

**The 1916 Irish Centennial Memorial Committee
C/O RI Irish Famine Memorial Committee, Inc
P.O. Box 28077
Providence, RI 02908**

Dear Fellow Irish Rhode Islanders:

The Rising of Easter Week 1916 is a pivotal event in Irish history, for it lit a flame of desire in the hearts of Irish people that eventuated in freedom for twenty-six of the thirty-two counties almost one-hundred years ago.

The people of the Irish Republic will celebrate their hard-won achievement on April 24, 2016.

Wishing to be part of the celebration, Irish-American Rhode Islanders, in conjunction with the **Rhode Island Irish Famine Memorial Committee, Inc.** formed an ad hoc **Irish Centennial Committee** to honor those who gave their lives in pursuit of Irish freedom that was achieved in 1922.

A simple bronze plaque, mounted on granite stone (see over), proudly enshrines our gratitude. It will read:

Easter Rising

This plaque commemorates the one-hundredth anniversary of Ireland's 1916 Easter Rising. During that armed insurrection in Dublin and other parts of the country, against British colonial rule, Ireland was proclaimed a sovereign, independent Republic. The Rising failed and, in its aftermath, sixteen of its leaders were executed by the British. Those deaths inspired resistance which eventually secured independence for twenty-six counties in 1922. In 2016, six counties in the North of Ireland still remain under British rule.

Here we pay tribute to the Martyrs of 1916. We also honor all those people who have suffered persecution, exile, imprisonment, and death for the cause of a free, united Irish Republic.

Dedicated April 24, 2016

This memorial will be erected on the site of the Irish Famine Memorial in Providence at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00.

The Rhode Island Irish Famine Memorial Committee, Inc. / The Irish Rising Centennial Committee invite all friends of Irish freedom to make a one-time tax-deductible donation toward defraying the cost of the project.

Checks should be made payable to the "**RI Irish Famine Memorial Committee, Inc.**", designated on the memo line for the "**1916 Plaque**" and mailed to the address above.

Thank you in anticipation of your contribution to the advancement of Irish freedom!

Sincerely,

The Rhode Island Irish Famine Memorial Committee, Inc.
The 1916 Irish Centennial Committee



Easter Rising Memorial
Proposed granite base with rough dimensions