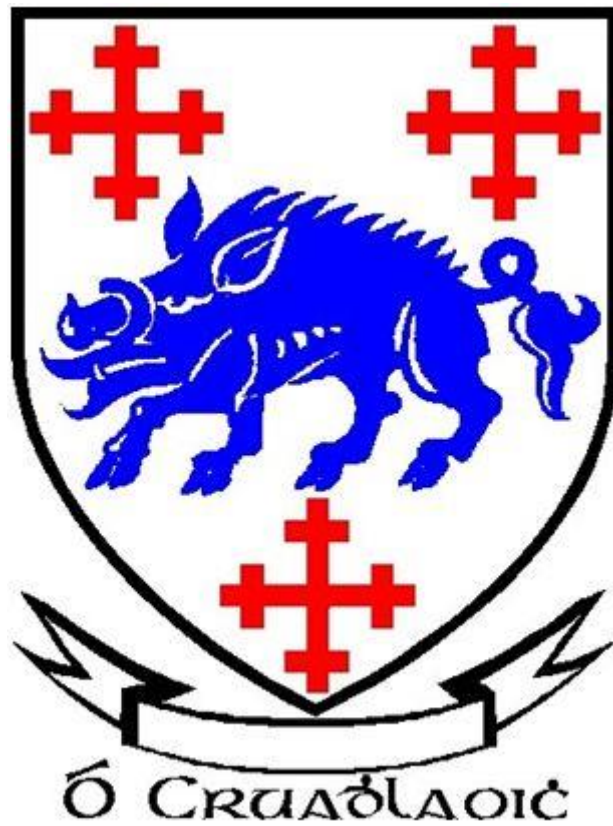


CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Crowley Clan Taoiseach

The time for the Crowley Clan Gathering is growing near. Details on the program and tickets are elsewhere in this newsletter.

It appears at this time that we will have a very large attendance of Crowleys from all over the world. I would urge all who plan to attend to let us know as soon as possible. This will help the committee in their planning.

I would like to give special credit to the clan committee for all of its planning and work to make this event successful. Committee members include Tanaiste Liam Crowley, An Runai Johnny Crowley, Flor Crowley, John V. Crowley, Ann Crowley, Larry Crowley, Dr. Sean Crowley, Kitty Crowley Horan, Jerry Crowley, Charles Crowley, Tim Crowley, and Betty Crowley Lordan.

We are looking forward to seeing you in early September in Bantry town!

Hope that all had a "Beánnáchtái ná Feile Pádráig!" (Happy St. Patrick's Day!)

Tom Crowley
An Taoiseach

Are You Coming to Bantry?

If you plan to attend the Crowley Clan Gathering in Bantry, County Cork this September, you can save money by reserving before June 1, 2004. Details on the current fees for the banquet and other activities can be found [here](#).

To convert your national currency to Euros, consult the website <http://www.euro.ecb.int/en.html> or consult your local newspaper. Children can attend the banquet on Saturday evening with their families for 30 Euros per child. Please send your fee directly to your country's representative. They are listed below.

This year's Crowley Clan Gathering will begin on Friday, September 3rd at the Westlodge Hotel in Bantry. Registration for the gathering will begin at 2 PM. The rest of the afternoon is free time to explore the town of Bantry and its many attractions.

At 6:30 PM there will be a sherry and wine reception at the Westlodge Hotel sponsored by J.J. Crowley. At 9:30 the festivities will move to J. J. Crowley's Pub on the square in Bantry for an evening of Irish music. A few Crowley musicians will be featured.

At 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 4th, we will leave Bantry (by either bus or car) to tour Carriganass Castle near Kealkil, the Gougane Barra Oratory, where you can purchase a picnic lunch, and Ahakeera, site of the Crowley Castle ruins. Don't forget to bring your camera and good walking shoes. We are also expecting to have a demonstration by a Crowley knight in full armor, as presented by James Crowley of California, USA.

At 8:00 PM the Crowley Clan Banquet will begin at the Westlodge Hotel with a keynote address by Brian Crowley, Member of the European Parliament.

On Sunday, September 5th, activities will include a chance to participate in the old West Cork sport of road bowling beginning at 11:00AM and a visit to the Kilnaruane Pill Stone. There will also be an outdoors Mass at Holy Well Shrine and Mass Rock at Beach at 2:30 PM.

For further details, check the [November 2003](#) issue of the Crowley Clan Newsletter. Hope to see you in Bantry!

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From Marian's Desk

Can you believe that the Crowley Clan gathering is less than six months away? We have been talking about it and planning for it for three years now. But suddenly the event is just around the corner.

Have you made your flight and lodging reservations yet? My husband Loren and I have our flights and some of the lodging. We are both looking forward to meeting our old friends from previous gatherings and to meeting many new friends from around the world.

Loren is pretty good-natured about attending my clan's gathering. He does insist on testing some of Ireland's famous golf courses while we are there. And he has offered to do his "Spouses of Crowleys Support Group" for all interested parties! Genealogy is not one of Loren's interests.

Readers who haven't been to a gathering before have asked what to expect. I'm sure every gathering is different, but I can tell you to expect very friendly and interesting Crowleys from many countries. Although our schedule is full, you will have ample time to wonder around Bantry, to share family stories and histories with other Crowleys, and to get a feeling for what our ancestors experienced in their homeland. You may also get a feeling for what is known as "Irish time".

The Irish people are among the most friendly and talkative people in the world. If you haven't been to Ireland before, you are in for a wonderful experience. The countryside around Bantry is as beautiful as any in Ireland. The town of Bantry itself is a lively town filled with interesting shops, restaurants, and pubs. The best pub, of course, is J.J. Crowley's Pub on the town square.

Information about advance reservations and schedules for the gathering are on page three. Make your plans now. You won't want to miss this Crowley Clan Gathering.

Slán, Marian

Crowley Clan News from Around the World

Kathleen Kelly Mahon, MD, USA: I hope to find much more information about Mary Crowley Lynch who was baptized July 19, 1836 in Bantry. She married Michael Lynch about 1855 in Watkin Glen, NY. About 1856 they traveled by wagon schooner with a Fitzgerald family to La Crosse, WS where they lived the remainder of their lives. Children include John Andrew, Mary Ellen, Johanna, Dennis, Michael J., Honora, Kate, and Patrick. I would appreciate any suggestions. My address is 12624 Saint James Rd., Rockville, MD 20850.

Tom Crowley, Pontypool, WALES: The preparations for 2004 are now well in hand. Good work by Tom (Ohio) and all on the committee. On reading the treasurer's report I noted the AIB account shows the magnificent amount of E700 (Euros) from Michael Patrick's book. This is very generous, and I feel sure every Crowley would like to thank Michael for this and for the many hours of research that he put into creating the format to give a clear and distinct picture of the Crowley genealogy.

Sue Crowley, Yuma, AZ, USA: Are you going to Ireland? My daughter Sunny and I are planning our trip over there. We hope to meet up with you. I'm sending a check for Sunny and my son Calvin for the newsletter. I don't know if they have paid it or not. If they did, just keep the balance for your work or for the castle ruins project.

Dolores Crowley, County Cork, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Looking forward to meeting you all in Bantry.

John Crowley, GA, USA: My email issues have finally been resolved. I would like to give you my updated contact information for the newsletter. My address is 2506 Elton Street, Albany, GA 31707-1737. My home phone is 229-889-0363. My work phone is 229-432-9141 ext 257. And my email is jcrowley@jacrowley.net. (John is the USA country rep for the Crowley Clan.)

Peach Van Groningen, Ontario, CANADA: My daughter, January, and my granddaughter, Emma, will be home from Ireland the 7th of May till the 20th. Son-in-law, Colum, isn't able to come at that time. Daughter, Joanne, and Mike (he's the new boyfriend and yes I do like him) will be home May 8th to 18th. This will be nice for Mike because his family lives in Waterford.

Next week I'm going on the road with Bill. I don't know what he's done to deserve such punishment, but I'm going anyway. Mom is okay. Josh and Chloe are registered for school in the fall. Aidan and Owen are growing much too fast for my liking. Quinn just seems to get taller and taller every time I see him. The rest of us are all okay.

Betty Halberg, (halberg@olypen.com): Thank you, Marian, for all the work on the newsletter. Thank you for correcting my name. I haven't heard from anyone anyway.

Tom Crowley, OH, USA: In my last report on the fencing in of the castle ruins, I neglected to mention a very important point. The lumber used to protect the castle from damage from cattle, etc. was provided by Seamus Crowley of Mallow, County Cork. Seamus was able to get especially treated timber at no cost to the Crowley Clan, which will help protect this important site. He gave an excellent presentation on the history of the Crowley Castle at one of the earlier gatherings and remains very active in the preservation efforts. A belated thanks to Seamus!

It is my sad duty to report the recent passing of Christy Crowley of Skibbereen, County Cork. Christy was instrumental in renewing the Crowley Clan Gatherings years ago. He was Taoiseach of the Clan in the mid

1980's. An Runai, Johnny Crowley of Bandon, represented the Crowley Clan at Christy's funeral. Our sympathies go out to Christy's family.

Jack Crowley, WA, USA: Greetings! My brother, Tom, and I look forward to seeing you and the gang this fall in Bantry.

Some Crowley Parish Records from CountyKerry

Compiled by Carol Doran Barlow

These are mostly records from the IGI; all records must be rechecked for accuracy from original parish records.

Castle Island FHL film #823804

1834 Jan 22 Ty. Crowley married Mary Herlihy

1834 Nov 6 Ellen Crowley, daughter
1841 Sep 19 Daniel Crowley, son
1843 Dec 24 John Crowley, son

1834 Feb 10 MI. Crowley married Hannah (Nora) Culloty

1834 Dec 7 Cornelius Crowley, son
1837 Mar 5 Timothy Crowley, son
1839 Jul 28 MI. Crowley, son
1842 Sep 4 Denis Crowley, son
1845 May 25 John Crowley, son

(no date) Peter Crowley and Nora Falvey

1837 Aug 24 Daniel, son

(no date) Daniel Crowley married Nora Healy (Foley?)

1839 Jan 7 Margaret Crowley, daughter
1840 Oct 18 Denis Crowley, son
1842 Apr 5 Timothy Crowley, son
1845 Apr 20 Cornelius Crowley, son

1844 Feb 6 Denis Crowley married Ellen Horan

1845 Aug 24 Daniel Crowley, son
1847 Apr 25 Margaret Crowley, daughter
1850 Dec 22 Ty. Crowley, son

(no date) John Crowley and Hannah Quin

1844 Mar 11 John, son

(no date) Cornelius Crowley and Nora Flynn

1845 Nov 13 John, son

(no date) Ty. Crowley and Margaret Cunningham

1846 Jul 20 Nora, daughter

Birth Register of Skibbereen Parish

Submitted by Col. Myles R. O'Crowley

25 Nov 1832

Daniel of Cornelius Crowley & Mary Collins
Sponsors: Peter Collins & Mary Regan

13 Dec 1833

Dennis of James Crowley & Catherine Driscoll
Sponsors: Jeremiah Savage & Ellen Crowley

23 Feb 1834

Ellen of John Crowley & Mary Wholohane
Sponsors: John Wholohane & Ellen Wholohane

30 Mar 1834

Henry of James Crowley & Bridget Crowley
Sponsors: Cornelius Crowley & Joan Minihane

02 Apr 1834

Daniel of Daniel Crowley & Mary Langton
Sponsors: James Crowley & Judith McCarthy

25 May 1834

Norry of Charles Crowley & Mary Russel
Sponsors: Daniel Crowley & Mary Brickley

15 Jun 1834

Pat of James Crowley & Mary McCarthy
Sponsors: Denis Crowley & Margaret Barry

19 Jul 1834

Ellen of James Crowley & Catt. Neile
Sponsors: John Neile & Joan Burke

24 Oct 1834

Timothy of James Crowley & Kate Crowley
Sponsors: John Fitzgerald & Kate Regan

23 Nov 1834

Hanora of Denis Crowley & Ellen McCarthy
Sponsors: Dan McCarthy & Nancy Brickley