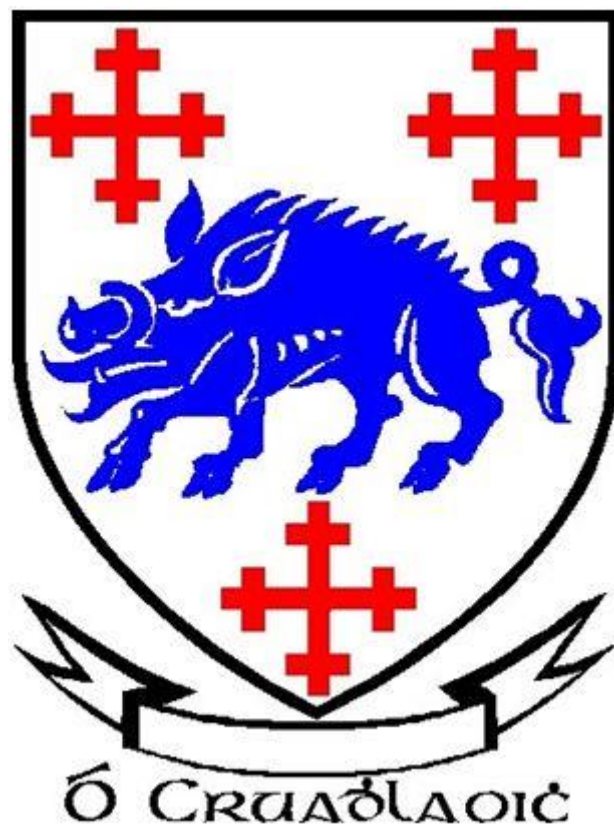


# CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

July 2006

compiled by Marian Crowley Chamberlain



## Letter from the Crowley Clan Taoiseach

I hope you are all keeping well. The Crowley Clan Council has been busy lately. We have adopted a constitution for our organization. And we have been looking into getting some work done on the Crowley Castle.

As most of you know, the ruins of our clan's castle in Ahakeera are in a state of deterioration. Cleaning and stabilization work is very expensive but it is needed. I am currently in the process of obtaining a permit from the Irish Department of the Environment to begin work at the castle site.

Fourem Consulting Engineers of Cork City have done a survey of the castle, and I am waiting for a proposal from them to begin the work.

I have two things to ask of you. First, is there anyone of you who would be in the position to make a loan to the Crowley Clan for the castle work? If you do, or if you have any questions, please contact me,

*Liam Crowley  
Aras Mhuire, Clancollbeg  
Bandon, County Cork  
Republic of Ireland*

Or you can email Marian at [crowleychamberlain@gmail.com](mailto:crowleychamberlain@gmail.com).

Second, we are now in the position to begin accepting donations in Euros, US Dollars, or Canadian Dollars. Euro donations can be sent to the Clan Treasurer,

*Flor Crowley  
Knocknacurra  
Bandon, County Cork  
Republic of Ireland*

Our US Representative is

*John Crowley  
2506 Elton St.  
Albany, GA 31707  
USA*

Our Canadian Representative is

*Terry Crowley  
86 Anglese St.  
Goderich, Ontario  
N74 1V3 Canada*

I want to thank both John and Terry for agreeing to represent their countries. We are seeking representatives from other countries. If you would like to be a representative, please let either Marian or me know. You would be doing important work to help to preserve our Crowley heritage.

God bless.

Liam Crowley

## From Marian's Desk

*Dia duit,*

If you've never been to West Cork in springtime, I highly recommend it. The days are long, the tourists are few, and the wildflowers are glorious! We were especially impressed with the beautiful yellow flowering scrub that literally covered the Irish hillsides. From experiences in Scotland we identified it as gorse. But the Irish corrected us. In Ireland it is called forse. By either name it is something to see when it is in bloom.

Right now I hope you are planning on visiting West Cork in the fall of next year. Plans are being made for our Gathering of the Crowley Clan. The weekend will be the 14, 15 & 16th of September. And the center of activities will be Clonakilty. Clonakilty is a very lively town which maintains much of its local charm. Go to [www.clonakilty.ie/history/historicalwalk.php](http://www.clonakilty.ie/history/historicalwalk.php) for more information about the attractions and history of the city.

Clonakilty is well connected to other West Cork cities of interest including Bantry, Bandon, Skibbereen, and Cork City. If you've attended Crowley Clan Gatherings in the past, you know that this weekend will be filled with music, laughter, meeting old friends and new friends, good Irish food, and wonderful information about our past as Crowleys and as Irish. Hope to see you all there.

The Crowley Clan Council is requesting donations to help pay for the work of stabilizing our castle ruins at Ahakeera. Since there are Crowleys all over the world, there are many different currencies involved. We have Terry Crowley in Canada and John A. Crowley in the USA, but the Council is seeking volunteers from other countries who would be willing to act as representative for their individual countries. We would publish the address of the representatives in the newsletter so that anyone in their particular country would forward their donations to their own representative. The representative would convert the donations to Euros and forward them to the Crowley Council in Ireland.

Once our country representatives are in place we can also begin accepting members into the Crowley Clan Society. The Council is considering an annual membership and a lifetime membership. All members in good standing will be entitled to a copy of the by-laws, notification of all society events, notification of any special offers made by the society, and the right to vote in all society elections. More about this later.

*Slán, Marian*

## **The 2007 Crowley Clan Gathering Tentative Schedule**

### **Friday Sept 14**

2:00pm - Registration at Quality Hotel

6:00pm - Wine/Cheese at Quality Hotel

8:00pm - Bus departs for Crowley's Pub

### **Saturday Sept 15**

10:00am - General Business Meeting at Quality Hotel including DNA report by Cathy Budd, and Crowley History by Seamus Crowley

1:00pm - Bus departs for Crowley Castle

6:00pm - Reception at Quality Hotel

8:00pm - Banquet at Quality Hotel

### **Sunday Sept 16**

10:00am - Road Bowling

3:00pm - Mass at Mass Rock

### **Monday Sept 17**

Possible golf (additional fee)

# Crowley Clan News from Around the World

**Traci Callister, Oak City, UT:** ([sntcall@frontiernet.net](mailto:sntcall@frontiernet.net)) I am looking for information on Michael and Amelia (Emma) Hurley Crowley. Amelia came to the USA from Ireland in the late 1840's or early 50's with her parents Patrick and Elizabeth Hurley. They settled in the St. Paul, Minnesota area. Amelia came west with Michael Crowley. I don't know when they were married. All of Michael and Amelia's children eventually ended up in Utah with the exception of their oldest son James whom we lose after the 1880 census. Their children were James, born 1859 in Illinois, Hannah born 1862 in Illinois, Elizabeth born about 1868 in Marion County, Iowa and my great grandfather Michael born 1870 Clinton County, Missouri. Michael married Rosetta Potter in Ogden, Utah and he was a miner in Park City, Utah. Michael was killed in a mine explosion in Park City, Utah. He was a hero in that tragic accident saving others before he lost his own life.

**Mary Fran Crowley, Indianapolis, IN:** ([crowley704@msn.com](mailto:crowley704@msn.com)) My great grandfather was Peter Crowley from Cleveland, Ohio. He was either one of seven brothers or the father of seven who were captains of freighters on the Great Lakes. My grandfather Joseph Neil Crowley died in July 1949 in Toledo, Ohio. I know one family first name is Cornelius. I think the story goes that the seven were all captains, and my grandfather Joseph was the youngest and the shortest. He couldn't see over the top of the wheel so took up another career! What stories!

**Joann Crowley Beers, Lodi, Wisconsin:** My father, Patrick Joseph Crowley (known as Joseph Bernard Crowley) was the son of Daniel Crowley and Catherine Collins. They Came to Avoca, Minnesota, part of a Bishop Ireland settlement shortly before he was born in 1889. He was the only family member born in the U.S. Their roots were in Bandon and Monkstown in Cork.

I notice the 2007 reunion and am considering the possibility of going to it. I have never traveled to Ireland, but have often thought about it.

**Amanda Corbett, Dunmanway, Republic of Ireland:** We've been very busy in our little Heritage Centre. We've redecorated and also gone "online" with a broadband connection. It's been a boon. We can serve our public so much better. The only trouble is that we are now training all our volunteers to use the internet. We are located in the Main Street opposite the Bank of Ireland, between the Supervalu store and the Eurospar Store. Our phone number is 023/56508 and our new email is [heritagedunmanway@eircom.net](mailto:heritagedunmanway@eircom.net). We are still busy assembling the material for our exhibition on local castles including the Crowley Castle and we hope to attract the local children. We've got a special section devoted to the local myths and legends attached to our local castles. We hope people enjoy it. We've had a steady stream of Crowley family members looking for their roots and we always direct them to your brilliant site. Usually they've heard of it and they promise to visit it.

**Tom Crowley, Council Bluffs, IA:** It has been way too long since our last clan gathering. A wedding in the family kept us from attending the last one. My brother John and his bride-to-be at the time set a wedding date without consulting with his family. Some nerve, huh?! John made up for our disappointment by having the groom's dinner in a nice Irish pub in Minneapolis. A few songs and pints of Guinness helped to ease the regret of not attending the reunion! It took a little bit more for dad (Clem).

# The Crowley Clan Society Constitution

On the evening of May 20, 2006 the Crowley Clan Council met at the Quality Hotel in Clonakilty, West Cork to discuss, debate and adopt the first constitution of our modern clan. The proposed document was prepared by ex-Taoiseach Charles Crowley of Cork City. Charles served as Crowley Clan Taoiseach from 1998 to 2001.

Council members debated the voting process, which officers should be elected and which appointed, and the dues structure. Essentially the document was passed as written with small changes. Charles pointed out that this constitution is a beginning. There are provisions for amending it over time if we find that it is needed.

At the next Crowley Clan Council meeting in September the dues structure will be finalized. Then it will be possible for Crowleys from around the world to join the Society. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, we have Country Representatives in Canada (Terry Crowley) and in the USA (John A. Crowley). Hopefully, by the fall we will also have representatives in other countries.

The Crowley Clan Constitution begins:

***The mission of the Crowley Clan Society is (a) to honor, preserve and promote the ancient lineage of the Crowley Clan through genealogical research and worldwide outreach to related and variant families and (b) to ensure and restore the spirit and vibrancy of the Crowley Clan in Ireland and abroad.***

The adoption of a constitution is an important step in establishing the credibility of our organization and providing it with clear guidelines for operation. Especially in the areas of fundraising it is preferable to have transparency so that prospective members can feel confident that their dues and donations will be properly recorded and used for their intended purpose.

The constitution is important. But our most important assets are the dedicated men and women of the Crowley Clan Council who have served our organization throughout the years. We have four ex-Taoiseachs on the council, Kitty Horgan, Flor Crowley, Charles Crowley, and Thomas Crowley who all work very hard to insure that our Crowley Clan Gatherings are well organized and that Crowleys throughout the world have a chance to meet one another and to celebrate our Crowley heritage.

# Birth Register of Skibbereen Parish

*submitted by Col. Myles R. O'Crowley*

**24 May 1838**

Jerry of John Crowley & Mary McCarthy  
Sponsors: Morty Savage & Honora McCarthy

**24 Jun 1838**

John Jeremiah of Charles Crowley & Mary Russel  
Sponsors: James & Anne Crowley

**24 Jun 1838**

John of Cornelius Crowley & Joan Geany  
Sponsors: Michael Hurley & Peg Geany

**20 Jul 1838**

Robert of Daniel Crowley & Mary Langton  
Sponsors: Michael Langton & Mary Crowley

**18 Aug 1838**

Julia of John Crowley & Catherine O'Neil  
Sponsors: Denis Neil & Ellen Neil

**4 Oct 1838**

Norry of Denis Crowley & Mary Barry  
Sponsors: James Bernard & Anne Brickley

**30 Oct 1838**

Catherine of Cornelius Crowley & Ellen Collins  
Sponsors: Jerry McCarthy & Bridget Hickey

**14 Feb 1839**

Catherine of Matthew Crowley & Mary Collins  
Sponsors: Patrick Hurley & Katherine Bryan

**13 Jul 1839**

Jeremiah of Tim Crowley & B. Hegarty  
Sponsors: John Harrington & Catherine Wholey

**17 Jul 1839**

Ellen of Tim Crowley & Mary Crowley  
Sponsors: Denis Coughlan & Mary Mullawry

**24 Sep 1839**

Honora of Tim Crowley & Nelly Brown  
Sponsors: Jerry Crowley & Mary Donovan

## Crowley Clan DNA Project Update

The Crowley Clan DNA project continues to grow. We now have 34 participants from all over the world. We recently had a new 37 marker match between a U.S. participant and one of the Irish participants. We need your help to allow the project to continue to grow. If you know any male Crowley who is not in the project, please ask him to consider participating. If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me via either of the contacts below.

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