



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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Donogh O'Malley, Commemorated in County Clare

Donogh O'Malley was one of the most significant figures in Irish political life in the 20th Century. Although a Government Minister for just 35 months, 15 months in the Department of Health and 20 months as Minister for Education, he announced and implemented several ground breaking initiatives. The most famous of his initiatives was of course the commencing of free secondary education throughout the country. The new scheme Donogh announced in 1966 and was rolled out in September of 1967.



Sadly Donogh passed away in 1968 as the result of a heart attack that he suffered while attending a meeting at Sixmilebridge in County Clare. Sixmilebridge Historical Society recently dedicated a plaque to

Donogh O'Malley in the County Clare town, which was unveiled by current Minister for Education Hildegard Naughton TD. See the full story, and lots of pictures from the event held on the 6th September 2026 inside.

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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Commemorating Donogh O'Malley in County Clare

On 10th September 1966, in Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin, the then Minister for Education, Donogh O'Malley TD, announced that a new scheme to allow for free secondary education throughout Ireland would be put in place. Here's what he said.

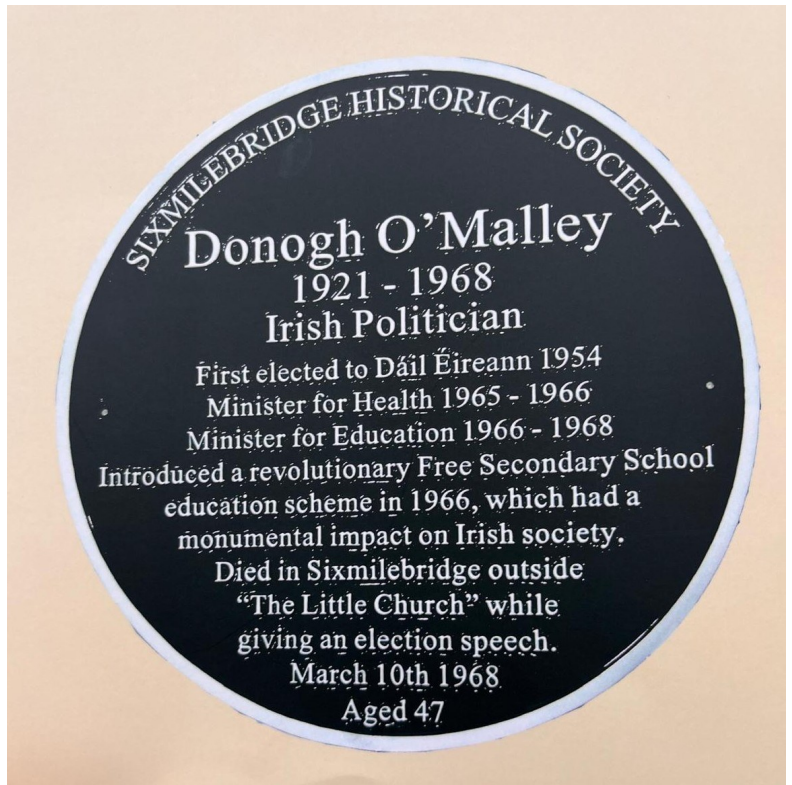
"Independence has created for us as many problems as it has solved. We have lived through a number of major crises, Civil War, and economic depression, and a World War. We have moved from problems of a political nature to the economic problems of unemployment and forced emigration.

These new problems will not lead to simple solutions. So, What of the future? We are it must be remembered, constantly living through an era of great change. Many of the former assumptions on which we based our lives are being questioned. One given is that the world of tomorrow will give certainly scant attention to the uneducated and those lacking a qualification. I am fortunate in entering office at a time where there is a consciousness, as never before, of the vital part education must play in the future of the nation. Clearly the education of our young citizens must take priority and must move with the times that it is meant to serve.

We will be judged by future generations on what we did for the children of our time. There is a lot to be done to improve our education system here in Ireland I am convinced that we must now attack head on the fundamental weaknesses in that system on a full national scale. We must begin right away.

There is no difficulty in identifying the basic fault in our current educational structure—that is that many of our families cannot afford to pay even part of the cost of educating their children. Currently, every year, well over 17,000 of our children finishing primary school receive no further education. The reality is that one in three of our citizens are cut off at this stage in their lives from the opportunities of learning any trade or skill and are denied the life benefits of cultural development that go with further education.

This is a dark stain on the national conscience. For it means that some one third of our people have been condemned—through no fault of their own—to become part educated unskilled labour—part of the weakest in society, who are destined for the wall of unemployment or forced emigration. It is one of the great tragedies of our history since independence that we have not found the means to check this terrible



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loss of a national potential for economic and cultural development. This is a grim situation that must be urgently tackled with speed and determination.

Therefore I am very glad to announce this evening that I am drawing up a scheme under which no boy or girl in this state will ever again be deprived of full educational opportunity—from primary to university level—by reason of the fact that their parents cannot afford to pay for it

I have always been conscious of the dilemma of parents, particularly those with large families, in the matter of post primary education desperately wish to do their very best for their children, but find that school fees, even when they are modest, are way beyond their means.

Therefore, from the coming year, beginning in September 1967, a Free Education Scheme will be introduced whereby the opportunity for a free post primary education will be available to all families in Ireland.

This free education will be available in comprehensive and vocational schools and in the general run of secondary schools. I say the "general run" of secondary schools because there will still be schools, charging higher fees. who may opt to not take my scheme, and the parent who wants to send his child to one of these schools and pay the fees will of course be free to do so.

I also intend to make provision whereby no pupil will, through lack of means, be prevented from continuing his or her education so there will also be assistance towards the cost of books and accessories for the student on whom it would be a hardship to meet all such costs. We will also make financial aid available to the pupil, who because of the location of his home, can only have post primary education available to him only if he enters a boarding school.

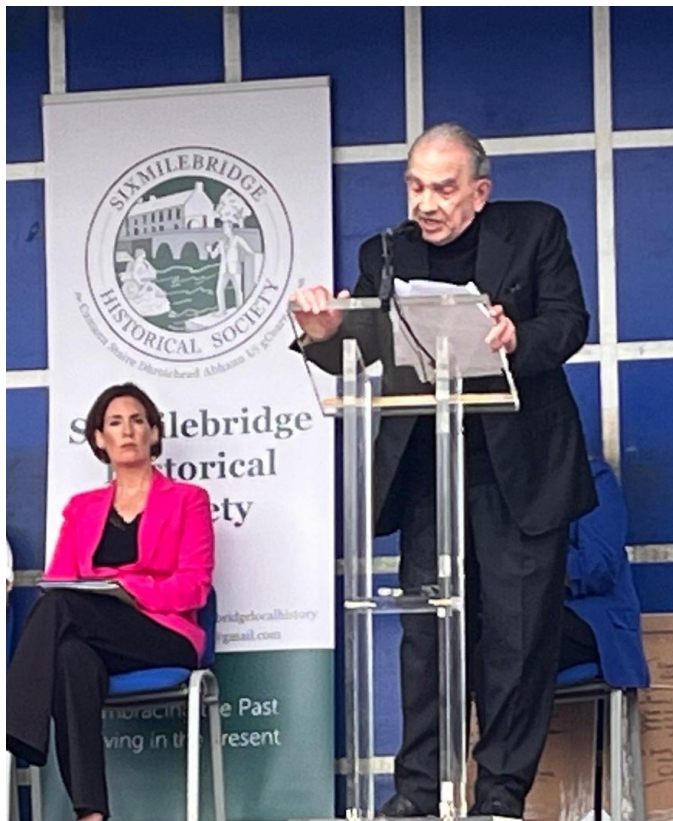
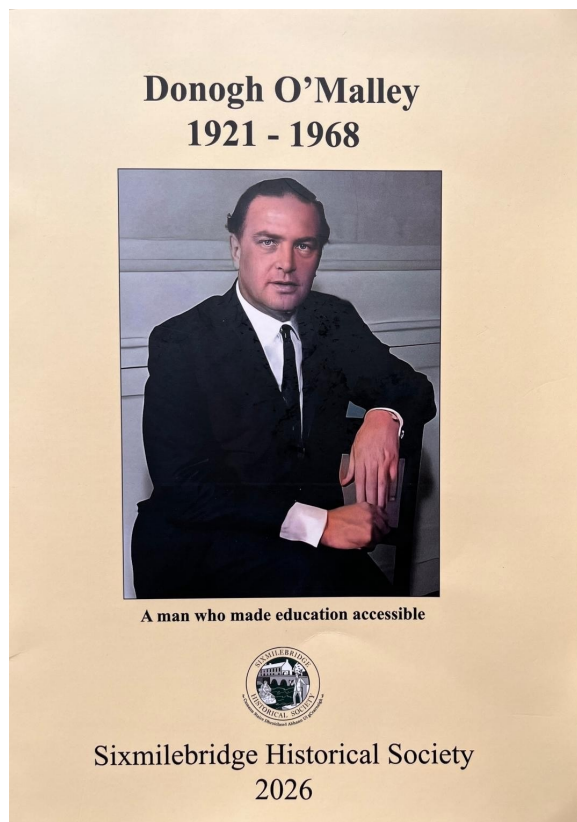
Finally, University level. Our universities present us with a very big problem indeed. Universities are of their nature very expensive. Our current university set up is a legacy of history and history is a stubborn wrestler. However, we will address the plight of the pupil who has reached a good standard in the Leaving Certificate examination but who, due to inability of his parents to pay, cannot proceed to a university or other course of third level or higher education. We must, and will, come to the assistance of such a pupil.

The importance of providing better educated young people in our developing economy makes the provision of a Free Education scheme all the more urgent. A shortage of skilled workers is becoming apparent in some sectors of industry. Very soon the shortage will become more acute and will endanger our economic progress—unless we move quickly into catering for the age of technology.

There is a major psychological effect on all youngsters of having at least some years of post primary education. There is a feeling that one can better look the world in the eye. For while there are many many ways in which levelling down can come about, education is the one great leveller upper, greater than wealth, greater than lineage, greater than power.

Thank You “

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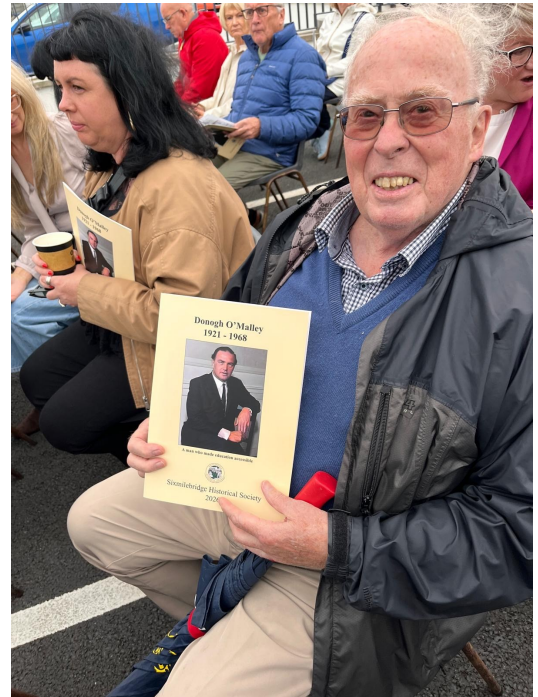


Top Left: The cover of the commemorative booklet at the event on 6th September. Top Right: Minister of Education Hildegard Naughton TD listens to a fabulous speech from the son of Donogh O'Malley, Daragh O'Malley.

Right: Cllr Joe Killeen, Minister Hildegard Naughton TD, Donogh O'Malley Scholarship recipient Juliette Pinson, and Daragh O'Malley, son of Donogh O'Malley



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Top Left: Brothers Gerry O'Malley, Limerick, and Joe O'Malley, Miltown-Malbay, County Clare.

Top Right: Former Chieftain Don O'Malley at the event in Sixmilebridge.



Left: Senator Maria Byrne, Joe Cooney TD, John Leonard, and former TD Jan O'Sullivan.

Bottom Right: Guardian Chieftain Brendan O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Siobhan O'Malley, and Aine O'Malley.



Bottom Left: Professor Eoin O'Malley, DCU, son of Des O'Malley TD, and Eoin's son Donogh at the event in Sixmilebridge.



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The Following is the speech made by An Taoiseach Jack Lynch in the Dáil on March 13th 1968, following the death of Donogh O'Malley

Since the house last met, we have lost, through tragically sudden death, Deputy Donogh O'Malley, Minister for Education. Solas na bhflaitheas dá anam. I wish to thank the leaders of the parties opposite and members generally for agreeing to the cancellation of yesterday's sitting in order that we might all fittingly pay our last respects in Limerick yesterday to our late colleague.

Donogh O'Malley was first elected to Dáil Éireann in 1954. That he headed the poll at each election was a measure of his great popularity in his native city and county. But his popularity extended far beyond the confines of Limerick. In every county, in every walk of life, he was known and esteemed. An outstanding athlete in his youth, he maintained his interest in sport and, at his death, was President of the Football Association of Ireland.

From his student days it was evident that political life had a special appeal for him and that he, in turn, had, in the highest degree, the talents and personal qualities which public life demands. As a member of Limerick Corporation, as a member of Dáil Éireann, as Mayor of his native city, as Parliamentary Secretary in charge of the Office of Public Works and, later, as Minister for Health, he proved to be a most able administrator with a capacity for speedy decision and a unique flair for dealing, efficiently and effectively, with complex problems, whether at local or national level.

But nowhere was his great ability, crusading zeal and boundless energy and enthusiasm more apparent than when the responsibilities of the Department of Education were entrusted to him. In his short period in that office, his achievements were a tribute to his conviction that no task was impossible, no problem—no matter how complex—incapable of solution. The needs of the less well-off sections of the community were always of special concern to him and he was ever tireless on their behalf. That no child, because of inadequate financial means, should be denied the educational opportunities which he sought was the cause dearest to his heart. Not alone the present generation of students but the generations to come will have cause to remember with gratitude his unremitting efforts on their behalf.

Donogh O'Malley gave generously of himself to the last, in the constant advancement of the causes and ideals to which he was dedicated. What he accomplished in public life will remain a fitting monument to his memory. Through his death, this House has lost one of its most popular and respected members. His constituency of East Limerick has lost a devoted representative and powerful advocate. To me and to his other colleagues in the Government, the void left by his untimely death is all the greater in that his constancy of purpose and keenness of mind were ever graced with charm and humour. It will be our resolve that the many projects initiated during his brief term as Minister for Education will be developed and sustained to the best advantage of the nation.

In this, their time of most grievous loss, our thoughts go out to his widow and children and to his mother. To them and to the other members of his family I would ask you, A Cheann Comhairle, to extend the profound and heartfelt sympathy of the House. Is danaid ghéar linn a mbris agus déanaimid comhbhrón croí leo sa mhéala mór a bhain dóibh.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh anam dílis an té atá imithe uainn.

Vincent O'Malley slams library cuts in New Zealand

Government slammed over job cuts at New Zealand's National Library

Historians count the cost of a proposed re-structure at the National Library and Archives NZ



Leading historians have slammed the Government's proposed axing of nearly 50 staff positions at the state repositories of books, papers, and memory, the National Library and Archives NZ.

Staff were told last week that a restructure proposal will target the loss of 47 full-time jobs. Chief Archivist Anahera Morehu and National Librarian Rachel Esson admit the cost-cutting exercise "will likely have impacts on service levels".

Newsroom sought comment from New Zealand's most prominent practising historian, Vincent O'Malley. He said, "It's difficult to imagine the National Library and Archives New Zealand could shed an eighth of their staff without this having a significant effect on frontline services for researchers. Historians, Treaty researchers, genealogists, academics, writers, school and university students, and everyone else who rely on these services will suffer as a consequence. And this comes on top of previous cuts to staffing levels, and other programmes being canned altogether, such as the digitisation of archival records.

"Add to that the Ministry for Culture and Heritage getting rid of nearly all their historians last year (the ones who kept alive things like Te Ara and the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography) and it is clear these are pretty grim times for anyone who cares about history and cultural heritage in this country."

Eminent historian Dame Anne Salmond was also approached for comment. She said, "National Archives is responsible for the safekeeping of records of official proceedings in government, the courts and other public agencies, as well as many other records generated by public media and private individuals.

"Without such records, knowledge of past decisions and events and the reasons for them cannot be retrieved, and it becomes impossible to learn from past experience. Like a person who has lost their memory, a nation with no record of past events becomes incapable of carrying out even simple tasks, or managing everyday relationships."

The proposed cuts target staff across offices in Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin. They include:

- Librarians and specialist roles disestablished, with a 22 percent cut to team
- Music access service axed
- Research archivist, research librarian and librarians reduced by 18%
- Literacy and learning capability team reduced by 36%

Matt Woodbury, president of the Professional Historians Association of New Zealand and Aotearoa [Phanza], put his name to a press statement last week. He registered Phanza's "dismay" at the loss of specialist expertise provided by library and archives staff. The statement also noted the irony of the recent opening of a new state-of-the-art Archives New Zealand building and linked heritage precinct: "Such a large capital investment in physical buildings will be of little benefit to the New Zealand public without the expert staff needed for them to fulfill their cultural, social and legal purposes."

Vincent O'Malley slams library cuts in New Zealand

Approached directly, and asked to expand on the personal impact of the cuts, Woodbury replied, “Personally, it’s in equal measures depressing and enraging. Cost-cutting seems to be taking place in a vacuum that is ignorant of what’s going on across the sector. MCH [the Ministry of Culture and Heritage] cutting nearly all their historians last year and assuming that the National Library would be able to manage some content, now the National Library is cutting back. With Archives moving into the beautiful new building they’ve also cut back on open hours and (to my understanding) the digitisation program. My feeling is that they’re moving the goal-posts gradually ever year, so it’s only when one zooms out that you can see the effect of all of these cuts. These institutions cannot be privatised—they’re critical cultural infrastructure.

“So in addition to individual researchers who are either doing commissioned work for entities like the Waitangi Tribunal or a Royal Commission of Inquiry or research of an academic/personal nature—it’s going to become that much harder and more protracted to learn about and access the collections.”

The proposed redundancies are merely the most visible sign of a deeper malaise, according to Dunedin historian Jonathan West. He told Newsroom, “Quite how the latest job cuts will affect researchers such as myself is still unclear, but they certainly continue the long slow strangulation of Archives’ ability to fulfil its core constitutional and statutory function to be the keeper of record: how the State remembers itself, and so can be held to account.”

West gave a brief history of National Archives since it was “buried” within the Department of Internal Affairs in 1998. Helen Clark’s government split National Archives out as a standalone department, but John Key’s government put it back inside DIA in 2011. “Since then the Chief Archivist has been a general manager inside DIA reporting to the DIA chief executive.” West noted that Labour’s 2017 manifesto promised to liberate National Archives from DIA: “They conspicuously failed to do so.”

The consequence: “The Chief Archivist, as functionary in the lowly DIA, has no power to force agencies to keep proper records...It is Archives New Zealand’s responsibility to ensure the government keeps accurate records. Instead, the government’s records are in total utter, and complete chaos.”

The immediate concern, though, is the proposed cuts to 49 positions (or 12 percent of the total workforce) at the National Library and Archives NZ. The joint statement from Anahera Morehu and Rachel Esson claimed, “We are focused on delivering better public value for money and delivering customer needs in new and more sustainable ways.”

The response from Duane Leo, PSA national secretary: “This is an attack on our precious taonga, simple as that, and all for an ideological obsession with smaller government. Our dedicated archivists, researchers and others are paying the price for that when they have more to give, and more valuable work to do for all of us as collections grow. It makes no sense.”

Final word from Vincent O'Malley. “The weird thing is public interest in history and cultural heritage has been booming at the same time governments have been slashing funding. Go figure. As a country we pretty much suck at valuing and protecting our cultural heritage and this is just the latest example.”



A 9/11 Reflection from Fr William O'Malley

A Jesuit Homily for Our American Tragedy

A reflection on 9/11 by Fr. William O'Malley, SJ

Fr. William O'Malley, SJ, wrote more than 30 books, taught thousands of young men, and played the role of one of the priests in The Exorcist. The Jesuit was a polarizing teacher at Fordham Prep in the Bronx for decades—beloved and bemoaned for his outbursts and animation.

He wrote a homily after September 11th that has stuck with me since I first read it as a freshman in high school in 2013.

It's a provocative examination of how we understand the attacks.

He delivered it in the church on Fordham University's Rose Hill campus in the Bronx, to a congregation full of high schoolers affected by that day. One teacher at the school lost his wife; a few kids lost their parents. As people across the country processed the event through a lens of good versus evil, Fr. O'Malley challenged that binary and tried to make sense of the event another way.

His framework now seems somewhat alien to how many pundits and politicians talk about the tragedy today. And so this homily has taken on new significance that it did not have when I first read it at the age of 15. It was provocative then, but now, in our era of polarization, some of the lines might inspire a cable news segment if they were uttered by a podcaster instead of a priest.

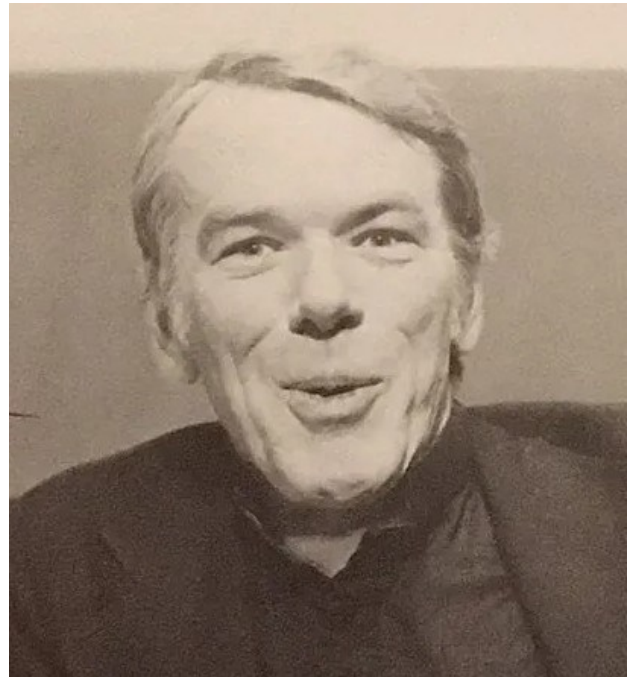
The homily used to be more accessible on the internet, but when I went looking for it this year, I had trouble finding it. So I have decided to re-publish the version I had in my archives as an artifact of history.

The New York Daily News published an edited version of this homily on September 18, 2001, under the headline "Terrorists are blinded, not evil." Here is a longer but still slightly edited version of Fr. O'Malley's 9/11 homily:

A young woman knocked on my dorm room Tuesday night and asked the question we've probably all been asking ourselves: "Why are people so evil?" I didn't have a ready answer for her. Who could? So the rest of the evening and Wednesday morning I pondered that.

As Atticus Finch suggests in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, I tried to put myself into the skin of one of those pilots and see the world and life from inside him. He was probably a quite intelligent man, able to handle the enormous complexity of flying a transcontinental jet. Doubtlessly, as a Muslim, he prayed five times a day—more often than most of us do—to the same God. He was a plain and simple man utterly devoted to a cause, which was crystal clear to him—without any doubts or shadows or hesitations. He was, in a word, single-minded.

He was as single-minded as the crusaders who hacked their bloody way to Jerusalem in the name of Jesus, as single-minded as the Inquisitors who perpetrated unutterable tortures in the name of the God who



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suffered for us all, as single-minded as the revolutionaries who rampaged through France decapitating any priest or nun or anyone with a claim to noble blood, as single-minded as the Nazis who obediently herded human beings as if they had no more value than cattle and gassed and incinerated them as even less valuable than cattle, as single-minded as Kamikaze pilots who dove their plane into American battleships, as single-minded as Sen. Joseph McCarthy, who ruined countless human lives in order to root out members of the Communist Party. This man was as single-minded as the Ku Klux Klan and Black Panthers. As single-minded as rebels who blow up busses of school children as a legitimate means to achieve what they totally believe is a righteous cause. As single-minded as the El Salvador government that sponsored a poster campaign: "Be a patriot. Kill a priest." As single-minded as the gangsta rappers who scream the answer is in killing police.

In every single one of those horrific situations, including what happened in America on Tuesday, every single person involved believed what he or she was engaged in was a righteous, justified, *holy* action. No doubts, no qualifications, no legitimate contrary arguments. *All* the problems of our lives are rooted in a single cause: it's *all* the fault of



the infidels, the Jews, the communists, the rich, the cops, the blacks, the whites, the Americans. They were utterly, unshakably-- even in the face of death -- *certain*.

My classroom is papered with slogans. One of them says, "The great sin is certitude, the great virtue is doubt." Another says: "The less you know, the more certain you can be." The people who perform human atrocities are not evil in themselves, the way cyanide is evil and cholera is evil. They are single-minded. Their inflexible convictions are incapable of seeing the complexities of human life. By their very *single-mindedness*, they were *simple-minded*. As George says to Lenny in *Of Mice and Men*, "It ain't wicked people that causes all the problems. It's *dumb* people." Adolf Eichmann, who facilitated the transport of all the Jews in Europe to extermination camps, and Lt. William Calley, who led a platoon of American soldiers to slaughter 360 helpless old men and women and infants at My Lai in Vietnam, weren't evil. They were single-minded: that is, simple, gullible, *stupid*. There are already stories of people trashing American Arab businesses-- just as they did German Jewish businesses in the thirties. Plain, simple, stupid people.

They had never been led to get into other people's skin and look around at life from their viewpoint. They were led to believe that the God who created life exults in death. They had never learned *empathy*--for the pain, the hopes, the bewilderment-- of other human beings. Kill all compassion, all fellow-feeling with the infidel, the heretic, the kraut, the Black, the honkey, the slope, the faggot, and chaos is inescapable. The mindless

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beast in us is unleashed and “slouches towards Bethlehem to be born.”

The reason for the existence of this school is not to get you into good colleges, to prepare you to be an attractive job candidate, to pave the yellow brick road to the American Dream. You're here to learn how to *think*, how to *reason*, how to see and feel the complex evidence-- even if it conflicts with your heartfelt beliefs, to learn how to put the evidence into a logical sequence so you can draw a balanced, personal conclusion and ask someone wiser to critique it. We're here to invite you to ever more complex mind-challenges, to read novels and plays so you can get into other peoples' skins and walk around in them awhile, live a thousand lives before you set out to live your own life. The most basic purpose of this institution is to train men who are *not* single-minded, not simple-minded fanatics, but people governed by the objective truth, by our common humanity, and -- one hopes -- by the selflessness of the cross.

Tuesday completely fissioned our American complacency. The same single-mindedness governs our Monopoly capitalism and global popular culture: Profit justifies everything. The same single-mindedness roams our own streets: Violence will solve it all. If not, then dope. Nothing will solve it all, not even universal literacy. We have to go beyond literacy, which is only a tool to *understanding* human life, to seeing the complex truth in the *midst* of an even more complex background of self-interests and different agendas. We invite you to become fully human beings and, we hope, open-minded, open-hearted, open-handed Christians.

Toward the end of *A Man for All Seasons*, Thomas More's jailer tries to excuse himself for having taken away More's family. He's just a nobody, following orders, he says, “You got to understand, sir. I'm just a plain simple man.” And More sinks to his knees moaning, “Sweet *Jesus!* These plain, simple men!”



A different kind of Gathering, in Canada— Nora O'Malley

Elders from First Nations across British Columbia descended on the Vancouver Convention Centre Aug. 25-26 for the 50th Annual First Nations Elders Gathering.

About 2,340 participants joined this year, including a group from Saskatchewan and groups from the Yukon. On Day One, cultural hosts Lílwat Nation set an uplifting tone for the event with a powerful drum and dance performance that got even elders with walkers on the floor.

"We are in the most powerful library with wall-to-wall elders here," said Lílwat Nation Cultural

Chief Ashley Joseph. During his welcome speech, longstanding Elders Gathering emcee John Henderson of the Wei Wai Kum First Nation acknowledged the First Nations communities who travelled through smoke and flames to get to Vancouver and reunite with friends.

"Our way of life has changed as our resources have changed," he said. "How do we preserve life to ensure our kids have the same opportunities we had?"

Osoyoos Indian Band elder and healer Roger Hall journeyed from southern Okanagan Valley for the milestone gathering. "I had to get away from it; the smoke. With the pressures of today, which is happening in our world, is very concerning. Sometimes it builds up a lot of stress in your mind and your spirit, even your body feels it," he said. Hall shared he hasn't seen a spring run on the river in four years. A spring run is the annual surge of water caused by melting winter snow. He said the pressures of global warming are having a significant impact on elders and family.

"How are we going to deal with it? Maybe it's too big to grasp. We're trying to get away from a little bit of that, but it's still on our mind," said Hall. "We are losing the battle, I think. How as a people do we get everyone in the same canoe, paddling in the same direction?" Hall continued.

Many participants, like Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation member Anna Masso, arrived at the Elders Gathering with language revitalization on the mind. "I hope to get some links to other communities, to see what they have to offer for our elders on information on language. I'm making my rounds here and talking to people about language," said Masso. Eileen Touchie took the ferry over from Vancouver Island with a group of over 30 elders and elders-in-training from Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ (Ucluelet First Nation). "I haven't been to one in a long time. I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of people from all the Nations. It's going to be a lot of fun," said Touchie. She said the best part about being an elder is "freedom". "Freedom to travel and not to ask anybody where I'm going," said Touchie.



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Guest speaker Monica McAlduff, CEO of the First Nations Health Authority, said the event reminded her about how vital elders are.

“They help to keep us grounded in who we are and inspire future generations to carry on those teachings forward,” said McAlduff, who is of mixed ancestry from the Secwépemc Nation on her mother’s side and French Canadian on her father’s side. “This gathering is a celebration of that wisdom and an opportunity to learn from one another and to honour the contributions that elders make towards families, nations and communities,” she said.

Organized by the B.C. Elders Communication Center Society, the 2026 BC Elders Gathering featured a

market with 64 information and craft vendors, plus elders could enjoy free haircuts, manicures, a rest centre and therapeutic wellness. Members of the Indian Residential School Survivors Society were offering healing brushings and there was also a health centre, performing hearing and vision exams.

Picture 6 On Day One, cultural hosts Lílwat Nation set an uplifting tone for the event with a powerful drum and dance performance that got even elders with walkers on the floor.

An annual tradition of the BC Elders Gathering is to select a ‘King and Queen’ from the cultural host nation.

Kings and Queens are chosen for their leadership qualities and community spirit. For 2026, Lílwat Nation elders Russell (Razz) and Gayle Andrews were named King and Queen.

Gayle is dedicated to the Lílwat Nation Housing Department and continues to support the revitalization of the Lílwat language and culture.

Razz spent many years logging and truck driving, holds a Class 1 with air brakes driver’s license, and is well known for his warmth, generosity, humour and signature welcoming hugs.

Artist and University of B.C. student Jazmine (Tsqáxa7) Andrew created the logo for the 50th anniversary of the Elders Gathering, which depicts two Lílwat dancers.

“When I think about learning from our elders, I think about following in their footsteps, which is why I was drawn to this concept of movement and telling our stories through cultural expression,” Andrew shared.

“The dancers are facing different directions to show that while sharing their journeys, they are on different paths as they move around the sun,” she said.



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Homeowners can now go solar in New Jersey—Doug O'Malley

New Jersey just made plug-in solar panels legal

New Jersey renters and apartment dwellers will soon be able to lower their electricity bills with solar panels that plug directly into a standard wall outlet – no roof required.

Governor Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) today signed the Garden State Balcony Solar Act, legalizing small, portable solar systems that plug into an ordinary 120-volt outlet. That means residents without a solar-friendly roof will soon be able to generate some of their own electricity without a permit or utility approval.

The law covers plug-in solar systems with a combined output of up to 1,200 watts – roughly two or three modern solar panels. The panels can go on a balcony, patio, or in a sunny yard, then connect to the home through a standard outlet.



A small microinverter converts the panels' direct-current electricity into the alternating-current power used in the home. That solar power helps run whatever is switched on – say, a refrigerator, dryer, or TV – so the household pulls less electricity from the grid.

"Balcony solar is a practical, easy-to-use tool that can help families save money while allowing more people to participate in our clean energy future," Sherrill said. "This bill cuts unnecessary red tape, expands access to affordable solar power, and proves that affordability and sustainability can go hand in hand."

Just plug it in – with some safety rules

Qualifying systems won't need an interconnection agreement or advance approval from the electric utility. Utilities also can't charge an extra fee, require additional controls, or demand equipment beyond what's already built into the system.

Municipalities can't ban plug-in solar or require a permit, application, license, fee, or other approval to use it. If the installation requires separate construction or electrical work, however, that work will still have to meet the usual building and electrical codes.

The equipment itself must be certified under the UL 3700 plug-in solar safety standard or a comparable standard recognized by a national testing laboratory. It must also automatically stop sending electricity into the grid during an outage, which protects utility workers repairing power lines.

Systems of 400 watts or less won't be subject to code provisions that would otherwise require changes to the building, wiring, or electrical panel. Larger systems of up to 1,200 watts still qualify for the simplified process, but they must meet all applicable installation rules.

These systems are exempt from net metering, so owners shouldn't expect credits for extra electricity sent to the grid. The savings come mainly from using the solar power in the home as it's produced.

Homeowners can now go solar in New Jersey—Doug O'Malley

Landlords can't simply say no

The law also gives renters some teeth. A landlord can't flat-out ban a qualifying system if the tenant pays the unit's electric bill. Homeowners associations, condo associations, and similar groups can't impose blanket bans, either.

They can set reasonable rules covering the equipment's size, location, and placement. Tenants must provide at least 14 days' written notice, say where the system will go, and submit documentation showing that it meets the law's requirements.

"Plug-in solar is a simple concept – solar small enough to plug in but big enough to provide real environmental and bill benefits for residents who couldn't go solar otherwise," said Doug O'Malley, director of Environment New Jersey.

A couple of panels on a balcony aren't going to wipe out an electric bill like a full rooftop system might. But for renters and other New Jerseyans who've effectively been locked out of home solar, making even a portion of their own electricity is a great start.



The O'Malley Clan Association—US Chapter, Latest News!



Former USA Ambassador to Ireland to Speak at **December 1st Zoom Meeting**

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 1st, 6pm New York Time (11pm Irish Time). The USA Chapter will be holding its last quarterly meeting of 2026. Former Ambassador Kevin O'Malley will be discussing the position of U. S. Ambassador to Ireland as well as current Irish government issues. We will be honoring Former Chieftain Governor Martin O'Malley on this evening as he debuts a new musical piece titled 'On an Island'. Please join us as we listen, learn and laugh. Your participation is very much appreciated. Mark your calendars now. This promises to be a very informative, interesting and engaging event. It is simply a must not miss meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81024025127?pwd=rr8WOXk5wevGhvdYsY3bvJRFhn8kjH.1>

Passcode: 633653

You may also scan the QR code on the right to access the December 1st meeting.





**Ambassador
Kevin F O'Malley**

**O'Malley Clan Association -
US Chapter
Quarterly Zoom Meeting
Tuesday 1st Dec
6pm EST**



**Governor
Martin O'Malley**

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September 1st Quarterly USA Chapter Meeting via Zoom

Many thanks to all who participated in the September 1st quarterly zoom meeting of the USA Chapter. We honored former Cheiftain Middleton O'Malley-Keyes for his service to the Clan. Middie shared his heartfelt words about the Clan, its connections to America and past Rallies. Paul McLoughlin also gave an excellent presentation regarding his rich family history. He encourages other Clan members to research and share their own family stories. The GAA County Mayo win was celebrated in an appropriate fashion with historical context, the breaking of the curse and a sing along of the Red and Green of Mayo by the Saw Doctors. Using AI to break down brick walls in your genealogy research through the use of the Family Search Full Text Search was also reviewed. In preparation for the 2030 anniversary of Grace O'Malley's birth, Cormac O'Malley compiled a list of movies, books and music as they relate to Granuaile for all of us to check out.

The video of the meeting is available on the Clan's YouTube Channel. Click here to access: https://youtu.be/oldw_8PA2yo?si=zHEtp1_dhOxt1xoP with the handout of the slides available also [here](#)

Creating a Collection of Family Stories

The O'Malley family tree has innumerable branches growing in counties, states, countries and continents all over the world. Our shared heritage binds us no matter how far apart our roots grow. In an effort to bring family members and families together, the USA Chapter is asking that you please consider submitting stories about your O'Malley ancestors. We want to hear about your family members. Everyone has the ability to make a difference in the world, regardless of, and sometimes in spite of, their life circumstances. Was a family member a police officer, priest, homemaker, veteran, shopkeeper, ne'er do well, construction worker or something different entirely? It would be our honor to receive an email from you that included a few paragraphs about your family member? It can be in your own words or perhaps the words that they recorded themselves long ago. Whatever form it takes, please send us an email at usa@omalleyclan.ie. We look forward to hearing from you.

Maryland Irish Fest November 13-15th

It is with great excitement that Sean O'Malley, an Aire for the Clan, will be attending the Maryland Irish festival on November 14th. Please consider attending this event held at the Maryland State Fair Grounds, just north of Baltimore. The schedule is filled with music, dancing and other fun events. Click this link for more information <https://irishfestival.com/> or scan the QR code.



⇒ <https://irishfestival.com/>

Planning to meet Sean? Please email Sean at usa@omalleyclan.ie and include 'MD Irish Festival' in the title. This will help us know who to expect and plan where to meet at the festival.

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Rock the Gates Summer Fleadh

California hosted a summer music festival in San Francisco on August 29th. This family friendly event featured dancing, music and an art exhibit. Anne Bouse and Christian Williams attended this wonderful celebration and kindly sent us some pictures. Live in the area? Please reach out to us so that we can arrange a get together at this event next year. The email address is usa@omalleyclan.ie. Please add Rock the Gates to your email title.



Go raibh maith agat!

SAVE the DATE

6th Annual Rock the Gates—8.28.27

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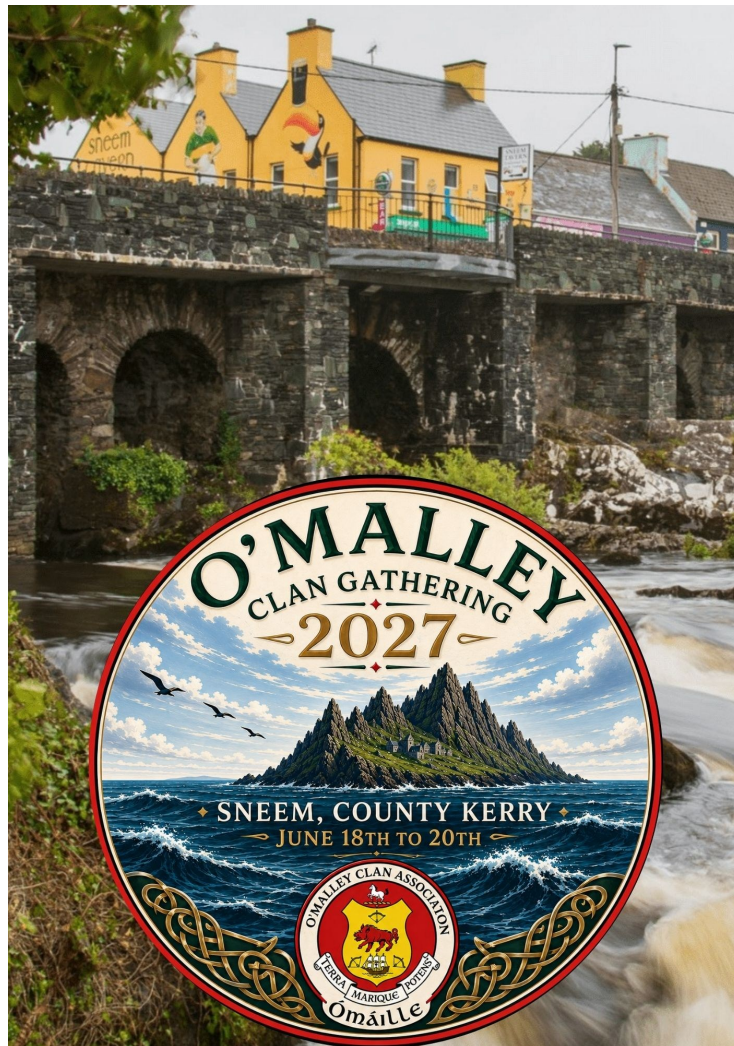


Survey Results

Many thanks to those who filled out the survey regarding the new USA Chapter. Your time and input is valued. Over half of the respondents were from the East Coast. One quarter were from on the West Coast and the other one quarter live in either the Central or Mountain time zones. Requested topics to be covered during the quarterly virtual zoom meetings were many and varied. The requests include information regarding researching family history as well as learning more about the Irish language, culture and cooking. A full forty percent of people who completed the survey volunteered to help. We will continue to review the survey results as we prepare for each virtual meeting. This information is incredibly helpful. We will also be reaching out to all that volunteered to help. It is much appreciated. Didn't have a chance to complete the survey? Please email us your ideas, thoughts and feedback directly. Our email address is usa@omalleyclan.ie

Thank you!

The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2027, 18th to 20th June



Below: Sneem Hotel, our base of operations for June 18-20, 2027, click on the image to check it out



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TIME TO START PLANNING YOUR TRIP, AND GET THOSE FLIGHTS BOOKED!



Test your brain with a crossword on Foods of the World !

Across

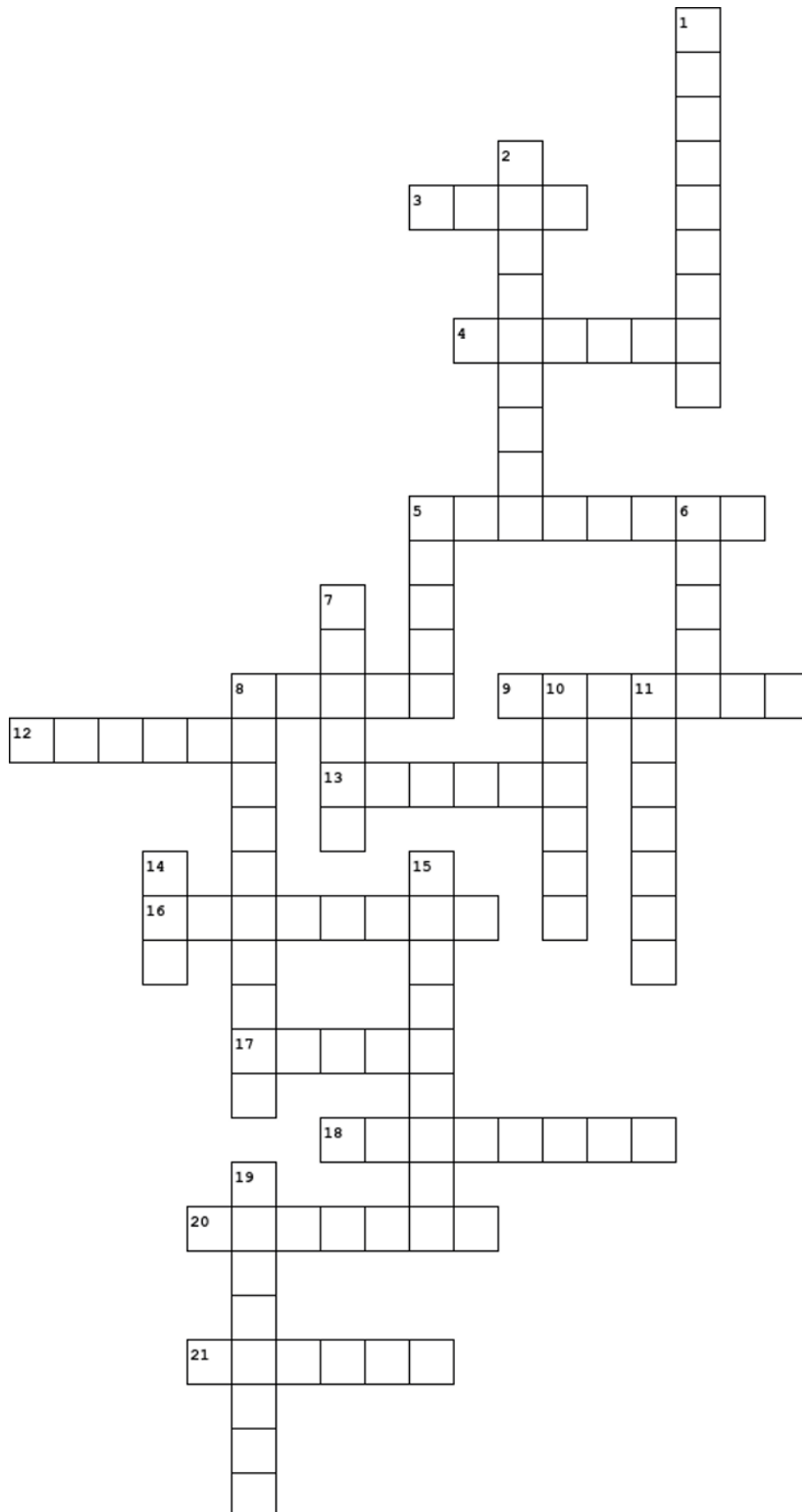
3. Indian flatbread,
4. Middle eastern dip made with chickpeas,
5. Italian dessert with coffee, mascarpone, and sponge
8. French, known as chips in Ireland and the UK,
9. Cured Spanish Sausage,
12. Korean dish of fermented cabbage,
13. Long sausage in a bun, with mustard/ketchup,
16. French dish of snails with garlic and butter
17. When the moon hits your eye like a big pie, that's amoré
18. Breakfast dish served with maple syrup,
20. Italian dish of layers of pasta, cheese, and mince,
21. Moroccan slow cooked stew, named after its pot,

Down

1. German sausage often served with sauerkraut,
2. Beef patty in a bun,
5. Small Spanish dishes often served with drinks,
6. Japanese raw fish dish,
7. French savoury tart made with eggs and fillings,
8. English treat from the chippy,
10. Scottish dish boiled in a sheep's stomach!
11. Italian rice dish cooked slowly with stock,
14.
15. Irish dish made from potatoes and cabbage,
19. Cold Spanish soup,

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS: **ACROSS**, 5 SKODA, 6 VOLKSWAGEN, 7 FORD
 8 SEAT, 12 CADILLAC 13 PORSCHE, 15 CITROEN 17 HYUNDAI 19 SAAB
 21 FERRARI. 22 FIAT **DOWN**, 1 JAGUAR, 2 CHEVROLET 3 ROLLSROYCE 4
 LANDROVER 9 DODGE, 10 VOLVO 11. KIA 14 HONDA 16 TOYOTA, 18
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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 70 years now.

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