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International



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## Memorial Issue for Michael JS Egan

Michael JS Egan, the Aodhagan and Chief of Clan Egan International, passed away on September 9, 2021 at his Dublin home with his family at his bedside. He is missed greatly and remembered fondly by all who knew him. His funeral service can be viewed on Youtube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCZ1\\_n6EQv0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCZ1_n6EQv0) including a moving eulogy from his daughter Katrina. You may also be interested in the large condolences book at <https://rip.ie/cb.php?dn=469264>. This newsletter will consist of memories and tributes from Clan Egan members around the world.

Byron F. Egan, Texas, USA

*Dr. Michael J. S. Egan, who passed away on September 9, 2021, had been Mac Aodhagain (or Chief) of the Clan Egan Association for over twenty years. Michael was our leader and friend to us all, and left a legacy for all of us.*

*Most of us of Irish descent are interested in knowing more about our Irish roots. Michael was a genealogist par excellence, and was always willing to drop what he was doing to help us trace our Egan roots. He led the development of Clan Egan into a resource for members and others to trace their Irish roots back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century. He taught us about Ireland and her history. The Clan Egan website ([www.clanegan.org](http://www.clanegan.org)) captures some of what he has shared with us over the years.*

*When I first came to Ireland in 1985 with my wife and three daughters, and sought my Irish roots, I met Michael J. S. He came to the hotel where my family was staying, told us more about the Clan Egan Association which had been reorganized by Michael J. Egan, the first modern chief who had hosted gatherings in 1982 and 1984 at his Redwood Castle in County Clare, Ireland. Our immediate family immediately joined Clan Egan, and have been members ever since. Our children grew up attending Clan Egan rallies around the world and relishing their Irish heritage. We have enjoyed the opportunity to involve our extended family in Clan Egan and its many activities which Michaels' leadership made possible.*

*On that 1985 trip we went to Redwood Castle. From its battlements could see where my ancestor walked up the Shannon to where he caught a ship to America. Looking out over the Shannon from those battlements, I got the deja vu, feeling that I had been there before.*

*Michael orchestrated a series of Clan Egan rallies at many places around the world. Rallies were held at multiple places in Ireland and in Australia, Europe and North America. We got to know Michael, his wife Terry and children Katrina, Michelle, Cormac, Lorraine and Kevin, and also many Agins, Eagans, Egans and other relations from Ireland, Australia, Europe, Canada and the United States. Enduring worldwide friendships have developed and been cherished.*

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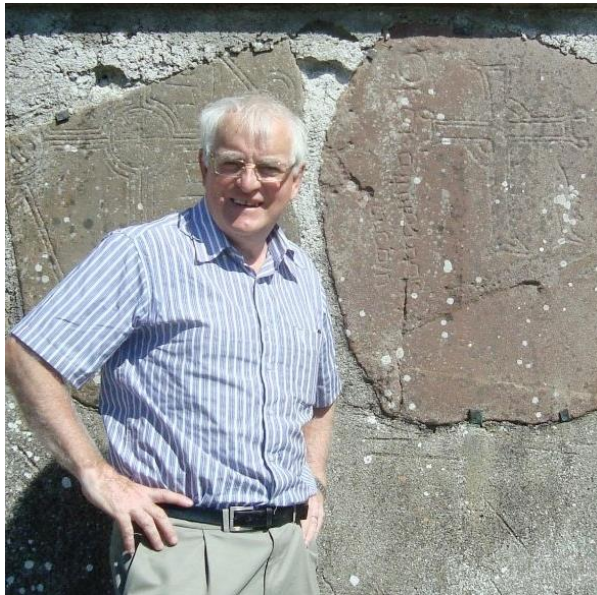
*In Ireland Michael would show us places of historical interest, including graves of Egans, and would introduce us to other learned people who would share interesting and valuable information about our history and heritage. When he would show us graves of our ancestors, he would tell us about the buried people and how they fit into our heritage. He showed us examples of*

*Egan crests and coats of arms and explained how they came to be and may be (or not be ours personally). Because Michael was educated in the art of whiskey making (he had masters and doctorate degrees in whiskey making and acted as a consulting engineer for prominent distilleries), he was able to lead us to important distilleries and introduce us to those who would explain the art of making Irish whiskeys and allow us to sample their products.*

*Through the Clan, we and others have learned to appreciate our Irish heritage. We have found that genealogy is a humbling and frustrating experience which is full of false trails. However, the bigger picture one gets from the search often proves more significant than the details. We will miss Michael in many ways.*

Greg and Sue Egan, Australia

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*Dr Michael J.S. Egan,  
Mac Aodhagáin  
9 September 2021*

*Michael was a great friend to us all and without him there would not be a Clan Mac Aodhagáin. He was our beacon and will be sorely missed.*

Des Dineen, Australia

*Sending my condolences at the sad news of Michael J's passing. I was fortunate to become an honorary Egan in 2008 when I joined the Egan Rally which was brilliantly led by Michael and where I was able to share such adventures as the Doolan Ferry ride to the Aran Islands, the Cliffs of Moher and Blarney Stone to name but a few.*

*My sympathies to the family. R.I.P. Michael J S*

**Molly Egan Storick, South Carolina, USA**

*I will never forget the first time my Dad mentioned the Clan Egan and its origins through Michael J. Egan who restored Redwood Castle to its final glory. Tis sad that we can no longer be a part of the castle to which both Michael, Edithe his wife, and Michael J. S. Egan strove so hard to maintain. The memory of Michael receiving the Lunala and Gavel, 1998, symbols of his office, presented by Michael J Egan's widow, Eithne Egan was breathtaking! 2000 was the last year Dad "danced with Eithne" at the end of the rally. Dad always took an advisory role in the Clan however he was always using his marketing skills to provide t-shirts and souvenirs for the' Clan to promote the restoration of the castle. He never missed a single rally until his health declined in 2012.*

*The last rally I was able to attend was in 2012 and though the rally ended that Saturday night, Michael J. S. had coordinated with the pastor of St. Kilfilnaght's church for the Sunday mass in memory of my father's accomplishments. Mother had a stroke the year before and Dad's health declined rapidly since then and was unable to attend the rally. Dad was thrilled upon my arrival home to find out about the rally and the mass Michael J.S. had organized at the church in County Clare, the same church where his great grandparents had married in 1844! This is Michael's legacy his dedication to faith, family, friends and the Clan! Twas our honor to have been a part of his life and friendship.*

**Larry, Alice and Eddie Agin, California, USA**

*Michael was the epitome of a scholar and a gentleman. We feel grateful and privileged to have known him as long as we did. We first met Michael at the 2008 Clan Rally in Ireland after DNA tests at FamilyTreeDNA.com showed that Larry had a close relationship to several members of the Clan Egan project. This solved a long-time riddle about where my unusual Agin name came from. Even with the odd spelling, Michael was super welcoming and encouraging for us to join the Clan Egan. We learned so much on that and future rallies about Ireland and our family background thanks to Michael with his presentations and planning. His extensive collection of Egan history documents will help many future Egans as well.*

*When visiting Dublin on a British Isles cruise in 2013, he also went out of his way to drive my son Eddie and me, along with some friends, out to Glendalough (see photo) and around Dublin in his private car. Larry also fondly remembers playing golf with him and his wife Terry during the Los Angeles Clan Rally and showing him the historic Gutenberg bible and other ancient documents at the Huntington Library, along with his translations from Gaelic at Redwood Castle and at the Irish memorial graveyard and Celtic cross on Grosse Isle in Canada. Too many happy memories to note them all. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Michael and thanks for all you did for Clan Egan.*





## Anne and John Field, USA & Australia

*To meet someone like Michael JS Egan was a true privilege. Our first meeting was in 2006 when Byron and Nancy hosted the Clan gathering in Dallas. This was just a couple of months after my mother, Mary (Egan) Dillon had passed away, and John and I were living and working in Cincinnati. At the invitation of our very own Albury Mike Egan, and to honor my mother, we made our way to the Egan gathering, knowing very little about this event, nor who would be there!*

*What emerged from that trip was a sense of belonging, a 'coming home' to our roots, our Irish heritage and the warmest of welcomes from Michael JS and Terry, Byron and Nancy. We had found our Clan!*

*Michael JS has been our leader, our North Star and our inspiration for so many years. His dedication to the history and genealogy of the Mac Aodhagains is second to none. His warmth and hospitality at every Rally made old timers and new comers feel equally welcomed.*

*A special memory I have of Michael JS was a time when John and I stayed a couple of days with he and Terry at their home in Terenure after one of our Egan Irish rallies. Michael took us on a 'walking tour' of Dublin, down O'Connell Street, showed us the still visible cannon indentations on the General Post Office and other buildings that were the scenes of the 1906 Easter Uprising. We went to the parliament, Trinity college and other notable sights. Michael was a 'walking -talking encyclopedia', and we experienced a living history lesson that day. I am sure Michael had do many other things he could be doing that day, but as have many others, we were the beneficiaries of his generosity of spirit, so easily shared with friends and neighbors.*

*We will sorely miss our wonderful leader. But I know for sure, he would want the work and the mission of the Egan Clan to continue. I will do my very best to make a meaningful contribution to Michael JS' legacy and encourage our children and grandchildren to keep that flame burning 'with fortitude and prudence'.*

## Mike and Mary Egan, Pauline and Andrew Harbick, Australia

*The Albury Egan clan have had many good times with Michael JS. Michael fist linked us up with Elaine who held much of the information about the Australian branch and also with Greg and Sue who run the Australian chapter. We have attended several rallies and were always made to feel welcome by Michael and Terry. He will be greatly missed.*

## Michael John Dillon, Australia

*I first met Michael JS in Dublin in 2016 for my first Egan Rally. I must admit I didn't actually get to know him personally but 'saw enough' to get an insight into the man. The Egan agenda he compiled was amazing and meticulously prepared and presented. Michael John Egan from Albury (Albury Mike) told me on that trip that Michael JS was number one when it came to Egan history. I did learn that he was an avid hiker and that he was regularly a visitor to the Wicklow mountains. Biggest highlight was meeting his stunning looking family who exuded intelligence and personality. I was so impressed with them and lucky enough to be their guest at a luncheon after a tour of an historic prison.*

*I was saddened to hear of Michael JS' passing but no doubt he has left an indelible mark on Egan history.*

Kerri Egan, Australia

*Michael JS' passing was crushingly sad news to people all over the world who enjoyed his marvelous enthusiasm for all things Irish, and made us all feel so very welcome when we visited Ireland to retrace the histories of our own individual families! His knowledge and dedication to such a special subject matter made him undoubtedly, the expert!*

*I was fortunate to be part of a tour in 2012 and it still remains as one of my very fondest memories of travelling. Michael JS's planning and preparing points of interest, guest speakers, a range of accommodation options and interesting places to dine each night was nothing short of spectacular just in terms of organizing. As well, he and Terry were so mindful of making everyone feel welcome and worked hard to ensure the group melded quickly and we could share the experiences of Egan's from all over the world.*

*At the time, Ireland was experiencing difficult times coming out of a financial slump and Michael JS was working hard to promote and assist the economy. I remember him thanking us all for making the trip and helping the Irish tourism industry get back on its feet. He then asked us to ensure that anyone we ever met that had not been lucky enough to have born of Egan descent, or had not been to Ireland, that we would encourage them to make the trip to his beloved Ireland soon! He was Ireland's one-man tourism powerhouse.*

Kathy and Darryl Adams, Australia

*Sending our deepest sympathy to the family of Michael J S on his recent sad loss. We had the great pleasure of meeting Michael and Terry in Ireland on the Egan Rally in 2008. Wonderful lasting memories of that special event coordinated by Michael where we all shared a special connection of being an Egan.*

Alison Egan, Brand Owner, Egan's Irish Whiskey

*Michael was a sweet, kind and true gentleman, who clearly had great knowledge of the whiskey Industry. We have fond memories of the Clan Egan trip to Eganville, Canada in 2018 where he regaled us with stories of his life and travels in the industry. We feel truly honored to have met him, even if it was for a brief moment in time. "Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam" (Irish blessing)*

Father Joseph Eagan, Wisconsin

*On my first visit to Ireland years ago I heard of a Michael Egan. I looked him up and he invited me to stay a few days with this stranger. He took me to see the ruined Egan castle. He suggested I visit an Irish pub nearby with his son what an experience of a family pub logs burning one farmer in his cups. I send this to you as a tribute to a great man.*

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**Michael and Terry**



**Michael with Anne, Pauline and Liz Dallas 06 Rally**



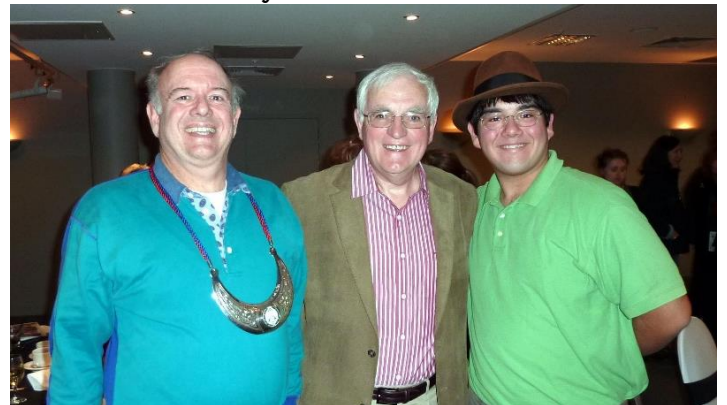
**Michael with Lord Mayor at Hobart Rally**



**Michael 2010 Hobart Rally**



**Michael Dallas Rally**



**Michael, Larry and Eddie Agin - Hobart Rally**





**Michael, Byron, Ann, Jim at 2012 Rally**



**Michael explaining Constantini Egan plaque 2012**



**Michael, Terry and family 2012 banquet**



**Michael explaining Egan history in Macroom 2012**



**Michael at Clonmacnoise 2012**



**Michael leading rally to Redwood Castle 2012**

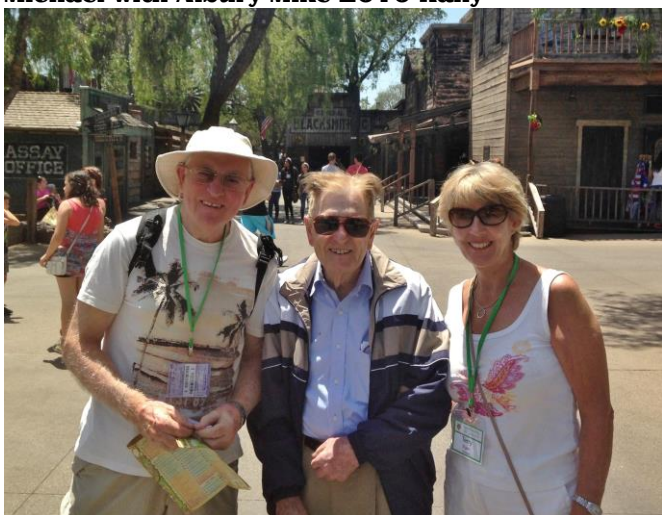




**Michael leading Dublin tour 2016 Rally**



**Michael with Albury Mike 2016 Rally**



**Michael, Terry, Father Joe at Knotts 2014 Rally**



**Michael with Clan Egan members Disneyland 2014**



**Michael with Clan Egan Universal Studios 2014**



**Michael, Terry & Agins Irish Fair 2014**