Membership Form

Please return this form to the

National Library of Ireland Society

Name

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Category of membership (tick where appropriate):

(1) Ordinary (€25) ☐ (2) Student (€10) ☐

(3) OAP (€15) ☐ (4) Corporate (€1,000) ☐

I enclose my first subscription payment for an amount of:

€

Do you wish to pay future annual subscriptions by Standing Order? Yes ☐ No ☐

If YES, please contact your bank to set up the Standing Order.

Payments should be made on 5 December each year to the current account of the National Library Society (no. 10053683) at Bank of Ireland, 39 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 (sort code no. 900084). The first payment under the Standing Order should be made on 5 December next in respect of membership for the following year.

Do you wish to make a donation to the Society? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, please state the amount of your enclosed donation:

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Signed:

NOTE: All cheques should be made out to the National Library of Ireland Society and forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, NLI Society, National Library, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

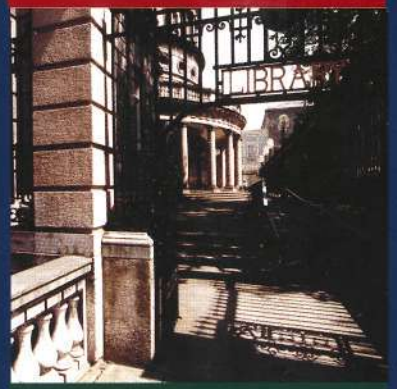
The Chairman writes...

In preparing books for publication during the last thirty years, I have conducted research in the archives and libraries of a variety of institutions at home and abroad. But I have done most of my reading in the National Library of Ireland and its adjunct, the Genealogical Office. The reading room was a great leveller and imbued a spirit of camaraderie. It gave me the opportunity to become acquainted with some of the country's leading writers and historians.

In 1980 I became a member of the executive committee of the National Library of Ireland Society. The Society was founded by Paddy Henchy in 1969. Its main aim was to provide a wide band of support, in Ireland and overseas, for the National Library. The founding members of the Society included Richard Ellmann (biographer of Joyce), Patrick Lynch (the economist), Senator Michael Yeats and Cearbhaill Ó Dálaigh (later President of Ireland). They would be gratified at the manner in which the Society's main objectives are now being realised.

The above extracts are taken from *Recollections of a Writer by Accident* (Dublin, 2002) by Fr. J. Anthony Gaughan, Chairman of the National Library of Ireland Society.

Cumann Leabharlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann



National Library of Ireland Society

The National Library

The National Library of Ireland traces its origins back to the eighteenth century and the library of the Royal Dublin Society. Its aims are to collect, preserve and make accessible written and printed materials on or relating to Ireland. Today the National Library's collections of books, manuscripts, prints and drawings, maps, photographs, newspapers and genealogical materials comprise probably the most outstanding collection of Irish documentary material in the world.

Tá an Leabharlann thar a bheith tábhachtach i dtaca le léann na Gaeilge de. Ní hamháin go bhfuil cnuasach na lámhscríbhinní ar bhailiúcháin thábhachtacha an domhain ach tá cnuasach d'ábhar chlóbhuailte sa Leabharlann freisin a bheadh doiligh a shárú.

In recent years the Library has extended to adjacent premises in Kildare Street and has moved its photographic collections to the National Photographic Archive in the Temple Bar area of Dublin. The Library has become increasingly accessible to the public by means of a broader admissions policy, a regular newsletter, collections-based publications and exhibitions, and the development of a comprehensive website (www.nli.ie).

The Library became an independent State body, responsible for its own affairs and directing its own destiny, on Tuesday, 3 May 2005.

The Society

The National Library of Ireland Society is an association of friends of the Library and a valued support group for the Library's work.

Founded in 1969 by the then Director, Dr. Patrick Henchy, it has assisted successive Directors and Trustees in various ways. In particular, it has helped to make the Library and its collections better known and more accessible to the public. As a voluntary organisation, the Society has also been able to represent independently the views of the concerned public on matters relating to Library affairs.

The Society arranges an annual programme of lectures. It funds publications and other projects, and has on occasions made purchases for the Library. It also organises an annual outing to historic houses and other venues. Members receive copies of the Annual Report of the Library's Council of Trustees and the Library's quarterly *NLI News*.

The support of independent, sympathetic individuals is more than ever vital to the Library's interests. By joining the Society, you will be lending added weight to its supporting role at a particularly crucial phase in its development.

Membership Rates

1. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:
€25 per annum (reduced to €15 in the case of persons aged 65 and over)

2. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP:
€10 per annum

3. CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP:
€1,000 per annum (By invitation only)

An application form is attached.
Please complete and forward to:

The Hon. Secretary
National Library of Ireland Society
The National Library of Ireland
Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Ph: 353 1 6030227 **Email:** nlisociety@nli.ie