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2024-25 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 January 15th, 2025.

President's Signature _____ Date _____

Special Note: You do not have to send a Pledge Form with your contribution. However we strongly recommend that you send this form along with your check or otherwise make sure you identify the individual, Division, State, or County Board making the contribution, so we can credit you properly and deliver your award.

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\$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 January 15th, 2025.

Brother's Signature _____ Date _____

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A chairde,

After 14 years of Tory misrule, Keir Starmer now heads the British government. Sadly, Labour has already shown it makes little difference which English party administers the six counties. The Good Friday Agreement says that it is for the people of Ireland alone to exercise their right of national self-determination “without external impediment. British officials say a vote on Irish reunification “is not even on the horizon.” When it comes to giving justice to the Irish, a British horizon means generations away. Unionist leaders will not discuss a united Ireland, so long as British officials tell them there is no prospect of Britain allowing a border poll.

On legacy, Labour promised to “repeal and replace” the law designed by the Conservatives to take away legal mechanisms which gave truth to victims’ families. Now they want to retain the ICRIR, the very commission set up by the Tories to bury the truth. This is heartbreaking for families who have fought for decades to get justice for loved ones murdered by crown agents. By continuing the ICRIR, the new British government is showing yet again, they want to hide the truth about Britain’s dirty war.

The British government continues post-Brexit economic policies which are a disaster for the north, refuses to appoint an Irish Language Commissioner, and recently broke a longstanding pledge on funding for Casement Park Gaelic Athletic Association stadium in Belfast.

Last February, Hibernians across the country joined a special live webinar broadcast from the Houben Centre, Holy Cross Church, in Belfast, where 18 grant recipients spoke about their work for freedom for all Ireland, and how much they count on Christmas Appeal donations.

Grants were awarded to justice campaigners like Relatives for Justice, Ballymurphy Massacre Committee, Bloody Sunday Trust and the Witness Project; groups helping ex-prisoners or bereaved like EALU and Green Cross; heritage groups like the Bogside Artists, St. Patrick Centre, Martin McGuinness Foundation and Duchas Oriall; groups keeping patriot graves like Belfast National Graves and Tyrone National Graves ; Cross-community groups like the Houben Peace Centre Project, Bridges Beyond Boxing and Omagh Choir, commemorative groups like the O’Neill-Allsopp Flute Band and Greater New Lodge Committee.; and Ireland’s Future working for a vote to unite Ireland under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement.

These groups are appealing to the AOH. **Because the British want to close down work for freedom for all Ireland, these grant recipients desperately need us to come through for them!** We cannot let down those working for freedom for all Ireland, at a time when their work is needed most.

I am personally appealing to every State, County and Division President, to take a lead, find a way to donate through special fundraising or donations from funds. Don't let them down! Help make Freedom for all Ireland, not an aspiration or endeavour but the reality for those Irish people still denied it!

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Please donate to this year's **CHRISTMAS APPEAL**. Together we are making a difference. All checks must be made out to "**Ancient Order of Hibernians**". Payments should be sent to **AOH-FFAI at PO Box 904 JEFFERSON VALLEY NY 10535**. 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.

Gerry McHale from Pennsylvania and Denny Parks from Ohio accepting awards from Mark Thompson - Relatives for Justice and Martin Galvin



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2024 FFAI Grants

Below is a link to a short video from February's FFAI trip to Ireland. They are highlights of some of the comments from several of the FFAI Grant recipients: Brian McKee (Holy Cross Ardoyne), Mark Thompson (Relatives For Justice), Tim Campbell (Saint Patrick's Centre), Joe Austin (Belfast National Graves), Joe Doherty (Greater New Lodge) and Eamon Hanna (Tyrone National Graves). To open in Word press the ctrl button on your computer and click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdEMxK3GaAU>



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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 Divisions can and does add to the success of the 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: **AOH-FFAI** at
 PO Box 904, JEFFERSON VALLEY, NY 10535

2024 - 2025

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Criteria for FFAI Financial Support

The FFAI Christmas Appeal enables the AOH to provide financial help to groups that assist in our goal of achieving complete and absolute independence, peace and unity for all Ireland. The defined categories of Hibernian support include (a) support for former Republican political prisoners, (b) truth and justice groups, (c) cross-community and local community groups, (d) Irish culture, heritage and language, (e) preserving Irish Republican history, and (f) cross border groups, forums and initiatives. Groups requesting financial support from the FFAI Christmas Appeal, must submit an application that **describes how their activities promote freedom for all Ireland.**

Groups that received FFAI Christmas Appeal support for 20223- 2024

Bloody Sunday Trust-Operates the Museum of Free Derry and aids Bloody Sunday campaign

Bogside Artists-do political murals in Derry's Bogside

Ballymurphy Massacre Campaign- campaigns for justice for the victims of the Ballymurphy Massacre

Duchas Oriall- Armagh/Dundalk-Promoting cross-border and heritage projects in South Armagh- North Louth.

Holy Cross Ardoyne Trust in North Belfast: Cross-community Centre on Crumlin Road. Support enables the group to continue the essential cross-community work, reconciliation and the improvement of community relations within North Belfast through the Houben Centre Development Project.

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

EALU -East Tyrone: Republican Ex-Prisoners group assisting in the needs of ex-prisoners and their families.

Relatives for Justice in Belfast: Supports victims of State violence and collusion within a safe environment. Engage courts, request investigation, create awareness and provide information. They lobby Congress with AOH support.

St. Patrick Centre: Located in Co. Down. Center for tourism and reconciliation dedicated to all the people of Ireland - helping over 5,000 children a year and facilitating an Irish Language program with the schools.

Green Cross in Belfast: Provides material assistance to bereaved families of the troubles.

Greater New Lodge Republican Commemoration Committee: Provides support for republican ex-prisoners and maintains memorials in the New Lodge area of Belfast.

Bridges Beyond Boxing: Cross-community boxing club in Belfast.

Tyrone National Graves-Maintains republican memorials and patriot graves in Tyrone.-

Witness Project-Film project to research, document and preserve personal narratives of events during the Troubles.

Omagh Choir-Cross-community choir

O'Neill & Allsopp Memorial Flute Band- from Greater New Lodge Belfast, teaching young people Republican history through the playing and learning of music.

Martin McGuinness Foundation-preserving legacy of Martin McGuinness

Ireland's Future-working to achieve a successful vote for the reunification of Ireland under terms of the GFA.

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DESIGNATED DONATIONS

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.

AOH Boards & Divisions who contributed to the 2023 - 2024 FFAI \$1,000 Pledge

Division/Board/Individual

Individual Donors	City	State
Edward T. Walsh	Delray Beach	FL
Danny O'Connell	Girard	OH
AOH Virginia FFAI Chairman Jim McLaughlin	St Regis Falls	VA
John Bernard Kelly Jnr	New City	NY
AOH NY FFAI Chairman Vincent Tyer	Pearl River	NY
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State Board Donations	City	State
AOH New York State Board	Niagara Falls	NY
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AOH California State Board	Long Beach	CA
AOH Virginia State Board	Nokesville	VA
AOH Pennsylvania State Board	Pittsburgh	PA
AOH Ohio State Board	Delaware	OH
AOH Montana State Board	Anaconda	MT
AOH Massachusetts State Board	Watertown	MA
AOH District of Columbia State Board	Silver Spring	DC

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AOH Bronx County Board	Bronx	NY
AOH Nassau County Board	Wantagh	NY
AOH Rockland County Board	Pearl River	NY
AOH Los Angeles County and Orange County, CA	Long Beach	CA

Division Donations	City	State
AOH Fr. Henry Tansey Div 5 Albany, NY	Albany	NY
AOH Col Thomas J Cunningham Jr Division VA	Leesburg	VA
AOH John F Kennedy Div 1 Schenectady, NY	Schenectady	NY
AOH Patrick Pearse Division 1 Columbus, OH	Columbus	OH
AOH Monsignor Charles Owen Rice Division 1 PA	Pittsburgh	PA
AOH Major James H Dooley Division Richmond, VA	Henrico	VA
AOH Division 36 Worcester, MA	Worcester	MA
AOH Division 5 Bucks County Langhorne. PA	Langhorne	PA
AOH William F. Fennelly Div 1 Watervliet, NY	Watervliet	NY
AOH Division 1 Manchester, NH	Manchester	NH
AOH Cpl. Bernard McCarren Division Newark, DE	Newark	DE
AOH St. Patrick's Division #1 Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati	OH
AOH Dean Michael Barry Division Oswego, NY	Oswego	NY
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AOH Michael Dougherty Div 1 Bristol, PA	Bristol	PA
AOH Father William Corby Div Fairfax Station, VA	Fairfax Station	VA
AOH Francis Hughes Div 2 Palm Beach County. FL	Boynton Beach	FL
AOH Fighting 69th Division 18 Peekskill, NY	Peekskill	NY
AOH DC John F Kennedy Div 5 Washington DC	Silver Spring	DC
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AOH John Cardinal D'Alton Div 3 Pearl River, NY	Pearl River	NY
AOH Msgr Sheahan Div 1 Dutchess County, NY	Stormville	NY
AOH Monsignor Bradican Division Burke, VA	Springfield	VA
AOH Myles Scully Division One Yonkers, NY	Yonkers	NY
AOH Mahoning County Division 6 Boardman, OH	Boardman	OH

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AOH Rev. James T. O'Reilly OSA Division 8 Essex, MA	North Andover	MA
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Brother Jim McLoughlin from Virginia and Brother Chris Thompson from Long Island accepting FFAI Awards from Relatives For Justice Mark Thompson, National Secretary Ray Lynch, Martin Galvin and Bob Bollbach.



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