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# Butler Society Newsletter



THE BUTLER SOCIETY

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## Society President



During a very successful rally in 2000, attended by about 170 members last September, Sir Richard Butler of Ballintemple, Co Carlow, Ireland, was elected as President of the Society. He is descended from Thomas Butler who was created a baronet by Charles 1st in 1628. Another of his ancestors was Senator Pierce Butler of South Carolina, one of the original 39 signatories to the United States Constitution. Richard made his career in banking and since 1983, has been involved in Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust in Europe and in the United States. He is married to Diana and they have three sons and a daughter.

## Chairman

George Butler announced his retirement as chairman of the Society at the 13<sup>th</sup> Triennial General Meeting of our Society and Colm Butler, son of our long-standing committee member, Frank Butler, was elected to take his place. Colm, a civil servant, in the Taoiseach's Department in Dublin, lives in Co. Kildare. The meeting formally thanked George for all his help and support over the years and happily he still serves as a Vice-President of the Society.



George Butler

## Luncheon for The Lord Dunboyne

A luncheon in honour of The Lord Dunboyne will be held at the Lansdowne Club in London on Friday 18 May 2001 at 12.30 for 1.00 p.m.. The charge will be STG£35.00. Members wishing to attend should notify **Melosina Lenox-Conyngham, Lavistown, Co. Kilkenny, Telephone 056-21545 [melosina@hotmail.com]** as soon as possible as places are limited. The Lansdowne Club is at 9 Fitzmaurice Place, London W1X 6JD telephone 020 7629 7200. Fitzmaurice Place runs between Berkeley Square and Curzon Street.

## New Members

The Society has enrolled many new members over the past two years and currently has 693 members, including 117 life members. Those who have paid their subscription have by now received the most recent edition of the Butler Journal - Volume 2 ; No. 4. The Journal was published last June, thanks to the dedicated work of Eleanor Burgess, our hard-working editor.

And Eleanor has asked us to point out that she would very much welcome articles for the next journal. Eleanor's address is *Mulberries, Boreham, Chelmsford, Essex - England.*

## The Butler Society Web Site - [www.butler-soc.org](http://www.butler-soc.org)

**NEW PASSWORD** - The Society's website continues to grow, disseminating more and more information to members and attracting new members. On or after 1st June 2001 the password to enter the Member's Only section of the website will change from "cheshire" to "ancestor". We greatly appreciate the work of Hon. John Butler who continues to be the Society's webmaster. His email address is [jbutler88@aol.com](mailto:jbutler88@aol.com).

There has been widespread interest amongst genealogists in the Society's website. As a result of this, John has been invited to give a talk entitled "The Butler Society - A one-name society on the internet" to the members of the Irish Genealogical Research Society on the occasion of their annual general meeting in London on 12th May.



## Message from David Butler

David Butler, our member in Spain, and a recipient of an MBE in the New Years Honours List [for which much congratulations!], advises that the Madrid Lunch, which is open to all - whether from within Spain or from outside - will be held on Saturday 10 November 2001. Precise details may be had from David whose address is *C/Orense 46-5J, Madrid 28020, Spain.*

Those wishing to attend should book for this event in September or October. Last year's lunch was a great success and it is hoped that the event will attract increasing numbers in the years ahead.



## Australia and the Lowes

Hinton and Anne Lowe are doing, and indeed have done for some considerable time, stalwart work for the Butler Society in Australia and we were very pleased to see them at the Rally in 2000. If members would like to get in touch with them their address is *41 Cottrell Street, Werribee, Vic 3030 Australia.*



## News from New Zealand

John Denniston advises that at the recent AGM of the New Zealand Butlers he relinquished the post of Hon. Secretary/Treasurer. We wish John and his wife Maurine a 'happy retirement'.

## Portrait of 10<sup>th</sup> Earl of Ormond

Members with a particular interest in the Ormonde branch of the Butlers will be pleased to learn that a portrait of Thomas Butler, 10th. Earl of Ormond (1532-1614) has been presented to Kilkenny Castle by the granddaughters of the late Lady Moira Butler, a daughter of George, 5th Marquess of Ormonde, and wife of Count van den Steen de Jehay. Another portrait of 'Black Tom' of c.1570, which was sold at auction in London by Sothebys last December has been acquired by the National Gallery of Ireland and is currently on view. Both portraits were for many years in Kilkenny Castle.

## Notices

It is with great sadness that we record the deaths of:  
Mrs. Diana Wissick of Capetown, South Africa,  
Roger Butler of 66 Widmore Rd, Bromley, Kent, England  
Mrs. Dolores Cheney, of North Carolina, USA,  
William O'Sullivan, Foxrock, Co. Dublin.

The annual subscription of £7 / AUS\$20 / NZ\$20 / CAN\$20 / US\$15 is now due from those members who have not already paid.

A blue silk tie with the Butler Society emblem is for sale for £17 / US\$30 / Can, Aus, NZ\$40. Price includes postage from: *The Butler Society, Lavistown, Kilkenny, Ireland.*