

# O'MALLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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## 46TH O'MALLEY CLAN RALLY 26TH - 28TH JUNE 1998 LIMERICK

Chieftain Don O'Malley of Limerick wishes to welcome all O'Malleys, friends and relations, to the Clan Rally which will be held in Limerick, on June 26th - 28th 1998.

This is only the third occasion that Limerick has been selected for the Clan Rally. The venue for this year's Clan Rally will be located on the beautiful campus of the University of Limerick.

The Limerick O'Malleys are looking forward to welcoming all the Clan visitors on this occasion. We are very proud of our ancient City and its achievements and this year we celebrate the 800 anniversary of receiving our Charter from King John. Limerick has a very interesting history and includes famous events such as the Siege of Limerick and indeed the remains of the legendary 'Walls of Limerick' are to be seen in various parts of the City.

In the past, Limerick was noted for, amongst other things, its beautiful women (still true), Limerick Lace and Limerick bacon. The Limerick Lace and bacon are not with us any more due to the passage of time, but the older traditional industries have now been replaced by new 'high-tech' companies such as Dell, Analog Devices, Homedica, Kodak, Verbatim, etc. These world renowned companies have located in Limerick principally because of the pool of talent available in our young and well educated graduates.

Limerick is now a vibrant place which has been improved and upgraded in recent years. We sincerely hope you like what you see and that your visit to my native city will be an enjoyable and interesting one.



Don O'Malley, Chieftain 1997-1998

**46th O'Malley Clan Rally**  
**Limerick - June 26th - June 28th 1998**

**Programme of Events**

**Friday, 26th June:**

**Evening** Registration/Shop, University of Limerick, Kilmurry Village Hall  
Guest Speaker - Tony McCarthy - 'Irish Roots'  
Tour of 'O'Malley Heads' Stables Bar - University of Limerick

**Saturday, 27th June:**

**Morning** Golf at Limerick Golf & Country Club, Ballineety, Co. Limerick  
Coach from University of Limerick to King John's Castle and Hunt Museum.  
Tour of Museum

**Afternoon** Time for sightseeing, shopping in Limerick centre. Return by coach to Kilmurry Village University of Limerick. Other places of interest for those not on the coach tour include St. Mary's Cathedral, St. John's Cathedral (highest spire in Ireland), Adare Village, Bunratty Fold Park, Lough Gur, Killaloe

**Evening** A.G.M. - Stables Bar, University of Limerick, followed by Chieftain's Reception, Entertainment - local singing/dance group and music session - U.L. musicians. Sing song

**Sunday, 28th June:**

**Morning** Traditional O'Malley Mass, University Campus/Kilmurry Church Shop, University of Limerick, followed by Annual Lunch in the Main Restaurant of U.L.

**Afternoon** Speeches  
Inauguration of New Chieftain  
Farewells

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**Condolences**

The Clan join in sending their sincere sympathies to the family of our very fond former Chieftain Anthony of Louisburgh

Our sympathies also to the Rathdowney O'Malleys and the O'Sullivan family of Portlaoise, on the recent bereavement of Mary. Sadly missed.

**DON, THE 46TH CHIEFTAIN**

Our Chieftain, Don O'Malley, was the second of five children born to Patrick and Bridget O'Malley in Limerick in 1939. His father Patrick (Paddy) came from Madaboy near Murroe, where the O'Malleys have lived for fourteen generations or more.

Paddy O'Malley, who had a very successful hardware business in Limerick City, was always very interested in the O'Malley Clan and its proud traditions. He was at the first Clan Rally in 1953 and his son Don went to his first rally in Galway in 1954. Many other rallies were enjoyed over the years and one that springs to mind is the Westport Rally about 1956, where the 'Pope O'Mahony' was the guest speaker at the Sunday Lunch.

In recent years, Don has had the pleasure of taking his family to the rallies, where new friendships were made in lovely historic surroundings.

Don is married to Elaine and they have five daughters. The eldest, Grace, like her father, studied Electrical Engineering at U.C.C. and before her marriage worked at the National Microelectronics Centre in Cork. She married a Corkman, Jerry Henchy, and they now live in Chicago, where Grace is a Research Engineer with Motorola and Jerry is a Director for Kerry Food Ingredients in the U.S.

Edel, studied B. Comm. at U.C.D. and is married to Gerry McMahon in Dublin. Edel is a fundraiser with the Hospice Foundation and Gerry has his own Engineering Services Company.

Clodagh is married to Michael Campbell and they now reside in Monaghan where Michael manages Dunnes Stores and Clodagh has taken time out from Hotel Management to rear their daughter Olivia.

Avril graduated in Biochemistry at U.C.C. and is now continuing her studies for a Masters Degree in U.C.D.

Eileen, their youngest daughter, is in her final year at U.C.D. studying Archaeology and Art History.

Chieftain Don runs a very successful Consulting Engineering Practice in Limerick City, which first started in 1967. The practice has been involved in many important developments in the Mid-West, particularly all the main building and residential facilities at the University of Limerick.

Other projects include the Hunt Museum, St. Mary's Cathedral and King John's Castle, which will be visited during this year's Rally.

The main hobbies enjoyed by Don include gardening, walking, fishing and particularly golf. He still manages to play off 9 handicap and is a member of Limerick Golf Club, where he served as Captain in 1977 and more recently as President 1994-1995.

The best relaxation, he says, is in Waterville, Co. Kerry, where we have a holiday home and enjoy all the outdoor pursuits with family and friends.

Don is very much involved in his native city where he takes an active part in Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Limerick Civic Trust and the University Club.

Of great importance to Chieftain Don is that we will be meeting this year in Limerick with immediate family relations, some of whom will be travelling from the United States and New Zealand for the Rally.

## 45th O'Malley Clan Rally - Galway

'Mayo God Help Us' and Galway happy in welcoming all O'Malleys was the order of the day for the 45th Annual Clan Rally held in Galway June 27-29th. Chieftain Ann was host to a wonderful weekend at two superb venues - The Ardilaun House Hotel - and U.C.G. Campus.

Friday night saw Donal Taheny a well known lecturer/photographer showing his slides of Historic Galway. It was a delightful show of some of the best of Donal's slides, depicting The Tower Houses of The Galway Tribes and their later elaborate mansions, now in ruins and the stone engraved imarriage stones of the unions of many of the famous fourteen families. Their religious houses and treasurers of some of the local convents, where the daughters of some families, gave their lives to these communities.

Saturday morning was time for the coach tour of Connemara led by Sheila Mulloy Clan Historian who dealt with the History of O'Malleys in this region, assisted by Mairead O'Shaughnessy of Galway An Taisce, herself a lady native of South Connemara explaining aspects of life in the time of her Connemara Childhood. Now changed in many ways, sometimes for the better, sometimes not.

Galway Golf Club was the venue for the Grainnuaille Classic - This competition is becoming increasingly popular - now an integral item of the Rally programme was won by Tony Ryan a regular rally attender closely contested by Michael O'Malley Clan Co. Chairman and (Tournament Director).

Later there were many good yarns in the Clubhouse Bar of missed putts etc. all complimenting the fine condition of the Galway course.

This was the first year that American, O'Malleys entered the competition other competitors coming from Dublin, Mayo and of course Galway.

O'Maille's Woollen Store which can boast of sixty years trading in Galway, a well know supplier to many personalities of world renown including the cast and producers of the most well known and loved film ever made in Ireland - 'The Quiet Man' hosted a special showing of garments of the superb designs of Irish manufacturers in wonderful style and colours in fabrics of wool, silk and linen. A fine commentary by Peggy Carty accompanied the showing by five delightful models, charmed The O'Malleys who sipped cocktails and nibbled delicious savouries all supplied by O'Maille's of High Street in The Old Malte Pub where the show took place. Chieftain Ann will be wearing one of these wonderful garments by Wilde and Woolley when next she's seen in town.



Chieftain Ann with John Mulholland, Mayor of Galway at the launch of the O'Malley Clan Journal

Ann hosted the Chieftain's reception following the A.G.M. which was taken over by former Guardian Chief Gerry deputising for Sal who unfortunately was unable to be present. Treasurer Maurice was ratified as incoming Tanaiste and Kitty elected as Treasurer.

Ann welcomed the gathering of in excess of two hundred and fifty people who came to share in the bonding and camaraderie of people of like name, who came from all corners of Ireland and Britain many from Australia, New Zealand and a large representation from the U.S.A. 'make new O'Malley friends and meet old O'Malley friends' was the password of the evening making new friends was made easy, as all responded to the idea of displaying their name and home city on an easily identifiable label. Many new friends were made during the year as a result of Ann putting the Clan programme on the Internet, the w.w.w. A sumptuous buffet was supplied by the Hotel and graciously sponsored by The Chieftain, as has been the custom for the last few years.

Though many departed at a respectable hour a late party developed between a group from Mayo and Dublin to the sound of Ellen and her friends in song and on guitar. The strains of 'Oro se de beatha Bhaile', the O'Malley anthem, also many other popular ballads filled the air. 'A Great Session' was the byword on the Sunday morning, when the Clan finally congregated at the University Chapel in the grounds of University College Galway for the most important event of the Annual rally. The O'Malley Mass celebrated by Fr. Pat O'Maille in U.C.G. Chapel. The procession of Chieftains, Past Chieftains led by Clan piper Eoin with standard bearers Max and Dara - Ann's grandchildren.

The theme of the homily was Fr. Pat's favourite, "Keep Faith, look to the future through our young people. They are our future! Develop projects in sports, music and design to support our Youth and give them a chance for their future development and fulfilment, for they are the real wealth of the nation'. Soloist Nonie Hickey accompanied by organist Eithne Phelan (two of Ann's Bearna friends) also Maire Cris Ui Chionna who sang the hymns Ar n-Athar and Ag Criost an Siol made this a truly spiritual experience.

After mass the procession through the grounds of U.C.G. led to the highlight of the weekend, the launching of the newly undertaken O'Malley Journal alias Clan record by Councillor John Mulholland at Aras na MacLeinn, Councillor Mulholland spoke in glowing terms of the Journal and its content, the many articles about local and overseas O'Malley families, O'Malley personalities and other articles of local and general interest.



Chieftain Ann with her family and extended family from Galway, Dublin and Indiana

He commended the endeavour and zeal of the Clan in publishing such works, noting that all was done in a voluntary capacity under the direction and editorship of Clan Historian Sheila O'Malley Mulloy.

'A Feast Fit for the Clan' is how Ann described the lunch which Gabrielle and her staff provided for the record number of people (265) which attended the final event The Annual Clan Lunch in the student Leisure Complex of U.C.G.

Thanks and Credits and compliments to all who assisted in the organising of the Rally. The committee particularly the sub-committee of Sheila and Kitty for the Journal 1997 the sponsors and writers without whom it could not materialise, particularly Prof. Emeritus, James Murray and Prof. Emertius Tomas O'Broin for their contributing articles, Peadar O'Dowd Galway Author and Historian, and the many O'Malley families who told their family story.

The idea for the future is to publish a book hopefully to coincide with the tenure of the Guardian Chief, The Millenium will be an ideal date for the next publication.

The local committee under the Chairmanship of Michael, Treasurer Maurice - under whose watchful eye all ticketing was supervised and ably assisted by Mary Collins and Secs. Mary Jane & Meike and of course Don the Chieftain elect.

Philip and his team for the important business of 'The Raffle' which is of huge importance to the Clan funds (for the Clan as all O'Malleys know do not have a membership fee).

The penultimate ceremony was the handing over to Sheila Mulloy the Guardianship of the Clan which is now symbolised by the Gorget of brass and copper commissioned by Sheila and made in Westport, bearing the O'Malley monogram in Celtic Uncials and a representation of Clare Island.

The final ceremony was the piping in of Chieftain Elect Don, from Limerick, to sound of the O'Malley anthem and the handing over of the Regalia of an O'Malley Chief. The cloak of Wool especially woven on Clare Island an O'Malley stronghold, and the staff of Holly embellished with emblems from the Clan Crest, The Boar the most

fearless animal known in early Ireland, The Horse & Galley which represent the mobility on land and sea as in the Clan motto 'Terra marique potens'. Powerful on Land and Sea or Laidir and Tir ès ar Muir.

Chatting with the Americans and Australians and theirs was a significant presence (78 overseas) the feeling is, that now that The Clan is on the Internet, that there is a great possibility for growth of



At the O'Malley Mass  
UCG Chapel, June 1997

the Clan Association into the new millennium O'Malleys may well need to update the Clan motto to embrace Powerful on the Airways and Airwaves.

The final word goes to The Child of Prague, Ann's treasured statue reposed under a Hawthorn Bush gave us three fine days in a June that has been the wettest and coldest in a hundred years when other well know prestigious events such as Wimbledon were rained out!!!!

On a personal note I would like to add what the benefit or gift of organising the 45th Clan Rally, meant to me was the co-operation and assistance I received from my Kelly Family - Kelly is my tower of strength !! and most wonderfully was the attendance of both of my sisters and their Irish families and both of my brothers and their American families in all thirty five adults and nine children. (Unable to make it was Peter and his wife and brand new baby from San Francisco - another time maybe).

My many other Irish relations, Godparents, and most particularly Hilda.

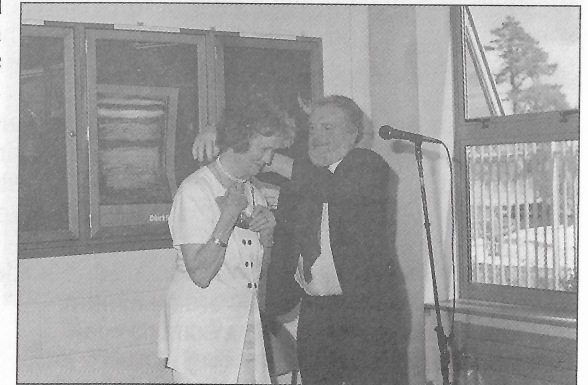
To quote our founding Father John J. 1953 'I hope that in a thousand years from now this reunion of O'Malley's will be as great as ever'

Dia Romhainn agus Dia Linn.  
Ann O'Malley Kelly  
Chieftain 96-97

## OUR COLLAR OF GOLD

The new badge of office for the Guardian Chieftain is a collar of gold designed by Derek McGowan, Aughagower, Westport, of Creative Jewellery. This is based on the gold jewellery manufactured in Ireland in the pre-Christian era. It is made of architectural bronze, with a brass monogram formed from the clan name 'O Máille' (O'Malley). The acute accent over the 'O' has a representation on it in brass of Clare Island, which was a stronghold of the Clan. The brass chain consists of linked spiral motifs. The names of the Guardian Chieftains from the formation of the Clan Association will appear on separate plaques inserted between the motifs.

The position of Guardian Chieftain has existed in the O'Malley Clan Association since 1954, and it is unique among the Clans of Ireland. To quote the founders of the Association, 'the Guardian Chieftain acts as a sort of permanent civil servant in conference with the current chieftain, and is interested in all Clan affairs at home and abroad, and is "head" during an interregnum'.



Former Guardian Chief, Gerry passing the Collar of Gold to Guardian Chief Sheila on behalf of outgoing Guardian Chieftain Sal O'Malley McInerney

## GUARDIAN CHIEF SHEILA O'MALLEY MULLOY



The Guardian Chief, Sheila O'Malley Mulloy

Up to now the transfer of the Guardian Chieftainship was done with a handshake or, at best, a perfunctory embrace. There was nothing tangible to hand over. The Chieftain had the fine cloak, donated by Mary O'Sullivan of Portlaoise, and the elegant staff designed by Wayne Harlow, as symbols of the transfer of office but, alas, the Senior Office of the Clan was without regalia of any kind. The person who decided that this was not good enough was the incoming Guardian chief, Sheila. The emblem she chose was a beaten bronze torc, beautifully designed by Derek McGowan and presented to the Clan by Sheila herself. The neck chain has links inscribed with the names of the five former Guardian Chiefs, Conon, Martin, Pearse, Gerry and Sal.

Last year the outgoing Guardian Chief, Sal, was unable to attend the Rally. Her place was taken by former Guardian Chief, Gerry, who wore the new chain of office briefly before passing it on to Sheila.

Dr. Sheila O'Malley Mulloy of the Kilmilkin family, but now resident in Carrowbaun, Westport, is a most fitting holder of the Clan's senior office. A professional historian, she has written and lectured extensively on historical matters. She is editor of *Cathair na Mart*, the journal of the Westport Historical Society.

Her work for the Clan Association has been monumental and untiring. She has been Chairperson of the Clan Committee for many years, was compiler of the annual Clan Journal (sadly missed) and is the author of a history of the O'Malleys - 'People and Places 1988' and 'Protestant, Catholic and Dissenter: The Clergy in 1798'.

It is entirely fitting that such a distinguished holder of the Clan's Senior Office should be the one to lead us into the 3rd Millenium.

Gerry O'Malley

## Biography of Granuaile - New Edition

The eagerly awaited new edition of the Life and Times of Grace O'Malley by Anne Chambers is to be published in mid-March by Wolfhound Press.

It is almost twenty years since the publication of the original edition, which proved such a best-seller that it was reprinted seven times until the last edition sold out in 1996. For the past two years, Anne has been working on this all new edition of the life of Ireland's renowned Pirate queen and has unearthed much new information, from among public and private manuscript collections, in Ireland and in Britain, not hitherto available.

'As well as the discovery of the new information, I wanted also to analyse her life and the contribution she made to her time, in a more comprehensive and universal way', Anne recently told me, 'especially in the context of women's role in history, both political and social, as well as the relationship between women and the sea, so much part of both the fact and legend of Granuaile and which still appears a barrier, as little breached by modern-day woman, as it was in her time'.

This definitive biography of Granuaile is guaranteed to bring her to the notice of the world-wide audience and will doubtless capture the imagination of everyone who reads her story, as she captured that of Anne Chambers.

'I feel happy now that this new biography will do justice to the memory of a truly remarkable woman, to whom I owe a lot'.

Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop



Anne Chambers, Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop with Peter O'Malley, President of The Los Angeles Dodgers Baseball Club. On behalf of the Clan, Peter was presented with a Tony O'Malley Print while on a recent visit to Dublin.

## O'Malley Clan Association

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#### The O'Malley Clan Certificate

You can become a member of the O'Malley Clan Association by paying the nominal subscription fee of £15/\$25. You will be issued a specially-designed Clan Certificate. Membership is valid for three years from the date of inscription on the certificate and your name will be registered in our 'Leabhan Cloinne' (Book of the Clan). You will be entitled to receive an invitation to the annual Rally and other clan activities as well as our Newsletter. We particularly encourage O'Malleys living abroad to join us. Funds from membership help support all clan activities.

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This book, written by Sheila O'Malley Mulloy, is an account of people and places prominent in O'Malley history (98 pages).

**£12/\$19**

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## Bard Summer School

Every Summer, after the Rally, former Chieftain Ellen and her husband, Sandy, run the Bard Summer School on Clare Island. An added opportunity for the O'Malley who travels the long distances across the seas and the local ones too, to spend a very interesting week exploring our heritage in a unique way.

#### Myths of Love, War and Exile

An exploration of the myths of Love, War and Exile through story-telling, lectures, poetry, feast and song on Clare Island, Clew Bay. For the Celts the other world was an island to the West. Clare Island, home of the legendary Pirate Queen Grace O'Malley, is a westerly island and another world.

The 1998 School will pick up again the successful exile theme through the myth of 'Deirdre (of the Sorrows) and the Sons of Ushna'.

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O'Malley Journal 1997 (

Wonderful journal which portrays some very interesting reading on places and people connected with our Clan.

Editor: Sheila O'Malley Mulloy, Westport. Cost £6/\$10

Tony O'Malley - Artist

A limited edition (75) of prints of a painting by the renowned artist Tony O'Malley are available for sale now. (£75.00 each). The original painting will be raffled at the rally in Limerick in June 1998. Only holders of prints will be eligible to win the original painting - approx value £2,000.

All prices include postage and packaging and are based on current exchange rates

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## Limerick Newsy Bits

From Shannon to Sea  
E. G. A. Holmes

The Shannon bore me to thy bosom wide:  
I wandered with it on its winding way  
By fields of yellow corn and new mown hay,  
And far blue hills that rose on either side,  
And low dark woods that fringed the ebbing tide:  
And ever as its waters neared the west,  
Out of the summer of its broadening breast  
Faint momentary ripples rose and died: -  
And rose again before the breeze and grew  
To wavelets dancing in the noonday light,  
And these were changed to waves of ocean blue,  
And creek and headland faded from the sight,  
And oh! At last - at least I floated free  
On the long rollers of the open sea.

From The Book of Irish Poetry, edited with an Introduction by Alfred Perceval Graves, The  
Talbot Press Ltd. 1914

Where the River Shannon Meets the Sea  
Anonymous

Tho' my feel are planted in a far off land,  
There is somewhere they would rather be,  
Faith, 'tis firmly planted in the dark brown sand  
Where the Shannon River meets the sea.

My heart is e'er returning to my darling,  
Whose blue eyes mean all the world to me;  
Sure 'tis heaven and someone placed an angel there  
Where the Shannon River meets the sea.

Tho' my father told me other lands were fair,  
I'm afraid with him I can't agree;  
For I always long to breathe the scented air,  
Where the Shannon River meets the sea.

There are no lips so sweet and so beguiling  
As the lips that sure belong to me:  
Tho' I go on roaming, faith, my heart remains  
Where the Shannon River meets the sea.

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