

# O'Molloy Rally A Resounding Success As Chicago Man Elected Chieftain

THE annual O'Molloy Clan rally which was held over last weekend was a tremendous success with people travelling from all around the Midlands and as far away as America to take part.

The event began on Friday night with a lecture by Camin O'Brien in the Offaly Historical Society headquarters.

Mr O'Brien spoke to the group about the O'Molloy territory and castles associated with the family. The lecture was greatly appreciated

by those present who found it to be extremely interesting and enlightening.

On Saturday morning a tour of the sites related to the O'Molloy Clan took place and included Durrow, Clonmacnoise, Eglis, Clonbeale House, Ballyboy and Rathlihen.

That night guests were treated to a Medieval Feast at Charleville Castle and a new O'Molloy Clan Chieftain was crowned. He is John Paul Molloy from Chicago and he took the mantle

from the outgoing Chieftain Francis Molloy Berry from Durrow.

Outside a succulent pig was roasting on a spit while the clan were being entertained inside the castle by baritone John Molloy the son of the famous Birr hurler Paddy Molloy. Offaly Ceoltas also provided some great music on the night.

PRO of the Clan Councillor Danny Owens, said the event was a fantastic success and everything from the lecture to the tour and

finally the Medieval Feast was wonderful. The O'Molloy Clan Association was formed in 2004 and constantly strives to develop connections with Clan members throughout the world.

Collections of photographs are regularly updated. Membership is open to anyone who has family links or has an interest in the O'Molloy Clan or its ancient territory of Firceall where they ruled from the 5th to the 17th centuries.



Pictured at the O'Molloy Clan Rally Banquet in Charleville Castle last week were Michael Sheerin, Francis Molloy Berry and Sean Berry. TT3343



Pictured at the O'Molloy Clan Rally Banquet in Charleville Castle last week were Francis Molloy Berry, Realtin Berry and Adrian Dunne. TT3344



Pictured at the O'Molloy Clan Rally Banquet in Charleville Castle last week were Joan and Fiona Keegan. TT3346



Pictured at the O'Molloy Clan Rally Banquet in Charleville Castle last week were Padge Prendergast and Cait Prendergast. TT3347



The new O'Molloy clan Chieftain pictured with his family at the Banquet in Charleville Castle last weekend John Paul Molloy and Maria Molloy, Chicago, Jack Molloy and Catherine Molloy. TT334



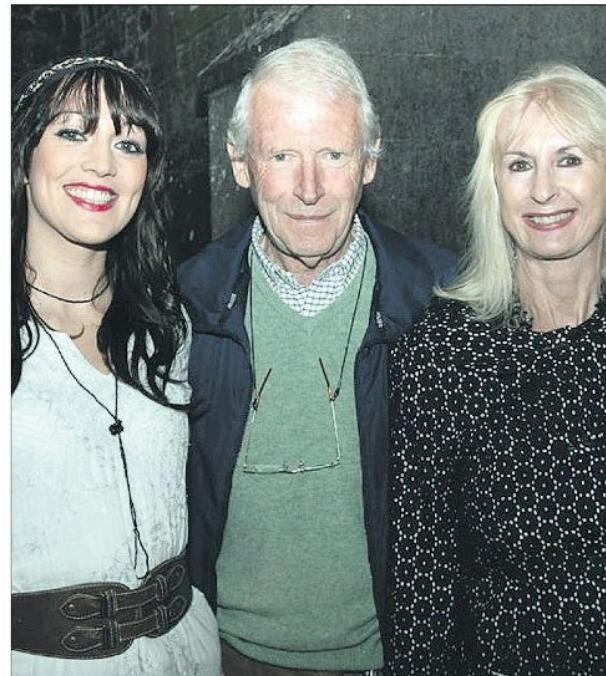
Pictured at the O'Molloy Clan Rally Banquet in Charleville Castle last week were John and Noleen Mc Donald, JJ Healion, Teresa Healion. TT3349



Pictured at the O'Molloy Clan Rally Banquet in Charleville Castle last week were Marie Neville, Evelyn Farrell, Sharlet Lee Butler and Mary Guinness. TT3350



Pictured at the O'Molloy Clan Rally Banquet in Charleville Castle last week were Bernette Clavin Molloy, Mary Convey Molloy and Joe Molloy. TT3351



Pictured at the O'Molloy Clan Rally Banquet in Charleville Castle last week were Keira Sheehan, John McNamara and Maureen Galvin. TT3352



Pictured at the O'Molloy Clan Rally Banquet in Charleville Castle last week were Roisin Lambe, Ian O' Flynn, Barry Walsh, and Niall Dean. TT3342



Pictured at the O'Molloy Clan Rally Banquet in Charleville Castle last week were Thomas Molloy, Michael Davern, Kayla Molloy, Kay Molloy, Michael Molloy and Jordan Molloy. TT3345