



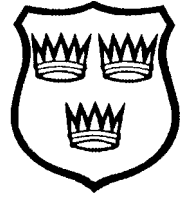
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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members of the Irish Center,

We sincerely appreciate your involvement and input at the Center. Your participation and your votes matter, so please join us for the following important meetings coming in September and October:

General Membership & Board Nominations Meeting: September 27th at 7:30 p.m.

General Membership & Elections to the Board: October 25th at 7:30 p.m.

We are preparing a survey to get your impressions on how you would like to see our Center evolve in the months and years ahead. It will be posted on our website and sent via our email Newsletter by the 3rd week of September where it can be completed on-line, or it can be printed and returned by mail. Hard copies will also be available at the Center and at the General Membership Meeting on September 27th. We will present the findings from these surveys at the second meeting on October 25th, which we hope will help us shape a strategic vision for the future long-term growth and vibrancy of the Center.

Please stay tuned for more information on the Survey which will be distributed to all of our Active Members.

Sincerely,

Michael Barnacle
President, Board of Directors

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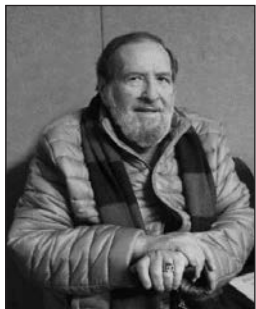
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BILL LUQUÉ – San Francisco Kolping Society's Distinguished Member Awardee



Bill Luqué

San Francisco Kolping Society's Distinguished Member Awardee

"Bill epitomizes the spirit of Kolping. He welcomes strangers. Invites new members. Actively participates in all aspects of the organization and continually looks at ways to improve the organization and make things fun. We are so fortunate to have Bill as a member and are proud to see him receive this special award this year in Philadelphia."

—Lisa Brinkmann, *President of the San Francisco Kolping Society*

Every two years, members from the ten Kolping societies throughout the U.S. gather at their National Convention to honor members from each individual family who have demonstrated a high level of commitment to the society, through their actions, interactions and contributions.

This year, at the 42nd National Convention, Bill Luqué will be honored as San Francisco Kolping's Distinguished Member. Bill has been a member of the San Francisco Kolping for 10 years and has made a significant impact on the organization and its members. The San Francisco Kolping was (re)established in 1925, founded on the beliefs of Father Kolping, who stressed the importance of family, hard-work and education.

Joining at the suggestion of a friend (Jack Curtin), Bill embraced the role of an active member, not only attending all meetings, but progressively assuming more responsibility. Bill is a Board Member and is the Vice President of the Society.

For many years, Bill has played a key role at the United Irish Cultural Center-including serving as Chair of the 32-50 Club, a major fundraiser, Vice-President of the Board, Chair of the Operations Committee, a member of the Ulster Club and a member of the History Committee. More recently as a member of the United Irish Societies Board, he has taken over the huge job of organizing the Grand Marshal Dinner for the annual St Patrick's Day Parade.



"Congratulations to Bill on his well-deserved award. He is the classic gentleman. He is always willing to give of his time and energy. I cherish his dedication to the United Irish Societies of San Francisco (UISSF), the Board and to me personally. Because of his positive attitude and strong commitment, the UISSF continues to improve and grow as a family. "

—Liam Frost, *President of the UISSF*



SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing
Friday, September 7 at 12:30 pm

All card Players welcome! Come for the craic!!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

■ SEPTEMBER 2 SUNDAY

- All Ireland Football Final ~ Doors open 5:00am
Come out to the center and watch. Irish bread, coffee and tea, \$20 All are welcome!

■ SEPTEMBER 8 SATURDAY

- Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm
"Stories of Irish Pirates" presented by Valerie McGrew
UICC 3rd floor Boardroom
All welcome. \$5 donation appreciated.
Contact Lisa: at hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

■ SEPTEMBER 13, THURSDAY

- IIPC Mass & Luncheon ~ Noon ~ *See Ad*
Contact Joan at the IIPC for reservations and information 415/752-6006
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856.

■ SEPTEMBER 15, SATURDAY

- 1/2 Way to St Patrick's Day Party
Noon to 4:00pm ~ UICC parking lot
Come and enjoy the great fun! Food, beer for sale in our Irish Beer Garden. No admittance charge. Please contact the office and let us know you'll be there to celebrate with us, 415/661-2700

4:30pm ~ St. Francis Room

Stay on and join the United Irish Societies in welcoming Ruan O'Donnell, noted Irish historian and author of Robert Emmet and the Rising of 1803, share his unique insights on Robert Emmet. He will be joined by local musicians, Vince Keehan, Cormac Gannon and Kenny Somerville.

■ SEPTEMBER 16, SUNDAY

- Robert Emmet Remembrance ~ 12:15pm ~ *See Ad*
Band Concourse, Golden Gate Park
The anniversary of his execution with the 99th laying of the wreath at his statue, followed by music.

■ SEPTEMBER 19, WEDNESDAY

- Turlough O'Carolan in music & song ~ 7:30pm ~ *See Ad*

■ SEPTEMBER 20, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856.

■ SEPTEMBER 25, TUESDAY

- Cairde Café/Coffee Morning ~ 10:00am - 12:30pm ~ *See Ad*
Come and join in on this informal gathering of friends, old and new and enjoy your morning coffee or tea!
RSVP Joan at the IIPC 415/752-6006

■ SEPTEMBER 27, THURSDAY

- General Membership & Board Nominations Meeting ~ 7:30pm
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856.

■ SEPTEMBER 28, 29, 30 FRIDAY - SUNDAY

- San Francisco's Annual Gaeltacht Irish Gaelic Immersion Weekend. Four levels, intensive tutorials that focus on the spoken language and increasing fluency. Top caliber, native Irish speakers will be leading classes. Contact John Larkin for information and to register: John: LarkinMaps@gmail.com or call 415/299-0850.

■ SEPTEMBER 30, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society ~ 5:00pm *See Ad*
Carl Nolte will discuss his life and career in San Francisco "From Portrero Hill to Fifth & Mission".



MUSIC AT THE BAR

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY 6:30 PM - 9:00

- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
CORMAC GANNON & FRIENDS

- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
IVOR COLLINS

- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
THE CHIME TRAVELERS

- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
EMILY HAYES

- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
7:30 PM - 11:00 PM

COMHALTAS - TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCING

- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
MARLINA TECH

- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
JIM MOORE BAND

- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
TBD

- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
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The opening night reception of our new exhibit, *A Place for All Things Irish* was a lovely evening and a chance to catch up with good friends like Pat D'Arcy who was visiting from Fresno and to make new friends interested in the experiences of the Irish community in San Francisco in the early 1900s. The program included a panel discussion by Valerie McGrew and Pati Traktman. Valerie focused on how the project was prepared by the History-Heritage Committee. Pati told us how she reviewed the Irish Fair of 1898 program and developed a database listing all the businesses that advertised in the program and the supporters of the Fair—a great tool for genealogy research if you have relatives in San Francisco in 1898.



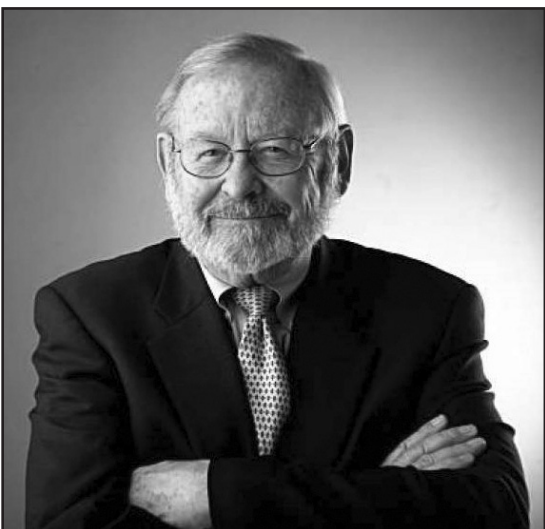
The exhibit will run from August 16 to December 31, 2018 and is located in the Walkway to the St. Francis Room. The main exhibit was accompanied by a wonderful display of memorabilia from the UICC library's collection. The memorabilia is a collection of documents from the various Irish organizations in San Francisco at the turn of the 20th century—the newest being 100 years old and the oldest being close to 150 years. The memorabilia will be on display in the library on a rotating basis due to the size of the displays and will be changed each week while the main exhibit is on display in the Center.



Thank you to the History-Heritage Committee for their hard work in preparing the exhibit, to Gerry Cassidy who inspired the project by donating his late friend, Gloria Casey's Irish Fair of 1898 program to the library and to those of you who supported the work of the committee with donations including Ian Wonder, a primary school student who donated 50 cents from his own pocket and Caitie O'Shea who shared her wonderful libations with us.

If you wish to support future exhibits like this, please consider donating to the History-Heritage Committee at the UICC.

The Irish Literary and Historical Society Sunday, September 30



Speaker Carl Nolte will be speaking on his life and career in San Francisco – “From Portrero Hill to Fifth & Mission”

Carl Nolte began his long journalistic career in San Francisco in 1961. Since then he has observed and reported on some of the biggest news stories in the City of his birth. He now serves as the senior journalist at the San Francisco Chronicle, where he contributes a weekly Native Son column. Nolte, who was raised on Portrero Hill and attended elementary and high school at St. Peter's in the Mission, will speak on his San Francisco life, from the Hill to 5th and Mission, with focus on the Irish American and other ethnic communities of the City, the major stories of the many eras that he covered City life, and the changes in the City that he sees in the present day.

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Turlough O'Carolan

IN MUSIC & SONG



As a special Irish cultural event we present two master musicians guitarist & composer David Creevy and singer & composer Melanie O'Reilly in collaboration to perform their unique project of the music and songs of Turlough O'Carolan.

Purchase Tickets (\$20) at door, UICC, & online

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Halfway to St. Patrick's Day

Join the United Irish Societies of San Francisco in honoring the Irish Patriot,
Robert Emmet, on the weekend of September 15-16, 2018

September 15, 4:30 pm,
United Irish Cultural Center,
2700-45th Avenue,
San Francisco

Ruan O'Donnell, noted Irish historian and author of Robert Emmet and the Rising of 1803, will share with us his unique insights on Robert Emmet at his presentation at the United Irish Culture Center.

He will be joined by local musicians, Vince Keehan, Cormac Gannon, and Kenny Somerville.



September 16, 12:15 pm
Band Concourse,
Golden Gate Park

Join us for a lovely day in the Park to remember Robert Emmet on the anniversary of his execution, with the 99th laying of the wreath at his statue followed by music by the Golden Gate Park Band, Irish dancing by Comhaltas and other local dancers, performances by the San Francisco Irish Pipers and the Pearse & Connolly Fife & Drum Band, and a recitation of Robert Emmet's speech from the dock.

"Robert Emmet is arguably the most popular and least understood Irish patriot of his generation. Far more significant within the leadership of the revolutionary United Irishmen than generally acknowledged, Emmet's heroic legacy extended to the USA where he has been memorialized to an extent unmatched in his native country."

—RUAN O'DONNELL

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

Thursday, September 13, 2018

United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco



12.15 p.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Donal Burke

followed by lunch and special guest

Supervisor Katy Tang, District 4 Sunset/Parkside

Our guest speaker this month is San Francisco District 4 Supervisor, Katy Tang. Supervisor Tang grew up in the Sunset District. A graduate of UC Davis, she also attended University of San Francisco School of Law. She was elected to office in 2013 but prior to that served as Legislative Aide to former District 4 Supervisor Carmen Chu for 5 years.

Tickets - \$20

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

ALL WELCOME

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

CAIRDE CAFÉ COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

United Irish Cultural Center

The Restaurant - 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco



10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Tea/Coffee & Chat

Grab a cup of tea/coffee, relax and get acquainted.

10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Activities!

CARDS: Try your luck and enjoy a game of 25s

BINGO: hosted by Janette

QUIZ: hosted by Joan

12.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m. Wrap up and goodbyes

We will wrap up the afternoon's conversation and adjourn.

The IIPC is delighted to offer a monthly coffee morning get-together. The coffee morning is designed to be an informal gathering of friends, old and new. Come along to play cards or BINGO, read the Irish newspapers or just have a chat.

Every month, we will have a different range of activities, including cards, bingo and our newest addition - an inter-county table quiz!

This is a relaxed and enjoyable social opportunity to get out of the house for a few hours and spend it in the company of friends.

For more info contact Joan at 415.752.6006

Event Donation: \$5

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Dinner 7:30pm
Followed by Music & Dancing

Tickets & Info

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EQHC@x+NBSNADQ 15 ~ THE BYRNE FAMILY CONCERT

RTMC@x+NBSNADQ 17 ~ IRISH LITERARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

RTMC@x+MNUV L ADQ 3 ~ COMHALTAS CEILI

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