



THE BUTLER SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

The Website

The use of the website by the Butler Society helps to keep administrative costs down. This is particularly so in the use of the PayPal payment facility both for Rallies and membership subscriptions. The Newsletter is now being distributed by email, unless a hard copy is necessary. A review of the website is currently being undertaken. If you have any queries about using the website, emails, etc., please get in touch with webadmin@butler-soc.org.

The Ormonde Charters

Six of the charters are currently on short-term loan to the Heritage Council of Ireland, while the other 5 framed items are in the care of Kilkenny Archives, who also care for the records of our Society. The OPW at Kilkenny Castle is only willing to take 3 on long term loan. It is the wish of the Committee that all 11 items should be on permanent view in Kilkenny so discussions continue to achieve this objective.

Journal of The Butler Society: Volume 5:4

As of the time of writing, preparations are underway for the Golden Jubilee edition of our society journal – which will be the 24th Journal to issue since the periodical was established during 1968.

Already a good number of papers have been received, ranging from Rally addresses to historical analyses of aspects of Butler heritage or history. Remember, the paper does not have to be written by a Butler, and does not have to have Butler references throughout every page! It just needs to be about a subject of Butler involvement or interest. Submissions are invited and will be gratefully received by our editor, Dr David J. Butler, at carrigeencastle@yahoo.co.uk so spread the word!

Dublin Speaker Event and Dinner – September/October 2016

Dates and venues are currently being investigated for the first in a hopefully annual, or regular, series of speaker events, with lunch or dinner, as our Society used to do for several decades. Given the location, this event should prove accessible to Irish and European members alike.

The Butler Society Golden Jubilee Mini - Rally at Kilkenny Castle Friday 4th to 6th August 2017.

This event has now been booked with Kilkenny Castle. While the detailed agenda is still being worked out, it will commence on the evening of Friday 4th August 2017 at Kilkenny Castle and run until

Sunday 6th August 2017.

The Butler Society Golden Jubilee Mini - Rally in the USA

This event is currently being researched with possible venues and dates yet to be confirmed. Further updates to follow in a later Newsletter.

The Triennial Butler Rally 2018

It is planned to hold the next Triennial Butler Rally in London in August 2018. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

A Message from Spain

There are a considerable number of Butlers in Spain from various waves of emigration from Ireland from the sixteenth century throughout the time of the Penal Laws and most of the families who came here "did well" by engaging in trade, sometimes with the praiseworthy aid of the first Duke of Ormonde and the linen industry he set up at Carrick-on-Suir, leading on to the wine trade (a very great Butler tradition anyway). Those Butlers have numerous descendants but most through the female line so the surname has been lost. However, new legislation about surnames in Spain allows the reversion to surnames other than the patronymic so some individuals have chosen to adopt their ancestral surname of Butler rather than their patronymic, however interesting or illustrious their patronymic surname may be. In a way this is a reflection of the way Butler history has percolated through the newer generations.

The Argentinian Butelers or Butlers who stem mainly from Spain have had many descendants in the male line so that the surname in Argentina and Uruguay is relatively frequent anyway. One may wonder how many there are over there who, like the Pope, are supporters of the San Lorenzo football team and therefore sing their supporters' song *La Gloriosa Buteler*, a reference to the landowner of the square where their team first played.

Notes from the Southern Cross Region

Congratulations and best wishes were extended earlier this year to one of our members, Jessie Squires, who celebrated her 100th birthday in January! Jessie is one of the founding members of this Branch, and has always provided much-appreciated support and encouragement to the Committee. As well as her interest in Butler family history, Jessie is actively involved with the community of Hoppers Crossing, where she lives, on the outskirts of Melbourne.

Our March Branch Meeting was held in Castlemaine, a country town north of Melbourne. A William Mortimer Butler was one of the early settlers in that town. He arrived in the Colony in 1839, and worked at various jobs, including that of miner, before establishing himself as a successful wine and spirit merchant in Castlemaine. (It appears that the connection with wine will surface wherever we find Butlers!) William was one of the signatories to the Loyal Address to the Duke of Edinburgh, when the Duke toured the Colony in 1867.

Preparations for our Southern Cross Butler Gathering to be held later this year are proceeding, and it promises to be a very interesting weekend. Various events will take place in and around Adelaide in South Australia, from 21st - 24th October 2016. Further information and details of the program can be obtained by emailing Karyn, our Secretary, on karyn.collins@bigpond.com, or by checking the “Events” page of our website - www.butlersocietysoutherncrossregion.com.au

Interesting Butler Chronology

1216

Construction of Nenagh Castle which serves as the main castle of the Butler family before they move to Gowran, County Kilkenny in the 14th century.

1316

On 26 January, a Hiberno-Norman army commanded by Edmund Butler, Earl of Carrick and justiciar of Ireland, is defeated in the battle of Skerries, north Dublin, by the Scottish army of Edward Bruce, brother of Robert Bruce, king of Scotland. Edmund was the second son of Theobald Butler, 4th Chief Butler of Ireland.

1716

On 20 June, the 2nd Duke of Ormonde suffered the consequences of his allegiance to the defeated Jacobites when the Parliament of Ireland passed an act extinguishing the regalities and liberties of the county palatine of Tipperary. His estate was simultaneously vested in the crown while a reward of £10,000 was offered for his apprehension, should he attempt to land in Ireland. Five years

later, the same parliament passed an act that allowed his brother Charles Butler, 1st Earl of Arran, to purchase his estate back, which he duly did.

1766

24 June was the date of death of John Butler, 15th Earl of Ormonde and 8th Earl of Ossory (*de jure*).

1816

January - Walter Butler, 11th earl of Ormond, was created the Marquess of Ormonde in the Peerage of Ireland, a title which had been formerly enjoyed by the Great Duke of Ormonde.

Subscriptions

We would welcome subscriptions from those whose subscription year commenced 1st January 2016, i.e. those not on recurring Paypal subscriptions.

The subscription rates for January-December 2016 are:

Euro €15, Stg £10, US\$20

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1.

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THE BUTLER SOCIETY
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