



IRISH
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of California

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A chara,

I wanted to take a moment to provide you with an update on the Irish Cultural Centre of California Brick Campaign. The Brick Campaign was launched in May 2008 to raise funds for the ICCC, a non-profit created by the UICC Board of Directors in 2007. The purpose of the organization is to promote and cultivate Irish Culture in our community. The ICCC Board has earmarked the funds for Irish programming, remodeling the library and Irish events like the recent Brendan Grace concert.

As of May of 2009, we had sold 450 bricks and we are in the process of laying the remainder of the first phase brick orders. The Second phase of the brick campaign has begun and already we have sold 40 bricks. The campaign will officially end on December 31, 2009. After that date, we will not be accepting any more orders for this incredible opportunity to leave your Irish impression and benefit the future classes and events of the ICCC.

At this juncture, I must take a moment to recognize dedicated members of the Brick Committee: Theresa Flynn Houghton, Peggy Nevin, Carmel Gallagher, Rosie Flynn and many others who have worked hard on the administrative aspect of the brick campaign. I am also very grateful for the wonderful work that has been done by Paddy Brogan, Sean Needham, John O'Rourke and the cement donation by Sean Molloy.

Since the inception of the brick campaign, Irish clubs and organizations, unions, local parishes, local politicians and UICC members near and far have purchased bricks. (Please see the attached list of all those who have purchased bricks thus far.) It is a true testament to the Irish to see the beautiful and heartfelt brick inscriptions. I invite you to stop by the Center and study the bricks of organizations, friends and family that you may recognize and get ideas for your own brick order.

When we attend brunch at the UICC, after church on Sunday, my children race to see who can find the brick that my mom squeezed all our names onto. My grandparents will be represented in a brick in the 2nd phase and they never even left the farm in Ireland. This has been a great opportunity for my mom to share her stories of the old country with her grandchildren.

Be a part of the stepping stones that represent the Irish in San Francisco-Don't be left behind without a brick in your name -order your personalized brick today. Remember the brick campaign will officially close of December 31, 2009, just in time for your year end last minute tax deduction.

If you or your club and/or organization have ordered a brick already, then I ask you, as a favor to me, to get involved and spread the word. Tell your neighbors, your family and/or your friends to stop and take note of what an honor, what a privilege it will be for them to have their name etched in stone for all to see. If you have any questions please contact me via email annecarew@yahoo.com and I will be more than happy to he assist you.

Best of luck,

Anne Cassidy Carew Brick Chairperson