



The Museum of Newport Irish History

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20th Annual Michael F. Crowley Lecture Series Kick-Off

Dear Fellow Members,

Please join us in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Michael F. Crowley Lecture Series by participating in the kick-off talk on Monday, **September 13 at 6:00 p.m.**, either in-person at the Wayfinder Hotel or virtually, via Zoom. The event will feature two very special guest speakers, **Dr. John Quinn and Mr. Keith Stokes**, whose joint presentation is described in the enclosed flyer. Details may also be found on our website "Lectures" page where reservations for seats at the lecture venue or virtually via Zoom may be made.

This special lecture is made possible through the generous support of our fellow member, Virginia "Ginny" Pittsley, who has sponsored the event in memory of her husband, William "Bill" Pittsley, a longtime member who passed away in January 2019. The lecture also honors the memory of Ginny and Bill's son, John "Jay" Pittsley, who passed away in January 2021.

We are most grateful to Ginny for her generous support!

We are very conscious of the evolving situation with respect to Covid-19 and are committed to protecting the safety of our members who would like to attend the talk and reception which follows in person. Capacity will be lower than what was feasible in the fall of 2019, and Museum members of record will have priority for seats. **All in-person lecture attendees must be fully vaccinated.** As of this writing, masks are not required at events of this type, but all are welcome to wear a mask on September 13.

You may also enjoy the live presentation from the comfort of your home via a desktop computer, laptop, or a mobile device, such as a tablet or smartphone. Internet access is required. An email address is also needed to register and receive login information to join the event virtually. Our 19th annual lecture series was presented in an all-Zoom format, and it was well-attended and well-received by Museum members and friends.

The lecture will also be videotaped so those unable to join us online or in person the evening of Sept. 13 might enjoy the presentation later via a link that will be posted on our website "Lectures" page.

The Covid-19 situation is fluid and the next several weeks will be critical, but we are committed to presenting the talk September 13, even if it became necessary to pivot to an all-virtual format. Please review the enclosed flyer and reach out with any questions via NewportIrishHistory@gmail.com or by phone.

Looking forward to seeing you in person or "virtually" on September 13,

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