

Irish Kennedy Heritage Group



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The mission of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group is to research, preserve and disseminate the history of the Irish Kennedys.

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Chief Rody Kennedy

Welcome to this edition of the Kennedy Heritage Group Mailing List belated though it may be. I am gradually making my way back to Australia after a very busy time in Ireland researching the next Kennedy book, giving talks and a radio interview, attending the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group Annual General Meeting and associated meetings, meeting with groups of Kennedys, combing graveyards, visiting farms etc etc. The Irish Kennedy Heritage group is now fully established.

My thanks go to all who assisted me during my visit with their terrific hospitality and contributions that went to make my task so much easier.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held at Rearcross, Tipperary, 19th January

Chairman Michael Kennedy opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance to the inaugural Annual General Meeting of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group. He referred to the work of the Group's historian in providing a series of books containing comprehensive information about the thousand year history of the Irish Kennedys. He suggested that "Without this work we would not be here".

REGISTRATION

Tom Kennedy of Tombricane, Borrisokane, provided a report on progress of registration of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group with the Public Participation Network, (PPN) Tipperary. (<http://ppntipperary.org/>) . As the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group is now registered as a voluntary group with PPN it will in the future be able to apply for grants of public funds to facilitate its work.

KENNEDY DISPLAY AT NENAGH HERITAGE CENTRE

Two visits have been made to the Nenagh Heritage Centre to make arrangements for the provision of a Kennedy display in the centre. A large glass display cabinet and adjoining space have been made available for the use of the IKHG. Material in the form of charts, photographs, maps, contact information etc etc will be prepared for the display together with the series of books on the Irish Kennedys. Discussion also took place about the appropriateness of public libraries having the Irish Kennedy books available for reference purposes.

KENNEDY RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Brian Kennedy reported that research for his sixth book "The Lower Ormond Kennedys" was now almost complete. Very helpful support and assistance has been provided by committee

members in finalising this research. It is planned to have the completed book available for launching at the next Kennedy Gathering proposed for early July.

The Irish Kennedys FaceBook page is now well established with many people from various parts of the world regularly accessing it. Posts are updated every few days. The Irish Kennedys webpage can also be found by searching on "The Irish Kennedys". Monthly newsletters will continue to be produced.

PLANS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

It is proposed to conduct a guided tour of several O'Kennedy castles to be held in conjunction with the next Kennedy gathering in early July. Preliminary planning is to have this event conducted during the day with the Gathering to be held that same night.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Confirmation of Committee:

The chairman proposed that the current committee be elected in block. This was moved by Brian Kennedy and seconded by Pat Kennedy. The motion was agreed by all.

Membership Fee:

Treasurer Martin Kennedy suggested that an Irish Kennedy Heritage Group membership fee of 20 Euro would provide for immediate funds for proceeding with the work of the Group. This was proposed by Brian Kennedy and seconded by Richard Kennedy. This amount was agreed by all and the majority of those present paid their membership fee at the meeting. A IKHG bank account has been set up by the Treasurer. Provision for paying the membership fee by PayPal will be investigated to allow subscriptions to be paid locally or from overseas. The preparation of a membership scroll to be provided to subscribers will be progressed.

Insurance:

The question of Insurance to cover IKHG activities such as bus tours was raised by Tom Kennedy of Pallas Green. The requirements for, and provision of, insurance for such events will be further investigated.

The meeting then concluded.

(NOTE: Quite a few people in Ireland have now paid membership fees to the Treasurer. As soon as a PayPal account has been set up the details will be advised so that this facility can be availed of by people world wide).

Some of the Kennedys and Kennedy descendants who attended the AGM are pictured.



Back Row: Tom Kennedy (Pallas Green), Patrick Kennedy (Limerick), Martin Kennedy (Toomevara), Joe Kennedy (Callan), Richard Kennedy (Clarina), Mattie Ryan Larry (Windygap), Patrick Grennan (Kennedy Homestead, Wexford), Cllr. Willie Kennedy (Glastrigan), John Smyth (Roscrea), Dan Kennedy (Roscrea), Jerry Kennedy (Drom), Chief Rody Kennedy (Rearcross), Tim Lee (Roscrea). Front Row: Tom Kennedy Tombricane, obscured), Michael Kennedy (Killyloughnane), Pyllis Kennedy (Toomevara), Brian Kennedy (Australia), Liam Kennedy (Lorrha), Hugh Kennedy (Carrick-on-Suir).

KENNEDY FARMERS IN LOWER ORMOND

I have managed to locate a number of Kennedys who are currently farming in Lower Ormond in accordance with my request in a previous issue.

BOOKS

The latest book “The Upper Ormond Kennedys – Their Claims to Tipperary Soil” is now available. In Ireland it can be obtained from Chief Rody Kennedy at Kennedy’s Shop and Bar in Rearcross, Tipperary. Drop in and have a chat with Rody and Ann while collecting your copy. They will be very pleased to see you. Internationally the book can be obtained via “The Irish Kennedys” web page at <http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm>. The page contains a link to Amazon.com from which it can also be obtained.



Note: JFK's Irish O'Kennedy Ancestors is out of print and will be reprinted.
The Upper Ormond Kennedys is now available from Chief Rody Kennedy's Bar and Shop at Rearcross or from the Irish Kennedys website <http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm>

Thank you very much to those people who have bought my Kennedy books over the years. Research and publishing is an expensive business and the returns are a help towards meeting the costs involved. Thanks also to my son Sean who does a great job looking after orders.

The Irish Kennedys and Mountainy Kennedys books may be obtained in Ireland from:

Chief Rody Kennedy's Bar and Shop. Rearcross. Tipperary. Ph. 062 79104
Matt Ryan (Luke) NENAGH. Tipperary. Ph. 087 235 5179
The Bookworm Bookshop. THURLES. Tipperary. Ph. 504 22257.
The Bookshop. Friar Street. NENAGH. Tipperary
The Kennedy Homestead, DUNGANSTOWN. Wexford. Ph. 051 388 264

Internationally, books can be obtained from the website at:

<http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm> (Air Mail)

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http://www.amazon.com/dp/0958538832/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_dp_eJBWub1QM13A6

http://www.amazon.com/dp/0958538840/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_dp_6OBWub0GQVHWH

http://www.amazon.com/dp/0958538867/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_dp_nQBWub0TTVM2T

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtsQKz-VAUw&feature=youtu.be>

Goodbye for now.

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