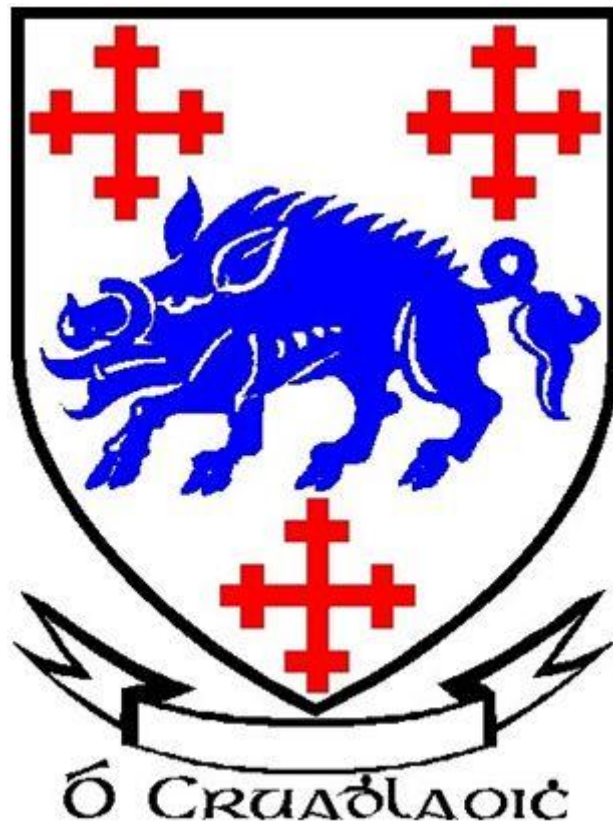


CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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Crowley Clan Council September Meeting

The Crowley Clan Council met on the evening of September 15, 2008. Nine council members were present representing Ireland and the United States.

Liam Crowley, Jerry Crowley, and Tom Crowley reported that they had visited the Riverview Park Hotel in Macroom and had met with the manager of the hotel. They were pleased with the banquet facility and with the rooms in the hotel, and the prices were within our range. The hotel has only 33 guest rooms on site, but there are many bed and breakfasts in the area nearby. The banquet facility was much better priced than other hotels consulted. The manager is to get back to the council for final arrangements.

The council discussed the intended plaque to be placed at the Crowley Castle site. It was determined that a stone tablet would be best because it would be out in all weather. It will include the name of the castle in Irish, the approximate date of its construction, and the date of its restoration. Larry Crowley said he knows someone who might be able to do the work.

James Crowley reported that he talked to a web-site company about redoing our Crowley Clan Website. There was discussion about the cost.

The loans for the castle restoration are still outstanding. These loans were made by some council members a year ago, and it had been hoped that they would have been repaid by now. They are interest-free loans. Methods of fundraising were discussed. One possibility might be a phone-a-thon.

Meeting was adjourned. If you have any questions or comments, please contact any Crowley Clan Council member.

Mary O'Flynn and Thomas R. Crowley contributed to this article.

Plans Proceed For 2010 Crowley Clan Gathering

Mark your calendars for September 10, 11, and 12, 2010! These are the dates for the next Crowley Clan Gathering in Ireland. The Crowley Clan gathers every three years in County Cork. The last gathering was in September 2007 in Clonakilty.

The town of Macroom has been chosen as the site of the 2010 gathering. The gathering has never been in Macroom before. It is situated in a central location between Bandon and Bantry.

Registration will begin at 2 PM at the Riverside Park Hotel (riversideparkhotel.ie). This will be followed by a wine and cheese reception and traditional music in the evening. Saturday will begin with a Crowley Council meeting, open to all, followed by field trips in the afternoon and the Grand Banquet in the evening. Sunday will include Mass at the castle, luncheon at the hotel, and music in the evening. Plans are still in development.

Macroom has many attractions to offer visitors. The impressive gate to the Macroom Castle is still standing, although the castle itself has been destroyed. There are several parks including a riverside park. There is the Bealick Heritage and Exhibition Centre which is housed in a 19th century corn mill. The 16th century Carrigaphooca Castle sits near the town on a stone outcropping.

From the Macroom website: The town has a colourful history and a range of activities for the visitor, making this an ideal destination for a relaxing vacation in County Cork. Go fishing in the local river or go golfing at Macroom Golf Club and other surrounding clubs. You can also enjoy hill walking or cycling, as the area has various trails and pathways.

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Remembering “Jack” Croley



On June 19, 2008 the Crowley Clan lost a valued member and an enthusiastic supporter of all things Crowley/Croley. James Melton “Jack” Croley died in Sarasota, FL at the age of 81.

The photo here is of Bridget Crowley from New Zealand and Jack Croley, at the Crowley Clan Gathering in 2007.

The news of Jack’s passing was received with shock and sadness by Crowleys/Croleys worldwide. At the time of his death Jack was in the midst of planning a Crowley

Clan Gathering in Florida scheduled for September 2008. With his usual energy and enthusiasm, Jack had an eventful weekend planned. Members from several countries were planning on attending. Unfortunately, the gathering had to be cancelled.

Many of us met Jack at the Crowley Clan Gathering in Clonakilty last September. He was a very friendly man who had great pride in his family and in his heritage. He will be missed.

Jack’s niece Latrelle Smith writes: “He was the guy with the trademark smile, and his greatest joy was getting the family together once a month to celebrate birthdays and to catch up on all the family news.

“I’ll always remember seeing him in one of his notorious jumpsuits stepping out of his little red truck with a cheerful ‘hello’. He enjoyed his life to the fullest and we/I miss him so much.

“He had so many interests including writing music, raising horses, and traveling. He was a proud Marine, and had served his country.”

Some comments from Crowleys around the world include:

“We spent some time with him in Ireland and enjoyed his spunk. We several times passed on the stories he told us about his driving from Dublin airport to Clonakilty by himself...at 80! We were so impressed. We remember how excited he was about bringing his audio recordings from the Crowley Clan activities back to his family in Florida.”

“Personally, I will miss Jack.”

“That is so sad. He was such a nice guy. He looked so much like my late Dad. I send all the best to the family.”

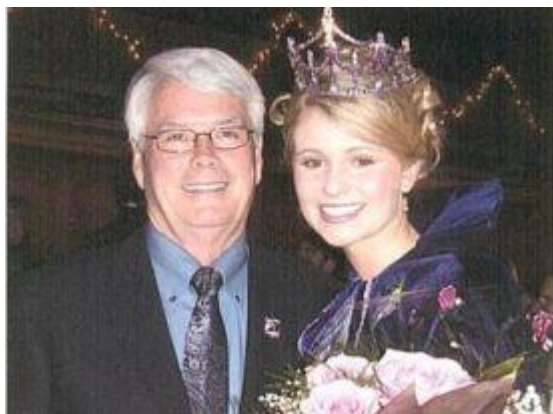
“I am sorry to hear of Jack’s death, and I was hoping to make it to the reunion.”

Clan News from Around the World

Tom Crowley, Atlanta, GA: I have built a Yahoo Group for Clan Crowley. The URL is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/clancrowley/>.

The description of the group is: This is a list to provide information exchange for the Crowley Clan on preserving our rich history and to aid in Clan research, to provide genealogy assistance, and to prove a place for discussions of topics of interest for the Worldwide Clan of the Crowley's.

Please note the group name is Clan Crowley (Crowley Clan was already taken).



Helen Cheek, Portland, WA: Sarah Crowley, pictured with her father, Tom Crowley was Queen of the Lilac Festival in Spokane, Washington, USA in May. Sarah is a freshman at Gonzaga University in Spokane and is studying pre-law.

A group of Crowley cousins visited County Cork a year ago and Liam Crowley took us out to the castle. We are generating interest in the 2010 clan gathering. Five years ago we organized a reunion of Crowleys descended from Daniel Edward Crowley of Rockford, Washington which

drew 200 people from as far away as France and Hawaii. I have that data base and am sending a "save the date" notice so Crowleys can begin making plans for the gathering in Ireland in 2010.

Catherine Crowley Budd, Marathon, FL: My Dad passed away peacefully yesterday, September 3rd, in Burlington, Ontario. He was 82 years old. He had been in hospital since July 28th. He had a great deal of courage and made a valiant effort to make a recovery from his illness, but was unable to overcome the odds

We are asking that mourners consider a donation to the Crowley Castle fund in his honor. We are holding a memorial service in Dundas, Ontario on September 6. Herb and I will be travelling up there on Thursday.

Note: Our condolences to the family of John David Crowley. This issue of the newsletter is dedicated to his memory.

Liam Crowley, Bandon, Ireland: The Crowley Clan Council held a BBQ at Jerry Crowley's pub at Crossmahon on Friday August 15th. Unfortunately it was a very wet night, but we made €1000. It was a very enjoyable night.

Michael-Patrick Crowley, Paris, France: I have decided to put the remaining copies of my book *The Origins & History of the Crowleys* on e-Bay. You will find it there after November 1, 2008.



Sunny Crowley, Hawaii: Aloha All! I went to the O'Crowley Castle, Ahakeera again this last trip. I had been asked to attend the Crowley Clan Council meeting where we choose two possible locations for the next reunion. I am glad I was able to help gather some information, and look forward to hearing the final choice. It will be either Macroon or Bantry.

This is a photo I took of the Crowley Castle. Our Clan Council has been amazing. Look what they have managed to do. There are several supporters who have made a no-interest loan for the work, and we need to repay them.

If you can, please send donations for the Castle Project. I made another contribution while I was there. I wish I could offer more! Please give. This is for us all!

News from the Crowley Archives: Part 4

from Mary Casteleyn

Some high achieving Crowleys, all members of the same extended family, found in *Dublin and County Dublin in the XX Century – Contemporary Biographies*. Pike's New Century Series. No 26. 1908. Edited by W.T. Pike. (Photographs accompany these entries but unfortunately cannot be reproduced here).

Michael Crowley, Druid Lodge, Killiney, fifth son of the late John Crowley of Ballymore, County Cork, professor of classics.

Born at Glaunareglasia, County Cork in 1849, educated by the Christian Brothers and privately. Graduated as a professional accountant and auditor in the office of John MacDonnell and Company, Dublin, professional accountants and auditors, in which firm he was admitted a partner in 1873; member of the firm of M.Crowley and Company, Dublin, chartered accountants and public auditors, elected member of the Chartered Accountants of Canada in 1885 and elected first Irish member of the Incorporated Society of Accountants and Auditors in the same year.

Named in the Charter as a Member of the Council of Chartered Accountants of Ireland, author of "The Commercial Handbook and Office Assistant" one of the best known series of books published by Effingham Wilson and Company of London for which he was awarded a medal and diploma at the International Competition of Professional Accounts held at Lyons (France) in 1894, also awarded medal and diploma at International Competition of Professional Accountants held in Paris (France) in 1900.

Editor of the "Directory of Limited Companies Registered in Ireland" and is a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society. He married in 1876, Mary E., granddaughter of John Irwin of Fern Hall, County Roscommon.

Michael O'Keefe Crowley, Druid Lodge, Killiney, third son of Michael Crowley, Druid Lodge, Killiney, County Dublin, chartered accountant and Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, and his wife, Mary E, granddaughter of John Irwin of Fern Hall, county Roscommon, born in Dublin in 1882, educated at the Catholic University School, Dublin and University College, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, B.A.

Having first served articles of apprenticeship and obtained first place in the Final Examination of the Chartered Accountants of Ireland, was elected an associate of that body in 1904; a member of the firm of M. Crowley and Company, 16 College Green, Dublin, chartered accountants and public auditors.

John Crowley, Floraville, Howth Road, Clontarf, Dublin, second son of the late John Crowley, Professor of Classics, Ballymore, County Cork; born at Fermoy, County Cork, educated privately. Admitted a solicitor in 1886, served articles with the late Bennet Thompson, solicitor, of Dublin.

Senior member of the firm Crowley and Bolger practising at 50 Lower Sackville Street, Dublin, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, and a Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the High Court of Justice. Married in 1872, Mary J., daughter of the late James Walsh, of H. M. Customs, Dublin, and has issue one son and six daughters surviving.

Charles James Crowley, Floraville, Howth Road, Clontarf, Dublin, only son of John Crowley, solicitor, born at Dublin in 1881, educated by the Christian Brothers also at Looz in Belgium and Belvedere College, Dublin.

Admitted solicitor in 1905, articled to his father, with who he now practices at 50 Lower Sackville Street, Dublin; is a member of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland.

Castle Fund Donations

From the November 2008 Newsletter

- Clem B. Crowley, Omaha, NB
- In Memory of John David Crowley
- Thomas Crowley, Akron, Ohio
- Jack Ridge, Mt. Hope, Ontario
- Judith Flumiani, Hamilton, Ontario
- Stanislaw & Ewa Pasyk, Burlington, Ontario
- Jim & Mary Leach, Hamilton, Ontario
- Alex Dale, London Ontario
- In Memory of Robert M. Crowley & Marjorie V. Crowley
- Marybeth Crowley Broderick
- Michael J. Crowley
- James P. Crowley, Lake Oswego, OR

From the March 2009 Newsletter

- In Memory of John David Crowley
Mary Amirault, Calgary, AB