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of The Battle
of The Boyne



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"Lift up a standard for the people". — (Isaiah 62:10)

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Tory Intervention Poses Danger For The Union

Ulster Tories will be a new factor in elections from now on, and while the decision of a British mainland party to set up branches and recruit here is to be welcomed, there are risks for the Union in the move.

So far the indications are that their main activity will be in the predominately Protestant areas of the province, so Unionists can expect still further competition for votes at election time.

The former Unionist monolith no longer exists, and each move by a British Government since Direct Rule has tended to encourage the further fragmentation of the once solid Unionist Party.

In a normal society, the proliferation of so many parties might have little or no consequence, but in Northern Ireland, where the existence of the very state has been under attack since 1921, any change

at all in political alignments or voting habits could have far-reaching consequences.

Edward Carson, the main founder of Northern Ireland, had no fears on the ability of Unionists to hold their part of Ireland for the United Kingdom, provided they remain united and unbroken.

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Carson realised that Unionists could never be beaten at the ballot box or in a referendum by the nationalists in a straight fight, but that any break-up of the Unionist Party could allow the enemy to take maximum advantage.

"United we stand, divided we fall," was one of the basic slogans of Unionism, and it still remains the case. There are only one and a quarter million people in this Province, and a Protestant majority of roughly two to one. That leaves little margin for playing around with, and it can be safely assumed that the enemies of Ulster have done their homework.

It enough Unionist parties compete against one another, then the nationalists can pick up seats which hitherto they would never have dreamed of winning.

Of course, some Ulstermen and women would love a situation whereby politics in the Province boiled down to Left versus Right, but because the large nationalist minority is

determined to overthrow the state of Northern Ireland from the very start, the luxury of enjoying ordinary politics like the rest of the UK has been denied to the people.

If most elections have boiled down to a plebiscite on the border, that has not been the fault of the Unionist majority, but rather the intransigent majority who have looked towards the South and preferred to give their allegiance to Dublin.

Any further erosion of Unionism can only play further into the hands of those who hope for signs of a breakthrough in achieving the long-term view of a united Ireland, with the effect that would have on the position of Protestants and Unionists in Northern Ireland.

County Gathering For Armagh Sir Knights

History will be made on Saturday August 25 when the Royal Black preceptories of Co. Armagh hold their first-ever County demonstration.

The demonstration, appropriately held in Loughgall where the Orange Order was formed in 1795, will involve the 76 preceptories of the six Armagh districts: Tandragee, Lurgan, Markethill, Primatial City (Armagh), Portadown, and Summerisland (Loughgall).

They will be joined by preceptories from County Tyrone, from Killyman, East

Tyrone and Aughnacloy, and preceptories from County Cavan and Monaghan.

Normally, the Co. Down demonstration, with 120 preceptories, is the largest of the Last Saturday demonstrations, but the Armagh/Tyrone/Monaghan/Cavan gathering of 125 preceptories will reach record proportions.

This year the Co. Down Blackmen will rally in Lisburn, with the hosts Largymore Royal Black District Chapter No. 9.

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Harold McCusker's death has robbed Ulster of one of its greatest politicians, and Unionists of a marvellous spokesman and advocate.

For Orangeism his passing at the early age of 50 is a grievous blow, because Harold McCusker was an Orangeman through and through.

There have been politicians down the years who have felt it essential to join the Order because they felt it pleased the majority of their constituents, or helped them land the nomination or advance their interests in some way.

There have been other Orangemen who have been Orangemen first and politician second. Sir James Craig, later Lord Craigavon fell into this category, and on one occasion he told an audience that he was an Orangeman first and foremost. Sir Basil Brooke is another example that springs to mind, and there have been many others, including Robert Bradford and Brian Faulkner. Harold McCusker fell into this category.

Harold had a love of Orangeism which was intense and utterly committed. He acquired that Orange conviction from 12 years of age when he cycled the eight miles from Lurgan to attend meetings of a Gilford Junior Lodge because

Harold's Love of Orangeism



DRUMMING OUT THE MESSAGE

The late Bro. Harold McCusker was a keen exponent of the Lambeg drum, which still enjoys big support in parts of Ulster, notably his own County Armagh. Bro. McCusker is pictured here with another great Lambeg enthusiast, the late Bro. Carson Tweedie of Portadown. They are seen beating out a rhythm to the enjoyment of loyalists before the Orangemen of Portadown boarded their buses in Edenderry a few years ago to set off to their demonstration in another part of the "County of the Diamond." The drums are the property of the Brackagh Lodge, which still has drummers to lead them each Twelfth of July.

Photo: Portadown Times.

there was none in his own town at that time.

He joined the senior Order when he reached the stipulated age, and then the Royal Black Institution.

His work for the Orders was immense, and although he eventually assumed office in private, district and county lodge, he was never happier than when attending meetings of his own Boconnell Orange lodge and Black preceptory in Lurgan.

He was often the guest at Orange lodge meetings through Ulster, from the Shankill to Londonderry, and from Portadown to Enniskillen and brethren who had the privilege of hearing him speak will count it a privilege.

Playing the Lambeg drum on the 12th July, parading with Lurgan and Portadown lodges, and attending Armagh county demonstrations were among the highlights of the year for Harold.

Orangemen have been well served down the years by brethren who have entered local and central government to look after their interests, and those of their families and neighbours, and none carried out their duties with greater dignity, understanding and expertise than Bro. Harold McCusker.

Caution on Brooke's Approach Urged

The Ulster Clubs have accused Ulster Secretary of State, Peter Brooke of deceit over the Anglo-Eire Agreement.

"A careful examination of the text of Mr. Brooke's recent Bangor speech shows that despite the hubbub in some sections of the press and from certain politicians his speech offers nothing new of substance to the majority of people in the Province who wish to see the Anglo-Irish Diktat dismantled and a return to normal British democracy and rights," the Ulster Clubs point out.

"We would therefore counsel those Unionist politicians who seem eager to rush into

talks with Peter Brooke to proceed with the utmost caution. Both Unionist parties have stood firm on the principle of no talks without suspension of the working of the Anglo Irish Agreement and Secretariat. To depart from this principle would be to erode and weaken the Unionist position.

"It may be possible without derogation of principle to seek from Peter Brooke an on-the-record assurance that it is possible for the Accord to be scrapped and for a return to normal British democratic practice in Northern Ireland free from foreign interference.

"Such a declaration coupled with suspension of the Agreement would open up the way for meaningful progress in the Province. The Anglo Irish Agreement is as unacceptable today as it was in November, 1985. On behalf of the democratic majority the joint Unionist leadership has said YES to British democracy and NO to the Anglo-Irish Agreement and there must be no sell-out from that position," says the Ulster Clubs statement.

Boyne Site

Ulster Unionist MP, John Taylor, has tabled an early day motion at Westminster about the future of the site of the Battle of the Boyne.

"That this House notes that 1990 is the tercentenary of the victory of the forces of King William the Third of Orange at the Battle of the Boyne; recognises the importances of this event to peoples of all religions in the British Isles and Europe; is pleased that the terms of the Declaration of the Glorious Revolution are the centrepiece in the foyer of the European Court for Human Rights in Strasbourg; is concerned at the recent decision of the government of the Republic of Ireland to approve commercial mining operations on this historic site; is appalled at this decision which ignores the environmental and historical issues involved; notes that people from both the Unionist and Nationalist traditions are united in opposition to this decision; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to use its good offices to request the government in Dublin to take all necessary steps to preserve the entire historic site of the Battle of the Boyne."

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Veterans of Whitehill

Four members of Whitehill L.O.L. 258, in Lower Iveagh District LOL No. 1, Co. Down, who have given many years of loyal and devoted service to the Lodge, were presented with blackthorn walking sticks and tercentenary ties at the January meeting and installation of officers. They were Bros. Leslie Copeland, David Reid, Cecil McCready and Thomas McCready (centre, front row), pictured with officers, Lodge members and Lower Iveagh District officers.

(Photograph: Rathfriland Outlook).

Exposing Tories' Ulster Policies

Ulster Unionists are looking forward to the challenge from Conservative candidates in forthcoming elections, South Belfast MP, the Rev. W. Martin Smyth has pledged.

Mr. Smyth said Unionists broadly welcomed the recent opinion poll on attitudes to the Anglo Eire Agreement and the various political parties here.

"Such a welcome would be qualified by the natural scepticism with which we view opinion polls in Northern Ireland. Constituency canvasses throughout the Province confirm Ulster Unionists look forward to the challenge from the Tories," said Mr. Smyth, in a speech to East Antrim Unionists.

"It will really be fascinating to see Brian Mawhinney,



recently elected chairman of the Northern Ireland Young Conservatives, defending the Government's educational policy in South Belfast. Possibly a few who see themselves as elitist might support him.

"Certainly he will not get support from the families who have seen the public sector education system savaged by the closure of Ulidia Primary School and Kelvin Secondary school. Few of the students attending Queen's University, Stranmillis College, and other further education establishments will rush to his aid."

"Perhaps, however, Dr. Mawhinney will stand in West Belfast in his pursuit of non-sectarianism and be largely supported by the staff and friends of the Irish speaking school recipient of his Department's largesse.

"Gerry Adams is probably quaking and the SDLP will feel threatened by his changing of travel rules to allow pupils from East Belfast to travel freely to St. Louis's.

"Mr. Peter Bottomley will surely give us the privilege of the battle of the Peters in East Belfast. We will watch with interest to see if his policies have any greater effect in curbing the slaughter on the roads than the government's approach to security has effectively dealt with terrorism.

"Richard Needham, of course, will be in a quandry whether to stand in South Down to defend the Govern-

ment's environmental policies or in North Belfast to explain the mounting pressure on the health service and the growing poverty of large sections of our community.

"The Secretary of State himself Peter Brooke must of course go to Fermanagh/South Tyrone as an obvious choice. The security co-operation is so good with the Republic of Ireland and so effective along the border he is sure to have a landslide win.

"But what about the humble Kennedy in North Down? He has promised us that his leader Margaret Thatcher will lead the party at round-table negotiations for Northern Ireland's future. Obviously as a medical man he expects a severe bout of amnesia as Northern Ireland

will scarcely have forgotten her last role in negotiations over Northern Ireland.

"Of course, as he claimed at a meeting in November the disbandment of the 'B' Specials and the removal of Stormont were achievements of the Conservative Party, he may have a bout of amnesia himself. He couldn't have the wholehearted support even of his colleagues. Was not Councillor George Greene a dedicated member of the Specials? Perhaps Kennedy doesn't support Green now that he has become a true blue Tory?" asked Mr. Smyth.

Portadown Presentation

Portadown Orange Blackmen have made presentations to Mrs. Myr Jones, wife of the late Robert Jones, who was caretaker of Carleton Orange Hall in the town for 41 years, and who died recently.

The informal ceremony was carried out by several district officers, who called with Mrs. Jones and handed over the presentations which were to have been presented to Bro. Jones and at a special function arranged for early in the New Year.

Mrs. Jones, who received a wallet of notes, contributed by all the 31 Orange lodges in the Portadown district, as well as a necklace for herself, thanked the brethren and Sir Knight for their kind gesture, and the kindness shown towards her and her family since the death of her husband.

Obituary

Bro. William Cummings

Leading Co. Tyrone Orangeman Wor. Bro. William Cummings died on February 14 after a lengthy illness.

Bro. Cummings, a farmer of Roundhill House, Woodend Road, Strabane, was Deputy County Grand Master of the Order in Co. Tyrone and District Master of Strabane District L.O.L. No. 14.

He was the treasurer of Leckpatrick LOL No. 251 and Worshipful Master of Artigarvan RBP No. 91. He was also County Grand Standard Bearer for Co. Tyrone Grand Black Chapter and was a member of the Apprentice Boys of Derry movement and the Masonic Order. He was a committed Ulster Unionist and was an energetic worker at election periods.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter.

Members of the Orange and Black Orders in Co. Tyrone turned out in strength at the funeral service in Leckpatrick Presbyterian Church on February 17.

Clough Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1043 Co. Down

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The Scottish service was staged at Ibrox Park for 30 years until 1986. Before that the venue was St. Andrew's Hall in the city of Glasgow, which was burned down in the late 1950's. For several years the service went ahead at Firhill Park in the Maryhill area of Glasgow's west end, home of Partick Thistle Football Club.

Bessbrook Table Tennis Tournament



Bessbrook Junior L.O.L. No. 202 held a Christmas Table Tennis tournament in Bessbrook Town Hall. Bro. Richard Gray, the winner, receives the trophy from Mr. Courtney Sterritt (umpire). Included are lodge members David McKelvey (W.M.), Joseph Norris, Robin Kernaghan, Kenneth McKelvey, and Mark Gracey with William McKelvey (superintendent), and Brian Loughlin (assistant superintendent).



Brothers at the installation of officers, dedication of new officers regalia and presentation of 50-year membership certificates to members of Garvagh L.O.L. 359 in Garvagh Orange Hall. L. to R. — Bro. the Rev. Warren Porter, who dedicated the new regalia; Bros. W. J. Craig, S. Gray, James Knox (W.D.M. Garvagh District L.O.L. No. 4) who presented the certificates, Thomas Black W.M. L.O.L. 359, T. G. Linton and Alfred E. Lee J.P., County Grand Master, who installed the officers. A fifth member Bro. J. Melroy, who was unable to attend, received his certificate at his home.

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The Rathfriland Outlook picture (above) shows Bro. Cowan with County, District, and lodge officers.



The Worshipful Master, officers and brethren of Crawfordsburn Temperance Chosen Few LOL 1091, Bangor District, pictured before their Installation Dinner in Crawfordsburn Orange Hall. Included are the Installing Officers, Bro. David McBurney (Deputy District Master, Bangor No. 18 District), and Bro. David Erskine (Lay Chaplain and District Secretary elect, Bangor No. 18 District). Front row from left to right: Bro. William Boal, Sen. (Treasurer 1091); Bro. David McBurney (Deputy District Master, No. 18 District); Bro. David Lynn (Worshipful Master 1091); Bro. John Currell (Deputy Master 1091), and Bro. David Erskine (Lay Chaplain, No. 18 District).

Night to Remember at Ballymacarrett

The occasion was also used to unfurl new Standards which were presented and unfurled by the District Master and Deputy District Master, Wor. Bros. Thomas R. Haire and James Heyburn, together with new regalia for District officers.

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A number of 50-year long service brethren were present as guests of the District Lodge.

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Sandy Row anger at slur on UDR

"On behalf of the 6,500 men and women of the UDR who risk their lives hourly for us all, we utterly reject the aim of this programme to blacken the Regiment as a whole because of the failings of a very small percentage," the letter points out.

Portadown,
Craigavon

Dear Sir, February 1990

A am not prone to writing letters to the press but am so incensed by the arrogant and self-righteous tone of the letter from Derek Miller on behalf of the General Committee of The Apprentice Boys of Derry that I feel compelled to respond if only to relieve my anger and frustration.

Before commencing I would point out that although holding office locally both in the Orange Order and indeed as President of my Apprentice Boys Club I am not nor have I been a member of any political party or grouping as I prefer Unionist unity to party allegiance.

In Derek Miller's letter he once again washes the dirty linen in public. He has a swipe at anyone or anybody who dares challenge his brainchild idea of applying for funding which can only come from the International Fund for Ireland despite his tourist board red herring. Who does he attack?

Well, first it is the South West Ulster Amalgamated Committee which represents the views of clubs making up almost 10 per cent of the organisation's membership! He then proceeds to attack the "meanness" of the whole rank and file membership of both the Apprentice Boys and the Orange Order — people who over the years have given to the loyalist cause selflessly and in many cases until it hurt. He finishes with a veiled swipe at our politicians whom he accuses of hypocrisy. One indeed is left wondering who Mr. Miller speaks for as he

appears to have had a go at most sections of our loyalist community.

Despite any smokescreen set up by an out-of-touch group with a slight self-interest in promoting at all costs an ego trip for a select body within the City of Londonderry, the IFI is clearly identified under Article 10 of the Anglo Irish Diktat as the economic carrot set up to split loyalist opposition to the failed and undemocratic Diktat.

Acceptance of cash from this fund and opposition to the Diktat are incompatible. The decision to apply has undermined our political leaders, left our organisation with a gaping split and the loyalist community with confused thanking. All this damage and not even a guarantee that one penny will be forthcoming anyhow!

I genuinely respect Derek Miller's long service to the Apprentice Boys and also the massive amount of work carried out by the General Committee. However, length of service and positions of authority and responsibility do not give exemption from making mistakes. One only has to look at the position held by Lundy at the time of the Siege. No doubt if some members of the General Committee had been around at that time they may however unwittingly and mistakenly have been persuaded to castigate the brave 13 for daring to challenge the authority of the City Fathers.

The great appeal of history is the opportunity we have to learn from it. To you men in Londonderry come down of your high horse, leave your headquarters and visit the

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grassroots. More importantly listen to them for without the grassroots you are leaders of nothing. Three hundred years on, the cry is still "No Surrender."

Yours faithfully,
W. J. McKeown.

56 Linley Drive,
Comber

Dear Sir,

As a member of the Orange Order and Dr. David Owens (British) Social Democratic Party which completely supports the Union that exists between Northern Ireland and Great Britain I'm concerned that many young people in the province who are basically "Loyalist" but who if they were living in Great Britain would be natural socialist voters may find themselves being wooed to join out and out

125, Clanabogan Road,
Omagh.

Dear Sir,

I am getting rather tired of hearing so many politicians pleading with the British and Eire Governments for a suspension of the iniquitous Anglo-Eire Diktat to allow talks on the future government of Northern Ireland to begin. In my opinion, they are simply getting nowhere and I would suggest they all take a well-earned rest and just patiently analyse the present scenario.

Neither government has the slightest intention of putting the Agreement on ice, or, for that matter the Maryfield Secretariat, and I, for one, would not give their ministers the satisfaction of constantly rejecting the pleas of well meaning politicians.

Everyone by now should be well aware that the present stalemate has been reached because the SDLP and Dublin politicians are not willing to allow any talks to take place, outside an Irish context. That is

left wing groups like the Belfast-based World Socialist Party.

This Party is trying to pervert the minds of our young people through its magazine Socialist View into believing that all they've been brought up to believe is wrong and that our present society must be overthrown.

We most safeguard our young people from those who would exploit them for their own ends. Only the expansion of the Junior Orange Association can help to counter left-wing views among our young.

Yours faithfully,
James Annett (Jnr.)
P.M. L.O.L. 265

why they want the Diktat to remain firmly in place, as they still consider it a real stepping stone to Irish unity. There is therefore no inclination on the SDLP's part to talk even about a power sharing devolved administration for the Province.

On the other hand, the Unionist politicians refuse to talk about the future of Northern Ireland with Eire politicians and, rightly so, in my opinion, as there must be no place for Dublin politicians to interfere in the day to day running of Northern Ireland affairs. The Unionists will not talk within the cage of the Diktat and, even if it were suspended, only then with the British Government. British politicians will not consider devolved Government unless we, the Unionists, are prepared to share power with constitutional politicians from the nationalist community.

So where do we go from here? Even the great and wise King Solomon would be baffled by it all.

Yours sincerely,
Bro. Wilfred Breen.
(Ulster Unionist Councillor)
Omagh.

Rosharkin soiree

The Tercentenary celebrations in Rasharkin District will be focused on May 25-26 (Friday and Saturday). On the Friday night there will be a drumming match and contest and on the following day a fancy dress parade and sports and Orange and band parade will be held.

1, Orangefield Drive,
Armagh

Dear Sir,
Re- BBC Panorama programme — Ulster's Regiment — A Question of Loyalty February 19.

I sat tonight and watched the above named programme, with a sense of growing disbelief. Even after many years of subtle propaganda perpetrated by the BBC I am still amazed at the depths to which so-called investigative journalism can sink.

The programme contained nothing more than unsubstantiated allegations, innuendo, and half-truths. The only fact that can be accepted is that the so-called investigative journalist accepted "hearsay" as truth.

The allegations levelled against the Regiment stretch the limits of credulity to breaking point. There was

nothing in the programme which would indicate the Regiment in the mind of informed people, but this programme will served its purpose besmirching the good name of the Ulster Defence Regiment amongst those who are aware of the real situation.

I phoned the BBC in Belfast after the programme broadcast, only to find a continuous ringing tone on the other end of the line. I quipped the switchboard operator the delay. Her response was that she was the only one on duty. Despite the hesitation the switchboard had obviously been swamped with calls regarding this programme. This inadequate degree of staffing reflects the degree to which the BBC are out of touch with reality.

Yours Faithfully,
Armagh.

Presentation Night in Antrim



Bro. John McGrath, Past Master of Boyd Memorial LOL No. 312, sells the first copy of a new cassette released by the lodge to mark the Tercentenary. Titled "Songs of Faith and Freedom" the tape features modern ballads and loyalist lyrics and also Ballyduff Silver Band. Joining him are Bro. William Reid, DM of LOL 312, and Wor. Bro. George Patton, Executive Officer. Copies of the cassette can be purchased at the House of Orange in Belfast.



Bro. T. E. Jenkins (left) receives his 50-year medal from Bro. William Reid, Deputy Master of Boyd Memorial LOL No. 312, Burnside, Antrim.

Bro. James Brown, the Antrim Unionist councillor, and Bro. James Brannigan, who both received 25-year service medals from Wor. Bro. George Patton, Executive Officer at a dinner for Boyd Memorial LOL No. 312 at Burnside Orange Hall, Antrim.



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Religious Trends in Eastern Europe

The changing scene in Eastern and Central Europe has significant implications as far as the religious aspect is concerned. The removal or ending removal of barriers between East and West will mean the unleashing of a flood of ideas, both religious and political which have been suppressed for 40 years.

The Roman Catholic Church has had an influence on the course of events in countries behind the Iron Curtain, even though it has experienced restrictions on its freedom in these countries.

That Church has held sway in Poland, even at the height of the Cold War, and it is safe to assume that Polish Roman

Catholicism will be even more assertive in the new Europe which beckons as Soviet rule is relaxed.

The same applies to countries like Czechoslovakia, Lithuania, and Hungary, while the Ukraine, the Roman Catholic Church is likely to be a force again.

In Yugoslavia, the Roman Catholic states like Croatia and Slovenia will probably play a key role in the battle for power. This will cause apprehension among Serbs, who remember that during the Second World War the Germans installed a pro-Nazi puppet state of Croatia, where terrible atrocities were committed against Serbs and other minorities, and where the Roman Catholic Church held sway.

It is not just Roman Catholics, of course which will find new opportunities with the loosening of the bonds of

Communism and new-found religious freedom.

Protestant Estonia and Latvia are in the forefront of the struggle for more freedom, while East Germany, where the Lutherans predominate, will have a key role to play in the new scenario in Central Europe.

East Germany is the Protestant heartland of what was the former united state of Germany. It contains the birthplace of Martin Luther, and its population is roughly 80 per cent Protestant, in comparison to West Germany where there is a 50-50 divide.

With East Germans crossing the border at the rate of 2,000 every day into West Germany, it is safe to assume that the influx of so many Protestants could tilt the percentage in West Germany in favour of the Lutherans.

The Protestants of East Germany are more church-going than their brethren across the frontier, and the Lutheran Church enjoyed a lot of influence in East Germany, even at the height of the Communist rule.



HISTORY IN BROOMHEDGE

History was written into the minute book of Upper Broomhedge L.O.L. 799 (Magheragall District No. 9) recently when father and son Bros. Gordon and Graham Montgomery received Lecture certificates on the same night. Graham at 17 is also the youngest member of L.O.L. 799 ever to receive a lecturer's certificate. The picture shows (L. to R.): Bro. Ernest Hayes (W.D.M. Magheragall District No. 9), Bro. Graham Montgomery (Lecturer L.O.L. 799), Bro. David Collins (W.M. L.O.L. 799), Bro. Gordon Montgomery (Lecturer L.O.L. 799), and Bro. Sidney Wilson P.D.M. Magheragall District No. 9.

Castlerock Tercentenary Dinner

Upwards of 100 members and friends of Castlerock LOL 141 attended a Tercentenary Dinner Dance in the Downhill Inn.

The attendance included members of the Junior Lodge and Ladies Committee. Bro. Hugh Conn W.M. presided and welcomed all present.

Wor. Bro. Alfred E. Lee J.P., County Grand Master, said they could look back and be proud of the past, and because their Order was founded on the Word of God they had no need to fear the

future.

He said Derry, Aughrim, Enniskillen, and the Boyne were highlights in one long campaign which restored liberty of conscience not only in Ireland but to England and Scotland.

"It was right and proper that the members of the Orange Order should celebrate this Tercentenary of the Battle of the Boyne and as they looked to the future they should realise that today the Orange Order must as in the past remain the watchdog of their Protestant

Faith and British connection", said Bro. Lee.

Bro. Samuel B. Kane, Deputy County Grand Master, stressed the significance of the religious principles of the Order. He said in the present difficult political situation if God is for us who can be against us.

Other speakers included the Rev. J. McCaughan, 1st Dunboe Presbyterian Church, Rev. B. Johnston, rector of Christ Church, Castlerock, and Bro. Gordon Kennedy, W.M., L.O.L. No. 17.

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Brethren and friends planned to attend the Festival of Music in the Ulster Hall, Belfast on Friday 30 and Saturday 31 March 1990. It should be noted that the starting time has been brought forward to 7.45 p.m., with opening at 8.15 p.m.

Due to the number of guest artists that are now available it is not possible to continue with the original starting time of 8.00 p.m. Unfortunately the tickets have already been printed and distributed with the correct starting time.

The Festival of Music and Song will now last for approximately two and a half hours and will have 15 guest artists each night (see advert in this issue of The Orange Standard). A few tickets are still available for both nights, £5.00 for the ground floor and £6.00 for balcony seats. Tickets are available from district or county secretaries.

Tickets are also available by post from the House of Orange, 10, Dublin Road, Belfast 2. Please make cheques payable to G.O.L.I., and if possible include a stamped address envelope.



Bro. William Morris, W.M. of Ballymageough LOL No. 1036, Mourne, centre, pictured with members who received presentations (from left): Bro. Charlie Houston, outgoing W.M. (who was presented with a tercentenary medal), Bro. Bertie Sloan, outgoing D.M. (tercentenary plaque), Bro. Jame Morris, outgoing secretary after 25 years (watch), and Bro. Willie Cousins, treasurer (Bible).

Officers pictured with other members of Ballymageough lodge at the Installation of officers. (Photographs: Rathfriland Outlook).

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HAROLD McCUSKER — The Politician Who Spoke For The Grassroots

The death of Upper Bann M.P. Harold McCusker has robbed Unionism and Orangeism of one of its most outspoken and independent personalities.

It has also removed a thorn from the side of those who support the Anglo-Eire Agreement, to which he was vehemently opposed.

Harold, who had been active in Ulster politics since the early 1970s, was born in William Street, Lurgan, on February 7, 1940 — he died five days after his 50th birthday.

In an interview in 1981, he recalled his father's death at the age of 37. "The age of 37 has been something of a watershed and I feel that every year after that is something of a bonus," he said.

In those days William Street was a mixed community where Protestant and Roman Catholic children played happily together. "Our schools were side by side and we never had any idea of the divisions in education until later," Mr. McCusker recalled.

"There was a real sense of community identity and it was a great place in which to grow up."

In the same interview he indicated that his early days in Lurgan helped to shape his independence of spirit and approach.

"I do not like to be dependent on anyone or to think that anyone would feel they have me in their pocket. Perhaps I go too far the other way to avoid this."

The former MP for Upper Bann certainly demonstrated throughout his chequered political career that neither political friend nor foe could take him for granted, and his often bold stands earned him their respect.

Educated at Lurgan Model School and Lurgan College, Mr. McCusker qualified as a teacher from Stranmillis College in 1961 and after teaching for six years he left to join industry, becoming a production manager with a Craigavon company. His interest in training and employment in his beloved Co. Armagh, which he represented at Westminster and in the Prior Assembly, intensified and he held a number of positions with advisory committees in the area.

Harold became a member of the Ulster Unionist Council,

the UUP's supreme governing body, in 1970, and was catapulted onto the Westminster scene four years later as the MP for Co. Armagh. He was secretary and Whip of the Unionist Coalition of MPs between 1975 and 1976.

A strong campaigner for tougher security in South Armagh, he shocked the Commons in 1978 when he said the Army knew the locations of IRA active service units in villages and towns across the border.

VOTE

A year later Harold was again at the centre of controversy when he voted with the Labour government in a crucial confidence vote after a

With the Tories in power, he slammed the Government for what he saw as its failure to counter the IRA's territorial advances and neglect of beleaguered border villages which, he warned, were fighting for survival.

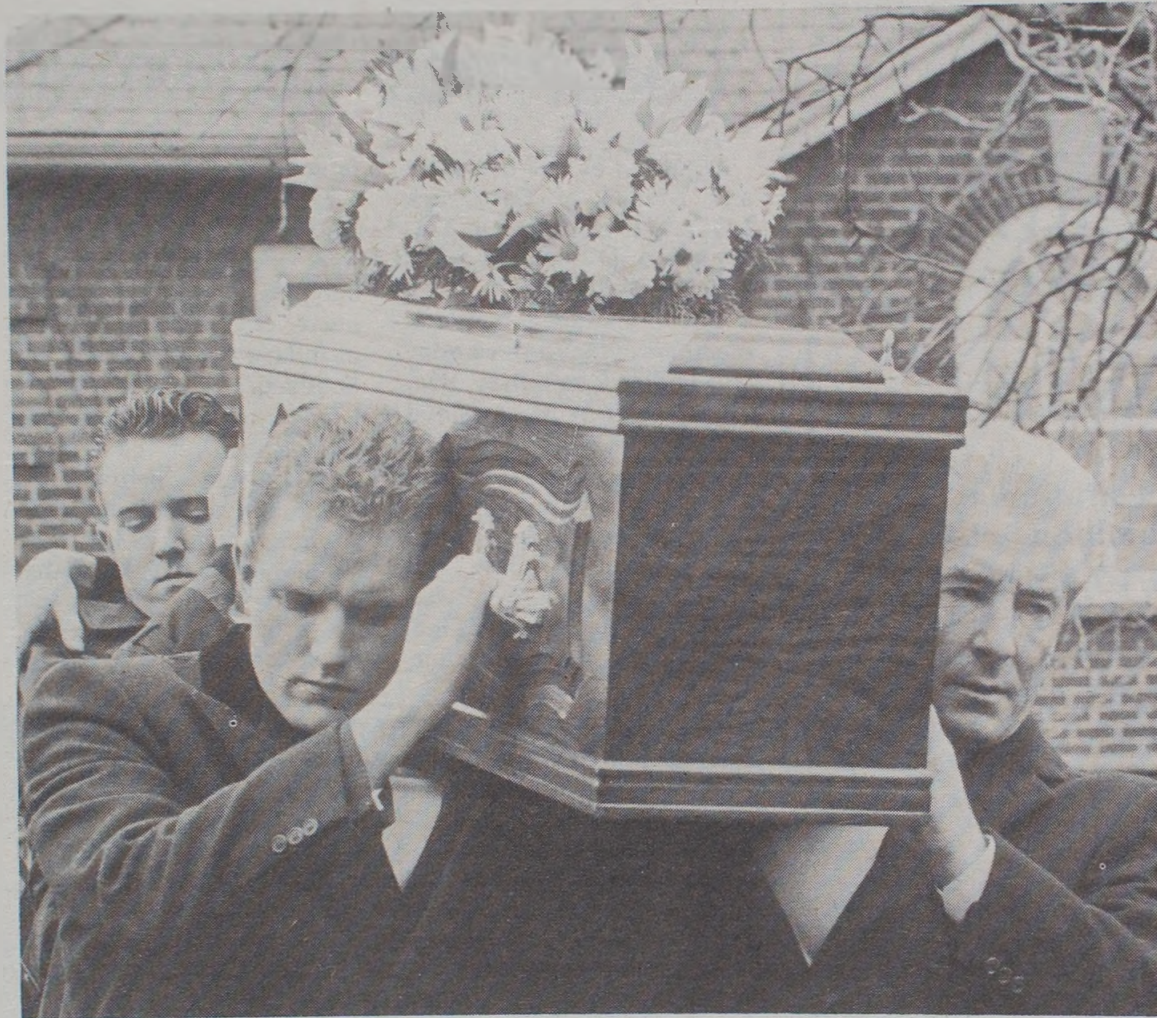
In the 1982 Assembly election Harold topped the poll in Armagh. The year before he was instrumental in setting up a unit, based at party headquarters, which sought to persuade the European Commission on Human Rights that border security was woefully inadequate.

He also argued that widows of innocent victims of the violence should be regarded as suffering a deprivation of human rights.

As Upper Bann MP he made occasional trips to America where he was a staunch defender of Ulster's cause — and a bitter opponent of the Hillsborough deal. He told the

In 1986 Harold put forward a radical plan for a tripartite agreement between London, Dublin and Belfast, saying that for the project to succeed there must be devolved government within Northern Ireland acceptable to all its people. But there could be no progress along those lines, he emphasised, while the Hillsborough pact remained in place.

Later he suggested that independence might become a viable option for Ulster, since unionists were being ignored by Westminster. He stopped short of actually advocating independence, but said the Union must be on terms that were mutually acceptable "and not those acceptable to Margaret Thatcher and the Tory party."



Harold McCusker's coffin is carried by his sons Colin, Moore, and James (out of picture) and brother Ronald.

government minister had pledged to carry out a major study into food and fuel prices in the Province.

His vote failed to save the Callaghan government from defeat, and in the 1979 general election Harold held off a challenge from the DUP, with whom he had clashed in the past.

Commons a few days after the Agreement was signed that it "sold away" his birthright and he added: "I will never accept the Agreement as the means whereby I will be governed in Northern Ireland."

"If that is construed as flying in the face of the sovereignty of this Parliament, so be it."

SUPPORTER

In 1987, the football-loving MP — he was a life-long supporter of home-town team Glenavon and followed the Northern Ireland World Cup team to Spain in 1982 — served a short prison sentence in Crumlin Road jail, for withholding his car tax in

protest against the Agreement.

He was a member of the UUP-DUP task force which produced a detailed strategy for opposing the Agreement in the summer of 1987.

Harold was the first to admit to being emotional. It showed through in television debates in the late 70s and early 80s, and at the gravesides of victims of the Troubles, many of whom had been his friends.

He once said: "I've had to grit my teeth on many an occasion to hold back my emotions. The aggression which some people associate with me has sometimes been the only way I can keep my feelings in check."

Work as a full-time politician in the cauldron of Northern Ireland took its toll and Harold's health suffered. But even up to the end he fought his painful illness bravely.

A quote from a few years back perhaps sums up his personal philosophy. "I've learned to live one day at a time, as the song says. I'm not

the only one of course in the community doing so."

After a pause, he added: "One Day at a Time is almost Ulster's second national anthem."

Since the 1950s, Harold has been a member of both the Orange and Royal Black institutions in Lurgan, rising to Deputy District Master of Lurgan District LOL No. 1 and holding office in his Boconnell private lodge. He was a Committee member of Co. Armagh Grand Orange Lodge and was a regular speaker at the Twelfth demonstrations in the county.

Harold's Orange connections started with a junior lodge in Gilford and he later became an enthusiastic Lambeg drummer at the various parades.

He is survived by his wife Jennifer and three sons James, Moore, and Colin; his elderly mother, and brother Ronald. Deepest sympathy is extended.

Thousands Attend The Funeral

Harold McCusker's courage was highlighted by former Methodist President, the Rev. Hamilton Skillen, during the service in the politician's home on February 14.

"The way in which Harold dealt with his illness over the past 15 years was an example of the kind of spirit he was made of."

"Harold was a compassionate, courageous and concerned man who bore a great burden about the wrongness of the Anglo-Irish Agreement," said Mr. Skillen.

During the service the McCusker family and close friends and politicians joined in the singing of the hymn Jesus Saves — a favourite of the MP and in keeping with a request he made to Mr. Skillen some years ago.

"Harold heard it at a church service and was so moved by it that he said to me: 'Hammy, if anything ever happens to me, will you sing that hymn at my funeral'," said Mr. Skillen.

Later, at the burial service in Lurgan Cemetery, Methodist minister the Rev. Brian Chambers also praised Mr. McCusker's courage and personal integrity. Hundreds of mourners, many of them ordinary men and women from Mr. McCusker's home town of Lurgan, gathered around the graveside and joined in reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Thousands of people, including politicians from all sides in Northern Ireland, Eire

and Great Britain joined to pay their last respects to the MP. Ulster Unionist MPs led by Party leader James Molyneux were joined by Orange Order Grand Master the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, Northern Ireland Security Minister John Cope, former Labour Ulster Home Secretary Merlyn Rees, Dublin Fine Gael TD Austin Currie, and Lord Fitt. The Rev. Ian Paisley, and SDLP deputy leader, Seamus Mallon also attended.

They were among a huge crowd of people who lined the route or attended the funeral of the 50-year-old politician who made his name for straight talking and honesty.

As the funeral cortege moved from Mr. McCusker's home at Seagoe Road, Portadown



Ulster Unionist leader James Molyneaux at the funeral with DUP leader the Rev. Ian Paisley; former Ulster Secretary of State Merlyn Rees, and Ulster Unionist MPs Willie Ross and Ken Maginnis.

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Trends in religion and politics here make it necessary to restate the attitudes of the Institution so that no one may doubt where we stand on subjects which are important to us and the society in which we live. The common denominator of faith in the Orange Institution is the Protestant Religion. The common denominator of politics in the Orange Institution is the Union with Great Britain. These parameters of faith and politics bind the Institution and provide it with a philosophy for living in today's world. It is in religion and politics that it finds opportunities for service to society. Orangeism at its best is responsive to divine pressures and to human needs. The Orange motto, "Civil and religious liberty for all: special privileges for none," is a plea for an evaluation of people which allows them freedom of choice in those things which should be of the essence of life in a good society. We shall not be guilty of that arrogance which contends that answers to questions on religion and politics come from one source. The whole truth about God and man is not to be found in a repository and the claim made that one church or one party has the key to it. Questions often have more than one answer and the expression of views can be different in words, phrases and ideas. The differences in church orders and political systems could be an enrichment of Ulster life. Regimentation and dogmatism reduce people and impoverish them. We need to be reminded that causes are fought in different ways; that we gain by sharing opinions and experiences; that we profit from listening to others and especially those with whom we disagree. We learn necessary lessons from our enemies, for he is a wise man who knows his foes. It is always necessary for us to heed the

Restating the Orange position on faith and constitution

promptings of the Holy Spirit, to be guided by the principles and practices of reformed Christianity, to allow God to speak directly to us by the Bible, his ordinary means of conversation with us and to gain from being in the fellowship of the church, the people of God. It is a compliment to the Orange Institution that it is often judged by its own standards of character and conduct, and condemnation is of those brethren who do not take its vows and obligations seriously. It is a compliment to Orangemen that their standards are appreciated by people who recognise that to have such ideals is patently praiseworthy, especially when many others are satisfied with lesser standards. The indebtedness of church and society to Orangemen has not been sufficiently acknowledged. The attacks have been intolerant and intemperate and a condemnation of the attackers rather than the attacked. Orangemen have often been magnanimous to those who have voiced contempt for them. Men of strong principles and strongly Protestant commitments are not popular with those in positions of authority and influence who lack that enthusiasm. It is ironical that in the churches there are so many who manage to by-pass the doctrinal and theological emphases of their denominations for a philosophy which accommodates to a church whose stances are different and antagonistic. The position is made worse by the fact that the

authentic Protestant is made to defend a position already stated in the formularies of his church as its beliefs and practices. The roles of prosecutor and defendant have been reversed and truth has been sacrificed. Liberalism in religion is sometimes contemptible in its intolerance of other people and their opinions, attitudes and aspirations. The tendency to criticise Christian organisations for standing up for their principles is totally out of keeping with anything which is really liberal and tolerant. The Institution is committed to the Protestant Religion and to the practice of its beliefs. By its nature it encourages loyalty to the Protestant churches and as a corollary to that deplores the tendency of those Orangemen and Protestants who treat their vows and promises with scant respect. It is an indictment of many who call themselves Protestants that many of our churches struggle to maintain their witness to Reformed Christianity with the few who are faithful to them. The strength of the faith, and the continuance of it has to be in the loyalty, devotion and dedication to Christ and the Church of those who worship, work and witness to that end. There may be reason to hope in the growing emphasis on renewal and evangelism, the strengthening of the faith of the believer and the conversion of the unbeliever. The enthusiasm for evangelism among some church people could be the sign that that revivalism which had characterised Reformed Christianity is coming back. The Institution has its part to play in this evangelistic emphasis with its basis in biblical theology. It is a creditable thing that among the celebrations of this tercentenary are a number of evangelistic missions throughout the country.

The death of Wor. Bro. Harold McCusker, M.P., on February 12 at 50 is a grievous loss to the Institution and the Ulster Unionist Party. Bro. McCusker was one of the most articulate and incisive apologists for the Orange and Unionist cause. He was one who unhesitatingly declared himself when opportunity presented itself. He had a good reputation as an MP before the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement and an enhanced one since. He made a most memorable speech in the debate on the diktat. Among other things he said: "I have suffered the systematic humiliation of being excluded from the

A champion of the Orange and Unionist cause

government of the country to which I belong because I thought that the price was worth paying to be a British citizen." He went on: "I can accept money from the richer parts of the United Kingdom being given to Northern Ireland if it is the

decision of the Parliament of the United Kingdom to redistribute the United Kingdom's wealth to the poorer parts. However, I cannot accept, and I do not want United Kingdom charity. I do not want money to be offered to me to buy my acquiescence." As deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party he made a large contribution to policy making of the last four years and more. We offer our condolences to his wife Jennifer, sons James, Moore and Colin, and the family circle and express our thanks for a man and a brother who contributed so much to the good of our organisation and the Province at large.

Thousands Attend The Funeral

down, the coffin was carried in turn by his family — his three sons James, Moore and Colin and his brother Ronald — unionist colleagues at Westminster, directors of Glenavon Football Club (the team Mr. McCusker supported from his boyhood days) and close friends and associates.

Later the coffin was carried into Lurgan cemetery by representatives of the Ulster Unionist Party, the Orange Order, The Royal Black Institution, the Upper Bann Ulster Unionist Constituency Association and the Craigavon Housing Association, which Mr. McCusker set up in Portadown.

Lord Gerry Fitt voiced sympathy with Mr. McCusker's last message to his Constituents in which he repeated his attack on the Anglo-Eire agreement.

"His opposition to the agreement coloured the last four years of his life but I could understand the intensity of his feelings because I do not believe the agreement will bring any solution to Northern Ireland's problems.

"Although I disagreed with Harold on many aspects of Northern Ireland politics, he was a totally honest, dedicated man of great humanity and compassion."



Bro. Harold McCusker, addressing an Orange gathering.

Harold's Final Message . . .

Harold McCusker died with a posthumous blast at the Government he believed had betrayed him and his constituents.

And colleague Ken Maginnis said he believed the recurrence of the cancer which took the Upper Bann MP's life had been triggered by the trauma of the Anglo-Eire agreement.

In a final message to

constituents released a few hours after his death, the straight-talking politician said he regretted that he could only reiterate what he had said to Mrs. Thatcher on November 18, 1985, in the wake of the singing of the accord.

Then, he had told the House of Commons: "I shall carry to my grave with ignominy the sense of the injustice that I have done to my constituents down the years — when, in their

darkest hours, I exhorted them to put their trust in this British House of Commons which one day would honour its fundamental obligation to them to treat them as equal British citizens."

It was a typically defiant gesture from a man whose uncompromising bluntness never masked one of unionism's brightest minds.

Even near to death, he could not forget the hurt he felt as what he believed was the Government's betrayal.

Mr. Maginnis, the Fermanagh-South Tyrone MP, said he believed the had never recovered from the blow.

"I really felt over the past four years that the recurrence of his illness was triggered by the trauma of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

"He took it so much to heart, he felt so betrayed by the agreement that, in one respect, he never recovered from the shock."

Balancing Proper Security With Employment Demands

A lot has been heard about security leaks in Northern Ireland these past few months, and it is hardly possible to open a paper any day or switch on television and hear about some revelation regarding the alleged passing of documents containing the names of IRA suspects to loyalist paramilitary organisations.

While it is essential to plug all leaks, it must be stressed that there are a variety of

security leaks which need to be eliminated, not least in the great Short and Harland industrial complex in East Belfast.

It may or may not be coincidental, but since the Fair Employment Agency stepped up its demands for more Roman Catholics to be employed at Shorts, the factory has experienced an upsurge in terrorist activity, culminating in the recent bomb explosions.

No fair-minded person would deny Roman Catholics the right of employment, but as Unionist spokesmen pointed out a few years ago, the FEA

demands do not always take into consideration the need for tight security vetting.

It is only natural that the authorities should look carefully at the background of prospective employees and consider the areas they come from, bearing in mind that the terrorists exercise so much control in parts of West and North Belfast, and do their recruiting in those areas.

As a writer recently reminded *Orange Standard* readers, a whole web of intrigue and treachery was exposed to the world when the British pulled out of Dublin in 1921-22, showing the collusion between highly placed civil servants in the Castle, and the IRA killing squads of Michael Collins.

Every step must be taken to ensure that fairness in employment is combined with realistic and acceptable security measures.

Service Bidding

Bro. Canon S. E. Long, the Grand Chaplain, has devised a bidding for use by brethren at Orange services during Tercentenary year.

Lodges are requested to use it: "Brethren, we are met together at this service of Remembrance and Dedication to keep in memory the deeds and sacrifices of King William III, Prince of Orange, and those with him, who by their victory at the Boyne in 1690 retained civil and religious liberty for all the people of these islands.

"We confess that we have not always appreciated what they obtained for us.

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A happy Harold McCusker with his wife Jennifer, son Colin, and Ulster Unionist leader James Molyneux after he got out of Crumlin Road Prison on completion of a term in protest at the Anglo Eire Agreement.

THE CHALLENGE OF

1990

The Grand Lodge of Ireland Chaplains' Conference on 'The Challenge of 1990'

By Rt. Rev. Bro.

Dr. Robert Dickinson

There are those who would pretend, for their own particular purposes, that in Ireland (or anywhere else, for that matter) religion and politics can be separated. Ecumenical churchmen make no secret of, or apology for, their unbiblical 'theology of liberation' which is little more than a religious pretext for political and even violent revolution. Even the more pious evangelicals in their desperation to escape from the realities and responsibilities of life advocate prayer for religious revival as the only solution to our political helplessness. What is happening in Poland and other Eastern European countries, including parts of the Soviet Union itself, and being hailed by the Western World as the restoration of political democracy is, in fact, nothing other than the upsurge of the power of the Papacy and the re-establishment of the bondage of false religion in the place of Marxist atheism.

Those who hold to the position of Reformed Theology find no difficulty whatever in relating religion and politics as set forth in scripture. While the theology of the Reformation rightly demanded the separation of authority and control between the institutional churches and the state, utterly denying any authority whatever to kings or princes or rulers in the government of the spiritual affairs of the church, it also insisted on the divine endorsement of earthly rulers as decreed in the scriptures, and the duty of all men, especially those who profess the true religion of Christ, to fulfil the obligations of citizenship in and to the society or nation to which they belong.

Hence the principles and objectives of Orangeism are as relevant and urgent in the situation of our land and nation in 1990 as they were in the England of 1690. We are witnessing in our generation the revival of Paper power and influence not only in Europe but in Britain. The influence of Cardinal Hume has been powerfully demonstrated in recent legal manoeuvres. The

antics of the Archbishop of Canterbury in Romanistic worship and his disgusting flirtation with the Pope and the Vatican have caused a flutter of embarrassment to our Anglican brethren. And the replacement of the British Council of Churches by the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland will open the door to direct influence by the Roman Catholic Church in the affairs of the so-called Protestant Churches which participate in its policies and programmes. The tide is certainly running once again for Rome and its sinister political and ecclesiastical power. The iniquitous purpose and programme of the so-called 'Fair Employment Agency'; the system of 'Education for Mutual Understanding' being imposed in our day-schools; and the changes which will come about in the European Community in 1992, pose the greatest threat to Protestant liberty and Reformed Religion since the Reformation itself. If ever there was a challenge to Orangeism in our land it is surely in 1990. How are we to meet it?

WITHIN THE ORDER

Perhaps the most persistent and serious charge that is made against the Order is that while the 'Qualifications' of an Orangeman as described in our ritual set a standard of faith and conduct which is thoroughly in keeping with the Biblical pattern of Christian living, too often it is not displayed in the character or behaviour or members. Non-attendance at the worship of God's House; drunkenness (especially in public or in association with licensed clubs); blasphemous language; illegal activities; or sectarian hatred, have no place in our Institution.

Most of us are appalled when the hostile media misrepresents us and our activities as being merely occasions for the display of religious bigotry and drunken revelry. It is an undeserved slur on the vast majority of our members and on the true nature of our business. But it cannot be denied that our failure to maintain and apply our principles in a true and forthright manner leaves us open to the ridicule of those who have no love for our real cause.

On the positive side, it seems clear that if our Order is to be seen to be more than voting fodder for Unionist politics and politicians, there must be a new and serious commitment to the fundamental truths of the Protestant and Reformed Faith. In a day when ever 'Protestant' Churches are failing to defend and propagate the Reformed Faith and worship set forth in the scriptures; when our Protestant children are being indoctrinated at school with ecumenical compromise; when even evangelicals are distancing themselves from the distinctive and essential elements of Biblical Protestant-

ism; it is extremely urgent that within our Order these precious things should be treasured and taught.

WITHIN THE CHURCHES

There will be those who will resent any suggestion that the Order should have any influence or impact upon the Churches. And rightly so. But one of the requirements for membership of the Order is indeed membership of, and involvement in, a Protestant Church or Fellowship. While the Order as such may not legitimately seek to influence the affairs of Churches, it is inevitable that those who are members of the Order can and should do so. Indeed, it is true to say that many of the finest office-bearers, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, and church workers are members of our Order and make an invaluable impact on and contribution to the work and witness of the Protestant Churches.

It would seem right and proper, then, that in a time when rampant ecumenism is making ever more subtle and sinister efforts to foster the unity of Protestant churches with Romanism under the primacy of the Pope, those members of our Institution should use their best endeavours to expose and defeat such efforts at the local level in their own churches and denominations. The onslaught of Rome was never more virulent than in these days. For evil to prosper it is necessary only for good to do nothing. Whatever is done must be done in the spirit and love of Christ. It must be done not for the sake of personal prominence or vain-glory, but for the glory of Christ and the spiritual growth and purity of the Church.

Now we have to prove our commitment to the morals and values of our Protestant convictions by honesty and integrity of personal character; by diligence and steadfastness of toil and skill; by courage and confidence of trust in God and His sovereign power and purposes. It was the same in Jeremiah's day for Israel. Our enemies may be allowed to continue to murder and rob us of our birthright; our duplicitous rulers may continue to barter and betray our loyalty and self-sacrifice for their political ends; our biased media may continue to distort our image and undermine our hope for the future. But "if God be for us, who can be against us?" For "Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed upon Thee because he trusteth in Thee", and "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us". This is the challenge of 1990.

Getting a Fair Deal For North Belfast's Protestants

Unionists and loyalists are still fighting to get a deal for one of Belfast's most deprived areas — Alliance and Glenbryn.

Public representatives in North Belfast have been urging the Housing Executive for years to modernise and update the houses in the Protestant end of Ardoyne, but so far without success.

Yet the case for improvements is undeniable as a walk through the semi-derelict parts of Glenbryn-Alliance will reveal. Many houses, especially those which lie adjacent to the huge Roman Catholic Glenard estate are bricked up or wrecked, and the conditions are demoralising for those families still living in the Alliance and Glenbryn estates.

In contrast, just across the peace line, most of the Roman

Catholic area has fine new housing estates and environmental improvements.

It is time the Housing Executive provided the families in the Protestant area of Ardoyne with the sort of facilities enjoyed by the people in the Glenard area, and even the announcement of a planned scheme of renovation and improvement would be an uplift to morale.

The present situation of deterioration makes one wonder if the intention is not to allow the Protestant area to decline to such a stage that it could be argued it is not a viable proposition to rebuild the district. If that is the thinking, then it must be reversed.

The peace wall is also considered inadequate by Protestant residents and needs raised a little to give them more protection.

Tercentenary Launch

Orange Orders leaders from all over Northern Ireland gathered in Belfast on Saturday February 17 to officially launch the tercentenary celebrations of the Battle of the Boyne.

The Grand Master of Ireland, Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth MP and the Convenor of the Tercentenary Committee Wor. Bro. George Morrison addressed the 150 representatives of the 120 county and district lodges in the Province and in the border counties at the House of Orange gathering.

The series of events being staged by lodges in virtually every city, town, village and hamlet across the Province this year to mark the 300th

anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne were highlighted.

These will include pageants reenacting William's movements from the landing at Carrickfergus in June, 1690 to his arrival in Belfast and movement to the Boyne via Hillsborough and Scarva.

The cultural and historical significance of the year will feature prominently and the celebrations will climax with a major demonstration by the various sections of the Orange family worldwide in Belfast on Saturday September 29.

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland is to publish a 100-page full colour official brochure on the Tercentenary in early April and a special Tercentenary song will also be unveiled.

Junior Orangeism Thriving

Junior Orangeism is thriving in Northern Ireland, and nowhere more so than in Co. Armagh, where a number of new lodges have been formed in recent years, including Killylea, Loughgall, Birches and Markethill.

There is a Portadown Ladies' Junior Orange lodge, which already has a membership of nearly 20, and there are plans to revive dormant lodges in Edenderry and Corcain in the town.

The new ladies lodge called Daughters of Laura Junior

Womens LOL No. 42 will meet on the second Wednesday of each month in Carleton Street Orange Hall.

The officers are, Worshipful Mistress, Sister Paula Anderson; deputy, Sister Anne Uprichard; secretary, Sister Zoe Medlow; treasurer, Sister Angela Smyth.

The officers of the senior lodge, Laura Hogarth Memorial, who will be supervising the new junior lodge are, superintendent, Sister Helen Uprichard; assistant, Sister Norma Elliott, and treasurer, Sister Carol McGarry.

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Officers and members of the newly formed Ladies Junior Orange Lodge in Portadown pictured with guests at the inaugural meeting held in Carleton Street Orange Hall. Picture: Portadown Times.



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DATE	EVENT/VENUE	L.O.L./DISTRICT	COUNTY				
Mar. 1	Art Competition, Ballymena District. Continues all Month.			May 26	Football/Bowls Competition.	L.O.L. 635, Braid District	Antrim
Mar. 1	Drama Evening.	L.O.L. 22, Randalstown District	Antrim	May 31	Darts Competition.	Magheragall District	Antrim
Mar. 4-18	Evangelical Mission, Annahoe District, Co. Tyrone.			May 31	Banner Unfurling.	L.O.L. 176, Randalstown District	Antrim
Mar. 8	Inter Lodge Quiz.	Kilrea District	Londonderry	June 1	Sports, Bar-B-Que, Childrens Party, Slatt.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Mar. 11	Evangelistic Meeting (1), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	Carnmoney District	Antrim	June 1	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 707.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Mar. 14	Evangelistic Meeting (2), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	Carnmoney District	Antrim	June 1	Banner Unfurling - Drumard L.O.L. 284, Kesh.		Fermanagh
Mar. 15	Variety Concert.			June 1	Band Parade & Sports Night.	L.O.L. 1121, District 18	Antrim
Mar. 16	History Lecture.	L.O.L. 1517, Kilrea District	Londonderry	June 1	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 206.	Magheragall District	Antrim
Mar. 16	Orange Ball, Carleton Street Orange Hall, Portadown.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 1	Band Parade & Arch Opening, Hillsborough.		
Mar. 16	Orange Ball, Rathfriland.	Portadown District	Armagh	June 1	Dedication of Band Uniforms for Kilclean Pipe Band, Castlederg.	Killen District	Tyrone
Mar. 18	Evangelistic Meeting (3), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	Rathfriland District	Down	June 1	Parade/Orange Fair.	L.O.L. 1121, Braid District	Antrim
Mar. 20	Orange History Seminar.	Carnmoney District	Antrim	June 2	Bar-B-Que.	Randalstown District	Antrim
Mar. 21	Evangelistic Meeting (4), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	Markethill District	Armagh	June 2	Church Service/Sports Day/ Banner Unfurling.	Macosquin District	Londonderry
Mar. 23	Country/Variety Concert, Ballymena Town Hall.	Carnmoney District	Antrim	June 2	Co. Antrim Grand Lodge Parade, Ballymena.		Antrim
Mar. 23	Orange Ball.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 2	Parade & Rally.	Tobermore District	Londonderry
Mar. 25	Evangelistic Meeting (5), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	W.L.O.L. 105 Carnmoney District	Armagh	June 2	Gala.	Hillsborough District	Down
Mar. 26	History Lecture.			June 2	Orange Festival.	Castlewellan District	Down
Mar. 26	Scottish Evening.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 3	Tercentenary Service.	Newtownbutler District	Fermanagh
Mar. 28	Evangelistic Meeting (6), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	L.O.L. 269, Limavady District	Londonderry	June 3	Tercentenary Service.	Bessbrook District	Armagh
Mar. 30	Festival of Music - Ulster Hall.	Carnmoney District	Antrim	June 4	Orange Festival Week, Kells & Connor, Ballymena District.		
Mar. 30	Gospel Concert with Rev. William McCrea, M.P., in Kilkeel Town Hall.	G.O.L.I. Ballyvea L.O.L., Mourne District	Down	June 6	Banner Unfurling.	Macosquin District	Londonderry
Mar. 31	Festival of Music - Ulster Hall.	G.O.L.I. Cloughmills District	Antrim	June 7	Scavenger Hunt.	L.O.L. 1517, Kilrea District	Londonderry
Mar. 31	Orange Ball.	G.O.L.I.		June 8	Treasure Hunt.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Mar. 31	Festival of Music - Ulster Hall.			June 8	Band Parade, Broughshane.	Braid District	Antrim
Apr. 2-27	Exhibition, Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall, Londonderry.			June 9	Pageant & Landing of King William III.	Carrickfergus District	Antrim
Apr. 4	Historical Lecture.	L.O.L. 1517, Kilrea District	Londonderry	June 9	Seven-A-Side Football.	Omagh District	Tyrone
Apr. 6	Orange Ball.	L.O.L. 2033, Limavady District	Londonderry	June 9	Rally & Opening of New Field.	Magherafelt District	Londonderry
Apr. 8	Tercentenary Service - Cromkill.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 9	Band Parade, Carnlough.	Braid District	Antrim
Apr. 16	Gala Evening/Fireworks Display.	Larne District	Fermanagh	June 10	Church Service.	L.O.L. 930, Coleraine District	Londonderry
Apr. 20	Re-Opening Killadees Orange Hall, Co. Fermanagh.			June 10-16	Orange Festival, Church Service, Sports Events, Fancy Dress Parade, Band Concerts, Kilrea District, Londonderry.		
Apr. 22	Church Service.	L.O.L. 141, Coleraine District	Londonderry	June 13	Banner Unfurling. Lower Iveagh.	Waringsford L.O.L., District 1	Down
Apr. 25	Historical Lecture.	Newtownards District	Down	June 13	Clay Pigeon Shoot.	L.O.L. 532, Braid District	Antrim
Apr. 26	Bowling Tournament.	Ballinderry District	Antrim	June 13	Tug-O-War Competition.	Braid District	Antrim
Apr. 27	County Grand Banquet, Bessbrook Town Hall.		Armagh	June 14	Pageant of Arrival of William in Belfast.		Belfast
Apr. 28	Clay Pigeon Shoot.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 15	Banner Unfurling.	L.O.L. 531, Ahoghill District	Antrim
Apr. 28	Historical Bus Trip to Williamite Sites.	Newtownards District	Down	June 16	Demonstration & Band Parade.		City of Londonderry
Apr. 29	Tercentenary Service.	Tobermore District	Londonderry	June 16	Sports Day.	L.O.L. 644 and 645, Limavady District	Londonderry
May 4	Orange Ball.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 16	Vintage Car Cavalcade.	Kilrea District	Londonderry
May 4	Treasure Hunt.	Markethill R.B.D.C.	Armagh	June 16	Lecturers' Conference.	G.O.L.I.	
May 5	Band Parade, Broughshane.	Braid District	Fermanagh	June 16	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	L.O.L. 532, Braid District	Antrim
May 6	Open Air Service.	Lisbellaw District	Fermanagh	June 16	Garden Fete/Sports Day.	Cloughmills District	Antrim
May 7	Band Parade.	L.O.L. 22, Randalstown District	Antrim	June 17	Open Air Service	Ballinderry District	Antrim
May 7	Accordian Band Competition.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 17	Tercentenary Service.	Antrim District	Antrim
May 7	Sports Day & Band Parade.	Cumber Claudy District	City of Londonderry	June 17	Tercentenary Service.	Sixmilewater District	Antrim
May 7	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 148.	Ballinderry District	Antrim	June 17	Tercentenary Service.	L.O.L. 249 and 291, Larne District	Antrim
May 11	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 1025.	Cloughmills District	Antrim	June 18-23	Scarva Orange Festival - Sports Events, Band Concerts, Williamite Period Banquet, Exhibition.		
May 12	Gala - Killyglen Orange Hall.	L.O.L. 692 and L.O.L. 197	Antrim	June 18-23	Antrim Orange Festival - Sports Events, Fancy Dress, Band Parade, Exhibition. (Organised by various local Lodges).		
May 12	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	Cullybackey District	Antrim	June 18-23	Ahoghill District Orange Festival - Sports Events, Concert, Village Fair, Treasure Hunt.		
May 12	Band Parade, Broughshane.	Braid District	Antrim	June 19	Pageant of the Arrival of the Williamite Army in Scarva.		Armagh
May 16	Presentation of New Drums to Eden Accordian Band.	Eden L.O.L. 2028	Londonderry	June 20	Treasure Hunt.	Tamlaght O'Crilly District	Londonderry
May 16	Band Parade, Ahoghill.			20th June	Banner Unfurling L.O.L. No. 70	Drumnaferry No. 8 District	Down
May 18	Barn Dance.	L.O.L. 344, Ahoghill District	Antrim	June 21	Bannerette Unfurling.	Braid District	Antrim
May 18	Treasure Hunt.	L.O.L. 161, Kilrea District	Londonderry	June 22	Banner Unfurling - Tullygarley L.O.L. 473.	Ballymena District	Antrim
May 18	Treasure Hunt & Bar-B-Que.	L.O.L. 175, Kilrea District	Londonderry	June 23	Mountnorris Orange Hall - Centenary Celebrations.		Armagh
May 18	Banner Unfurling.	L.O.L. 1184, Braid District	Antrim	June 22	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 853, Drumquin.	Killen District	Tyrone
May 19	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	L.O.L. 314, Glenavy District	Antrim	June 22	Sports Evening & Bar-B-Que.	L.O.L. 984, Limavady District	Londonderry
May 19	Mini Twelfth Parade.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 23-30	Orange Festival Week, Newtownards District, Events include Exhibition, Vintage Car Rally, Fun Run, Gospel Concert, Band Parade.		
May 20	Churcher Service - L.O.L. 148.	Portadown District	Armagh	June 23	Sports Day & Band Parade, Mosside.	Ballycastle District	Antrim
May 21	Five-A-Side Football, Ballymena District.	Ballinderry District	Antrim			L.O.L. 23	
May 23	Historical Lecture.	Newtownards District	Down				
May 25	Bar-B-Que.	Ballymena District	Antrim				
May 25	Band Parade, Broughshane.	Braid District	Antrim				
May 25	Treasure Hunt.	Staffordstown District	Antrim				
May 25	Sports Evening.	Randalstown District	Antrim				
May 26	Demonstration & Re-Enactment of The Battle of The Boyne, Cookstown.		Tyrone				
May 26	Sports & Festival.	Magheragall District	Antrim				

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June 23	Sports Day & Pageant, Kilkeel.	Mourne District	Down
June 23	Gala & Pageant, Antrim.	L.O.L. No. 6	
June 23	Sports Day, Dunmurry.	Organised by various local Lodges.	
June 23	Parade.	Derriaghy District	Antrim
June 23	Sports Day/Fancy Dress Parade.	L.O.L. 11	
June 23	Parade & Sports Day.	Loughbrickland District	Down
June 23	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	Money more District	Londonderry
June 24	Church Service, Scarva.	Glenavy District	Antrim
June 24	Church Service, Dromara.	Portglengone District	Antrim
June 24	Church Service, Donacloney.	L.O.L. 116,	Antrim
June 25	Mini Twelfth & Arch Opening, Ballyclare.	No. 4 District	
June 25	Festival of Flowers Exhibition, Lower Iveagh West.	L.O.L. 247,	Down
June 25	Orange Festival, including Band Parade, Fancy Dress, Sports Events, Lambeg Drums.	No. 1 District	
June 25	Bushmills District No. 21.	District	Down
June 25	Orange Festival, events include Fun Run, Gospel Concert, Sports Events, Garden Fete, Fireworks Display, Orange Ball. District No. 1, Co. Down.	L.O.L. No. 8	
June 25	Orange Festival, events include Sports Events, Lambeg Drums. Armagh District No. 5.	Sixmilewater District	Antrim
June 25	Orange Festival, Ballylurgan, & Ferniskey, (Ballymena District).	District No. 8	Down
June 25	Lambeg Drumming Competition.		
June 26	Treasure Hunt & Bar-B-Que.	Kingshill L.O.L. 319,	Down
June 27	Banner Unfurling – L.O.L. 237.	District No. 8,	
June 28	Cultural Evening.	Lower Iveagh West	
June 28	Sports Night.	L.O.L. 83,	Down
June 29-July 7	Orange Festival, Rathfriland District, events include Fireworks, Band Parade, Sports Events, Fancy Dress.	District No. 8,	
June 29	Parade and Pageant commemorating The Break of Killyleagh.	Lower Iveagh West	Down
June 29	Mini Twelfth.	Richhill District	Armagh
June 29	Mini Twelfth Parade – Killen.	L.O.L. 75,	Down
June 29	Fife & Lambeg Drums.	District No. 8,	
June 29	Unfurling New Banner & Dedication of New Band Uniform – L.O.L. 2036.	Lower Iveagh West	
June 29	Orange Ball.	Limavady District	Londonderry
June 30	Sham Fight, Galgorm.		
June 30	Pageant & Sports Day.	Larne District	Antrim
		Ballymena District	Antrim
		Richhill District	Armagh

June 30	Garden Fete/Bands/Fireworks Display.	Newtownbutler District	Fermanagh
June 30	Banner Unfurling.	L.O.L. 358,	Londonderry
June 30	Arch Opening – Kesh.	Garvagh District	Fermanagh
June 30	Mini Twelfth Parade, Raphoe.	Pettigo District	City of Londonderry
June 30	Gala – Moira.	District No. 3	Down
June 30	Band Parade – L.O.L. 254.	District No. 8,	Londonderry
June 30	Banner Unfurling – L.O.L. 122.	Lower Iveagh West	Armagh
June 30	Sports Day & Bar-B-Que.	Limavady District	Antrim
June 30	Orange Gala.	Tandragee District	Antrim
June 30	Orange Gala.	Ballinderry District	Antrim
June 30	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	Bushmills District	Antrim
June 30	Divine Service in each District.	Portglengone District	Antrim
July 1	Brownlow Orange Festival, Lurgan District.	Staffordstown District	
July 2	Co. Armagh. Events include Orange Ball, Exhibition, Sports Events.		
July 2	Somme Anniversary Parades – Various Districts.		
July 2	Band Parade.	Ballyronan District	Londonderry
July 4	Orange Fete and Parade, Broughshane.	L.O.L. 489 and 503,	Antrim
July 4	Re-Opening, Magherally Orange Hall.	Braid District	
July 6-11	Gosford Orange Festival, Markethill, events include Band Parade, Mini Twelfth, Sports Events, Orange Exhibition.	Banbridge District	Down
July 6	Banner Unfurling – Derrykeighan		
July 6	Bar-B-Que.	Ballycastle District	Antrim
July 7	Rosstown Demonstration, Co. Donegal.		
July 7	Its A Knockout Competition, Dungannon.	Newtownards District	Down
July 8	Services in various Districts.		Donegal
July 9	Pageant and Fireworks Display, Lisburn.		Tyrone
July 9	Mini Twelfth Parade.	G.O.L.I.	
July 11	Eleventh Night Bonfires etc.	Ballymena District	Antrim
July 12	Twelfth Demonstrations.		
July 13	Scarva R.B.P. Parade & Sham Fight.		
July 14	Religious Service – Boyne Site.		
July 28	Sports & Carnival Day.	Larne District	Antrim
July 28	Clay Pigeon Shoot.	Portglengone District	Antrim
Aug. 13	Darts Competition.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Aug. 18	Fun Run.	Portglengone District	Antrim
Aug. 31 – Sep. 2	Banner and Floral Display and Service of Thanksgiving.	Lurgan District	Armagh
Sep. 5-9	Lecturers Trip to London.		
Sep. 9	Tercentenary Service – Irvinestown.		Fermanagh
Sep. 9	Church Service.	Ballyronan District	Londonderry
Sep. 11	History Lecture.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Sep. 13	Musical Evening – Galgorm.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Sep. 19	Historical Lecture.	Newtownards District	Down
Sep. 23			
Sep. 21	Orange Ball, Bessbrook Orange Hall.		Armagh
Sep. 23	Reformation Rally, Aghadowey.	L.O.L. 959,	
Sep. 29	Grand Lodge Parade – Belfast.	Bessbrook	
Sep. 30	Tercentenary Service.	Garvagh District	Londonderry
Oct. 5	Harvest Dinner Dance, Divernagh	G.O.L.I.	
Oct. 11	L.O.L. 77, Bessbrook.	Portadown District	Armagh
Oct. 16	Musical Evening – Galgorm.		
Oct. 17	Reception for Holders of 50 Years Service Medal. (County Armagh).	Ballymena District	Antrim
Oct. 30	Historical Lecture.		Armagh
Nov. 4	Fashion Show.	Newtownards District	Down
Nov. 9	Church Services – Various Districts.	Markethill W.L.O.L.	Armagh
Nov. 15	Tercentenary Dinner – Bessbrook Town Hall.		
Nov. 19-21	Bessbrook District	Armagh	
Nov. 21	L.O.L. No. 11		
Dec. 31	Musical Evening – Galgorm.	Ballymena District	Antrim
	Tercentenary Exhibition,	Co. Armagh	Armagh
	Craigavon Civic Centre.	Grand Lodge	
	Historical Lecture.	Newtownards District	Down
	Burial of Time Capsule.	District No. 1	Down

Please contact your local District L.O.L. for further information, and a complete list of events in your area.

Aughnahoor L.O.L. Dinner

At the annual dinner of Aughnahoor L.O.L. 343b in Kilkeel Orange Hall, long-serving members Bro. Eric Hanna (second right) received a 50-year certificate from Bro. Isaac Hanna, W.M. Also included is Bro. Kenneth Parke, D.M. (left) and Bro. Roland McMath, P.M.



Aughnahoor Lodge officers and guests who attended the dinner in Kilkeel.

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Extension and renovation at Magherally

Members of Magherally L.O.L. No. 58 in Banbridge have been hard at work on the new extension and renovation of their Orange Hall.

Much of the work has been done on a voluntary basis to cut down costs and a new roof has been erected.

The foundations for the extension were installed in July, 1988 and Wednesday, July 4, 1990 has been arranged for the opening.

The existing Hall was built in 1903 and was officially opened on Boxing Day of the same year. Over the years various work and repairs were carried out.

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BOOK REVIEW

"Londonderry Revisited"—

an analysis which sets the record straight

It has often been said, perhaps not without good reason, that the Ulster Unionists and loyalists have been beaten hands down in the propaganda war, and that most of the literature produced since the start of the Troubles in 1969 has tended to favour the nationalist and republican cause.

That has been the case on many occasions, and it is widely admitted that the Roman Catholic or minority cause in Northern Ireland has generally had a "good Press," while the Protestants and Unionists have generally been portrayed as the villains of the peace.

Well, in recent years the balance has been redressed to some extent, with an increasing number of books and publications giving a fairer presentation of the facts, and showing that far from being the downtrodden minority which has been glibly accepted in the United States, Europe, and even on the UK mainland, the nationalist section of the population has been far from blameless in the Ulster conflict. The most recent book on the Ulster situation, "Londonderry Revisited" deserves a wide readership.

The author, Paul Kingsley, an Englishman, has analysed the situation here since the formation of the Civil Rights Movement, and he puts his finger right where the blame belongs.

Kingsley covers most phases of the struggle in the province and he has produced statistics which demolish the shibboleths and myths surrounding the nationalist case that the R.C. minority laboured under severe discrimination in the days before 1969 under a Unionist-controlled government at Stormont.

LONDONDERRY

A lot of his research involves Londonderry, where the Civil Rights movement was born, and he carefully analyses the case made that Roman Catholics were particularly hard done by as far as housing was concerned.

In fact, as the figures prove, the Unionist Corporation in Londonderry built propor-

tionately more houses for Roman Catholics than for Protestants.

The Unionist Government also offered more favourable inducements to industrialists to set up factories in Londonderry than in any other part of the province.

Kingsley also produces impressive evidence to show how the Civil Rights organisation was infiltrated from the start by the IRA, and then manipulated by the republicans to foment rebellion within Londonderry and Northern Ireland.

So successful were the nationalists, and so ineffective were Unionists at exposing the propaganda at the time, that the Roman Catholic case was the one generally accepted throughout the world.

Indeed, although Civil Rights steadily developed into open rebellion on the streets of Londonderry, with petrol bomb attacks on the hard-pressed RUC, the general picture presented by large

sections of the national and international press and television was of brave Bogsideers struggling for their basic civic rights against oppressive Unionist masters and overlords.

This was of course completely contrary to what was happening in Londonderry, but by the time violence exploded into near civil war in Londonderry and Belfast in August 1969, the British Government had generally accepted the civil rights' line.

The British Army was sent in strength to Belfast and Londonderry in 1969 not to restore order and ensure that the lawfully elected Government of Northern Ireland could rule in all areas. Instead, it came as a force to stand between two seemingly warring factions, with the "baddies" being the Protestant majority, intent on driving the Roman Catholics from their homes in a planned "pogrom".

This line, as Kingsley shows, had disastrous consequences, and sowed the seeds for a lot of the trouble which followed. It allowed infamous No-Go areas to be established in the Bogside and West Belfast, behind which the IRA organised itself for revolution. It undermined the authority of the Government, and the rule of law, and dismayed the law-abiding majority.

For years the world media swallowed the line that the Ulster conflict was basically a struggle between the downtrodden Roman Catholic minority and the tyrannical Unionist Government, which was supported by a brutal armed militia, the 'B' Specials.

This nonsense persisted for long after the Provisional IRA campaign began in earnest in 1971, and it was not only a sizeable number of soldiers, and many Ulster civilians had lost their lives that sections of the media began to catch on to the fact that there was a great deal more than that involved in the struggle for Northern Ireland.

The closing chapters of a fascinating book deals with the "Politics of Security" and "The Way Forward", and Mr. Kingsley argues very convincingly that it is time for H.H. Government to implement the sort of realistic security measures needed to defeat the Provisional IRA, and not just contain it as had been the policy.

He points to successful post-war British campaigns against insurgents, including Malaya, where Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer of Royal Irish Fusiliers and County Armagh fame directed operations, to Kenya and the most recent example the Falklands War, and demolishes the arguments that there are special difficulties in dealing with the IRA.

He writes: "Wrongheaded English policies towards Ulster are not the result of a mistake by a handful of

Londonderry Revisited

A Loyalist Analysis of the Civil Rights Controversy



Paul Kingsley

politicians. They are a reflection of a basic approach to politics which sometimes works on the British mainland, but will never work in Northern Ireland."

He declares that the key to ending the suffering of Ulster "is to give power to Ulstermen."

There are two reasons for this, he argues. "Firstly English politicians are much less likely than their Ulster

counterparts to carry out the required policies. Few have an understanding of Northern Ireland realities. A Scotsman might do, but few of the good ones get to be government ministers. Secondly, even if we had the ideal Englishmen or women in office, Republicans would know that weak ministers are like London buses. There may not be one here at the moment, but there will be one along in a minute. There is a credibility problem, republicans don't believe English politicians have the resolve to deny them their objectives. They would only take notice of a loyalist administration."

Mr. Kingsley declares that the twin goals are to restore democracy and powers over security to Northern Ireland.

There is much, much more in this book which deserves a place on every loyalist's bookshelf, and is excellent value for £5.95.

"Londonderry Revisited" by Paul Kingsley is published by Belfast Publications of 153, Albertbridge Road, Belfast, and is available at most booksellers in Northern Ireland. BC



The Orangemen of Comber

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Landing of William Pageant

Plans are well underway to celebrate on June 9 next (DV), the 300th anniversary of the landing of William III, Prince of Orange Nassau, at Carrickfergus Harbour.

It is hoped that this will be one of the most colourful and memorable events of the Tercentenary celebrations and hopes are high in Carrickfergus District that there will be a large attendance of sisters and brethren from throughout the Orange Institution.

More than £3,000 has been spent since 1986 on new costumes, wigs etc., to add as much colour and realism to the historical characters who take part in the event.

All the participants take pride in acting out their roles, especially Bro. Brian Blair, who does a fine portrayal of Prince of Orange.

These brethren have even performed the re-enactment on stage at the Ulster Hall in Belfast.

The Scarva brethren, who enact the yearly Sham fight on July 13, also take part in the pageant, and their expertise and enthusiasm adds to the event and has formed a bond between these two events

which commemorate important chapters in the history of Orangeism.

Although given a special place in the Tercentenary calendar, the Carrickfergus pageant has been held now for the last eight years. It was first held in 1946, continuing up until 1952.

The costumes once again appeared on June 14, 1969, when the event was held and the hope expressed that it would become an annual event again.

This hope was not realised until 1982 when an effort was made to once again begin to celebrate the Landing and since then the pageant has been expanded and improved and is now an event which the Orange Institution and the town of Carrickfergus are justly proud.

The original idea behind the early pageants was to raise money for the building fund for the new Orange Hall on the Albert Road in Carrickfergus, which was opened on April 18, 1938 by Senator Major A. F. Dobbs, D.L. in the presence of the then Deputy Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Sir Joseph McConnell, Bart., DL, MP.

The first pageant was held on Friday evening June 14, 1946

and proved to be a success. This is illustrated by a report of the evening which headlined: "THE FIRST PAGEANT — AMAZING RESPONSE."

A further six pageants followed, with souvenir brochures being produced, before the event finally fell through in 1952.

The organisation of these early pageants was by no means easy, given the fact that at that time Carrickfergus had narrow streets where the parades had to assemble. On one occasion the town just became so jammed up with brethren and spectators that nothing moved and the event was a fiasco. This was probably the major factor which killed off these early pageants.

Now in Carrickfergus there are wide modern roads and large car parks which means that the various parades can form up and move off with no fear of overcrowding. The memory of the earlier pageant when nothing moved and crowds of people saw little of Carrickfergus and certainly did not see the landing at the Harbour, is still fresh in the minds of lots of brethren, especially from Belfast.

A full schedule of the day's events for June 9, 1990 will soon be available and published.



Flashback: The Williamite army arrives in Carrickfergus with the Prince of Orange in June 1690.

The Pageant Background

The Carrickfergus pageant is held on a Saturday near or on the June 14 each year, but the event is governed by the time of the high tide in Carrickfergus Harbour. This year June 9 is the most suitable (June 16 was not suitable).

From 6 a.m. members of Carrickfergus lodges rope off the harbour car parks and place crowd control barriers, supplied by the R.U.C., in place. The public address system is checked and all uniforms and costumes are placed ready for use in a room in the Castle, the use of which is always kindly granted by the Department of the Environment (Historic Monuments Branch).

A rehearsal of the Landing, for the benefit of participants is always held on the Friday evening before the event with a further run over, if necessary, on the morning of the pageant.

The event is run under the direct control of Carrickfergus District LOL No. 19 (Pageant Committee), which elects its own officers, but which reports back bi-monthly to a full meeting of the District lodge.

The Committee members along with District officers co-ordinate the events on the day and liaise with the RUC, UDR and Carrickfergus Borough Council workmen.

As the time for the landing approaches and the parades make their way into the town heading for the harbour, the King makes his way to the Barge in preparation to land.

In the Castle the Chief Magistrate (Bro. R. Nelson, LOL 968, Whitehead); Town Sheriffs, (Bro. R. Welsh and Bro. D. Black, Sen., of Kilroot LOL 1544) and Dean Ward (Bro. Rev. J. W. Beggs, Dist. Chaplain, LOL 1562, Mile-bush) prepare to meet the King.

The Captain of the Guard, (Bro. F. E. McKnight, LOL 1544, Kilroot) assembles the officers and soldiers of the Royal Guard (made up of brethren from Carrickfergus, Scarva and other districts) and accompanies the royal welcoming party to the landing pier.

These are the only brethren allowed down the actual pier to meet the King.

A 21-gun Salute is fired from the castle and during all these events a running commentary is given by Bros. W. A. F. Agnew and S. A. Boyd, the Pageant press officer.

The King lands and is greeted by the Chief Magistrate, who offers the keys of the town. The King politely returns them to the safe keeping of the Magistrate.

A thanksgiving prayer is offered by the Dean for the safe arrival of the King, who inspects the assembled guard

of honour and then the entire entourage makes its way to the Harbour car parks.

On the way the King is greeted by a Quaker, who takes off his hat and leaves it on the ground. The King invites him to join his group and accompanies them to the waiting landau and horses.

At this stage of the proceedings King William greets many members of the public and brethren as possible, and then mounts the white horse, presented to him by the Captain of the Guard.

The King leads a procession around the town and this year the procession will make its way to the field at Woodburn, enable brethren to avail themselves of refreshments etc.

The procession will leave the field in late afternoon and brethren will proceed to their various dispersal points where buses will be waiting.

Sisters and brethren are asked to give generously to the collectors on the day as it takes more than £1,000 to stage the event. This covers things such as insurance, hire of horse, hire of landau, medical care etc.

Carrickfergus District LOL No. 19 (Pageant Committee) intend to make this 300th anniversary Pageant a highly memorable event in the annals of Orangeism and a very cordial welcome is extended to brethren from all parts of Northern Ireland.

On Thursday evening June 14, 1990 a Special Division Service will be held in St Nicholas' Parish Church, Carrickfergus to mark the actual date of the King's landing. The service will be held in the evening, with the parade forming at King William III Memorial Orange Hall, Albert Road, Carrickfergus at 6.30 p.m. All visiting brethren will be made welcome.

MUSIC FOR THREE HUNDRED YEARS

One hundred years ago our forefathers celebrated the Bicentenary of the Battle of the Boyne with a grand festival in the Ulster Hall, Belfast.

The festival was the main event organised by the brethren of the private lodges and districts of Belfast, and comprised mainly of a bazaar during the day and at night a concert of Orange music.

Another 100 years have gone by and it is now our task to celebrate the Tercentenary of the Battle of the Boyne.

In keeping with the past it only seems fitting that, not only do we still have a rightful cause to celebrate the Battle

of the Boyne, but we will be returning to the Ulster Hall to celebrate, yet again, in music and song, the civil and religious liberty won for us, by King William and his Army on the Banks of the Boyne in July 1690.

Just as in the celebrations of 100 years ago, brethren will celebrate with a mixture of songs and music both old and new.

Coming from Portadown, just a few miles from Dan Winters cottage, the birthplace of Orangeism as we know it today, will be Corcrain Flute Band, past World Flute champions.

Other bands taking part will be the Murley Silver

Band, from Fivemiletown; Glenageeragh Pipe Band, from Co. Tyrone; Staffords-town Accordion Band, from Co. Antrim; Moneygore Pipe Band, from Rathfriland in the heart of Co. Down. And from the City of Belfast the band that has led the Belfast 12th of July parades for a number of years now — the Millar Memorial Flute Band.

The evening will also have a sing song, to reflect the importance of the Orange music in our culture. The Queen's Island Victoria Male Voice Choir will take a prominent part in the Festival of Music and Song.

Coming from Aghalee District, on the banks of the Lagan will be Bakerloo

Junction, who will entertain with a selection of ballads old and new.

Wor. Bro. Derek Hussey, from Castlederg on the border with Donegal will also be singing, as will Sister Ann Smyth. Also appearing will be comedian Bro. Jackie Geddis; comedienne Marjorie Rea; Gospel group. The Sword of Gideon, on the majestic Muholland Organ Edgar Pierpoint.

HELD OVER

Because of undue pressure on space this month a number of reports and pictures have had to be held over.

Recognition for Annaghmore trio

Annaghmore LOL No. 53A (Loughgall District) in Co. Armagh have presented 50 year medals to three brethren — Bros. Harry Frizzell, Mosie Wylie, and Frank Brownlee.

The photograph shows the Worshipful Master, Bro. Cyril Forde and Deputy Master, Bro. Mervyn Frizzell presenting the medals to Bros. Harry Frizzell and Mosie Wylie. Bro. Frank Brownlee (inset) was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.



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