. This recognition not only strengthens our sense of community but also inspires future generations.

#### **Cultural Festivals and Events**

The O'Malley Clan Association hosts an annual gathering each year, along with other smaller events from time to time, bringing O'Malleys together to celebrate our shared heritage. These gatherings include music, dance, storytelling, and traditional Irish culture of all sorts. By joining us, you have the chance to immerse yourself in the vibrant O'Malley culture and connect with your roots.

#### **Educational Opportunities**

Education is the cornerstone of progress, and the association offers various educational opportunities for its members. Whether it's historical lectures, or workshops on genealogy, we aim to empower O'Malleys with knowledge that strengthens our cultural ties and preserves our heritage.

#### **Genealogical Research**

Uncover your family history with the support of our extensive genealogical research resources. Discover your ancestral roots, connect with long-lost relatives, and piece together the O'Malley family tree. It's an exciting journey that our association can guide you through. Maybe you could even be related to that legendary Pirate Queen, Grace O'Malley

## O'Malleys, How can we grow The O'Malley Clan Association?

So how do we grow from our current base of membership measured in the low hundreds, to an organisation with thousands of members around the world, engaging in regular contact with each other, taking part in O'Malley Clan events on 6 continents, and keeping the rich heritage of The O'Malley Clan alive.

By becoming a member, you can play an active role in nurturing that growth.

Your membership, along with the participation of O'Malleys worldwide, directly contributes to our growth. The more members we have, the stronger our collective voice becomes, enabling us to achieve even greater things. More events, more diverse events, better events than are possible at the current smaller scale. The possibilities are endless.

The association is also always on the lookout for talented and passionate individuals who can help lead us into the future. By becoming a member, you have the opportunity to take on leadership roles and guide the organization to new heights. Might you be a future Chieftain of The O'Malley Clan?

We can all help to have the O'Malley Clan have an impact on future generations

By joining The O'Malley Clan Association, you are helping to secure the future of the organization. Your involvement ensures that future generations of O'Malleys can benefit from the sense of belonging, cultural preservation, and opportunities that we offer.

So I'm sure you have questions! How much does membership cost? What do I get for my membership? What are the benefits? Can I gift a membership to an O'Malley I know?

Annual Membership of The O'Malley Clan Association costs a mere €19, with a three year membership for €49, or a ten year membership for €149.

For your membership subscription you will receive a beautiful O'Malley Clan Association membership certificate. Which I can assure you, will look magnificent on any wall anywhere in the world. You'll also be given access to the full archive of Ó Máille The monthly newsletter of The O'Malley Clan Association.

There's also access to the Private Members-Only Discussion Forum for O'Malley Clan Association

Members hosted on Facebook, and then there's also full voting rights as a member of The O'Malley Clan Association, where you can nominate future Tánaistí who then become future Chieftains. You'll also be in a position to help in shaping the future of the Clan by taking part in the shaping and reforming the mission of the Clan as needed with full voting rights at O'Malley Clan Association meetings.



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To conclude, The O'Malley Clan Association is more than just an organization; it's a family. It's a family of O'Malleys from all walks of life, from all over the globe coming together to celebrate our heritage, support one another, and build a better future for the O'Malley name.

By joining the association, you not only enrich your own life with cultural experiences and a network of like-minded individuals, but you also contribute to the growth and prosperity of our beloved Clan. The possibilities are endless, and together, we can ensure that the O'Malley legacy thrives for generations to come.

So, once you've joined, what's next?

Get involved, engage with the O'Malley Clan Association social media posts on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. Share the posts around on Facebook, (all of the O'Malleys that you're connected with will then see them), similarly with Twitter, or X as its now known, retweet the posts, and all of your followers, including plenty of O'Malleys will see what we're all about. Its the same with Instagram, share our stories and posts, tag people in the comments, engage in any way you can. Send family members and other O'Malleys a pdf copy of the Clan Association monthly newsletter and encourage them to join the mailing list. There's lots that can be done! The bigger we get as an organisation, the more events we'll be able to organise, and in many more venues! Imagine a future where there were O'Malley Clan Association Christmas Gatherings in the summer sun in Dunedin and Durban, and the snows in Portland, and Prague. We can grow this Clan Association to where the sky is the limit.

Thanks for coming on board, and I look forward to hearing from all of you with your ideas and your energy, to take this powerful historic Clan forward into the future.

Don O'Malley  
Registrar & Digital Media  
O'Malley Clan Association  
December 2024



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## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2025, Westport, Co Mayo

Friday 27th June 2025

### **Walking Tour with Anne Chambers.**

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

Location: Westport Adventure Park

Walking Tour of Westport Demesne grounds. Learn about the history of Westport House and the families who lived there from Anne Chambers, biographer and leading authority on Grace O'Malley - Granuaile the Pirate Queen. Note that this does not include a tour of Westport House itself. Tours of Westport House can be booked directly at [www.westporthouse.ie](http://www.westporthouse.ie)

### **Annual General Meeting**

7:00 pm - 7:45 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

Location: Castlecourt Hotel, Westport

Guardian Chieftain Ellen O'Malley Dunlop will chair the AGM of the O'Malley Clan Association. All O'Malleys and their families are welcome but only members of the association may vote. The Chieftain, Treasurer and Secretaries will present their reports, a new Tánaiste will be elected and any motions submitted for discussion will be debated.

### **Chieftain's Reception**

8:00 pm - 10:30 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

Location: CastleCourt Hotel, Westport

Welcome to the O'Malley Gathering from Chieftain Grace. Mingle and meet other O'Malleys to the sound of traditional Irish music.



## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2025, Westport, Co Mayo

Saturday 28th June 2025

### Clew Bay & O'Malley Castles tour

9:30 am - 3:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: €35.00

Location: Pickup and return at Castlecourt Hotel, Westport

A bus tour of the O'Malley Castles at Carrigahowley and Kildavnet. Anne Chambers will be on hand to talk about the castles and their association with Grace O'Malley. A light lunch at Alice's restaurant in Achill Sound is included.

### Screening of The Cry of Granuaile

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

Walnut Suite, Westport Plaza Hotel

A recent film about Granuaile by director Dónal Foreman, shot on Clare Island.

### Gala Dinner

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: €55

Ashleigh Suite, Castlecourt Hotel

An evening of merriment in true O'Malley fashion, bringing together all the Clan from near and far over a delicious four course meal, followed by music and dancing.



## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2025, Westport, Co Mayo

Sunday 29th June 2025

### Croagh Patrick climb

8:00 am - 1:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

Location: Meet in the car park beside the Murrisk Community Cafe

Climb the famous "Reek", Croagh Patrick mountain overlooks Clew Bay and is a famous site for pilgrims. Check out this guide to the climb: <https://www.destinationwestport.com/explore-westport/a-bluffers-guide-to-climbing-croagh-patrick> . **This is not an organised event, but book here to let other O'Malleys know you're planning to go.**

### Traditional Clan Mass

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

Location: Murrisk Abbey

Outdoor Mass beside the ruins of Murrisk Abbey on the shores of Clew Bay.

### Clan lunch and inauguration of new Chieftain

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: €39

LuSeas Rooftop Restaurant, Westport Coast Hotel, Westport Quay

Clan lunch at LuSeas Rooftop Restaurant with panoramic floor to ceiling views of Croagh Patrick and Clew Bay. After lunch, Tanaiste Denise O'Malley Kelly will be inaugurated as the new Chieftain of the Clan.

*All events/activities during the weekend are subject to change*



## O'Malleys! Test your brain with a Christmas Crossword

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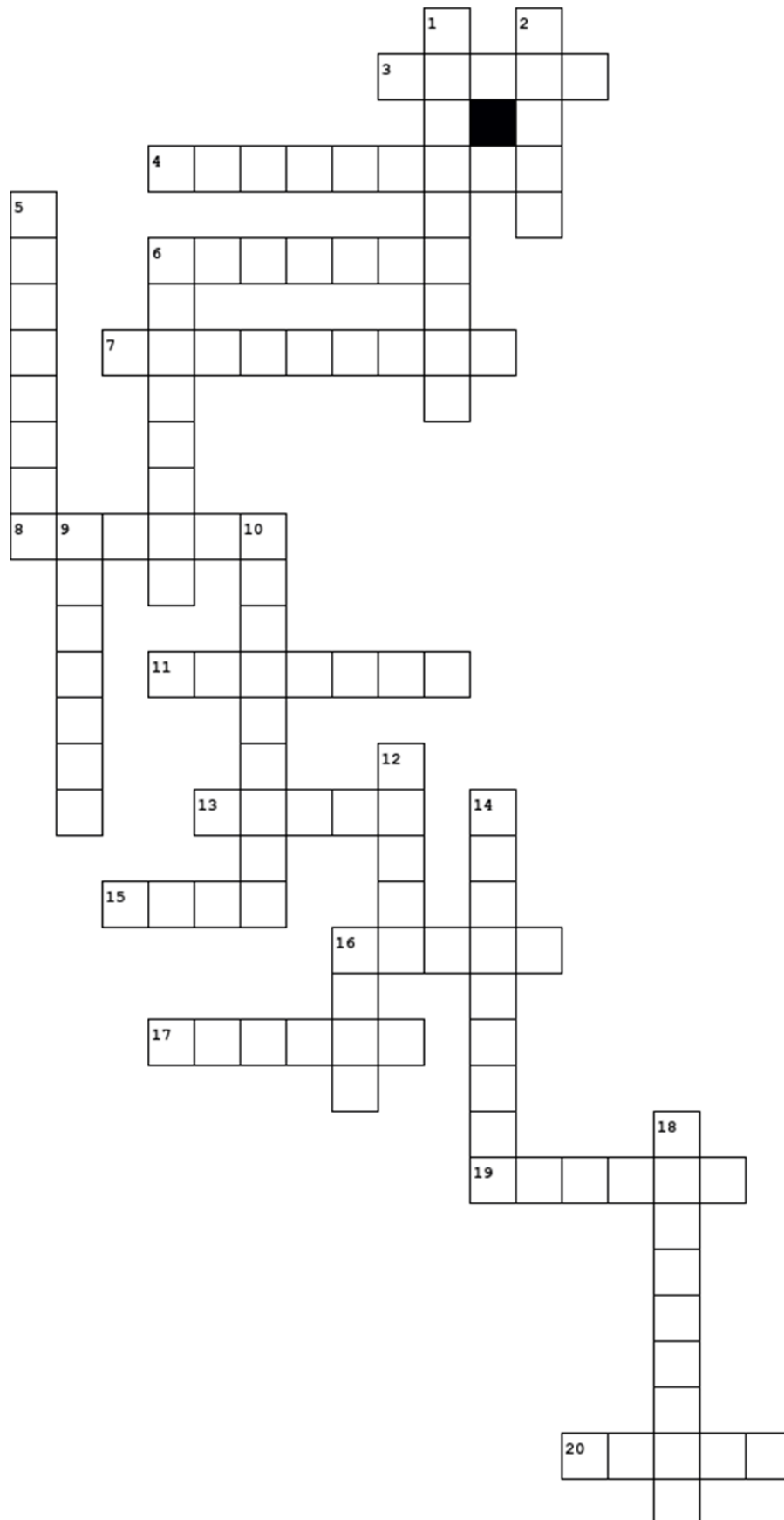
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4. YOU COULD GET KISSED UNDER IT
6. DICKENS' MISERLY CHARACTER
7. WHERE JESUS WAS BORN
8. THE GREEN "ANTI SANTA"
11. LEAD ACTOR IN "ITS A WONDERFUL LIFE"
13. THAT PRICKLY STUFF WITH THE RED BERRIES
15. "HE'S GONNA FIND OUT WHO'S NAUGHTY OR ...."
16. "I'M DREAMING OF A ..... CHRISTMAS
17. ONE OF SANTAS REINDEER
19. TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DRINK
20. OH HOLY .....

### Down

1. "GOD REST YE MERRY .....
2. THE HELPERS IN SANTA'S WORKSHOP
5. WHATS PUT INTO THE TURKEY
6. ST ..... DAY, BOXING DAY IN IRELAND
9. THE ONE WITH THE RED NOSE
10. MOVIE WHERE KEVIN GETS LEFT BEHIND
12. GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND .....
14. WHERE SANTA LIVES
16. "HUNTING THE .... A TRADITION IN IRELAND ON ST STEPHENS DAY
18. "6 GEESE A LAYING, 5 .....

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