

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America



Freedom for All Ireland

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A chairde,

Last April, Hibernians across the country joined a special live webinar broadcast from the Houben Centre, Holy Cross Church, in Belfast, where two weeks earlier an event with the Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney had to be cancelled because of loyalist bomb threats. This year's 15 grant recipients spoke about their work for freedom for all Ireland, and how much they count on Christmas Appeal donations. The Hibernian Grants Presentation is posted and can be viewed on AOH YouTube.

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 St. Patrick Centre 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 Omagh Thunder Basketball; and commemorative groups like the O'Neill-Allsopp Flute Band and Greater New Lodge Committee.

Meanwhile, the new British Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak is moving ahead with an amnesty bill to shut down any path to legacy justice, encouraging loyalist opposition as an excuse to undermine the Brexit protocol agreement, and saying it is up to Britain whether to ever allow the Irish a vote on reunification.

Tory economic policies designed to serve England's wealthy are disastrous for the six counties, with the lasting damage already being felt, especially by those working for freedom for all Ireland. They fear that rising costs and a weakened currency will force cutbacks on crucial work they now provide, indeed for some groups threaten their ability to survive. These groups are appealing to the AOH!

The message was clear. **Because Rishi Sunak and the British want to close down work for freedom for all Ireland, these grant recipients desperately need us to come through for them this year!** 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 endeavor but the reality for those Irish people still denied it!

Regards,

Martin

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22-23 Freedom for All Ireland Christmas Appeal Mailing Contents:

- ★ Christmas Appeal Letter from Chairman Martin Galvin

- ★ \$1000 Donation Form (*State, County, Division, and Individual*)

- ★ List of Individuals, Boards, and Divisions who contributed \$1,000 or more in 2022

- ★ \$100 - \$999 Donation Form

- ★ Designated Donations

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\$1000 or More Donation Form

Customized Award given for Division, County, State or Individual 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: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Individual, Board or Division 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, 2023.

President's Signature _____ Date _____

Please Note: We strongly recommend that you send this form along with your check or otherwise make sure you identify the individual, Division State, or County making the contribution so can credit you properly.

Thank you to last years \$1,000 donors listed on the next two pages!

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2021 – 2022 Century Club, \$1000 Donors

Individual Donor	City	State	Amount
Edward T. Walsh	Delray Beach	FL	\$ 8,000.00
John Bernard Kelly Jnr	New City	NY	\$ 1,500.00
AOH National President Daniel J. O'Connell	Girard	OH	\$ 1,000.00
AOH New York State President John J Manning	Breezey Point	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH NY FFAI Chairman Vincent Tyer	Pearl River	NY	\$ 1,000.00
C Donald Waters Jr	Sykesville	MD	\$ 1,000.00
Catherine Reinholdt	Middle River	MD	\$ 1,000.00
Christopher Thompson	W Islip	NY	\$ 1,000.00
Jim McLaughlin	Springfield	VA	\$ 1,000.00

Division or Board Donations	City	State	Amount
The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America National Board	Oreland	PA	\$ 16,559.00
AOH New York State Board	Breezey Point	NY	\$ 11,050.00
AOH Div 5 Albany, NY	Albany	NY	\$ 5,000.00
AOH New York State Board	Breezey Point	NY	\$ 4,500.00
AOH Col Thomas J Cunningham Jr Div Leesburg, VA	Leesburg	VA	\$ 3,005.00
AOH Philadelphia County Board	Philadelphia	PA	\$ 2,000.00
AOH Connecticut State Board	Meriden	CT	\$ 1,500.00
AOH Div 5 Bucks County, PA	Langhorne	PA	\$ 1,500.00
AOH Division 1 Trenton NJ	Trenton	NJ	\$ 1,500.00
AOH St Patrick Div 1 Hamilton County, Ohio	Hamilton County	OH	\$ 1,430.00
AOH Div 1 Middlesex, NJ	South Amboy	NJ	\$ 1,400.00
AOH Div 36 Worcester, MA	Worcester	MA	\$ 1,250.00
AOH Allegheny County Div1 \$10+ Club. Pittsburgh PA	Pittsburgh	PA	\$ 1,177.00
AOH Div 39 "Tacony" Philadelphia, PA	Philadelphia	PA	\$ 1,100.00
AOH Patrick Pearse Div 1 Columbus, OH	Columbus	OH	\$ 1,100.00
Rev James T. O' Reilly OSA Div 8 AOH. Essex, MA	Lawrence	MA	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Bernard McCarren Div Newark, DE	Newark	DE	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Bronx County Board	Bronx	NY	\$ 1,000.00

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AOH California State Board	Chino	CA	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Dean Michael Div 1 Oswego, NY	Oswego	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Div 32 Carnegie, PA	Carnegie	PA	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Div 32 Chicago, IL	Chicago	IL	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Div 7 Rochester, NY	Rochester	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Division 1 Hudson County Bayonne NJ	Bayonne	NJ	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Division 3 Pearl River NY	Pearl River	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Dutchess County, NY Div 1	Wappingers Falls	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Fr Ryan Div 1 Louisville, KY	Louisville	KY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Francis Hughes Div 2 Palm Beach County, FLA	Sebastian	FL	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Herbert Cady Div Alexandria, VA	Alexandria	VA	\$ 1,000.00
AOH JFK Div 1 Schenectady, NY	Schenectady	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Joseph Plunkett - Joe McDonnell Div	Long Beach	CA	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Mahoning County Div 6 Boardman OH	Boardman	OH	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Massachusetts State Board		MA	\$ 1,000.00
AOH McGuinness - McDonald Div 5 Orange County NY	Warwick	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Monsignor Bradican Div Fairfax, VA	Burke	VA	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Montana State Board	Anaconda	MT	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Myles Scully Div 1 Yonkers	Yonkers	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH New Jersey State Board	Tuckerton	NJ	\$ 1,000.00
AOH New York State Board	Breezey Point	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Ohio State Board	Delaware	OH	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Orange County Board NY	Middletown	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH PA State Board	Pittsburgh	PA	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Race Committee Anaconda, MT	Anaconda	MT	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Rockland County Board	Pearl River	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH St Patrick Div 5 Baltimore City, MD	Baltimore City	MD	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Suffolk County Board	Coram	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Sullivan & O'Sullivan Div 1 Gennese County, MI	Flushing	MI	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Thomas Carroll Div 1 Buffalo NY	Buffalo	NY	\$ 1,000.00
AOH William F. Fennelly Div 1 Watervliet, NY	Watervliet	NY	\$ 1,000.00
General Thomas F Meagher Div	Locust Grove	VA	\$ 1,000.00
Patrick Torphy Div 2 Monmouth NJ	New Monmouth	NJ	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Virginia State Board	Lynch Station	VA	\$ 1,000.00
AOH Div 18 Peekskill and The Hudson Valley Irish Festival	Mohegan Lake	NY	\$ 1,000.00

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Name _____

Home Phone :() _____ - _____

Cell Phone: () _____ - _____

E-Mail:

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

I hereby pledge a donation of _____ for the FFAI Christmas Appeal. I will forward that amount by January 15th, 2023.

Brother's Signature _____

Date

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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 \$250 per donation.

2022 FFAI Donation YouTube Video

<https://youtu.be/MIAIyCuwO5w>

Don't forget to subscribe to the AOH YouTube Channel.

Freedom for All Ireland \$10 + Club

The \$10+ Club is a voluntary membership effort, separate from and in addition to Division, County, and State Contributions. Division Presidents should circulate the \$10+ Club donation list among his members and strongly encourage participation. This part played by the membership can and does add to the success of the Christmas Appeal. No donation is too great and No donation is too small. Donations sre not limited to just \$10. Please give what you can personally afford.

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Division _____

City _____ State _____ Date _____ Page _____

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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 2022 - 23

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

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 Thunder Basketball- Cross-community youth basketball program

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

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