

Taoiseach O'Crowley Clan Comte Michael-Patrick O'Crowley MSV, MDN, C.C, C.D.

Ballinderry Castle, July 21, 2016,

Dear clansmen and dear ladies,

We are pleased to announce the nominations to the Companionate of Clann Ui Chruadhlaoich. The Companionate is an honour bestowed on clansmen and non-clansmen who have demonstrated exceptional and continued support to the traditional Brehon and Gaelic culture of Ireland through their contribution to the life of Clann Ui Chruadhlaoich, protecting, enriching and promoting its patrimony and activities.

We are pleased to receive into the Companionate the following nominees;

*Catherine Crowley Budd*, United States of America. Catherine has initiated and is leading our clan DNA project. Without Catherine our DNA project would not be one of the most successful within Irish clans.

Jim Ritzert, United States of America. Jim is the webmaster of our current website. Jim has dedicated at providing a full support to the clan and has ensured that through our web site the clan delivers information to the wider audience, a key element of our success.

*Larry Crowley*, Ireland. Larry has been a strong supporter of the clan from its very reinstatement. His ideas, initiatives, and kindness, without forgetting his music leadership has greatly contributed to the clan.

*Sean de Verdun*, Ireland. Sean has been very active since his introduction to the clan through his talents as a professional photographer. Always ready to help he has demonstrated dedication to the clan with kindness in any circumstances.

The new Companions will be bestowed the insignia of the Companionate and grant certificate during the banquet at our clan gathering in Bantry next September.



The Companionate is an integral part of and within the community of Clann Ui Chruadhlaoich. It is endorsed and supported by the Clan Council which proposes nominees to the Companionate. The Companionate is not a knighthood, nor does it claim to any historical continuity, and it bears no relationship to any existing or past order of knighthood. It is a recognition which is granted by a private organization, our clan, Clann Ui Chrudadhlaoich. Please join me congratulating the new Companions.

Mise le Meas,

Michael