



Taoiseach O'Crowley Clan
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Dear clansmen and dear ladies,

For the last two years the Clan Council has been working at providing further stability to secure our future and enhancing the historical accuracy of our clan structure. In line with this thinking the Council has made the very significant decision to re instate sept Chieftains.

The O'Crowley clan as all other clans had several septs or branches each with a designation, a result of families stemming from the main clan line over the course of population growth and expansion. For example, the MacCarthys in Carbery had no less than 12 septs, the O'Mahonys 8. The sept Chieftains were subordinate to the Clan Chief. The O'Crowleys at the end of the 16th century had 9 known and historically recorded designations, the product of growth and settlements within and outside the original lordship of Kilshallow. It is thus very appropriate to re instate some sept Chieftains reflecting our clan historical structure and maintaining some of these designations alive as part of our traditions before they go into oblivion.

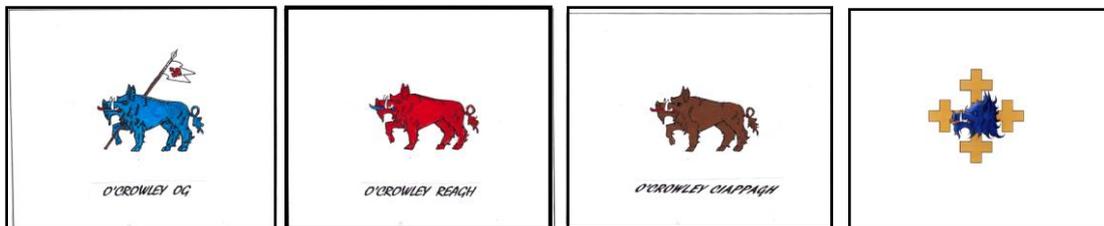
It has been agreed that the appointment of these Chieftains will be for a period of ten years. The selected individuals have demonstrated and formulated a strong commitment to the clan's future. After that period the appointment upon decision of the Clan Council may be transformed to life or any other disposition liable to procure stability and continuity. These Chieftains are allowed to publicly use their respective designation and badge of office; I would personally encourage such practice. During our next clan gathering we will officially grant these badges displayed on appropriate flags.

Liam Crowley of Cloonbeg, Bandon, is The O'Crowley Og

Charlie Crowley of Schull; is The O'Crowley Reagh

James Crowley of Bandon; is The O'Crowley Ciappagh

M-P O'Crowley of Ballinderry; is The O'Crowley MacFyneen



Mise le Meas,

Michael