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#### O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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#### **Greetings to all O'Malleys out there!**

Christmas Greetings to all of our O'Malleys out there around the world as we head into the festive season! Are you in need of a last minute, easily got, (emailed), reasonably priced gift for the O'Malley in your life? We have the PERFECT solution! An O'Malley Clan Full Membership! They'll get their beautiful membership cert, full access to the members area on the O'Malley Clan website, and will be helping to support the O'Malley Clan mission of forging contacts throughout the world.

If you do purchase a membership for the O'Malley in your life, (click on the image to head straight to the website), just pop us over an email to omalleyclanireland@gmail.com and let us know who its for. We'll get everything organised for you from there.

Merry Christmas everyone!!!



#### Get in touch, and share your O'Malley Heritage!

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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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#### O'Malleys in Chicago, and a big picnic in 1937

#### The Chicago O'Malleys

By Brendan O'Malley, Guardian Chieftain

The O'Malleys love a party! Our Clan Association in Ireland has been meeting annually since 1953, but it's not the only such gathering. O'Malleys in Boston, Chicago, New Zealand and many other places have also been coming together, either for oneoff or periodic celebrations of their common heritage. This article looks at some of the activities of the Chicago O'Malleys, starting with a huge picnic in 1937. It appears to be the oldest of modern O'Malley gettogethers and at 3,000 people (even allowing for some journalis-



Above: A view of Chicago in the 1930's

tic exaggeration!) it must have been one of, if not the, largest ever.

#### From the Mayo News, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1937

#### THE O'MALLEY CLAN

#### INTERESTING CHICAGO GATHERING

"About 3,000 O'Malleys, with their friends and relatives had a fete day in Chicago **on** 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The occasion was the first reunion and picnic of the Clan in Chicago, and **a** most enjoyable day was spent at Thatcher Woods Forest preserve, in River Forest, III.

Special arrangements were made to cater for the huge assembly on home lines, the John P. Harding Company providing splendid facilities in the line of food, while other refreshments were taken care of by Messrs. Michael O'Malley of W. 79th St. (who comes from Roonith [Roonagh?], Louisburgh), and Charles O'Malley, of Sanganion (who hails from Accony [Aghany?], Louisburgh)

Tom Lennon's famous Chicago orchestra was specially engaged to provide the necessary music for the many dancers, who, young and old, enjoyed the Irish and American dances to the full. A number of athletic and other contests were also held, for which some splendid prizes were offered.

A tug-o'-war contest between the 0'Malleys in the Police and the O'Malleys in the Fire Department was won by the latter. Cash prizes were awarded to the oldest O'Malley man present, the oldest woman, and to the youngest of the Clan at the gathering. A special prize of \$10.00 was awarded to Tom O'Malley of La Grange for the largest O'Malley family – he has nine children. The prize for the most beautiful girl after a lengthy elimination contest went to Miss C. O'Malley of 8250 S. Laffen St., who is a schoolteacher. Her father was a native of Clare Island, while her

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mother (nee Egan) was from Louisburgh. John O'Malley, a police officer, who won a prize as the largest man, is a native of Castlebar. He is 6ft. 4ins. in height and weighs 275 lbs.



Above: A picnic in the 1930's

The outing was sponsored by Tom O'Malley, for 23½ years manager of the Indianapolis Life Assurance Co., ably assisted by the following energetic committee:-

Dr. James E. O'Malley, 1558 W. 79th St., Chicago; Thomas J. O'Malley, 30 N. LaSalle St.; Dr. Joseph F. O'Malley, 27 S. Pulaski Road; Miss Catherine O'Malley, 8250 S. Laflin St.; Miss Grace O'Malley, 6511 Greenview Avenue (the latter a daughter of Mtn. O'Malley, a native of Cloonty, Louisburgh). James P. O'Malley, 206 N. Lamon Ave., City policeman, hailing from Newport; James T. O'Malley, 300 W. Oak St., one of Chicago's leading plumbing contractors, whose father originally came from the neighbourhood of Westport; William O'Malley, 5055 W. Monroe St., brother of John O'Malley of Westport,

John O'Mailey, 5626 Addison St., from Cullen, Westport; Owen O'Malley, 3517 Natchez Ave, (from Cullen, Westport); John O'Malley, 1511 Cullom Ave.; Charles T. O'Malley, 1511 Sherwin Ave.; Mrs. Martin O'Malley Scally, 8430 S. Morgan St.; Charles R O'Malley, Publisher, 43 E. Ohio St. (who was born in Westport); Mrs O'Malley Caul, 6243, S. Francisco (a native of Castlebar); Arthur S. O'Malley, 8014 S. Throop Street; William O'Malley, 1010 North Blvd., Oak Park; James J. O'Malley, 2315 Giddings St.; Mrs. M. O'Malley Sullivan, 5421 Congress St.; John P. O'Malley, 2459 Sastwood Ave. (his father was a native of Louisburgh); Mrs. Mary Mac Call, 2840 N. Campbell Ave.; John O'Malley, 1517 N. Monitor Ave.; Austin O'Malley, 222 W. Odams St. (father hailing from Louisburgh); Miss Noreen O'Malley McGreal, 2842 N. Western Ave.; Thomas E. Joyce; Mrs. Rose E. Joyce, Mrs Anna O'Malley Joyce; Denis O'Malley, 5043 W. Adams St.; Mrs. Nora O'Malley Burns, 7654 Stewart Ave. (a native of Clare Island); Patrick

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O'Malley, 4030 Grenshaw St. (a native of Louisburgh); Michael O'Malley, 824 Webster Ave (Galway) and Charles and Thomas O'Malley, 6648 St., Sangamon (natives *of* Louisburgh).

Everyone present was officially registered and a permanent organisation is being formed for annual reunions. A charter is to be obtained from the State of Illinois for the purpose of operating a social and benevolent association, net proceeds of future affairs to be used for the purpose of taking care of any needy family of the name in the Chicago area."

The Tom O'Malley referred to above as sponsor of the event, later retired to Mayo and became Chieftain of the O'Malley Clan in 1965. Chicago O'Malleys held many further gatherings, one of which was described in The O'Malley Clan Record of 1988:

#### THE CLAN IN CHICAGO

"Our exiled cousins in Chicago had been gathering annually for picnics before World War II. Many years later, in 1978, they decided to organize themselves as an active clan association, inspired by the happenings in Ireland, where the first O'Malley gathering was held in 1953.

Patrick O'Malley, the first chairman, was a cousin of John J. O'Malley of Westport, one of the prime movers behind the revival of clan activities in Ireland, while Alice O'Malley, niece of John J. O'Malley, was a committee member. Ellen Devitt was the secretary and she was later to become the chairperson. We have had the great pleasure of meeting Ellen when she attended the 1987 rally in Ireland with her husband Terrance Hodges. And of course Alice is the incoming Chieftain of the O'Malley Clan in Ireland. Patrick is a brother of Rev. Des O'Malley, O. F. M., in Galway, and Eileen O'Malley, Station Road, Westport, who are stalwart supporters of the annual rally.



Above: Chieftain Joe Blackwell and Ellen Devitt Hodges , Chairperson of the O'Malley Clan in Chicago, at the annual dinner in Chicago in 1987.

The first annual dinner was held in Chicago on 15 October 1978, and was attended by 400 people. This dinner has been an important event in the O'Malley calendar ever since. But the Chicago clan does not confine its activities to an annual dinner. They support local charities and take part in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Their unit received an award in 1981 in the marching units category of the parade. There is also an annual summer cocktail party in July.

An unusual feature of the Chicago organisation is the appointment of an Honorary Chieftain, Patrick L. O'Malley, recipient of the 1978 Chicago Man of the Year Award. Patrick is chairman of the Canteen Board, president of the Chicago Park District, and member and supporter of numerous other political and Irish-oriented organisations.

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We continue to maintain close links with our Chicago friends. Our *very* active Clan Chieftain Joseph O'Malley Blackwell attended the Chicago Dinner in 1987, and this year we welcome Alice O'Malley, chieftain-elect of the O'Malley Clan in Ireland, who will lead a party from Chicago to attend our annual rally in July. We extend to them a sincere 'Oro se do bheatha 'bhaile (oro and welcome home).

A further mention of the Chicago O'Malleys two years later in the 1990 O'Malley Clan Record tells us that:

"Paddy-Joe O'Malley, a native of Westport and noted triathlete, has sent us news of the O'Malley Clan in Chicago. They are planning a Spring Dance for April 1991 in the newly constructed Banquet Hall in Gaelic Park.

Former Chicago Chieftain Ellen Hodges and her husband Terry are again sponsoring a picnic in aid of Irish musicians. Terry, a gifted musician, is American born.

The clan marches annually in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We publish here some photographs of last year's participants. "

Alice O'Malley referred to above was inaugurated as Chieftain of the Clan in 1988 and held her Gathering in Westport and Mulranny in 1989.

If any of our readers can provide more information about the various Chicago O'Malleys mentioned in this article, we'd love to hear from you. We're always looking to add more O'Malley genealogy to the O'Malley Clan Family Tree on <u>Ancestry</u> (tree owner mjg162).

Even better, Chieftain Denise would love to welcome some of you to next year's O'Malley Clan Gathering in Ennis, Co Clare, where the music will be great. After all, the O'Malleys love a party!



Above: St Patrick's Day Parade, Chicago 1989. L-R: Ed O'Malley (Louisburgh) and Walter O'Malley (Newport) being entertained by piper before the parade



Above: St Patrick's Day Parade, Chicago 1989. L-R: Ed O'Malley (native of Louisburgh), Pat O'Malley (Westport) and Ed O'Malley (Chicago)



Above: Alice O'Malley from Chicago, newly installed Chieftain at Mulranny in 1998.

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#### **Charles O'Malley & The Building of Croagh Patrick Oratory**

### **Croagh Patrick oratory was erected 120 years ago**

'THE Oratory on the Mountain', by John C. Boyne, was published in The Connaught Telegraph on Saturday, August 3, 1940.

It read: Crowning the summit of Croagh Patrick, high above the sea, there stands a little concrete structure which for 35 years (in 1940) has braved the western storms.

Alone and lonely for most of the year, an empty shell with four bare walls, sloping roof and simple altar, it wakes to vibrant life on the last Sunday in July, when thousands of pilgrims climb the steep height to honour Ireland's holy Patron.

Charles O'Malley of Westport, one of the 15 workers responsible for building the historic little church, told the simple, but graphic story of its construction.

To Canon MacDonald, P.P., of Newport - recently deceased - goes credit for the achievement: the workers were from Westport and district, and most of the material

The Oratory at the summit of Coragh Patrick, built in 1905, (120 years ago this year!)

used was obtained locally. The plans were designed by a Dublin firm.

In 1905, during the driest and finest summer in living memory, the church was built, taking approximately four months to complete.

Broken stones and gravel mixed into a strong concrete formed the materials for the walls and roof. The

cement, brought from Westport - about six miles away - was taken up the mountain by donkeys; sometimes when no donkeys were available the men carried up large quantities upon their backs.

The largest single load taken up at any one time was the



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inscription stone, weighing three hundredweight.

Work on the rocky crust of the mountain soon yielded a sound foundation.

While clearing under the east gable, the workers were startled to find human bones laying about one foot below the surface. They carefully gathered them together and reburied them beneath a concrete slab. For nearly three months during the construction, Mr. O'Malley and the contractor - the late Mr. H. Heneghan of Louisburgh - slept on top of the mountain, coming 'back to earth' on Saturday evenings and returning on Sundays.

Every morning at 8 a.m. the workmen arrived with food and drink for the two 'hermits' and the work proceeded steadily until dusk. Living on the exposed plateau of the Reek provided plenty of thrills. The habitat was a small wooden hut covered with felt and divided into two cubicles, each containing a small bed. Sometimes, during the night, a strong gale of wind would rise, sweeping across the bare peak with terrific force. Shivering in the cold and fearful of being blown down the long slope into island-dotted Clew Bay, they would place heavy stones about the hut and take turns at watching until the storm died away.

The biggest job of all was putting on the roof. Three steel principals formed the main portion, and these were

Following this the proper quantities of concrete were measured out, turned three times and finally mixed with water. Such work is not unduly hard when performed on ground level, and with an ample supply of water at hand, but the

carried up in sections and assembled on site.

workers on Croagh Patrick had to scramble more than halfway down the west side of the mountain for every drop of water required, and their

often increased when, in spite of the fine weather, a great blanket of fog would suddenly obscure the rough track and wet the 'water men'

to the skin.

troubles

But in spite of all these difficulties the roof was actually erected in two days, the large door was fitted and the altar set into position. It was rough and heavy going for the whole four months, but the building was completed without accident. Previous to 1905, Mass was celebrated in a small stone hut covered with a corrugated iron sheet. With the opening and blessing of the new oratory, an increasing number of pilgrims visited the holy spot, and Rev. Canon MacDonald celebrated the first Mass in that year.



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#### **Charles O'Malley & The Building of Croagh Patrick Oratory**

Of the 15 men who took part, 12 were alive in 1940, and Mr. Charles O'Malley, then 57 years of age, looked forward to climbing the Reek for the 28th time on Sunday, July 28, 1940.



#### Editor's Note:

The summit of Croagh Patrick is a beautiful spot. The last time I was at the top was Wednesday 28th July 2010 when I proposed to my now darling wife of 14 years Norma. Afterwards a few people thought that maybe it was the thinner air at the summit, or maybe it was tiredness after a night out in Athlone the night before, that made me fall on one knee, and that when I did I just had to keep going. You couldn't pick a better, more beautiful place to pop the question is my thinking anyway! Oh by the way, I still have the stick too. If ever I need to be kept on the straight and narrow she'll give me a few belts of it!!



#### O'Malleys in Ballinrobe, Bucking the Trend and Open for Business!

#### Popular historic South Mayo pub reopens after ten year closure

A family pub with deep roots in the community is welcoming customers back after a 10-year hiatus and extensive refurbishment

O'Malley's pub in *Ballinrobe* reopened its doors on Friday morning, marking the return of a beloved *local establishment* that has been closed for a decade.



The pub, which was first opened in 1944 by Adrian O'Malley's grandfather, is being given a new lease of life by husband and wife team Amy and Adrian O'Malley. After Adrian's father passed away 15 years ago, the family pub closed its doors a few years later.

"The trend is that pubs are closed and not opening, so people locally are just wild with excitement about it,"

said Amy O'Malley. "We don't have that many pubs left in *Ballinrobe*, where it was a town that had a lot like most places."

The extensive refurbishment has been 10 years in the making, with the owners determined to do it properly. "We wanted to make it as nice as possible with finishes, giving people of all ages a place to come into" Amy explained.

The newly refurbished venue has been cleverly divided into three distinct areas to cater for different groups. The front bar maintains a more traditional atmosphere, while the back section is designed for hosting events and parties, with regular live music planned.

O'Malley's will operate seven days a week. Plans are also in place to introduce food service, starting with a pizza kitchen, once the bar is fully up and running over the coming weeks.

"We're trying to do it a little bit differently," Amy said.

The O'Malleys are bucking the trend of pub closures in rural Ireland.

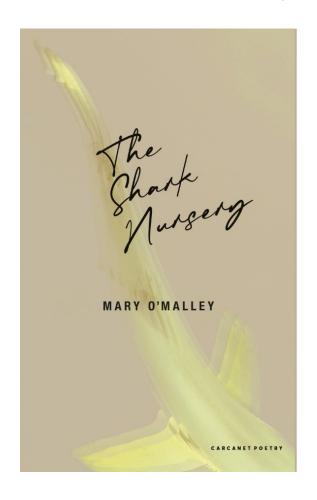
O'Malley's officially opened on Friday morning 21st November.





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#### Former Chieftain Mary O'Malley wins the Walcott Prize





Aosdána member Mary O'Malley has been named the joint winner of the 2025 Derek Walcott Prize for Poetry.

Mary's collection *The Shark Nursery* (Carcanet, 2024) was announced the joint winner on Tuesday 28 October by <u>Arrowsmith Press</u> alongside Theresa Lola's collection *Ceremony for the Nameless* (Penguin Books). They will split the \$2000 prize

The Derek Walcott Prize for Poetry is offered annually to a book of poetry by a non-US citizen published anywhere in the world. It honours the work of St. Lucian Nobel Prize poet Derek Walcott. Judging the prize this year was Jamaican poet Ishion Hutchinson.

<u>The Shark Nursery</u> holds a collection of poems that respond to a disturbed world. The experience of lockdown, of lives lived in an online reality, and of the animal world are the interlocking parts of the poems' world. The animal poems draw on the tradition of animals in Irish poetry and myth.

#### Ciaran Staunton and his efforts to "End Sepsis"



### Recent Global End Sepsis Conference continues to push for an end to this preventable scourge

Ciaran Staunton of End Sepsis spoke at the recent United Nations Global conference on this preventable condition. Ciaran and his wife Orla lost their son Rory to sepsis in 2012, and have since founded End Sepsis to fight for improved diagnosis and treatment of sepsis.

END SEPSIS, the Legacy of Rory Staunton, was founded in 2012 following the preventable death of 12-year-old Rory Staunton from undiagnosed, untreated sepsis. In the United States, over 350,000 people die each year from sepsis, a preventable and treatable condition. Hundreds of thousands more are left with devastating disabilities.

END SEPSIS is a movement of families and individuals fighting for a world without preventable deaths from sepsis. We relentlessly pursue the implementation of public health policies that improve the rapid identification and treatment of sepsis and drastically reduce the sepsis death toll. Our public awareness campaigns increase public recognition of the signs of sepsis and the understanding of sepsis as a medical emergency. We know that together we can win the fight against sepsis.

Sepsis deaths and disabilities devastate hundreds of thousands of families each year. **It's our mission to end that.** Through aggressive public policy initiatives and comprehensive sepsis education for adults and children, we fight to make sure that no more lives are lost to this preventable, treatable condition.

End Sepsis have have made a lot of progress in their fight, and have had some notable successes to date:

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- Sepsis funding for the CDC: The CDC received designated funding in the national budget to promote its sepsis hospital guidelines, improve data collection, collaborate with CMS on sepsis outcome measures and amplify its public awareness activities.
  - Funding for sepsis in the
     United States budget: In a <u>major</u> <u>breakthrough</u> orchestrated by the END SEPSIS <u>Expert Panel</u>, in 2023, sepsis received line item funding for the first time in the national budget and CDC and



CMS were given directives to step up their sepsis work.

- New comprehensive sepsis guidelines for hospitals: After years of intense advocacy by END
  SEPSIS, in 2023 the CDC released its landmark <u>Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements</u>, which provide
  comprehensive instruction for the monitoring and optimizing sepsis management in hospitals.
- Mandatory sepsis hospital protocols in New York State: END SEPSIS rallied key healthcare stakeholders in New York State to develop and institute Rory's Regulations, the nation's first mandatory protocols for the rapid identification and treatment of sepsis. Rory's Regulations saved 16,000 lives in the first five years following implementation.
- New focus on sepsis on the CDC website: In 2012, the CDC added sepsis to its disease directory for the first time at the request of END SEPSIS.
- Bringing sepsis to the US Congress: END SEPSIS worked to orchestrate the first Senate Hearing on sepsis. Ciaran Staunton testified before Senator Harkin and the HELP Committee.
- An annual convening of the best and the brightest: In 2013 END SEPSIS held the first <u>National</u>
   <u>Forum on Sepsis</u>. Our Forum remains the premier event on the sepsis calendar, bringing
   together leaders in government, public health, medicine, private industry and patient advocacy from
   across the country and around the globe.
- Infection education for every New York healthcare worker: In 2017, END SEPSIS successfully advocated for the passage of <u>Rory's Staunton's Law</u>. The law requires that every dentist, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, podiatrist, optometrist and dental hygienist in New York State

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complete coursework or training on infection and sepsis prevention, approved by the Department of Health, every four years.

- Infection education for every New York child: Rory Staunton's Law, passed in 2017, also requires that all New York State schools receive the END SEPSIS <u>comprehensive K-12 infection and sepsis</u> curriculum, free of charge, on an annual basis.
- A national movement of families: In 2015, END SEPSIS created the <u>National Family Council on</u>
   <u>Sepsis</u>, a movement of families from across the country working together to champion sepsis policies and awareness to end preventable deaths from sepsis.
- A campaign to save our mothers: In 2019, END SEPSIS developed the <u>End Maternal Sepsis initiative</u>, the first of its kind, with funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services, to better understand and address America's maternal sepsis crisis.
- A National Sepsis Awareness Day: In 2022, at the request of END SEPSIS, Senator Chuck Schumer proclaimed <u>September 13th National Sepsis Awareness Day</u> on the floor of the US Senate. He dedicated his work to Rory Staunton.
- Bringing sepsis awareness to a national audience: The Stauntons have <u>shared their story</u> and the signs of sepsis – with millions through featured stories on the Today Show and NPR and in People Magazine, the New York Times and other national news outlets.

Take some time to watch some or all of the UN Global End Sepsis Conference here https://www.youtube.com/live/RJ7QGQoYw6c?t=4053s

Check out the End Sepsis website here: https://www.endsepsis.org/



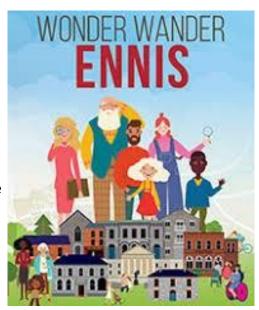
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#### The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare

#### Friday 26th June

# Wonder Wander Walking Tour Start & Finish at The O'Malley Clan Shop at The Temple Gate Hotel 3pm to 5pm

Self-guided walking tour of Ennis with Map (supplied), for Children accompanied by a Parent or Guardian. Find all sites, take a photo of each site and the first family home wins a prize. Just book a place for the children! Please state the age of your child in the comments section or after their name above



#### **Chieftain's Reception**

#### The Great Hall, Temple Gate Hotel

#### 5pm to 11pm

A welcome to the launch of the 2026 O'Malley Gathering from Chieftain Denise O'Malley Kelly. Held for the first time in her native Co Clare, this will be a chance to meet old friends and new.

Starting with a drinks reception at 5:00 pm, there will be a talk at 5:30 pm by Clare historian Dick Cronin on 'The Historical Sites of Clare'. Then at 6:45 Dr Maurice Gleeson will talk about the genealogy of the O'Malleys, with a particular focus on how genetic genealogy (DNA testing) can be combined with studying historical records to take your family tree back to earlier times. The Finding Grace project aims to identify the genetic signature of Grace O'Malley's branch of the family. Find out how to check how closely related you may be to the famous 'Pirate Queen'.

When the speakers are done, stay and chat or adjourn to dine in the hotel or one of the many local restaurants and return for the Ceili starting at 9:00 pm. Featuring traditional Irish music by the Spraoi Celi band, experience a night of Ceol agus Craic from the very best of Clare's Irish Traditional Musicians!





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#### Saturday 27th June

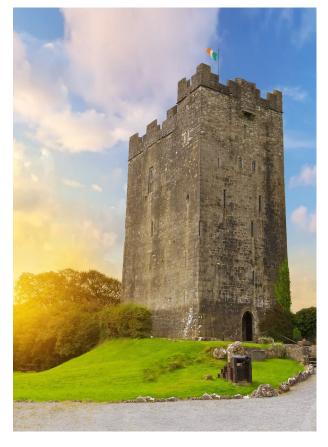
#### **North Clare Bus Tour**

#### **Departs from and Returns to The Temple Gate Hotel**

#### 9:15am to 4:30pm

Tour the spectacular countryside of North Clare, with stops at the famous Cliffs of Moher, through the amazing landscape of the Burren to the stone age Poulnabrone Dolmen and Dysert O'Dea Castle. Lunch in Liscannor is included. Please state any food allergies in the comments section of your booking.









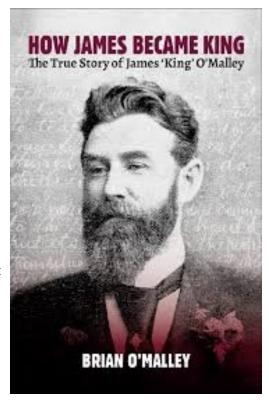
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## How James Became King – Author Brian O'Malley on his controversial book.

## Foyer Room, (off the Great Hall), The Temple Gate Hotel 6pm to 7:15pm

Author Brian O'Malley has spent years researching the extraordinary career of James Malley from New Haven, Connecticut. In a story spanning the USA from east coast to west and on to Australia, hear about how James changed his identity and rose to prominence as King O'Malley, Australian cabinet minister and crusading reformer.



#### Chieftain's Gala Dinner

#### The Great Hall, Temple Gate Hotel

#### 7:30pm to 11pm

Chieftain's Gala Dinner, followed by music by a band especially formed to play for our event. They are the very best of what Clare has to offer. Please state any food allergies in the comments section.



#### The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare

#### Sunday 28th June

## Annual O'Malley Clan Mass Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Ennis

11:30am to 12:15pm

A celebration of our weekend together, through music and prayer.



## Annual General Meeting of The O'Malley Clan Association Foyer Room, (off the Great Hall), The Temple Gate Hotel 12:30am to 1:15pm

Our Clan AGM, chaired by the Guardian Chieftain Brendan, is open to all O'Malleys attending the Gathering, although only registered members may vote. The AGM elects the new Tánaiste from those nominated and discusses any motions or issues of the day. Hear our Guardian Chieftain, Chieftain, Secretary, Treasurer and Members Officer report on their activities throughout the year.

#### **Annual Clan Luncheon**

#### The Great Hall, Temple Gate Hotel

#### 1:30pm to 4pm

Sit and enjoy a lunch together as our weekend comes to a close. Please specify and food allergies in the comment section.

#### Inauguration of our New Chieftain for 2026-2027

#### **Courtyard, Temple Gate Hotel**

#### 4pm

Gather around the circle of Chieftains and witness our new Chieftain Don O'Malley being inaugurated.



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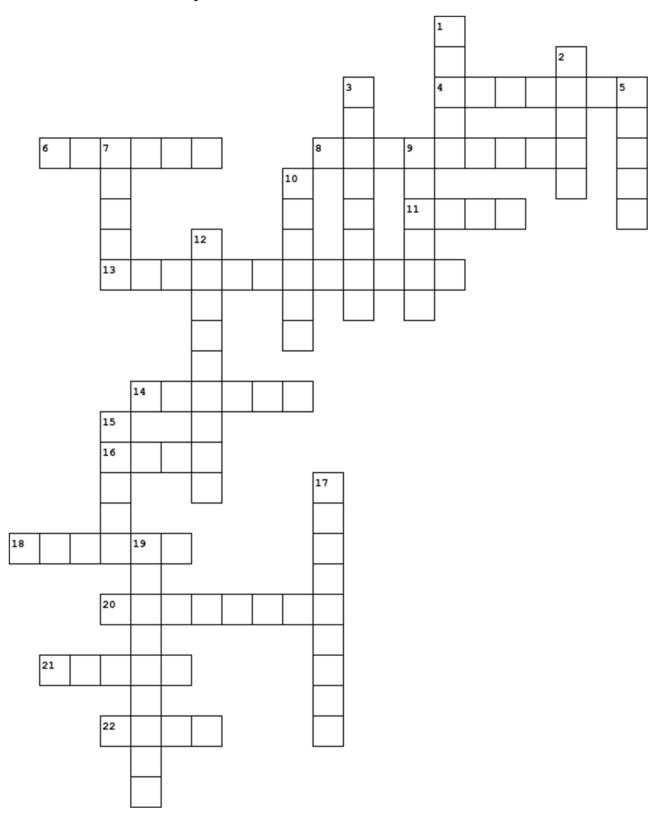
#### Test your brain with a Christmas crossword

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| <b>6.</b> Away in a  |
| 8. Plant for having a kiss under   |
| 11. Sleigh bells   |
| 13. They followed a star   |
| 14. Santa's Transport!   |
| 16. Its a wonderful A classic Christmas movie                                |
| 18. The traditional countdown to Christmas,                                  |
| 20. Under the Tree   |
| <b>21.</b> Silent  |
| 22. Santa Claus is coming to   |
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| 2. Santa's Helpers   |
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| 7. Oh Holy 9. A big bird for the table                                       |
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LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS: **ACROSS**, 3 FRANKLIN, 4 SOLO, 7 DUET 8 CARMEN, 9 CALIFORNIA, 11 BASS, 13 RHAPSODY 14 QUEEN, 15 JOEL, 18. CONDUCTOR, 20. ARMSTRONG **DOWN**, 1 MARLEY, 2 VIVALDI, 4 SHEERAN, 5 REGGAE, 6 DAVIS, 10. RINGO, 12. FLAMENCO 15 JOHN 16 TROMBONE, 17 LUDWIG, 19 FLAT.

19. Santa's home place ........

#### Test your brain with a Christmas crossword







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