



Ó Domhnaill Abú!

Clann Dálaigh - The O'Donnell Clan Association

Founded at Easter 1954 and registered with Clans of Ireland

Anniversaries: 70th & Donegal Castle & Abbey: 550th

Extract from new Constitution

Objectives:

1. To sustain the global community of Irish and diaspora kinship around the heritage of the O'Donnells of Tyrconnell, building on its previous iterations in 1954, 1989 and 1997, and to provide a platform for guidance on matters of relevance for Clan community renewal and promotion;
2. To promote, sponsor and publicise relevant O'Donnell historical and genealogical research, and engage in advocacy for the preservation of clan tangible and intangible cultural heritage;
3. To support the authenticity, integrity, preservation and endowment of its historic artifacts, customs, practices, and records; and in this regard to foster diaspora interest and participation;
4. To foster the collection, preservation and research-accessibility of records (family papers, documents; and other archives), and to support the research and publication of lineage/genealogy histories and comparative studies, and to this end to sponsor scholarships, and promote related academic courses;
5. To foster an *inclusive culture and common celebration* of Irish and other heritage and traditions in Ireland, and to develop cooperation with sister clan associations and relevant other family heritage and historical and cultural institutions, especially those with whom O'Donnells have a significant relationship;
6. To promote and organize clan gatherings, excursions, commemorations, lectures, discussions, annual dinners and other social events; and to expand outreach to members and the wider public through periodical newsletters, bulletins, a journal and a clan website.

Ordinary Members (voting):

- a. Membership shall be open to all persons who bear the surname or maiden name *Ó Dómhnaill, Ó Dónaill, O'Donnell, O'Donnel, O'Donell, O'Donel, O'Daniel* (or any of its historical variants or offshoots) and their relatives and descendants wishing to enjoy and promote the objectives of the Association.
- b. Other O'Donnells whose families have inherited or adopted the name and historically affiliated with the main clan, participated in this heritage, and shared in its appreciation and preservation, are considered also eligible for membership, regardless of their genealogical/genetic origins.
- c. The Clan Association also welcomes applications from members of those families of other names that have had a historic association with the O'Donnells of Tyrconnell as members of the *Lucht Tighe* in the Court of Tyrconnell, or by dynastic marriage or historical alliance.

Associate members (non-voting):

- d. A special category of membership is reserved for students and researchers and others without any O'Donnell heritage but who express a sincere interest in the subject and activities of the Clan Association.

Admission

Candidates for membership shall submit an application form and require the approval of Council. Admission to the Extraordinary General Meeting on 9 June 2024, in person or by Zoom online, requires advance participant registration and is limited to persons currently qualified as members of the O'Donnell Clan Association, and at the discretion of the Interim Council. Voting will be limited to existing members.

Criteria

For the purposes of the Extraordinary General Meeting, the Interim Council is compiling a list of persons qualified as members of the O'Donnell Clan Association, for one or more of the following reasons: are O'Donnell/Ó Domhnaill/Ni Dhomhnaill (or variant) by surname, or of proven O'Donnell descent; registered with a Clan certificate and serial number; subscriber to former ODCA Clan newsletter; participant in ODCA Clan gatherings; and/or who were *invited* into the ODCA Facebook page by the late Vincent O'Donnell; or who supported O'Donnell heritage activities with a direct O'Donnell relationship.

Note: data collected will only be used for ODCA electoral and membership listing purposes and will be retained as confidential and not for any third-party use, and in conformity with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

The current ad hoc Interim Council will stand down after the EGM on 9 June 2024, and be replaced by the newly elected Council. The current Interim Council Members are: Maria Angeles O'Donnell-Olson (Spain & USA); Frank Hannigan (Ireland); J. Hugh O'Donnell (Canada); Mary Louise O'Donnell (Ireland); John McCaffery (New Zealand); Seán O'Donnell (Ireland); Francis M. O'Donnell (Ireland; Chair)