

WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER OF THE IRISH KENNEDY HERITAGE GROUP.

Many descendants of the Irish Kennedys in a number of countries now regularly receive this newsletter and we are continually welcoming new members. If you wish to put your name or the name of friends or family on the list please contact the email address at the end.

SIXTH ANNUAL KENNEDY GATHERING AND KENNEDY CASTLES TOUR

A great time was had by all who participated in the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group activities on Sunday July 17th. Starting at the Anglesey Lounge at Chief Rody Kennedy's at Rearcross, County Tipperary, the group did an 8 hour circuit that included visits to Knigh, Tullaun, Lackeen, Ballycapple and Killowney castles and an enjoyable Kennedy Heritage Group lunch at Terryglass. We arrived back at Rearcross in time for the sixth annual Kennedy Gathering.



Some of the tour group at Lackeen Castle



Chief Rody Kennedy welcoming Archie Kennedy from Nova Scotia, Canada

People from from Canada, US, Australia and UK in addition to those from various counties of Ireland attended the tour and gathering. Comments from the visitor's book included:

- A wonderful day visiting Kennedy castles.
- A dream come true.
- Great day visiting the castles.
- Lovely day. Really enjoyed it.
- Trip of a lifetime. Loved it!
- Thank you for a lovely day. So good to meet everyone.
- Cinnéide Abú.
- First night here (Sizing up things).

Following introductions, the agenda covered the following:

Presentation of a genealogical chart to Chief Rody Kennedy.

The chart shows our chief's ancestry and his descent from O'Kennedy chiefs on both sides of his family. This chart was then put on display.

The launch of "The Lower Ormond Kennedys" book.

Tom Kennedy of Tombricane, Borrisokane, did a great job of launching The Lower Ormond Kennedys. Describing himself as a Mountainy Kennedy from Templederry he went on to explain that he had lived and worked in Lower Ormond for many years. Chairman Richard Kennedy said that Tom's presentation made it the best book launching that he had seen.



Presentation of membership parchments.

Chief Rody Kennedy presented membership parchments to a number of IKHG members who were present. Many other attendees also subscribed to membership of the IKHG and will receive their parchments in due course.

Facilitated group discussion about the IKHG aims and objectives.

Chairman Richard Kennedy led the discussion about the development of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group. Many people contributed their thoughts and ideas about the future of the IKHG and indicated their keenness to be involved. The Group is off to a good start and is well on the way to being the focus for Irish Kennedys and their descendants the world over.

Videos and pictures of the Castles Tour and IKHG Gathering will be available in due course on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/theirishkennedysbooks</u>

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

In order to make all earlier editions of the original mailing list generally available, my son Sean Kennedy has kindly volunteered to publish an **Internet Blog** that will provides appropriately edited posts in order from the first issue. You will find the Blog if you click on

http://tikhg.blogspot.ie/search?updated-min=2016-01-01T00:00:00-08:00&updated-max=2017-01-01T00:00:00-08:00&max-results=1

A MESSAGE FROM TINA FITZGERALD OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Hello Brian,

My name is Tina Fitzgerald and I was just speaking with Patrick from the Kennedy Homestead. He gave me a copy of your book John F Kennedy's Irish O'Kennedy Ancestors. My Kennedy family is in your book on page 91 chapter 12. I come from Terrance Kennedy of Crocker's Cove. I am currently staying in New Ross till early Thursday morning. I would be interested in talking to you about my Kennedy family. I look forward to hearing from you and possibly exchanging information. Sincerely

Tina Fitzgerald

I was able to catch up with Tina by phone and learned that she had come to Ireland from Newfoundland in search of her Fitzgerald ancestors. After a short conversation with Patrick at the Kennedy Homestead he was able to point her in the direction of her Irish Kennedys. I am sure that, with a little bit more work, we will be able to assist Tina in her search.

IRISH KENNEDY DISPLAY AT NENAGH HERITAGE CENTRE

The Irish Kennedy Heritage Group display is now established at the Nenagh Heritage Centre and mre is to be added to it shortly. The Nenagh Heritage Centre is located in the Governor's House, Kickham Street, Nenagh, and is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free.

IRISH KENNEDY HERITAGE GROUP MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following people have joined as members of the Group while a number of others have indicated their intention to do so. Please contact <u>mountainykennedys@gmail.com</u> if you are interested. The subscription is 20 Euro for which you will be sent a PayPal invoice. The subscription will be used to further the interests of the IKHG.

Chief Rody Kennedy Michael Kennedy Richard Kennedy Phyllis Kennedy Martin Kennedv Pat Kennedy Tom Kennedy Matthew Kennedy Tom Kennedy Patrick Kennedy Liam Kennedy Hugh Kennedv Patrick Grennan Daniel Kennedy Mattie Ryan Larry Joe Kennedy Tim Lee John Smvth Brian Kennedy Sean Kennedv Lawrence Kennedy Catherine O'Gorman Theresa Fitzgibbon Sarann Slatterv Christina Morrissey Professor Colleen Cartwright Mary Kennedy **Colleen Byrnes** Archie Kennedy Eileen Flannery Nora Stapleton Mary Cooke James Buckley Donal Kennedv Mary Kennedy Egan Michael Ryan Kitt Maurene Kennedy

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Those new members who have not yet received their membership scroll will have them sent in due course. Thanks to everyone for their contributions to the funding of the Group.

BOOKS

Drop in and have a chat with Chief Rody and Ann at Rearcross while collecting your copies of the Irish Kennedys books. They will be very pleased to see you.

Internationally all books can be obtained via "The Irish Kennedys" web page at <u>http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm</u>. The page contains links to Amazon.com from which they can also be obtained. These links are also shown below.



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

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or from Amazon at:

The Irish Kennedys - The Story of the "Rebellious O'Kennedys (Second Editon) - Order on Amazon The Mountainy Kennedys: Tipperary Stayputs - Order on Amazon The Mountainy Kennedys Volume 2: Linking Past and Present - Order on Amazon The Upper Ormond Kennedys - Order on Amazon The Lower Ormond Kennedys - Order on Amazon

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