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## Call for Membership Information and Renewal

The Clan is moving to on-line communication exclusively through email, the Clanegan.org website and World of Clan Egan Facebook group. A last regular mail piece will be sent to everyone without an email address requesting one. Clan annual dues are normally collected around St. Patrick's Day, but if you haven't paid for 2018 yet, please send it by Paypal or Venmo with your email address to Larry Agin or fill out the membership form below.

### **Membership Application Form - Clann Aodhagáin - USA and Canada**

New ☐  
Renewal ☐

Family (\$30) ☐  
Individual (\$15) ☐

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: # & Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed form and check to:** Clan Egan Association USA/Canada,  
c/o Larry Agin, Treasurer, 7400 Dunfield Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90045

## Exciting announcement of new Clan Egan History Database

Clan members will soon have access to a new Clan Egan History Database consisting of more than 3,000 documents from many years of research by our Clan Chieftain, Michael JS Egan. Members in good standing will be able to search an index file with basic information and then request a hard copy of a specific document through their branch Archivist with an agreement not to post the document online. The hope is that everyone in the Clan can privately find some documentation of their Irish Egan ancestry. More info is coming soon on the [www.clanegan.org](http://www.clanegan.org) website.

## Membership Statistics

Here are some statistics on Clan Egan USA/Canada membership, as requested at the Chapter Meeting in Ottawa at the Canada Rally:

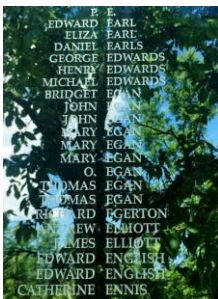
Membership Statistics	As-of date: 7/1/2018			By Country					
	Total	w/e-mail	w/o email	USA	CAN	Aust.	Irel.	UK	NZ
Current active members	263	157	106	236	10	6	6	4	1
Current active persons (estim)	388			348	15	10	8	5	2
Members deceased or lost contact	129								
Renewal Dues paid for 2018-Family	23								
Renewal Dues paid for 2018-Indiv'l	13								

## 2018 Clan Rally in Canada is great success

Clan Egan held a wonderful Rally in Canada from June 30 to July 8, 2018 organized by Maureen Egan Kirincic and Kevin Egan. After an impromptu group dinner on registration day at 3 Brasseurs near the Marriott Ottawa host hotel, the next day featured the big Canada Day celebration in the capital city. The streets were full of revelers (lots of red!), the museums were free and a good time was had by all, even in the unusual F90+ degree heat! The grand concluding was a festive buffet dinner and fireworks viewed from the 29<sup>th</sup> floor of the Marriott.



The bus ride to Quebec City the next day stopped in Montreal for a visit to Notre Dame Cathedral and a lunch of the local specialty, smoked meat. Then three nights in Quebec City allowed us to stroll around the picturesque Old Town and sample the fine restaurants as well as visit the Immigration Center at Grosse Ile island where thousands of Irish entered Canada and the biggest pilgrimage site in Canada, Sainte Anne de Beaupre. The Grosse Ile center operated from 1832 to 1937. Roughly 1 million immigrants came in during that time with about 7,500 dying on the island, of which 4,500 were Irish who died in the single year of 1847 at the peak of the potato famine. The mortality rate of sick immigrants dropped from 80% to 20% when scientific disinfection procedures were adopted in the 1890's. The Irish Memorial at Grosse Ile included a mass graveyard for the bodies of over 4,500 Irish dead there where Michael our Clan Chieftain gave a short commentary and prayer in Irish (Gaelic). Nearby are glass panels with the names of most of the deaths there including 9 Egan and 9 Keegan names in 1847. Later we hiked to a large Celtic memorial cross with inscriptions in French, English and Irish, the latter of which Clan Chieftain Michael JS Egan translated for everybody including the guide who had never known what it said, where the last line says "May God free Ireland." Before leaving, the Clan had to pass a mock disinfection inspection.





Sainte Anne de Beupre is a huge ornate shrine near Quebec City that welcomes almost a million visitors a year and includes a chapel for St. Patrick behind the altar. We passed magnificent Montmorency Falls on the route from Quebec.



The highlight of the Rally was the Clan visit to Eganville, named after John Egan, a timber baron and Member of Parliament in the mid 1800's who arrived in Canada at age 17. With Michael McBane, the author of John Egan's biography as our guide and wearing green t-shirts donated by Egan's Irish Whiskey, our day began with a stop at John's grand house in Aylmer, Quebec where he was mayor. Passing by Rue Egan in Quyon where he built a sawmill, we then took a lovely stroll through the Quebec woods to the site of the Chats Canal, a project championed by John, with a talk about the project from one of his descendants. Lunch followed at historic Pontiac Village (Domaine de Pontiac) including a slide show by Mr. McBane. Arriving at the Legion Hall in Eganville, we were greeted warmly by the mayor and by Alison Egan representing Egan's Irish Whiskey, then learned more about the Irish in Canada from Professor Mark McGowan. After a group picture on the bridge and an Egan's Irish Whiskey toast, we toured the town museum and concluded by taking over a local brewery for dinner in our green shirts.





The last day began with a private tour of the gothic Canada Parliament Building, scheduled to be closed 10 years for renovations in August, and we even caught the changing of the Guard, so the Rally timing was great! The grand finale banquet in Ottawa at St. Brigid's Center for the Arts, a converted Catholic Church, included a hearty buffet, a local Irish band for entertainment and several interesting presentations. Kevin Egan, one of the organizers, brought 23+ family members to the gathering. More info and pictures can be found in postings on the World of Clan Egan Facebook page.



### Future Rallies Planned for Ireland and Australia

At the Chapter Meetings, plans for upcoming Rallies were discussed. In 2020, the Rally will be organized in Ireland by Clan Chieftain Michael JS Egan. The theme will be "the 12 castles associated with the Egan Clan", with a central hotel base like Athlone or Birr. Members are encouraged to contact Michael with any special requests or family points of interest. The 2022 Rally will be based in Brisbane, Australia along the Gold Coast and organized by Kevin Egan with assistance from Greg and Sue Egan.