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2014 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 15th, 2015.

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 15th, 2015.

Brothers's Signature _____ Date _____

"Ireland Unfree Shall Never Be At Peace."



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The 2014 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

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 have received FFAI Christmas Appeal support

Belfast National Graves: Support for the upkeep of Belfast republican graves and memorial.

Cairde: 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.

Cuimhneamh: A “living history” project initially funded by Newry & Mourne Local Strategy Partnership. Its aim is to compile an extensive and ongoing archive of people’s memories and experiences from the early 20th century to the present day for the South Armagh and North Louth areas.

Green Cross, AnCuman Cubrach (Belfast): Provides material assistance to the families of people bereaved in the Troubles and to assist in the alleviation of hardship within the community.

Mary’s Gift (www.marysgift.org): This foundation is a US-based charitable endowment fund providing support to Irish-Immersion schools in the Six Counties. Donations are distributed to preschool, primary and post-primary schools where all subjects are taught in the Irish language.

Omagh Basketball Team (<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 and Newry (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. This is to counterbalance when there is an inability of the criminal justice system to provide for justice.

Relatives For Justice in Belfast and Dungannon (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.



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Groups that have received FFAI Christmas Appeal support (*continued*)

Saint Patrick Centre (www.saintpatrickcentre.com): Located beside Saint Patrick's Grave in Downpatrick, County Down, the Saint Patrick Centre is the only permanent exhibition in the World dedicated to the memory of the Patron Saint of Ireland. It is a centre for Tourism, reconciliation and is dedicated to all the people of Ireland. It helps to boost local tourism economy in an area hard hit by the troubles, thereby helping to bring normality and stability to the Mid Down area.

Tar Anall in Belfast (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.

Thar Saile: An Irish-American organization dedicated to working for the rights of former Irish Political POWs in the United States. Their mission is to achieve a permanent solution to the immigration issues (*including deportation and extradition from the U.S.*) facing former Irish Republican Political Prisoners residing within the United States.

Holy Cross Ardoyne Trust in North Belfast: This group worked 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.

Coiste na n-larchimí in the Six Counties (www.coiste.ie): Coiste is the representative group supporting former IRA ex-prisoners and assisting them in building a just peace in Ireland. They lobby and advocate on their behalf. They provide services such as welfare advice, family support, training for employment, emotional support and counseling. They are also involved in peace building and dialogue activity, establishing projects aimed at deepening respect between former combatant groups, and building understanding of the political institutions.