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### 2019 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>, 2020.

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>, 2020.

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

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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 will include a question on how their activities will promote freedom for all Ireland.

### Groups that received FFAI Christmas Appeal support for 2018 - 2019

**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.

**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.

**Duchas Oriall-Armagh/Dundalk-Promoting cross-border projects**

**Down Patriot Graves:** This group maintains Patriot graves and highlight the history behind them. Located in the South Down area.

**Holy Cross Ardoyne Trust in North Belfast:** This group works for the creation of a cross-community Family Centre Development Project 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 in 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.

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

**Pat Finucane Centre in Derry:** The group is dedicated to researching 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:** 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. The Centre 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.

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

**Greater New Lodge Republican Commemoration Committee:** Located in Belfast this group provides support for republican ex-prisoners.

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

**Tyrone AOH**

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Your help for freedom for all Ireland is critical. Boris Johnson and the British government are stepping up efforts to deny truth to the families of victims murdered by the crown while starting new prosecutions against Irish Republicans. Brexit still threatens catastrophe across Ireland. They still refuse an Irish Language Act. The Stormont Assembly cannot function because of unionist bigotry. Instead of opening the door to Irish national freedom, Britain and the DUP want to nail that door shut. America can make a difference, but only if the AOH and LAOH, as the voice of the Irish in America, lead the way. Our donations to carefully chosen charities through monies raised by the FFAI Annual Christmas Appeal, alongside our political and educational campaigns, are the cornerstone of our FFAI initiative.

Many AOH and LAOH Boards and members have donated annually. We thank you for being the backbone of our success. This year our National Officers have begun new FFAI education and information programs about British injustices in the six counties. They have heard and are implementing many of your suggestions to enhance the Appeal. Last year AOH and LAOH National, State and County Boards played a major role by stepping up their donations. **This year our National Officers are asking for a commitment from everyone to participate and support FFAI with a donation or fundraising event. Please join the cause. Please donate and help the AOH and LAOH make the difference. Let us help make Freedom for all Ireland, not an aspiration or endeavor but the reality for those Irish people still denied it!**

**Please donate** to this year's **CHRISTMAS APPEAL**. Together we can make 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.**

## DESIGNATED DONATIONS

A list of organizations, which the FFAI approved last year, 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 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

2019 - 2020

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## AOH/LAOH Boards & Divisions who contributed to the 2018 - 201 FFAI \$1,000 Pledge

### Division/Board/Individual

**AOH-NATIONAL BOARD-JAMES McKAY**

**AOH-BRONX COUNTY**

**Div. #32, Chicago, Cook Co.**

**PEARSE DIV 1-OHIO**

**DEAN MICHAEL BARRY Div#1 OSWEGO NY**

**Rev. James T. O'Reilly OSA Div. #8**

**St. Patrick Div. #5, Baltimore**

**ORANGE COUNTY NY BOARD**

**AOH Div #32 ALLEGANY PENNSLYVANIA**

**William J. Fennelly, Div.**

**Div. #3, WATERVLIET NY**

**Myles Scully, Div. #1, Yonkers**

**LAOH JFK DIVISION 1-ALBANY**

**AOH Div. #5 BUCKS COUNTY PENNSLYVANIA**

**AOH Div. #4 LOCKPORT NY**

**Fr. Henry Tansey, Div. #5 Albany**

**AOH JFK Division SCHENECTEDY**

**Fr. ABRAHAM RYAN Div#1 LOUISVILLE**

**AOH Div#1 MIDDLESEX NEW JERSEY**

**Rev. JAMES T O'REILLY DIV#8 Massachusetts**

**Msgr. Charles Owen Rice Div. #1 PTTTSBURGH**

**AOH Philadelphia Co. Board**

**AOH Pennsylvania State Board**

**CHRIS THOMPSON**

**JEFF NISLER**

**AOH-ROCKLAND COUNTY BOARD**

**AOH-DIVISION 3 ROCKLAND**

**JIM McLaughlin VA**

**AOH-DIVISION 4-Baltimore**

**THOMAS MEAGHER VA**

**THOMAS CUNNINGHAM DIV-VA**

**AOH-NEW YORK STATE BOARD**

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD**

**DIV 2 MONMOUTH NJ**

**DIV 36 WORCESTER MASS.**

**Msgr. BRADICAN DIVISION VA**

**PEORIA DIV 1-ILLINOIS**

**HERBERT -CADY DIV. VA**

