

# CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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## Meet Our New Taoiseach Jerry Crowley of Crossmahon

On Sunday, September 12, 2010, at O'Crowley's Castle in Ahakeera, Jerry Crowley of Bandon became the new Taoiseach of the Clan Crowley. The transfer of the chain of office took place at the end of Mass just before the final blessing.



Jerry Crowley was born and educated in Bandon and is the son of the late Daniel and Nora Crowley. He has been involved with the Crowley Clan organization for over 20 years and has been the Tánaiste for the past three years. He has always been very involved in the planning of the Crowley Gatherings, especially so this year. Jerry is a familiar face to Crowleys who have traveled to West Cork for the Crowley Clan Gatherings.

For the past thirteen and one half years, Jerry has owned and operated the Pub in Crossmahon which is a country pub just outside of Bandon. If you have been to a Crowley Gathering, you have probably been in his friendly pub for an evening of music and fellowship.

Jerry has one daughter, Linda, who is studying law at the University of Cork in Cork City and who also helps out at the pub. He lives at Crossmahon and in the near future is planning to start work on a new

house next door to the pub.

Please join us in wishing Jerry the best of luck during his three year term as our new Taoiseach. Next time you are in Bandon, be sure to stop by the Pub at Crossmahon to say hello, but be sure to get directions first!

## **Bricks Popular at Gathering**

*By Terry Crowley, Canadian Representative*

At the 2010 Clan Gathering in Kinsale my sister, Barbara, and I gave out "Certificates of Appreciation" to those who purchased a BRICK for the Crowley Castle Restoration Fund. The bricks were sold for €5 each and 100% of the proceeds went to the fund. Ninety-six certificates were issued and 236 bricks were sold totaling €1,180 which I turned over to the Clan Treasurer, Flor Crowley, at the banquet. With the encouragement and support of the Crowley Clan Council, this project became a huge success. I must also make special mention of my daughter, Patricia, who not only helped me with the design of the certificates, but she had them made and donated them to the Clan for free.

If anyone would like to "buy a Brick" and receive a "Certificate of Appreciation", I can be contacted online at [terryachara@yahoo.ca](mailto:terryachara@yahoo.ca) or write to me at:

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Postage for mailing the certificates are in Canada, \$1.38, in USA \$2.26, and in other countries \$4.52. The cost of a brick is €5.

## *From Marian's Desk*

As always, it was nice to visit with so many of you at the Crowley Clan Gathering in Kinsale. And, it was nice to meet so many new people. I went to my first gathering in Dunmanway in 1995. It was a small group, but I knew then that I wanted to keep in touch with all of the friends I made there. That was the reason for starting this newsletter. And, it is still the purpose of this newsletter...to provide an opportunity for Crowleys all over the world to stay connected with one another.

Many of the people I met in 1995 make it to most of the gatherings. We always manage to pick up our friendships and our conversations where they left off three years earlier. Not everyone can come to every gathering. Those of you who weren't there this time, please know that you were missed. Whatever the reason for your absence, we hope that you will be there next time. And, we know that you were there in spirit.

Our next Crowley Clan Gathering will be in 2013. Until then, stay in touch with us at the newsletter and stay in touch with each other. Share your memories and your photos. Don't forget the fellowship, the singing, the dancing, the touring, the road bowling, the inspiring march of the Crowley Clan down that country lane to O'Crowley's Castle.

I hope you enjoy this fall Crowley Clan Newsletter. If you have any comments, or if there is anything you would like included in future newsletters, please let me know. I enjoy hearing from all of you.

# Clan News from Around the World

**Meg Lynch, Portland, Oregon**

**(Meg.Lynch@oregonmetro.gov):**

Dear Crowley Clan Members:

I am sorry to inform you that Barrett MacDougall died of natural causes on April 24, 2010 in Portland, Oregon. He is sorely missed.

Barrett attended several of the Crowley gatherings, and I had accompanied him on two of them. We were making plans to attend the 2010 gathering in Kinsale. At the last one we attended in Bantry, we stayed at Atlantic Shore B&B with other guests there for the gathering. Barrett was thrilled to learn that the other guests were shirttail Crowley relations from Ontario.

Editor's Note: Our condolences go out from the Crowley Clan to Barrett's friends and relatives.

**Bill Crowley, Braddock, NJ**

**(billcrowley1944@gmail.com):**

I am very interested in my family history. My family is from southern New Jersey. They used to own glass factories, and also had a town (Crowleytown) named after them in the South Jersey woods.

I believe Samuel Crowley is an ancestor of mine. My father was Bill Crowley Sr., his father was Birdsall "Bert" Crowley, his father was James Morrell Crowley, and his father was Charles Crowley.

If you have any information about the Washington Township, New Jersey Crowley family, I would love to learn more.

**Irene McCarthy, Loudonville, NY**

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I am looking for information about my 4th great grandfather Timothy Crowley who was born in 1820 in Bandon and died about 1881 in England. He married Mary Shea who was born in 1822 in Ireland and died about 1861 in England. Their daughter Catherine was born in Ireland, and then the family moved to England where children Michael, Charles (my 3rd great grandfather born in 1844), James, Mary, Timothy and Ellen were born.

Charles married Rachel Connor who was born in England in 1845. They had Mary (my great grandmother born in 1865), Charles, Elizabeth, Ellen, James, Kate and Mary. Charles and Rachel and their family immigrated to the USA in 1871 and settled in the Bronx, New City where Charles died in 1916 and Rachel in 1924.

My great grandmother Mary was married in the USA to John McCarthy in 1886. Mary Crowley McCarthy died in 1923 in the Bronx. John McCarthy died in 1958 in Chicago, Illinois.

I am most interested in finding information about my 4th great grandfather Timothy Crowley from Bandon, and about his parents, siblings.

**Lissa Smith, Sydney, Australia**

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I am researching my family history and could use some assistance. Daniel Crowley was born in 1829 in Ireland. In 1851 he married Honorah Foley who was born in 1827 also in Ireland. In the US census of 1860 they are in Cambridge, Washington, New York (also known as Troy, New York) living with Hiram and Jane Hillman. Daniel was a farmer. Their children were all born in the US and were: John 1852-1876, Michael 1853-, Daniel 1855-1901, Richard 1857-1891, James 1859-1885, Catherine 1861-, Patrick 1863-, Lewis 1866-1927 (my great-grandfather born in Troy New York), Thomas 1866-1887 (Lewis's twin), David 1869-1936, and William 1869-1882.

In 1870 the family was in Congress, Morrow, Ohio. Lewis Crowley married Johanna "Kate" Shea and lived in Galion, Ohio. Michael and Mary Crowley appear on the 1870 Ohio census, 73 and 70 years old respectively. They may be Daniel's parents.

I am interested in learning my family's history in Ireland. Who were Daniel Crowley's parents and siblings? Where did they live? Where was Daniel born? When and how did Daniel migrate?

**Jan Lanning, Winter Harbor, Maine**

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Today I stumbled across the Crowley Clan website and read an article about Jeremiah Crowley of Maine. I am a 7th generation descendant of Jeremiah. I have information on my grandfather, great grandfather, 2nd great grandfather Jason, but beyond that I only have the names. Jason's father was James and James' father was Jeremiah. One of them emigrated from Ireland. My great grandfather was very proud of his Irish heritage.

I would appreciate any help. My father Charles Crowley was the last of his grandfather's line. Dad died in 1994. His father Charles Irving was drowned before Dad was born. His grandfather Irving died in 1947 when I was 7 years old. About 20 years ago my late husband and I tried to find my great grandfather's house in Addison, Maine. I use to go there when I was a little girl.

In my searching I have found that the five grandfathers I was able to get any information on were all "Master Seaman". I know my great grandfather Irving was a sea captain and made many trips to India, China, Europe and South America.

**Helen Tubby, Sydney, Australia**

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I've been told by family that my great-great grandmother Jane Crowley born about 1831 was directly related to Nicholas Joseph Crowley (1819-1857) distinguished portrait painter. Jane married Hugh Carraher, a farmer and butcher, who lived and died in the Liverpool area. Does anyone know of his descendants or ancestors?

# The Highlights of the Weekend

*Friday, September 10:*

Banners with the Crowley Crest hung over the main entrance to Acton's Hotel on the waterfront in Kinsale, and registration for the Crowley Clan Gathering began at 2PM in the lobby. Ann, Noirin, and Deirdre Crowley skillfully managed the tables, registered participants, collected fees, gave out information, and welcomed Crowley family members from Canada, England, Ireland, France, New Zealand, the United States, and Wales.



Next to the registration tables sat Terry Crowley selling Crowley Castle "bricks". These were lovely certificates Terry had made, and for a donation of €5 per "brick" the donor could contribute to the castle restoration fund and receive a certificate. Terry optimistically had 96 certificates printed. He sold all for a total of 236 "bricks", and he turned over €1,180 to Castle Restoration fund!

The wine and cheese reception was held at Acton's that evening. J.J. Crowley's Pub in Bantry donated the wine, while the Bandon Dairy Co-op donated the cheese. Gathering participants had a chance to meet each other, to socialize, and to hear the comments of Dr. Damien Bracken, who lectures in Celtic Studies at the University of Cork. Dr. Bracken entertained and enlightened us on the difference between the

perception of medieval Irish as being barbarians and the reality of their being an educated and cultured population.

For those who could stay awake, the party continued at the Armada Pub.

*Saturday, September 11:*

Saturday began with the General Meeting of the Crowley Clan. The first order of business was for everyone to stand and observe a moment of silence in memory of those you died on September 11, 2001.

Our DNA Coordinator, Catherine Crowley Budd, spoke of the successes that some of our participants have had finding family connections. She also encouraged male Crowleys who have not joined the project to do so.



Seamus Crowley, the Crowley Clan Historian, spoke about the history of the clan from its origins in Roscommon, to its relocation in Cork, and on to the present time.

After a break for lunch, Crowleys met across the street from Acton's on the waterfront for walking tours of the old town of Kinsale with tour leader Dermot Ryan, and water tours of the harbor which enabled us to view the remains of two historic forts, James Fort and Charles Fort.



Our Crowley Clan Banquet was held that evening in the ballroom at Acton's Hotel with 140 people in attendance. The banquet staff at Acton's outdid themselves with a delicious meal and great service.

After the meal, Dr. Patrick Crowley from Kilkenny spoke about the contributions of the Clare County Crowleys. Next, Brian Crowley, Member of the European Parliament, from Cork City spoke on the need to be positive in these negative times. Brian quoted from the Bible, "This too shall pass." The evening concluded with music and Irish dancing.

#### *Sunday, September 12:*



Sunday began with the Irish sport of road bowling on a quiet road near Innishannon. The Kinsale Bowling Club gave a demonstration of the sport, and then we had a chance to try our hands at it. We formed four teams, and then narrowed it down to two. Anyone who has ever been to one of our road bowling contests will not be surprised to hear that the Canadian team won (as usual).

After lunch, we boarded the coaches to travel to Ahakeerna and O'Crowley's Castle. Lead by a bag piper and our flag bearer, Alyssa Crowley, we marched down the lane to Mass at the castle ruins.

Father O'Brien from Bantry was the celebrant, Johnny Crowley, also from Bantry, was the server, and Tom Crowley from Ohio was the reader. At the end of the Mass, just before the final blessing, Jerry Crowley from Bandon received the chain of office and became the new Crowley Clan Taoiseach. We joined hands and sang Auld Lang Syne. As we began our walk back up the lane to the coaches, a soft rain began to fall. Our weekend was over.