



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

Programme of events (draft)

8-9 June 2024

Saturday, 8 June Welcome to Donegal

- 3:00pm Welcome address at statue of King Red Hugh O'Donnell (1427-1505)
Honour Guard formation and *O'Donnell Abú* on uileann bagpipes
(*ODCA Colour Party with standards and Piper in kilt*)
- 4:00pm Parade procession to Donegal Abbey,
Ecumenical prayers over crypt in nave and Piper's Lament
(*tomb of King Red Hugh O'Donnell the First, Founder 550 years ago, et al.*)
- 4:30pm Parade procession from Donegal Abbey to Donegal Castle (for 5pm)
- 6:00pm Olde Castle Bar/Restaurant or Quay West Restaurant or The Harbour?

Sunday, 9 June Feast Day of St. Columba/ColmCille

- 11:30am Mass at Church of the Four Masters/St. Patrick's, Donegal Town
Very Rev. James Gillespie, P.P., *et al.*
(*to be offered for members of the Clan, living & deceased*)
- 1pm: Light luncheon, Lough Eske Castle Hotel (self-paying)
With poetry readings incl. from our ancient texts
- 3pm: General Assembly/EGM to re-launch ODCA (Live by Zoom)
1. Adopt new Constitution
2. Ratify election results: President, Vice-President & new Council Officers
3. Discuss strategic vision for the future; What should be our priorities?
Open Minds Forum: Listening to Young People on their Future
- 5pm Memorial Lecture by Cathaoir Ó Tighearnagh, head of his clan
in memoriam Vincent O'Donnell (1947-2021) President Emeritus ODCA
"Challenges, lessons learnt and best practice in clan organisation"

Heraldry & genealogy workshop (facilitated)
Walk to adjacent old O'Donnell Fortress ruin on lake shore
- 6pm Group photo shoot (outdoor, weather permitting)
Venue: Lough Eske Castle Hotel
- 7:30pm Evening Irish Harp recital by Mary Louise O'Donnell
- 8:00pm: Gala Dinner in Lough Eske Castle Hotel
(*dress: elegant formal evening attire*)
Closing Statements & Farewells