

"EIRE HAS NOTHING TO OFFER US"

Northern Ireland's position should any British Government vote loyalists out of the United Kingdom was dealt with by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A., in his address at the Orange demonstration at Edenderry, Belfast on the Twelfth.

M.W. Bro. Smyth told the audience that "When we state that we will not have a united Ireland we are not acknowledging that such an entity ever existed outwith the United Kingdom. In fact, we deprecate the fact that the Republic of Ireland under the coercion of Sinn Fein ceded from the Kingdom.

Evil Machinations

"We have no desire to follow. Should any future British Government — as suggested by a Labour spokesman to the Sinn Fein wing of that Party, the Labour Committee for Ireland — ever vote us out of the Kingdom we would not seek membership of the Republic of Ireland. The evil machinations of the I.R.A. and the malevolent escapades of successive Republican governments have already decided that issue for us.

"They have nothing to offer us but promises which could not be implemented in an Ireland economically bankrupt and intellectually enslaved".

At long last, said the Grand

Master, the Western world is coming alive to the deadly menace of terrorism. "We hope that the nations will combine to defeat it. And that includes the I.R.A., partners with other international terrorists — Arab, German, Libyan, and P.L.F. May wiser counsels prevail and saner judgement ensue amongst Irish-Americans, people and politicians, who apparently can discriminate selectively in support of I.R.A."

There would also appear, he went on, to be a myopic approach to employment issues.



Most W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., Grand Master, addressing the Brethren at Edenderry.

Slogans are bandied on alleged job discrimination without objectively assessing realities and firms which despite a 70% Protestant population persist in a 1 for 1 employment pattern are blithely ignored. Positive discrimination against the majority population, he commented.

When sociologists and F.E.A indict the Government, now unhappily no longer Unionist, perhaps greater candour and honesty would lay some of the blame where it really belongs. A separate school system with an unbalanced curriculum and unplanned families reap a harvest for which it is unjust to blame either Protestants or British politicians, he declared.

"Through the centuries we have evidenced various attempts to placate a recalcitrant minority. Even today we know the turmoil caused by decisions to reroute or ban loyalist par-

— Grand Master

ades. It is not my task to apologise for mere coat trailing or deliberate provocation.

Security Forces Losses

"Nevertheless I am sometimes reminded, when I hear the accusations hurled at Orangemen, of the story of the woman who accused her neighbour of indecent exposure. She alleged that she could see her from her window in his bedroom; but to do so she had to

stand on her table to see the sight. It is amazing how some people travel far to be provoked! Furthermore I believe history should have already taught us: "If once you pay the Danegeld, you never get rid of the Dane".

"As we pay tribute to the Security Forces and sympathise with them in their losses, Loyalists should not get involved in conflict with the Crown Forces. And politicians should not open up a second front on them.

"What this country needs is a security policy which obviously denies terrorists freedom to terrorise and a political structure which clearly says, you cannot win. To give credibility to terrorists by granting them political respectability inevitably undermines democracy.

"As an Institution we will support every effort to deny terrorists such a victory and we look for a government which does not snatch defeat from a glorious victory. It will be such a victory, despite maudlin sentiment to the contrary, which will really lead to peace and ensuing prosperity for Ulster".

Monday Club Supports P.M.'s "OUT" Reply

"Irish Unity, whether by consent or otherwise, should no longer be an item on any Agenda for talks with representatives of the Government of the Irish Republic", recommends The Monday Club in a Policy Paper on Northern Ireland, entitled "Out!, Out!, Out!".

The policy paper supports the Prime Minister's instinctive response, following the Anglo-Irish Summit on 19th November 1984, of: "I have made it quite clear, and so did Mr. Prior, when he was Secretary of State, that a unified Ireland was one thing that was out. A second solution was a confederation system: that was out. A third solution was joint authority: that is out".

Kilclean Orange Service

Kilclean Orange Hall within half a mile on the Tyrone side of the Donegal border was filled to capacity for Kilclean L.O.L. No. 773 anniversary service.

Rev. David Fletcher, the lodge chaplain, conducted the service and after extending a warm welcome to the brethren and friends, a moments silence was observed in remembrance of local Greenfinch U.D.R. Corporal Heather Kerrigan and Sir Knight and Bro. Norman McKinley, Castleberg R.B.P. 556, a U.D.R. soldier.

Both had paid the supreme sacrifice exactly one year ago to the very day when they were murdered by an I.R.A. 200 lb. landmine close to the Donegal border.

W. Bro. S. Speer, W.M. of Killen, L.O.L. 1272 and W. Bro. Robert J. Montgomery, Secretary of Killen District Lodge L.O.L. No. 12, received the collection in aid of L.E.M.O.O.S.

Kilclean Pipe Band led the parade to and from the hall.

W. Bro. Thomas McKane, W.M. of Kilclean Lodge proposed a vote of thanks at the conclusion of the service.



Elegance and style for the head of the parade by Stoneyford Branch of the Apprentice Boys in Londonderry on August 10.

Markethill R.A.P.C. Installation

The installation of officers of Markethill District Royal Arch Purple Chapter No 10, Co. Armagh, took place in Tullyhappy Orange Hall.

The installing officers were Bro. Henry Emerson and Bro. Bertie Singleton of Killycople R.A.P.C. No. 345, Armagh District.

Those installed for 1985 were: W.D.M. - Glenn Cochran; D.D.M. - David Alexander; Dist. Chaplain - Lewis

Singleton; District Registrar - David McCullough; Dist. Treasurer - Bro. Kenneth Rainey; Dist. Lecturers - Roger Gardiner and Samuel Compston.

The meeting finalised arrangements for the first annual District R.A.P.C. service to be held on Sunday, 19th May, 1985.

Tea was provided by the members of Tullyhappy R.A.P.C. No. 59.

Sandy Row's £500 Gift to Bessbrook

Sandy Row District LOL No. 5 has donated £500 to the Bessbrook Town Hall (Institute) Restoration Fund.

The donation was made to Bessbrook District LOL No. 11 members when they joined the Sandy Row brethren at their anniversary service in the Grosvenor Hall on Sunday, July 7.

A close relationship exists between Sandy Row and Bessbrook Districts, and apprec-

iation of the generosity of the Belfast lodges was expressed by the Bessbrook District officers.

Close on £7,500 has been donated by 450 lodges throughout Northern Ireland for the Bessbrook Town Hall Restoration Fund. The total cost of the scheme is £60,000, and it is intended to restore the 100-year building to its former state through an ambitious refurbishing programme.

50 Years — Happy Memories of His Orangeism

At the regular meeting of Comber True Blues L.O.L. 1035 in Comber Orange Hall on Thursday, April 25th, 1985, the chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. William Frame, Deputy Grand Chaplain of Ireland, at the request of the W.M. Bro. Councillor Stanley McCoy, presented a 50 year service medal to W. Bro. Gordon Brown, the Lodge Secretary.

Over a cup of tea after the meeting, W. Bro. Brown, in a reminiscent mood, told of how, in his youth, times were a lot different from today. In the "thirties" work and money were not plentiful, Comber had no piped water supply, electricity had recently been brought to the town, but the country around had not got it.

By modern standards, things were somewhat primitive, but the railway still ran in those days, and although motor cars in the locality could be said to be few, yet the railway on occasion could take one to far-off places like Donaghadee or Newcastle, as a change from a cycle trip to other points closer at hand. If you possessed a bicycle, you were a "king of the road" and could attend dances and social functions for miles around.

As a boy, he recalled he had for several years held the banner strings for the "Blues" Lodge on the 12th July. His two grandfathers had been Lodge members, as had his father, uncles and relatives. On these occasions he had formed a firm friendship with a younger string-bearer named Bill Frame, whose father and brother were also members. Little did either of them foresee that tonight Bill would be pinning a 50 year medal on his collar.

As a young Orangeman, it cost in those days 5 shillings (25p.) to join the Lodge, dues were 6 pence (2½p.) per month later rising to one shilling (5p.). He purchased his first collar-ette for seven shillings and sixpence (37½p.) but bearing in mind that a young lad in those days was fortunate if he earned that amount for a week's work, (no forty hour weeks in those days) it was a considerable sum.

In the Lodge, having passed through the chair, he had in time been elected as secretary, and with the exception of two years, 1969-1970, had held the office since then. He had, in due course, been elected to serve on the Committee of the County Grand Lodge of Down,

and later on the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. These offices, he believed, had come his way, due to the keen interest he had always taken in Lecturing affairs, not only in the Orange, but also in the associated Orders.

He found great encouragement and inspiration in meeting the brethren from other Districts and Counties in this context, and advised the younger brethren to explore this avenue of activity. It would bring its own spiritual rewards.

His only regret was that physical limitation, (due mainly as a result of an accident) and financial limitations prevented him from travelling further afield and widening his fraternal contacts.

Although endeavouring to serve the Orange cause in many capacities, and at many levels, the one thing he prized above all others was the fraternal confidence of his brethren in Lodge 1035. This was the highest accolade that he could receive, and his other activities were motivated by many happy years of association with "The Blues" which was without doubt "the best little Lodge in Ireland".



Wor. Bro. Rev. William Frame, Deputy Grand Chaplain of Ireland presents Wor. Bro. Gordon Brown with his Fifty-year Service Medal. Also in the picture Bro. Councillor Stanley McCoy, W.M. of Comber True blues L.O.L. 1035, along with other Lodge officers

R.U.C. Pitched Into Campaign Against Loyalists — Grand Master

A claim that the RUC was being pitched into a campaign against loyalists was made at the Imperial Orange Council of the World meeting in Belfast.

The Rev. Martin Smyth, Grand Master of the Orange Order, said that for several years the authorities in the Republic and others had been bringing pressure to bear in a bid to stop Orange parades.

M.W. Bro. Smyth, the Official Unionist MP for South Belfast, said that because of the terrain the Tunnel area of Portadown was one of the simplest locations where this aim could be achieved.

He stated that because of the police presence at Obins Street on the previous Friday it would have been impossible for the Orange parade to have gone through, unless through a display of force which would have resulted in violence.

Unfortunately, he pointed out, it seemed that the Secretary of State deliberately decided to use the occasion to show the world that the RUC was even-handed.

This might have been because over the years Ulster Loyalists had shown themselves to have been "remarkably disciplined."

Bro. Smyth added: If one were prepared to be absolutely cynical, one might even see it as a ploy of the Government to have Southern judges and gardai move into Northern Ire-

land to give the Republic a say in what is going on in our land".

The end result of the re-routing episode was bitterness not known in the Province for several years, and "no trust whatever" in the security forces, because they were being used deliberately to undermine the will of Loyalists.

He expressed regret that some people had "let themselves down". He said that people who had seen their friends murdered and nobody brought to trial felt frustrated.

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W. Bro. William Buick, P.M., Christian Crusaders L.O.L. 1339, being presented with his 50-year medal by the P.D.M., No. 3 W. Bro. Vincent Shortt. Looking on is the W.M. of 1339 W. Bro. Tom McAlister. W. Bro. Buick joined the Order in 1935. After serving in the Army he worked as an industrial first aid officer for the Corporation Transport at their Falls Road Depot until his retirement. The presentation took place on the Twelfth night in the newly refurbished B. Room, Belfast Orange Hall, Clifton Street.

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W. Bro. Alphonso Kirk, W.M. of Tannificarbett L.O.L. No. 17 presents a 50-year Medal to Bro. Gardiner Atkinson. The Lodge is in the Lurgan District L.O.L. area.
Photo: "Portadown Times"

Some of the Personalities of the 1985 Triennial

Most conferences throw up a few notable personalities - people who impress their fellows with the contributions they make in the presentation of their views or of their submissions in debate.

The Imperial Council was fortunate to have useful appreciations of the present political situation in Northern Ireland from the **GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND**, who is particularly well placed as politician and parliamentarian to interpret events and attitudes in the Province and at Westminster.

And from the **LORD MAYOR OF BELFAST** - ideally positioned by background and office to assess and evaluate the state of things here and there. Their outspokenness, evidence of strongly held views on current controversies, added dimension to what the delegates were reading and hearing at the time.



Imperial Grand Master Lt. Col. G.E. Liddle, CBE, DL, JP.

The Grand Master's explanations and interjections on procedural matters were helpful both to the chair and to the Council.

The former Canadian politician, Mayor of Toronto and later of East York, **LESLIE SAUNDERS**, was as involved, enthusiastic and incisive as ever. It is unusual to find a senior statesman of politics and the Institution so continuously and deeply interested in matters which often mean less to people as they get older.

The Imperial Secretary, **WALTER WILLIAMS**, has proved again that he is a man of industry and initiative. The complexity of the arrangements and the circumstances were taken with the complacency of the expert who plans for the best and is prepared for the worst. The standing ovation he received was very well earned.

The Press Officer, **W.D. SLOAN**, had such success in his coverage of the proceedings and happenings of the Council that it received extraordinarily



Rt. Wor. Bro. Walter Williams.

good media presentation. His work merited the recognition it received from the Council.

The choice of lecturer to the Council proved to be a happy one, for Right Wor. Bro. the Rev. **CANON M.W. DEWAR, Ph.D.**, gave a most interesting

and typically informative lecture on "The Huguenots". The subject was most appropriate in this year of anniversary and celebrations of a remarkable people and the Protestant herit-



Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. Canon M. W. Dewar, Ph.D.

age they have given us. The discussion which followed the lecture showed that the Huguenot influence is still recognised in many other parts of the world.

The centenarian, **JOHN BRYANS**, gave an address to Council which had sanity of thought, clarity of speech and



Rt. Wor. Bro. John Bryans.

ease of presentation which surprised all but the Irish delegates and caused everyone to think on what he said.

John Bryans adorns any company which has the privilege of receiving and hearing him. His faith in God is an inspiration and a persuasion on us to follow his lead. Others made their contributions to Triennial '85, some of them effectively if less noticeably than these we have named. (S.E.L.)

The Imperial Council is two things, an Orange Lodge at work and a group of like-minded people from several countries taking pleasure in each other's company.

Of course there has to be a qualification of this definition, for this lodge is different to other lodges, not only in its membership from many jurisdictions, but because its responsibility is not to legislate. It is to discuss ways and means of helping the Grand Lodges with the problems, duties and opportunities which are common to all of them, so that progress can be made in the development, growth and influence of Orangeism.

It is primarily a consultative body, in no sense a court of appeal or a judgmentary forum. Each jurisdiction is autonomous, and while it may listen to the views and experiences of others it will think and act as it pleases.

The few occasions in which the Council has been asked to intervene in a distressful situation by a Grand Lodge proves, rather than contra-

dicts, the principle. And the incidents go back a long way so that it is hard to believe anything of the kind would happen now.

At a cursory glance it might appear that the Council, because of its terms of reference, is a wordy body, unlikely to be of great value to the Orange movement.

USEFUL?

The charge has been made that nothing happens at a Triennial Conference. It is justified if the expectations were for decisions which would radically affect Orange thinking and doing. It is unjustified when the intention of the Council is properly understood and credit given to delegates who meet to share their common concerns and to encourage one another, and their jurisdictions through them.

There is often a failure in communication between the

delegates and their brethren who sent them as their representatives in Council. That is evidenced by the fact that the place and purpose of the Imperial Council is generally misunderstood or its existence disregarded. Speaking from the largest jurisdiction it is the

case that while the membership is advised of the Triennial Conferences they have little knowledge of, or interest in what transpires at them.

The importance of the Imperial Council lies in its sharing of views and experiences; its sympathy and understand-

ing; its encouragements and persuasions.

The attitudes to it are remarkably dissimilar among the delegates. All of them, expectantly, act correctly and respectfully in lodge, and the religious devotions, integral to it, are taken reverently and sincerely.

The differences are on the floor, and at the '85 Triennial that was apparent again. The Scots were the most vocal, the Irish quiescent - very different to what they are in their own Grand Lodge - and the English somewhere in between, while the other jurisdictions, with the exception of Most Wor. Bro. Leslie Saunders, Canada, Past Imperial President, who is never lost for a word, were occasional participants responding to the calls made on them.

DISCUSSION?

The open lodge method which has always been used at

Triennial Conferences is not one which encourages the participation of quiet members. Arrangements should be made in future for some group discussion to allow everyone to express an opinion or to discuss a matter uninhibited by numbers and the protocol of the Council.

The organisation which can persuade its members to express themselves easily and spontaneously is the more interesting and effective because of it. The consultative role of the Council should make that practice desirable and normal.

It must be said that however seriously some may view the Council its social emphases, and frivolities, are of primary importance to many delegates. So much so that any undervaluing of the social side could militate seriously against its usefulness. It is by conversation and association that friends are made and a shared meal is an opportunity for developing person-to-person contact. It is in togetherness that we learn from one another. (S.E. Long).

'THE TRIENNIAL'

DEVON — 1988 VENUE

1988. The next Triennial will be held in Devon, England, at Torbay, in September 1988. The intention is to celebrate the landing there in November 1688 of King William III of immortal memory. The necessary arrangements will be the responsibility of the Grand Lodge of England in consultation with the Imperial Secretary.

1990. The suggestion has been floated that the council should meet in 1990 instead of 1991 to mark the 300th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne. Such a proposition if it were accepted could mean a return to Ireland much sooner than the rota requires. And as there might be an invitation for a conference in Australia at the next turn, the 1990 celebrations could well be sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Ireland with other jurisdictions engaging in their own initiatives.

Triennial's Religious Emphasis

The first session opened with a service conducted by the Imperial Chaplain. In his address Canon S. E. Long said:—"We use words to convey our thoughts. Of course we can express intentions, good or ill, by a look, a blow, wordless actions. But words are the vehicles generally used in human communication.

Much of our lives is governed by verbal or written agreements - vows in the big events of our relationships; and contracts for the settlement of our affairs.

Three well worn words represent the thoughts, aims and aspirations of our Orange Institution - loyalty, fellowship, and service.

The marks of the Orangemen are his loyalty to God and country; fellowship with his brethren and service to society. They are positive principles, for while we look to the past and appreciate our goodly heritage in theology, philosophy and mortality; and are thankful for the work of great men, and ordinary people, who handed on to us their priceless gifts, we do not dwell in the past.

We grasp the opportunities of the present to declare our devotion to God and Truth, and prepare for the possibilities for work that the future may offer us.

We allow the past to teach us the necessary lessons on spiritual



Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. S. E. Long, M.A.

and political awareness; of the dangers of false religion; and the pressures of tyrannical political systems. To ignore history is to act irresponsibly, for the past has much to teach us, many warnings, and encouragement to stand firm for the good, and to resist the evil.

Loyalty! That of the Orangeman is not to be questioned in church and state. He has made his contribution in every field of good citizenship.

In religion, in politics and in good neighbourly relations the Orange presence has been positive and rational. When the standard has been lowered the Institution has deeply regretted such a mishapening.

The greatest loyalty is to God and the deepest gratitude for the work of Christ in man's reconciliation with God. And it shows in the large use of the Bible - "God's ordinary means of conversation with men". Its teaching is the yardstick against which he examines himself in faith and conduct.

Fellowship! The "brother" of Orangeism is an expression of that comradeship in the things for which the Institution stands. The camaraderie of the lodge is a tangible thing. It means much to Orangemen. And as there is the greater loyalty to God, so there is the greater fellowship - "Brothers-in-Christ".

Service! Orangeism is a charitable organisation, a community conscious body, committed to the well-being of society, to justice and generosity, honesty and truth. This shows in the charities which it sponsors and supports, but more often in the way it expresses itself by the goodness and sensitivity of Orangemen in their relations with other people. May we use words sensitively and profitably in our sessions this week".

Each morning had its opening with prayer and Scripture reading.

Delegates at prayer in Lisburn

On Sunday, July 14, members of the Imperial Council, wives and friends joined the congregation of Christ Church, Lisburn, for morning service.

It was conducted by the rector, the Rev. Samuel McComb, assisted by M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon S. E. Long, L.Th., Grand Chaplain. Bro. McComb who welcomed the visitors was the preacher.

In the official delegation were the Grand Masters of Canada, United States of America, Australia, New Zealand, West Africa, England Scotland and Ireland.

He attacked the re-routing of parades and said that while not condoning the attacks on the

RUC in Portadown he said one could understand the frustration of Loyalists.

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At a reception afterwards the mayor of Lisburn, Councillor Walter Lilburn, presented a plaque incorporating the borough's coat of arms to the World Council. Thanking the Mayor, M.W. Bro. Roberts, Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of England, referred to an arson attack on, the Liverpool's Orange headquarters and said it had received very little coverage in the media.

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Apprentice Boys chief marshal, Cllr. Bro. David Davis, welcomes Apprentice Boys leaders from Belfast to Londonderry on August 10.



Bro. Samuel Heatley, Governor of the Apprentice Boys of Derry, and Bro. Councillor James Guy, Lieutenant-Governor, before the parade in Londonderry on August 10. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A., is at the rear.

Apprentice Boys Annual Parade in Londonderry



One of the many bands which were on parade in Londonderry at the Apprentice Boys demonstration on August 10.



Obviously enjoying their crisps and visit to Londonderry are these three members of the Heart of Midlothian Flute Band from Edinburgh — Fiona Brownlee, Anne-Marie Williamson and Donna Wright.



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—Harrison Brown
in AAUW Journal.

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other,
Pulled out guns and stabbed
each other.
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noise,
And set off to kill those two
dead boys;
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true,
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too!*

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Portadown — and Its Aftermath

The Twelfth of 1985 will always be remembered as the one when Portadown Orangemen were refused permission to walk through the "Tunnel" (Obins Street) as they had done annually for more than a hundred and thirty years.

Until next Twelfth it will remain a contention of many more than the Portadown Orangemen that the greater good of the greater number — a good democratic principle — was ignored, and the outcome in police-community relations, and cost of policing at ten times that of 1984, proved the insensitivity and stupidity of the decision.

Because the Chief Constable has been credited with the banning he stands condemned for an error of judgement which will perpetuate the deeper community divisions produced in Portadown this Twelfth.

We deplore the happening. And we deeply deplore its anti-R.U.C. attacks, verbal and physical. It is an added horror to law abiding citizens that the police should be abused as the enemy of Loyalists and republicans alike.

The breakdown in police and people relations because of Portadown specifically, and other places generally, makes life in Ulster more difficult and its future more doubtful. The sooner good relations are restored the better.

There must be shared trust and confidence. Because the Orange Institution has encouraged its members to be law keepers always and many of them to join the security forces it is the more deplorable that our young men should be the targets of attack from others who also declare their loyalty to Queen and country.

Violence is not the way to produce or change decisions in a good society. There are proper ways to face up to the problems of our divided Province and to do something about them. We hope that the fact will be better recognised by all who want peace and prosperity in the country. The administration and Sir John Hermon must be better listeners to those who are in the best position to advise them.

BALLYNAHINCH BOMBING

The depredations of the I.R.A. were continued in August with bombings in Newry, Londonderry, Belfast and Ballynahinch where the centre of the town was devastated. The thoughtlessness of Mr. Hurd when he spoke of I.R.A. defeats was given as a reason for the Provos to show that they are still very much in their evil business.

Be that as it may the I.R.A. never need an excuse for such attacks. It is likely that the violent happenings of 11th July in the town made it a focus of attention and a target for the terrorists. It is to the credit of its business people that they have replied to the I.R.A. terrorism, like so many of their kind, by declaring their unbeatableness. It is to be hoped that a town well known for its good community relationships will soon be restored to normality, and that there will be peaceful "Eleventh nights" in future, regardless of what the I.R.A. has done and for reasons of decency and humanity.

Noraid 'Tourists'

The controversy over the projected television programme in which Martin McGuinness (S.F.) and Gregory Campbell (D.U.P.) were to be featured, received so much publicity, and mainly because of internal disagreement in B.B.C. and the media journalists strike, that comment is hardly necessary here. Suffice to say that the one fact which emerged was that the programme was unsuitable for projection in its original form. The opinion was shared by the Board of Governors and the Board of Management.

The decision to show a better production sometime in the future has satisfied many potential viewers, for it recognises the fact that controversial and dangerous subjects must be treated sensitively, with due regard to timing, and its effects on the community.

The questions remain. Should Sinn Fein be allowed to appear on television in any circumstances? Can it be prevented from doing so while its politicians are recognised by the Government, though it will not work with them?

Those who argued that Sinn Fein should have been proscribed from the first have had their case strengthened by the recent evidence of P.I.R.A. dependence on Gerry Adams and McGuinness for publicity and programme. There is no difference between the terrorists and their politicians, between the murderers and their godfathers.

The Londonderry I.R.A. bomber, English, killed by his own bomb, provided in his funeral an opportunity for the Provos to show their strength. But it also let the world see Adams, Morrison and Martin Galvin, the New York provider of murder weapons, honour one of their number. Murder is murder, and the murderer has no place among people who believe in the rule of law and the sanctity of human life, here, in the U.S.A. or elsewhere in the world.

Galvin's appearance with his Noraiders was an affront to all decent Irishmen whatever their political aspirations and affiliations. This arrogant, ignorant, interfering American and his party have shown themselves to be the enemies of all who recognise human rights, and the primary one, the right to life itself.

The fact that Galvin was able to breach the security of the Province and to appear at Londonderry on 9 August is another reminder that we are not as safe as we should be, and that we are still suffering from the Republic's easy attitude to I.R.A. sympathisers and supporters while condemning Noraid and letting Galvin to go home. It remains the case that men and materials of destruction which the Provos need, come to them via the Republic as the peace of refuge or of entry.

Sound of Music

A post-Twelfth complaint which must be aired comes from some who are concerned about the image of the Order. It is that Lodges are belittled when they engage bands which willingly lead them to a church door but refuse to join them in their church service. They are appreciative of those other bands who have a proper sense of the importance of their Sunday engagements and who act circumspectly at all times.

Who would defend bands who have no such values? It should be a condition of engagement that the band attend the service to which it leads the Lodge. A band which has no wish to accept that arrangement should refuse the engagement. Better for a Lodge not to have a band than to have one which prefers to walk the roads than to attend its church service.

There is a general principle here: the band must always do credit to the Lodge. It is not sufficiently appreciated that the Orange Institution's demonstrations are not parades dependent on bands which it engages. Their purposes are to declare a loyalty to God, Queen and Country and to witness a continuous devotion to Christian faith and conduct.

Expansion of Orangeism in Australia

New Orange Band Inaugurated



The 'Twelfth' in Melbourne. Orange Lodges and Bands en route to Divine Service.

The Editors extend warmest congratulations to M.W. Brother John H. Gowans, J.P., Grand Master of New South Wales, on his elevation to Office of Imperial Grand Master.

In recent months a new wave of enthusiasm and interest has permeated Orangeism throughout various parts of Australia.

The Twelfth procession in Melbourne, was the best ever for some years. (See photography). So many attended the Divine Service that copies of the Order of Service had to be shared.

In South Australia, such was the large turnout (by their standards) to the Service in Orange Hall in Adelaide, that many new members have applied for membership. A clergyman and his wife have been added to the Roll, which has been a boost to morale in that far away outpost of Orangeism. (900 Kms. from Melbourne). So the future looks bright for South Australia.

Reports have been received that in Western Australia (3000 Kms. West of Melbourne) the Sisters and Brethren had also their best ever "Twelfth", the Church being crowded for the Service. A new Orange Band was inaugurated, giving a fine performance at the City of Perth "Twelfth".

With the elevation of M.W. Brother Gowans as Imperial Grand Master, it is expected that a large delegation from Australia will be present in Torbay, Devon in September, 1988, to give him support at his first Triennial Meeting as Imperial Grand Master and to listen to his keynote address.

There is even a suggestion that the new Orange Band from Perth may make the journey to lead the parade to King William's Statue, erected to commemorate his Landing in Torbay in November 1688.



Letters to the Editor

Orange Protest in Portadown

Sir, Some weeks ago a letter appeared in the Belfast Newsletter under the pseudonym 'Co. Tyrone Loyal Orangeman' (not the writer of this letter, I hasten to add). In it he chastised Bro. Walter Williams for advising the Portadown Orange brethren not to break the law by taking on the security forces on 12th July.

The Grand Secretary made it perfectly clear in his second T.V. interview that week, that he deplored the decision to ban and re-route traditional Orange parades. As an Orange leader himself, he was simply re-stating the obligation Orangemen take upon themselves, i.e. "to obey the law of the land" and also "to assist the magistrates and civil authorities in the lawful execution of their duties when called upon to do so".

No true Orangeman should really need such wise counsel as this. The Orange Order is not a provocative Institution. That is a Nationalist myth which has got to be nailed once and for all, and, incidentally, one which the Secretary of State and his advisers at Stormont and Dublin Castle seem to have swallowed hook, line and sinker.

The Order is a very disciplined organisation and every member who marched in Portadown the Twelfth was morally bound to conform to the law, however much he despised it and felt insensed at its application.

It would have been shameful to have resisted R.U.C. officers who themselves were also under orders and very many of whom, I'm sure, disliked the orders they were required to enforce.

It could be argued that some band parades tend to be provocative, as discipline is sometimes difficult to sustain, but, in my opinion there is absolutely no sane reason for the banning or re-routing of well marshalled Orange and Black parades along traditional routes like Obins Street in Portadown, whether the residents there be Jew or Gentile, Heathen or Roman Catholic. Had that particular parade been allowed, it would have taken but a matter of minutes to pass and neither the day long "seige of Obins Street nor the unprecedented force of R.U.C. officers drafted in would have been necessary.

The authorities, of course thought that by enforcing the ban, they were attempting to remove yet one more of the so-called "irritants to Nationalist sensitivity" and what happened on July 12th and 13th is now part of Ulster's unfortunate history.

As an Orangeman of long standing I applaud the final decision taken by the Portadown brethren to remain in the town on the 12th July. But I honestly feel that this protest would have been far more effective had: (a) all members of the Portadown District Lodge stayed with the country Lodges in the town, and (b) the protest been peaceful and the protesters, Orangemen and bandsmen alike, remained completely silent throughout the entire day. Then, in Seamus Mallon's opinion, the situation would have been really eerie with the residents of Obins Street, like the people of Jericho, when the Children of Israel marched round the walls, not knowing what to make of it all.

This did not happen unfortunately. Discipline seemed to break down somewhere along the line. I am given to understand that no-one wearing an Orange collarette was involved in the disgraceful incidents seen on Television. Sad to say, however, the same cannot be said for the many uncontrollable hooligans masquerading as loyal Ulster Protestants but in reality acting like disloyal Roman Catholic republicans on that occasion.

Yours sincerely,
WILFRED BREEN,
Chaplain, Omagh District L.O.L.

City "Twelfth" on Television

Sir, I write to enquire if any of our Orange leaders have asked the B.B.C. why it was decided this year to omit showing the repeat of the 12th July parade in Belfast.

Fortunately I had seen the full "live" transmission in the morning, but I'm sure there were many other Orange brethren, both those participating as well as those travelling to their own demonstrations, who were very disappointed this year. Could the obvious reason be just in order to placate the Nationalist minority?

I personally feel that this broadcast could easily be extended by another half hour at least. More of the parade could be tele-recorded and screened later on at night, that is if the powers-that-be found it so very hard to slot it into existing morning schedules.

Might I just add that I wasn't terribly impressed with the interviews outside Broadcasting House, nor, for that matter, with the shot we got of the V.I.P.s at the head of the parade. The camera entirely missed showing the new County Grand Master of Belfast, Bro. John McCrea, although, to be fair, I agree he was named by the commentator. As for the speeches on the field at Edenderry, they were of no concern whatsoever to the B.B.C. producer!

I very much enjoyed the Twelfth broadcast on U.T.V. as I always do each year. Here cameramen can manage to cover at least four or five different demonstrations and there are always some very interesting and informative interviews included in the programme.

I liked particularly the one this year with Lord Brookeborough at Enniskillen, wearing the sash also worn by his great grandfather.

A final word. I have yet to see a Co. Tyrone demonstration covered by either B.B.C. or U.T.V. cameras, even for their news programmes. Perhaps Tyrone brethren can all get a "look-in" next year.

Yours sincerely
WILFRED BREEN.

50 Year Medals Presented



Red Star of Drumcree R.B.P. No. 30 honoured Sir Knight George Wm. McKnight and Sir Knight Moses Ruddell with their 50 year service medals recently. Sir Knight Moses Ruddell has given 55 years service, — 45 years as Registrar. Sir Knight George Wm. McKnight was Chaplain for 18 years, 1945-1963; Deputy Master 1963-1964; and W. Master 1964-1967.

Tribute to Ulster's "Courage and Dignity"

Welcoming delegates to the Imperial Council, wives and friends to a civic reception in Belfast City Hall, the Lord Mayor, Bro. Councillor John Carson said the people of Northern Ireland had faced arson, bombings, and shootings which had claimed many lives with great courage and dignity.

Speaking from his own experience he said he knew that in the homes of many murdered members of the Security Forces hearts have been broken, but heads have been held high.

Surely it was all the more terrible, therefore, when people who should know better, encourage or take part in attacks on the forces of law and order. However strongly one may feel on certain matters, how can anyone with sense and sensitivity walk one day in the cortege of a murdered police-

man and then attack his colleagues with stones and broken glass?

"I am glad that the Rev. Martin Smyth and Mr. Walter Williams and other Orange leaders did all in their power to prevent his, and I would appeal to all who value our British heritage not to resort to confrontation which can only bring satisfaction to the enemies of Ulster.

"Having said that, let us not forget that the main threat to Ulster comes from those who have never recognised Northern Ireland as part of the United Kingdom and who have no scruples in resorting to violence to achieve their goal of a United Ireland.

"The Prime Minister, Mrs. Thatcher, and our Secretary of State, Mr. Hurd, have assured us that terrorism will never win, and we accept that reassurance. At the same time it would increase the confidence of many if we could see a more determined effort to eliminate

the violence which has done so much to polarise our people.

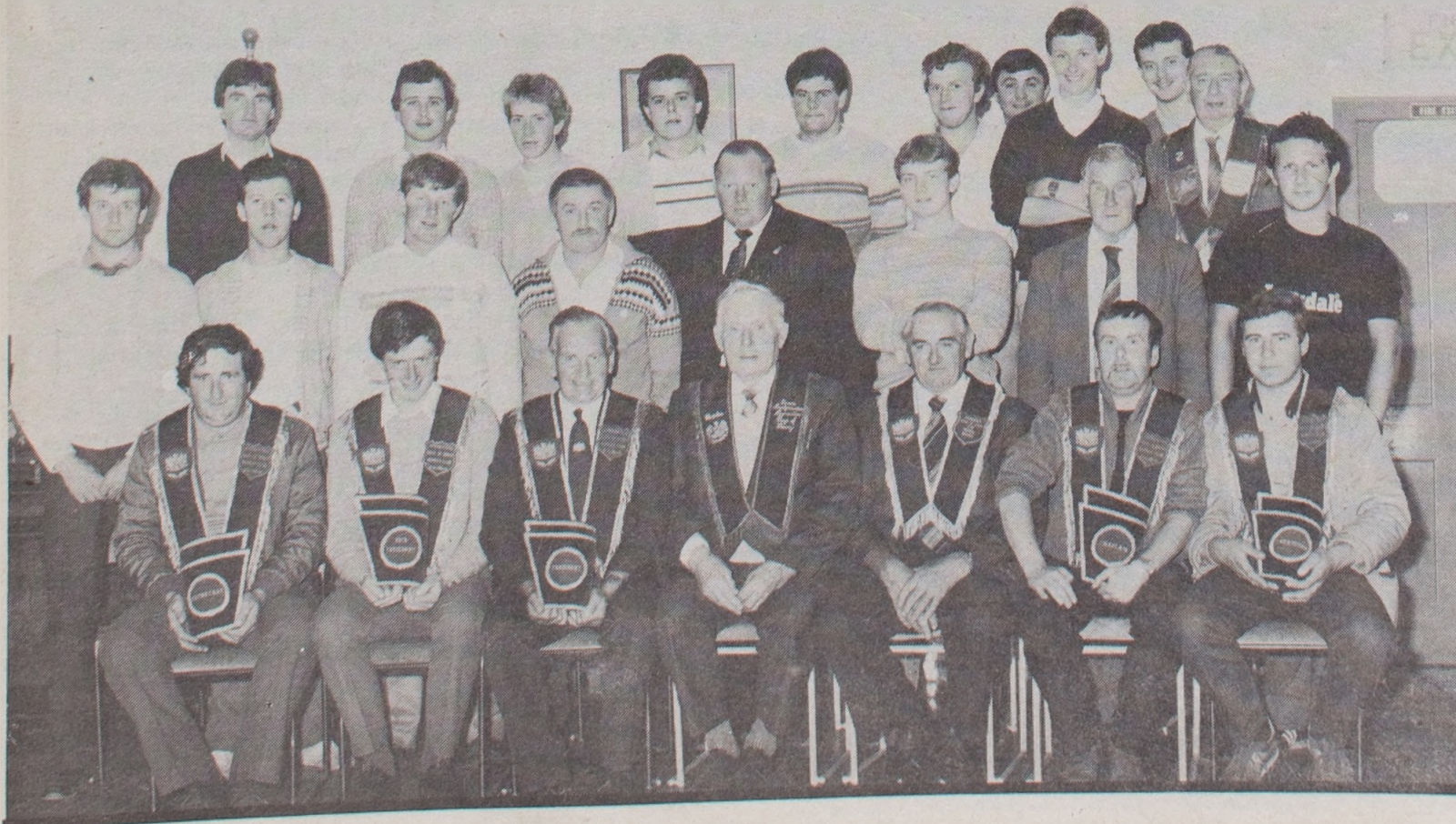
"There can be no doubt, however, that tensions are heightened and seeds of distrust sown by the secrecy which has surrounded so-called "summits" and by inspired "leaks" which have served to increase fear and foreboding.

"From my own experience as an M.P. at Westminster I know how dedicated Mr. Molyneux is to the cause of Ulster and how hard he and his colleagues work on our behalf — and how demanding life can be.

"Good political judgement is the realisation of the art of the possible without sacrificing principles or convictions and Mr. Molyneux and our Ulster politicians have shown that they know when to make a stand. However complex a situation may be there comes a time when one must say—like Martin Luther — 'Here I stand I can do no other'."

Bro. John Chestnutt, Co. Down Amalgamated Chaplain, visited Ballinran Orange Hall last Thursday night to present new cuffs and collarettes to the officers of the Ballinran Branch of the Murray Club, Apprentice Boys of Derry. Bro. Chestnutt (seated centre), who also dedicated the new regalia, was accompanied by Bro. Bobby McKee, a visitor from the

Ballymartin Club (seated third from right). Pictured with their new cuffs and collarettes are, seated left to right, Bros. Ian Newell (Secretary), Alwyn Beck (Vice-President), Sam McMurray (President), Harry McBurney (Chaplain) and Annett Agnew (Treasurer). Other members of the Branch are included in the picture.



Grand Master visits Castlederg

Over 200 brethren paraded to Killen District L.O.L. No. 12 Annual Anniversary Service in Second Castlederg Presbyterian Church.

Visiting brethren also attended from Donegal, Omagh, Fintona, Kesh and Newtown Stewart Districts.

The Service also marked the foundation of the Orange Institution in Ireland in 1795.

The special preacher was the Grand Master of G.O.L.L. M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P.

Some lessons were read by W. Bro. Will C. Andrews, District Lay Chlain and W. Bro. John J. Patterson, District Treasurer.

Visiting brethren who received the special collection for L.E.M.O.O.S., were W. Bro. G. Donald (Fintona Dist. L.O.L. No. 8, Secretary); W. Bro. R. Read (Tievemore L.O.L. 1420, Secretary); W. Bro. W. McFarland (Donaghaine L.O.L. 934, Secretary); Bro. W. Proctor (of Castlefinn L.O.L. 774) and Bro. E. Turner (of Drumlegagh L.O.L. No. 626).

Mr. E. Maxwell presided at the organ.

The parade was led to and from the church by Garvetagh Pipe Band under Pipe Major B. Waugh.

W. Bro. Robert J. Montgomery, District Secretary of the host Districts proposed a vote of thanks at the close of the Service.

Portadown — Stronghold of Ulster Orangeism

No part of Northern Ireland is as steeped in Orange tradition as Portadown, aptly referred to as 'The Citadel of Orangeism' during the parade re-routing controversy of recent weeks.

The Orange Order had its beginning at The Diamond near Loughgall in September, 1795, but the real expansion in the early years came from a solid base at Portadown and today in this thriving Co. Armagh borough the feeling for Orangeism is still as strong as it was in the days of the founders Dan Winter and Colonel William Blacker.

The growth of the Order from its very outset is underlined by the fact that 11 months after the Battle of the Diamond on September 21, 1795 Portadown District LOL No. 1 was formed on August 21, 1796 with no fewer than 23 lodges.

A year later there were 27 lodges and today practically all these lodges are still operating, including most of the eight who have traditionally walked the Obins Street area into Portadown town centre every Twelfth morning.

Regularity

Colonel Blacker, head of the Carrickblacker estate on the Lurgan side of Portadown and a prominent military man of his day, was the leading figure in Orangeism in Co. Armagh in the late 18th Century and by July 12, 1796 he was reporting that 90 lodges had been formed, with the Order even penetrating into Trinity College in Dublin.

The Twelfth was celebrated that year at Lurgan and the Belfast News Letter reported that "a great body of Orangemen to the number of about 2,000 assembled and spent the day with the utmost regularity and good order".

Twelfth parades were held in the various towns and villages of Co. Armagh for the next 40 years without hindrance, but difficulties arose in 1832 when the Government passed an Act making it little short of a capital offence to display an Orange banner, wear a sash, or whistle a few bars of "The Boyne Water".

Criminal

Indeed, it was criminal to indulge in any outward or visible rejoicing at the triumph achieved by William III at the Battle of the Boyne, chroniclers of the time confirmed.

Portadown District, by then a large disciplined body of men, led the protests against the curtailment of their liberties and the demonstration at Carrickblacker estate in 1833 was responsible for Colonel Blacker losing his commission as Justice of the Peace. An estimated 20,000 people assembled



One of the many Twelfth of July parades held over the past 100 years

in the Carrickblacker estate for a colourful demonstration.

The following Twelfth Portadown held a walk over a route covering the Dungannon, Moy and Loughgall roads and the District officers were prosecuted on the order of the then Chief Constable, Charles Atkinson.

Prosecutions

When the prosecutions were discussed at the next District meeting it was ordered that "all expenses over two pounds for the purpose of defending our brethren at the ensuing assizes is to be defrayed by the several lodges of this District".

The parade restrictions continued until the late 1840s, but they did not stop Portadown Orangemen marking the Twelfth and marching to their traditional services at Drumcree and Seagoe Parish Churches.

The restrictions did not stop at parades and displays of emblems, Colonel Verner, the Grand Master from Loughgall, was deprived of his Commission of the Peace for permitting the toast of "the Battle of the Diamond".

Backbone

The Twelfth celebrations in Portadown in 1848 were celebrated with great enthusiasm. On July 9 it was recorded that 769 brethren attended divine worship in St. Mark's Church



(By Bro. Billy Kennedy, 'Belfast News Letter'.)

in the town and a collection of 7/2d was realised (no doubt a princely sum in that day). The Twelfth heralded in with "a joyful peal" from Seagoe Church bell and an estimated 15,000 gathered in the town for the celebrations. The following year it was Lurgan's turn to play host to the Portadown brethren and observers again reported that the sight was "most imposing".

The first District Master of Portadown was John Burleigh, who occupied the position from 1796 to 1807 and he was the forerunner of a long list of distinguished leaders.

One District Master, Daniel Bulla, who served from 1826 to 1829, was Worshipful Master of at least six lodges in the area from 1819 to 1840. He was for some years the town clerk of Portadown and an innkeeper.

Through the 19th century and into the early 20th century Portadown District LOL No. 1 continued to provide the backbone of the Order in Co. Armagh and its leaders were prominently involved in the civic and industrial life of the town.

William Henry Wright, the District Master from 1905 to 1926, was a solicitor and chairman of Portadown Urban

Council. He was succeeded by Major D. Graham Shillington the MP for Central Armagh, and there followed a succession of District Masters who were also mayors in Portadown and Craigavon — Dr. George Dougan, Robert J. Magowan and Herbert Whitten, who was also the Unionist MP for Central Armagh.

The District Secretary in the 1930s Valentine Wilson was a solicitor who was also a sub-sheriff for Co. Armagh and another leading Portadown Orangeman of that period was David Rock, the County Grand Secretary.

Colonel William Saunderson, the North Armagh MP for 21 years and leader of the Ulster Unionist Party at Westminster from 1886 until his death in October, 1906, played a leading role in Portadown Orangeism although not a resident of the area.

It was Colonel Saunderson who during the Irish Home Rule Bill debate at Westminster in the 1880s who declared: "This Bill may pass the House at Westminster, but it will never pass the bridge at Portadown..." This was Saunderson's acknowledgement that in the "Citadel of Orangeism" the people were steadfast and loyal to the British link.

A statue of Colonel Saunderson was unveiled in front of St. Mark's Church in Portadown town centre on March 29, 1910 and early every Twelfth morning an Orange collarette is placed on the statue by local Orangemen.

In the first 80 years of its existence the Orange Order in Portadown held its meetings in private houses or in hosteleries owned by prominent brethren. The practice of meeting in licensed premises was discontinued as a result of a District resolution passed on June 13, 1849.

The first Orange Hall in the District was opened at Derrinraw on the Moy Road for Greenisland True Blues LOL No. 10 on January 16, 1873.

Carleton Street Hall, the imposing District headquarters near the centre of the town, had its foundation stone laid later that year by the Baroness von Steiglitz, a descendant of the renowned Colonel William Blacker.

Speakers

The Hall cost £1,500 to build and among the speakers at the opening on April 10, 1882 was the Church of Ireland Bishop of Derry Dr. Chadwick and the leading Orange cleric of the day Rev. Dr. R. R. Kane. The Hall was extended in the early 1900s and today it is one of the finest Orange properties in Ireland.

Portadown, now with 33 lodges and 2,000 members, is the largest Orange district outside Belfast. The lodges meet in Orange Halls scattered around a seven mile radius of the town — at Breagh, Drumheriff, Derrinraw, Derryneskin, Derry-carne, Clonroo, Kilmagamish, Derrykeevin, Battlehill and Kilmoriarty in the Dungannon, Moy and Loughgall Roads to the west; Seagoe, Knocknamuckley and Edenderry on the Lurgan/Gilford Roads; Drumnahuncheon, Kilmore and Derryhale on the Armagh side and Brackagh, Ballyworkan and Ballylisk towards Tandragee. No fewer than 14 lodges meet in Portadown town.

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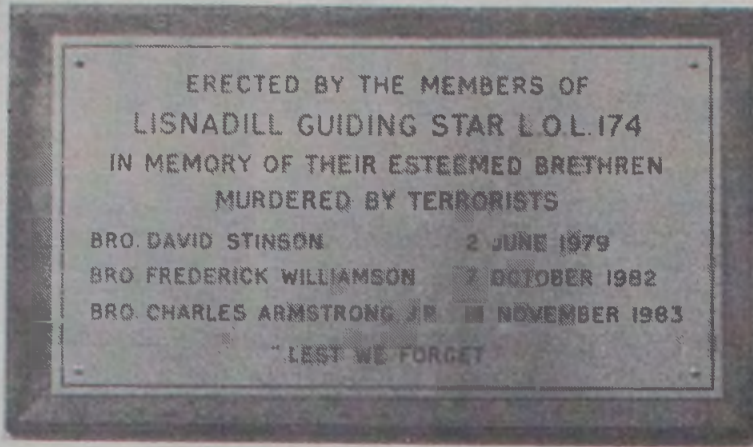
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Memorial Plaque unveiled at Lisnadill

A simple service of dedication was held in Lisnadill Orange Hall, Armagh to unveil a memorial plaque erected in memory of three members who, within a period of four years, were the victims of the cowardly deeds of republican murderers.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Raymond Nesbitt, having welcomed the invited guests and a large turnout of members, paid tribute to the contribution each of the three brothers had made to the Lodge. He also expressed the hope that the widows would encourage their sons to follow in their fathers' footsteps by joining our illustrious Order.

The Deputy Master, Bro. Fred Armstrong (son of the late Bro. F. C. Armstrong) then invited the three widows to step forward together and unveil the plaque.



The dedication was performed by Bro. Rev. Dr. J. W. Lockington, District Chaplain, who, in a short address, reminded the gathering that it was "good to remember" and went on to emphasise that life is short and that we should all be spiritually prepared for that final day.

A portion of Scripture was

read by Bro. Kenneth Russell, and Bro. Robert Black proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped in any way.

N.B. It is with much pleasure that we record that Henry Armstrong (son of late F. C. Armstrong) and Trevor Stinson (brother of late D. Stinson) were initiated as members of L.O.L. 174 at the July meeting.



Pictured at the unveiling were (left to right):— Will Meaklim (Treasurer); Raymond Nesbitt (W.M.); Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Williamson (widows of deceased Brethren); Fred Armstrong (D.M.); Kenneth Russell (Chaplain) and David Black (Secretary).

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND

The Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland, held their annual demonstration to commemorate the 296th Anniversary of the Relief of Derry on Saturday, 10th August at Battery Park, Greenock.

Eleven District Chapters, travelled from Glasgow and various Scottish towns to Greenock, by coach and rail, and from the Britannia Orange Hall, proceeded through various streets.

Sir Knt. Peter Downie, P.G.M. was accompanied by his Grand Officers and distinguished visitors from Ulster, and overseas. Gartsherrie Prize Flute Band accompanied the Grand Chapter.

At Battery Park, quite close to Gourock Pier, the contingent marched past saluting base, where District, after District with their bands, received a warm welcome.

Lunch was served in the adjoining hall to Provincial Office-

ers, and guests, by No. 2 District.

Later a public meeting was held in Battery Park. Sir Knt., Peter Downie, P.G.M. presided, and after prayer by Sir Knt., R. Paul, G.C. and the singing of 23rd Psalm, Sir Knt., Charles

received a trophy. There was a similar honour for Rutherglen Flute Band.

Resolutions were formally moved and acclaimed by Sir Knts., Arthur McG. Templeton, P.M., P.D.M., P.C.G.M., I.D.G.M., County Antrim

the continued prosperity of the Imperial Grand Council throughout the world, and we pledge ourselves to do all we can for furtherance of its Christian principles".

A vote of thanks was moved by Sir Knt. Gordon McCracken,

Scottish R.B.P. Show Strength at Greenock

McIlroy, R.W.D.M. of "Hunt Chambre" Royal Black District Chapter No. 2 welcomed the Provincial Chapter, and the distinguished guests.

The P.G.M. presented the Degree Trophy to winning team in No. 3 District, Airdrie, comprising Sir Knts., T. Main, G. Gibson, and J. Sandals.

And for the best Accordion Band on parade, Drumchapel

Grand Black Chapter — to Queen and Royal family.

Sir Knt., Rev. Victor Ryan, M.A., Grand Master, City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter — the Principles of Reformation, and determination to maintain the integrity of the British Commonwealth.

Sir Knt., Sandy Greer, I.G. Council Committee, Greenock District moved "we rejoice at

P.D. Chpl. to the speakers, and No. 2 District, for such a pleasant and successful meeting.

After the Benediction announced by Sir Knt., R. Paul, G.C., the National Anthem was sung, and all Districts proceeded home after a most enjoyable day, with no incidents and, above all, a lovely sunny day. Estimated attendance — 5,000.

Presentation of Certificate and Medal

His Past Master's certificate and jewel were presented to Sir Knt. Robert McKnight, out-going District Master, at the quarterly meeting of Mourne Black District Chapter No. 8, held in Ballymartin Orange Hall on Thursday night. He is pictured (seated second from right) with the new District Master, Sir Knt. William Shields (standing second from left). Included in the picture are, seated left to right, Sir Knt. James Carlisle, Deputy County Grand Master; Sir Knt. Rev. B. T. Blacoe; Sir Knt. Canon T. H. Frizell, County Grand Chaplain; Sir Knt. Sidney Wilson, County Grand Master; and standing, left to right, Sir Knt. David Bailey, County Grand Registrar and District Registrar; Sir Knt. Samuel McMurray, Deputy District Master; and Sir Knt. Reggie Annett, District Treasurer.



1,500 R.B.P. Men In Church

The annual Divine Service of Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland, was held on Sunday, 4 August in St. Marks Greenbank Church, Greenock.

Districts travelled from Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, and many Scottish places with Bands, to Greenock, where they assembled at the Britannia Orange Hall.

The parade was headed by the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Knt., Peter Downie, and his

Grand Officers, and the large assembly of Sir Knights was given a very warm welcome by Rev. A. Chestnut, who conducted the service and preached an eloquent Sermon.

Sir Knts., Robert Paul, Grand Chaplain, and Gordon McCracken, Deputy Grand Chaplain read the Scripture lessons.

The large attendance filled the church which seats 1,500.

A generous retiring collection was received by Rev. A. Chestnut and his church officers.

The Kind of Men We Are

"Let the world see by the manner in which you support our cause that law and order, truth and justice, morality and religion have in Orangeism active and zealous friends, so that those who love

Protestantism will rally round the Orange banner while those, who are hostile to our principles, will be compelled to respect our Brotherhood when they see the kind of men who cherish the Orange name."

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PREACHER: Pastor Maurice Lawson (Sir Knight) Dist. No. 11 Chaplain.

BANDS: Heart of Midlothian — Portsmouth Accordion Band. DRESS: Full regalia, dark suits (if possible), white gloves etc.

It is hoped for a large attendance and ALL Sir Knights from Scotland, Ulster and Province of England are cordially invited. Come and show the colours in the Capital City of London.

District Officers of England No. 11

Sir Knight A. Richardson, District Master; Sir Knight J. S. Black, Deputy Master; Sir Knight M. Lawson, Chaplain; Sir Knight T. Jackson, Treasurer; Sir Knight J. Adams, Registrar.

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