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### 2016 Freedom For All Ireland Christmas Appeal Mailing Contents:

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## *\$1000 Pledge Form*

*Customized Award for Division, County, or State Contributions*

Division \_\_\_\_\_, County \_\_\_\_\_, or State \_\_\_\_\_

President (*Division, County, or State*) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Division, County, or State Address (where the award will be sent)

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Board as it should appear when recognized:

Our Division, County, or State (*circle the correct board*) pledges a minimum of \$1,000 for the FFAI Christmas Appeal. We will forward that amount by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## *\$100 - \$1000 Pledge Form*

*Individual Brother Contributions*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (where the award will be sent)

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby pledge a donation of \_\_\_\_\_ for the FFAI Christmas Appeal. I will forward that amount by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Brother's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## The 2015 Christmas Appeal

Based on previous years, the FFAI Christmas Appeal has a strong core of long time supporters in individuals, boards and divisions throughout the country. These supporters are the foundation that makes this program successful. However, for this success to continue and to grow, we must reach out to those who have not supported the appeal in the past. Only about 25% of our boards and divisions are contributing to our success. **The FFAI Committee is requesting every Division, County and State President to make a serious effort to support this year's Christmas Appeal.** With increased participation, we can significantly increase the amount of good work directed towards the building of a **"United 32 County Ireland"** based on peace and justice for all.

While the Good Friday agreement has brought a welcome peace to a generation of children in the North, there is still much work that needs to be done. Recent and past events in the six northern counties of Ireland exemplify why the support and attention of FFAI is still needed in the North. Flag protests in Belfast, violent loyalist marches through Catholic areas, renegeing by the DUP on the Long Kesh peace memorial project, and the continued obstruction of truth and justice by the British government and Unionist politicians exemplifies the challenges and injustices still faced by the Nationalist communities within the Six Counties.

**Please donate** to this years **CHRISTMAS APPEAL**. Together we can make a difference.

All cheques must be made out to **"AOH FFAI Christmas Appeal"**. Payments should be sent to **Paul Gowdy at 13201 Rosselo Ave., Warren, MI 48088-3154**. For further information, please refer to our contact information listed in the heading of our letter.

**Donations of \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a special award.**

A list of organizations, which the FFAI has supported in the past, is listed at the end of this mailing. If you would like to direct your funds specifically to one organization, just note that organization in the memo portion of your check and your request will be honored. Direct donations should be at least \$50 per donation.

## The FFAI \$10+ Club

The **\$10+ Club** is a **voluntary membership donation** effort, separate from and in addition to Division, County, and State contributions. Division Presidents should circulate the \$10+ Dollar Club Donation List (included in this packet) among his members and strongly encourage participation. This part played by Division Brothers can and does add significantly to the success of the Christmas Appeal. **No donation** is too great or too small. That being said, **Donations** are **not limited** to just **\$10**. Please give as to what you can personally afford.

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# Freedom For All Ireland \$10+ Club

Please Remit to: **Paul Gowdy** at  
 13201 Rosselo Ave., Warren, MI 48088-3154

**2016 - 2017**

Division _____
City/County _____ State _____
Date _____ Page _____

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## Criteria for Financial Support

Groups requesting financial support from the FFAI Christmas Appeal must promote those programs that encourage cross community cooperation, economic development, social change, cross border collaboration, Irish history and language education, nationalist infrastructure maintenance and construction efforts, and Irish unification initiatives based on peace and justice for all throughout all of Ireland.

### Groups that received FFAI Christmas Appeal support for 2015 - 2016

**An Cumann Cabhrach, Dublin:** Aid committee for the relief of publican prisoners and their families.

**Cairde Strabane Republican Ex-prisoners Group:** A self-help initiative by the republican prisoners from the Strabane area, to assist with the needs of prisoners and their families as a result of the political conflict in Ireland.

**Coiste na alarchimi (Irish Political Tours):** Walking Tours by X-political prisoners who share personal experiences of the British/Irish Conflict.

**Conway Mill Trust:** Located in Pittsburgh, PA, Conway Mill is an Irish-American cross-community organization working for economic, community, social and cultural development in Northern Ireland.

**Holy Cross Ardoyne Trust in North Belfast:** This group works for the creation of a cross community Family Centre on Crumlin Road. Support enables the group to continue the essential cross-community work and concentrate their efforts on reconciliation and the improvement of community relations within North Belfast through the Family Centre Development project.

**National Graves Association, Belfast:** Support for the upkeep of Belfast republican graves and memorials.

**Omagh Community Youth Choir:** Endeavors to bringing young people from both communities together through music.

**Omagh Thunder Basketball Club (<http://www.omaghtunder.com>):** Their goal is to bring children from all sides of the community and teach them to work together, using basketball as a tool.

**Pat Finucane Centre in Derry ([www.patfinucanecentre.org](http://www.patfinucanecentre.org)):** The group is dedicated to research and documenting individual cases of conflict related to loss of life following a specific request from a relative, and finding innovative alternatives for families seeking redress. Their mission is to defend Human Rights and support Social Change.

**Relatives For Justice in Belfast and Dungannon ([www.relativesforjustice.com](http://www.relativesforjustice.com)):** Their aim is to provide appropriate support for the victims of State violence and collusion within a safe environment. They engage the courts, request investigation, create awareness and provide information. They lobby the Congress and Senate with AOH partnership support.

**St. Patrick Centre:** Located in Co. Down. Center for tourism and reconciliation dedicated to all the people of Ireland. Center has become a key player in the Peace Process through reconciliation work helping over 5,000 children a year and facilitating an Irish Language program with the schools

**Tar Anall in Belfast ([www.Taranall.ie](http://www.Taranall.ie)):** Tar Arnall offers support services required to empower and provide opportunities for Republican ex-prisoners and their families, who have been adversely affected by the conflict in Ireland. They provide training and education services, welfare support, and job skills development. They promote an ethos of self-help, personal achievement and self-empowerment.

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## AOH/LAOH Boards & Divisions who contributed to the 2015 - 2016 FFAI \$1,000 Pledge

### Division/Board

- Shamrock Enterprises of Virginia, James McLaughlin (Individual Pledge)
- AOH Division 32, Sean McBride, Carnegie , PA
- AOH Monmouth County Board, NJ
- AOH Division #1, Myles Scully, Yonkers NY
- AOH Division #!, Patrick Pearse, Columbus, OH
- Hampton Bays Hibernians, Hampton Bays, NY
- AOH Division #1, Richard H. Parsons, Peoria, IL
- AOH Division #5, 375 Ontario St, Albany, NY
- AOH Division #8, Rev. James T. O'Reilly, Lawrence, MA
- AOH New York State Board, Watervilet, NY
- AOH Queens County Board, NY
- AOH Division #1, Msgr. Charles Owen Rice, Pittsburgh, PA
- AOH Division #1, Commodore John Barry, Annapolis, MD
- AOH Philadelphia County Board, PA
- AOH Dean Michael Berry, Oswego, NY
- AOH 2419 Kaiser Road Trenton NJ.
- AOH Division #7, East Islip, NY
- AOH Division #1, JFK, Schenectady, NY
- AOH Division #32, Chicago, IL
- LAOH Philadelphia County Board, PA
- AOH Pennsylvania State Board, Philadelphia, PA
- AOH NY State Board, Albany, NY
- Christopher Thompson Esq., 33 Davison Lane East, West Islip, NY 11795 (Individual Pledge)
- AOH National Board, President Brendan Moore



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