

# TESTING TIME FOR LOYALISTS IN PORTADOWN

The weeks and months ahead will be difficult and trying ones for the officers and members of the Orange and Black Institutions throughout the Province, and nowhere more so than in Portadown, which was the virtual battleground for a trial of strength between the Government and the Loyalist population since the events of last July.

The resolve of the Government - acting on the urging of the Anglo-Irish Secretariat - to re-route the Orange and Black processions in the historic citadel of Orangeism - and the steely resolve of the Protestant and Unionist population to oppose these unfair bans has placed a considerable and

onerous burden on the leaders of the Loyal Orders in Portadown.

### TISSUE OF LIES

The Orders did not seek this confrontation, which was brought about in a ham-fisted and insensitive manner adopted by the authorities last year. It



A 1952 picture of the '12th' July parade in Portadown

has to be said that the routings and bannings have been the culmination of years of sustained campaigning by the SDLP and by Roman Catholic church and civic leaders in

Portadown, who sent deputations to successive Secretaries

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## City Violence Campaigns Are "Orchestrated"

Recent deplorable attacks by so-called Loyalist organisations and groups on the homes of police officers and Roman Catholics have been forthrightly condemned by the Orange Institution, which has unreservedly called on those who blacken the name of Protestantism, Unionism and Loyalism to desist from such wicked practices.

The media has spotlighted the wrongs perpetrated by individuals and groups masquerading under the guise of Loyalism - and rightly so.

But sections of the media have been quieter about an equally sinister and apparently well orchestrated campaign of violence being carried out against Protestants in Belfast recently.

The Orange Order, and its spokesmen, have pointed out some very serious attacks and have warned Orangemen and Protestants to be on their guard.

The incidents include the stabbing and seriously wounding of a young Orange brother just after he had left a function in Clifton Street Hall; the attack on five Protestant homes in the Ainsworth Avenue area of the Springfield Road, and, most serious of all, the brutal murder of a young Castlereagh man, who died a few days after his battered body was found in the republican Short Strand area.

The attacks on Orangemen in the vicinity of Clifton Street Hall is a sinister development in recent years, and it is obvious that the republicans are prepared to go to any lengths to try to force the Order to move from the main Orange Hall. The fact that a huge bomb was discovered and defused by security forces along the route of a recent Orange parade to church in the Clifton Street area adds weight to the case that republicans are waging a planned attack on the Hall.

Orange leaders have also called for maximum police protection for the families in the Protestant Ainsworth Avenue area, and have also called on the families concerned to remain within the area, and not to give in to the ugly and calculated campaign to drive them from their homes, and thus allow republican encroachment on what has always been a Protestant area of Springfield. If the campaign is to fail, it will require not only resolution on the part of the families under attack, but also constant police and army protection, similar to that given to Roman Catholics in areas fringing the Shankill and other Loyalist strongholds.

## Hillsborough Has Another Agreement

# Orange Defiance to U.K.-Eire Pact

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Six months after the signing of the Anglo-Irish "Agreement" thousands of Orangemen and bands assembled in Hillsborough to protest at the role being played by Dr. Garret FitzGerald and Foreign Minister Peter Barry in Ulster's affairs.

In a rousing speech the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A., declared that they were assembled to "fumigate" Hillsborough and to

still say "No", he declared from a platform on the hilltop Square.

He updated the Guy Fawkes' rhyme to say: "Remember, remember the 15th of November; surrender, failure and plot".

### "Accord Won't Work"

The Anglo-Irish Agreement, said the South Belfast MP, has been hailed by its signatories as bringing peace, stability and reconciliation.

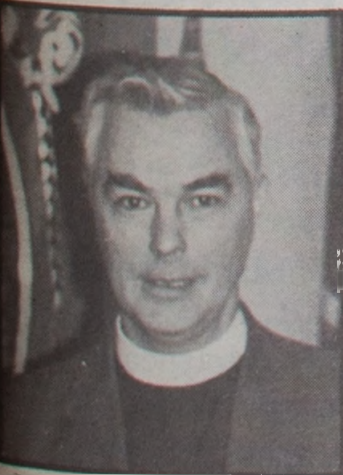
But only that day, he said, a former member of the UDR had been brutally murdered in Newry.

Bro. Smyth said: "The Agreement cannot work because there is not the will to make it work".

Even in Hillsborough last night, he said, he had come across Roman Catholics who would not vote for the agree-

## Members Honoured For Long Service

W. Bro. George Watson, J.P., W.D.M. of No. 5 District L.O.L., presents long service medals to members of St. Johns L.O.L. No. 702 Malone in Sandy Row Orange Hall, Belfast. Back row, left to right E. Beckett, F. Nettercott, G. Watson, J. Stevens, E. Parkinson, A. Armour; front row, from left: J. Parkinson, W. Parkinson, A. Foster, D. Mulcahy. (Photo: "South Belfast Post").



show that their opposition to the pact was as strong as ever.

"There is no weakening of the Ulster resolve and we will





Bro. Cowan and Bro. Wilson with the Junior Boys and their cups and plaques

## Juniors Excel in Scripture Quiz

At the Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland Scripture Quiz in Tandragee Orange Hall, three teams from Hope of Ulster Junior L.O.L. No. 90 had a field day gaining first place in the Junior, Inter-

mediate and Senior Sections.

This speaks well for their Superintendent, Mr. Samuel J. Cowan, and his assistants, Mr. Trevor McGaffin and Mr. Jim McConville who were their tutors in the passages set from

the Bible and the Orange Story and for the way the boys responded in learning the answers to the questions.

The three teams represented the County Down Grand Lodge in the competition and the officers congratulate all concerned on a magnificent achievement.

This was the second occasion in which the Donaghmore boys came out on top after winning the lecture competition. Photo: "The Outlook."

# Anti-Accord Protest For King's Constituency

W. Bro. John Hunter, WDM of Plymouth District No. 64, recently made a visit to Northern Ireland, during which time he visited Belfast, Lurgan, Londonderry, and Cloughmills.

On his arrival at Glarryford W. Bro. Hunter, and his host, Bro. John Osman, were met by W. Bro. S. Adams, WM of the local Crimson Star Lodge, who then took them to his home where they were given a first class example of Ulster hospitality. The visitors were given a guided tour of Bro. Adams's farm.

Later that evening, Bro. Hunter, who was introduced to the local brethren by the WDM, Bro. Matthew Gordon, gave the audience a short history of the birth of Orangeism in England in general and in Plymouth in particular.

He went on to elaborate on the activities of the Plymouth brethren in showing their united opposition to the London-Dublin agreement, which included lobbying their local

M.P., writing to the Prime Minister, and making plans to hold a parade through the Bridgewater constituency of Secretary of State Tom King.

Bro. Hunter gave details of the contingency plans arranged in Plymouth in the event of a complete breakdown of law and order in Ulster, and coupled this with an invitation of holiday accommodation to any orphaned children if the local District Lodge would like to take this up.

Bro. Hunter concluded his speech with a full outline of the Plymouth District appeal fund, followed by a short question and answer session, after which he was given a fine reception.

W. Bro. Hunter was full of praise for the way in which he was received by the various Lodges, and following his two days in Ulster, a further two were spent in Scotland, with another day spent in Liverpool.

Bro. Hunter would like, through the "Orange Standard"

to send fraternal greetings and sincere thanks to all concerned who helped to make his stay in Ulster a great success.

### LODGES' RESPONSE TO APPEAL

W. Bro. John Hunter, WDM of Plymouth District No. 64, on behalf of their 300th Anniversary Hall Appeal Fund, takes this opportunity, through the "Orange Standard", to thank each and every contributor to their appeal.

He explains that unless it was specifically requested to send a receipt they believed that it would be more financially sound on their behalf to say a great big "Thank you" to the numerous Lodges and individuals in Ulster who answered their call for help.

He points out that the sum received so far totals £4,200 up to the end of April, and any other donations would be sincerely appreciated. These should be sent to John Hunter,

62 Saltash Road, Keyham, Plymouth, Devon, PL2 1QS, England. Contributions were received from the following Lodges:

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971, 567, 556, 692, 37, 550, 821, 62, 1891, 741, 1002, 995, 535, 765, 1865, 1554, 803, 58, 493, 746, 20, 32, 1121, 1881, 1203, 1025, 1054, 28, 340, 442, 152, 312, 961, 1608, 144, 1941.

430, 498, 1927, 766, 398, 1325, 128, 448, 1037, 6, 647, 1407, 330, 407, 504, 549, 917, 920.

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## Lodges Unite For Divine Service

On Sunday 20th April brethren and sisters from Lodges in the Antrim, Staffordstown, Killead and Randalstown District (Co. Antrim) paraded to Divine Service in the Old Congregational Church, Randalstown.

This was the second service held under the auspices of the United Orange Districts Committee (Antrim area), Staffordstown District being the hosts for this parade.

Bands taking part in the parade were Staffordstown Accordion - who led the parade to and from the church - Murray Memorial F.B. (Antrim), Ballyhill L.O.L. 484 F.B. and Ballylurgan F.B.

Among the visiting brethren were Wor. Bro. G. Morrison, C.G.M. (Co. Antrim), Wor. Bro. Dr. Brownlee, C.G.S. (Co. Antrim) and Wor. Bro. Clifford Forsythe, M.P.

During the service, conducted by Rev. Mr. Wilson (Randalstown), the choir rendered the anthem "All in the April evening" and men from the choir sang the piece "Glory to our wondrous King". The Scripture passages were read by Wor. Bro. H. Cameron, W.D.M., Staffordstown and by Wor. Bro. J. Graham, District Treasurer, Randalstown.

A very clear and challenging address was given by the preacher, Rev. J. Kelly (Randalstown). He began his remarks by referring to the Accession to the Throne of England of James II in 1685, the call for assistance from English Protestants to William of Orange in 1688, to William's landing at Torbay, the subsequent flight of James II to France and his journey

from there to Ireland to begin his campaign to regain the Throne of England.

Mr. Kelly then centred his remarks on three battles from James campaign in Ireland. Describing the Siege of Derry as a defensive battle fought for the preservation of a faith held dear by our forefathers, he reminded brethren that there are walls today on which we must stand. The walls of salvation - the crux of our faith - must be defended.

Turning to the Battle of Enniskillen which he described as aggressive and offensive, - a battle in which a few risked their lives for the benefit of many. Mr. Kelly urged brethren not to sit back in these days but to be leaders of our faith, providing fibre, muscle, zeal and enthusiasm in the fight for things we believe in.

Referring, finally, to the decisive Battle of the Boyne in which good leadership had been such an important factor, Mr. Kelly spoke of another decisive battle fought and won by Jesus at Calvary. He told brethren that in this battle everyone was either on the side of Jesus or against Him: there could be no middle ground.

He concluded his sermon by posing the question: "Whose side are you on?"

The United District Committee was recently set up to provide financial assistance for the widows and orphans of Orange brethren murdered by terrorists in the Border areas of Co. Tyrone.

The committee plans to organise bi-annual Services with each District hosting the Service in rotation.

# Memorial to Murdered RUC Officer

A memorial has been unveiled in Ballinran Orange Hall, Kilkeel, in honour of Chief Inspector Alexander Donaldson who was killed in a terrorist mortar bomb attack on Newry R.U.C. station in February, 1985.

The memorial tablet was unveiled at a special service in

the Hall by Mrs. Ida Donaldson, the widow of the Chief Inspector.

The opening part of the service was conducted by Rev. D. J. McGaughey, minister of Mourne Presbyterian Church, who announced the hymn 'Abide with me.' Rev. Desmond Knowles, Porta-

## Officer

down, read from the Scriptures before Mrs. Donaldson performed the unveiling ceremony.

An address was given by Rev. D. I. J. McNie, Kilkeel Presbyterian Church, who spoke of Mr. Donaldson as a man who loved his family. "He was a good son, a good brother, a good husband and a good father," he said.

"His visit to his Ballinran home prior to leaving for Newry on the night of the mortar attack was typical of him and a pointer to his attitude on the Fifth Commandment."

Mr. McNie continued: "He not only loved the home of his upbringing, but also the home where he was a bread-winner. He did not neglect his responsibilities as a husband and father and was deeply concerned for his family's material, emotional and spiritual progress."

Mr. McNie also spoke of Mr. Donaldson as a man who loved his work and was highly respected by his colleagues in the R.U.C. "He enjoyed the respect of all law-abiding citizens in the community," he said.

"Alexander was a man who was recognised as a Christian. In his busy life he found time to be involved in the different churches he was associated with. He was regular at his place of worship and encouraged his family to follow his example," he said.

Following the address, members of the congregation sang 'O Worship the Lord.'

Supper was then served. (Report and photograph courtesy "The Outlook").

Pictured at the unveiling are, from left, Mr. Samuel McMurray, W.M. of Ballinran R.B.P.; Mrs. Ida Donaldson, widow of Chief Inspector Donaldson; Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson (parents) and Mr. Robert Bell, W.M. of Ballinran L.O.L.



Stoneyford Temperance L.O.L. 1253  
Co. Antrim

## UNFURLING AND DEDICATION OF NEW BANNER

To be held in the grounds of Stoneyford Parish Church Hall, on Friday 27th June 1986, at 7.30 p.m.

### Special Speakers:

M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth  
B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A.

M.W. Bro. James H. Molyneux  
J.P., M.P., M.P.A.

W. Bro. Rev. William McCrea  
M.P., M.P.A.

### UNFURLING BY:

W. Bro. Norman Scott, Past District Master

# R.B.P. Officers Installed

Attending the installation of officers at Garvetagh Guiding Star R.B.P. No. 76 were members of the Preceptory and their guests. The ceremony was held in Garvetagh Orange Hall on Monday 7th April, Sir Knt. John Lowry (holding warrant) is their new W.M. The installing officer was Sir Knt. Jack Hunter, W.M. of Newtown Stewart Ivy Leaf R.B.P. 203 Sir Knts. S. Speer and J. Burke, D.D.M. of Castleberg District-R.B.C. No. 6 were the stewards.



## Priests, Laity leave Roman Church

When a Church of England clergyman leaves the Anglican Church in order to join the Roman Catholic Church, the matter not infrequently makes headline news in the religious weeklies. But should the reverse happen, little is likely to be heard of it!

The Church of Rome is certainly not likely to publicise her losses in this way, while the Anglican Church would not dream of embarrassing her counterpart by making them widely known.

Occasionally, however, there comes a welcome exception to this practice. At one of his 1985 Diocesan Synods, for example, the Bishop of Bath and Wells gave the news that three former Roman Catholic priests had, during the course of the previous twenty months, become Anglican priests in his diocese.

He added that "a steady stream of Roman Catholic laymen" were becoming Anglicans.

### NO "CROWING"?

"But we don't shout it around", the Bishop is reported to have said. "And I don't think that the church is breaking up when the Rev. so-and-so becomes a Roman Catholic".

Presumably he was seeking to counter the well-publicised departure of more than one Church of England clergyman to the Roman Church over the past two or three years.

It is good indeed to hear the other side of the picture! The general public might well be forgiven for imagining that the ecclesiastical traffic runs in only one direction.

Similarly, religious programmes on television have from time to time featured Englishmen and Englishwomen who have been attracted to, and eventually found their spiritual home within one of the non-Christian faiths - would those responsible for such programmes be equally willing to tell the story, in detail, of a Moslem, Sikh or Hindu finding Christ?

Possibly it might be felt that this would be detrimental to inter-faith relationships and discussions. (Reprinted from the "British Citizen" section of "The Churchmans Magazine").

# Orange Vote to Challenge Scots Tories

The Orange Order in Scotland is to put forward Unionist candidates in nine Scottish constituencies at the next General Election.

The move is in protest against the Anglo-Eire Agreement and among the seats being contested is Ayr, where the Defence Minister George Younger is MP.

All the candidates will be Scots and according to Scottish Orange Order secretary David Bryce, will include "people of very high calibre and standing".

"Our aim is to oust the Tories from these seats. After all, these were the people who brought into being the Anglo-Eire

Agreement to allow Dublin a say in the running of Northern Ireland", said Mr. Bryce.

One of the Tories being opposed is John Corrie, the MP for Cunninghame North, who abstained in the Anglo-Eire Agreement vote last November.

In the "Scotsman" newspaper he was quoted as saying that the Agreement would be scrapped before the next General Election.

Most of the seats being targeted are marginals and contain large numbers of Orange Order members and their families, who, though the majority are working class, have traditionally backed the Tory Party in

## Tories

elections because of its hitherto strong line on the Unionist position.

The seats being contested are: Renfrewshire West/Inverclyde, Mrs. Anna Curley; Glasgow Eastwood, Allan Stewart, the Junior Scottish Office Minister; Ayr, George

Younger, the Defence Minister; Edinburgh Pentlands, Malcolm Rifkin, Scottish Secretary; Strathkelvin, Mr. Michael Hirst; Cunninghame North, John Corrie; Edinburgh West, Lord Douglas Hamilton; Edinburgh South, Michael Ancram, Junior Minister Scottish Office, and Edinburgh Central, Alex Fletcher.

One Scottish Conservative MP, Peter Clarke, said he welcomed the prospect of

Unionist candidates being fielded in Scotland.

But he wondered why the Orange Order was not fielding candidates in all Scottish constituencies.

"The Orange decision has a natural corollary - that 17 Tories should stand in Northern Ireland", said Mr. Clarke, who said the only way forward was for the Province to be integrated into the mainstream of Westminster politics.

## Scots Plan Big Demonstration at Armadale

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland was held on 26th April in the Orange Hall, Govan, Glasgow.

Sir Knt. Peter Downie, P.G.M. presided, assisted by Sir Knt. John Gibson, D.G.M. in the vice-chair.

Sir Knt. Robert Paul, G.C. led the opening religious exercises.

The P.G.M. welcomed the large attendance and referred to the demise of a number of Provincial officers.

The election of Provincial Officers conducted by Sir Knts. Alan Lindsay and John Shearer, were completed, showing little change.

The annual returns of membership were approved, showing R.B.P. 674 Glasgow as the largest Preceptory and R.B.P. 360, Motherwell, with the greatest increase in initiations.

The Report of Grand Council Meeting submitted by Grand Reg. was approved.

Demonstration arrangements were completed for Saturday 9th August to Armadale under No. 3 District Airdrie, Lanarkshire.

A handsome donation was made to a very worthy cause.

The P.G.M. and Grand Registrar were appointed to attend the Grand Council Meeting in June.

## Maryhill R.B.P. Candidates

Star of the North R.B.P. No. 171 held their monthly meeting on 24 April in the Orange Hall, Maryhill, Glasgow.

Sir Knt. Thomas Bell acting R.W.M. presided, assisted by Sir Knt. C. Munsie, acting D.M. in the vice-chair, Sir Knt. Thos. McKay, Chaplain, conducted the devotional exercises.

The R.W.M. welcomed a large attendance, and proceeded to initiate three candidates, the ceremonial work being car-

ried out by members of No. 4 Lecture Class, Partick.

Arrangements were reported to be well advanced for the August Demonstration, and a number of members were stated to be awaiting their elevation to final status at the next meeting.

The following visitors responded to a vote of thanks: Sir Knts. W. Jones, H.D.G.M.; D. H. Boyd, P.P.G.M.; A. Kernahan, and Joe Allison, R.B.P. 461, Whiteinch.

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on

Sunday, 6th July, 1986

at 3 p.m.

Preacher:

Bro. Samuel Crowe, (Rosslea)

"God Save The Queen"

## Drumreagh Purple Ballykeigle True Heroes L.O.L. 1661 Blues L.O.L. 1744

### Annual Divine Service

(D.V.) on

Sunday 15th June 1986

at

3.30 p.m. in St. Marys Parish Church, Kilmood

Special Preacher: Bro. Rev. Thomas Keightley,

Rector of Belvoir Parish Church,

Deputy Grand Chaplain of Londonderry

Brethren to assemble at

Drumreagh Orange Hall at 2.45 p.m.

Collection in aid of Saintfield District

Benevolent Fund

God Save The Queen.

## Barrow District Morecambe Orange Lodge (Morecambe True Blues L.O.L. No. 903)

Lodges and Bands, also Junior Lodges are invited to take part in the

## MORECAMBE ANNUAL PARADE

to be held on

Saturday, September 27, 1986

Parade will move out from the Battery Hotel at 1.30 p.m.

through Morecambe to Sunnyfield School where speeches will be delivered by Guest Speakers.

Parade will return at 4.30 p.m. to the Battery.

Please write to:— Mr. T. Mahon, 32 Langdale Road, Newtown Estate, Lancaster, England.

Telephone No. 34557.

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# Comment — Comment — Com

## King Size Rebuff in America

The bombing of Libya by American airplacess flying out of English bases produced strong reactions in defence and condemnation throughout the world. The American intention was to attack terrorism at its base, and Gaddafi's Libya with its history of aid to terrorists world-wide was an obvious target, such a decision having been taken.

The responses to the attack were almost universally hostile. Only the United Kingdom was willing to give practical support, and the Government had to explain why it was so co-operative in what many still regard as a very doubtful exercise with long term repercussions for them and us.

We hadn't long to wait until we felt the effects of the Reagan initiative in Libya and elsewhere. Now the Americans are frightened, not only to visit Europe where a few of their fellow citizens died or suffered at the hands of terrorists, but the UK as well. Their gratitude for British help over Libya has not made them feel any safer in Thatcher's country, esteem her as they claim to do for her strong stand against terrorism. The loss of tourist revenue will adversely affect the economy of this country.

It seems strange to people like ourselves who have suffered so much from terrorism and for so long, that the Americans should be so very frightened for their lives when travelling abroad, coming as they do from a very violent society of their own.

Whatever we might think of the American holiday "boycott" of the UK we are concerned much more at the reluctance of American politicians to respond to the British Government's appeal to them to pass an Extradition Treaty which would return IRA terrorists to the UK to stand trial for their crimes.

The attempt of Tom King to make the Americans return thanks to Britain — "One good turn deserves another" — by showing that they are serious about terrorism wherever it shows itself, and when they could be effective in Ireland as they would be nowhere else, is not having much success. The kind of selective anti-terrorism which appears to appeal to American politicians at present is intolerable to people in the whole of the United Kingdom, for IRA terrorism has never been confined to Northern Ireland.

The USA attitude — Irish-American dictated — must be changed if the Government is to continue co-operation, Reagan and Thatcher. The IRA debate is that important. The implementation of an Extradition Treaty, them and us, is the one thing needful to show that America is really determined to combat terrorism.

## Marching Season

The "marching season" is at hand and suggestions that re-routings are to be expected leads us to repeat our contention that it is more sensible not to interfere with traditional marches. The recent occasions when decisions were taken to re-route made for far more trouble than they were intended to prevent.

Orange parades have been singularly trouble free for very many years. The practice and pageantry of the Twelfth is as necessary to Ulster folk as anything else which happens to them. The event should not be made an occasion for political interference as was the case last year. The reason given for the Portadown fiasco, that the parade was an offence to Roman Catholics and Republicans, was totally unacceptable to many more than the Orange brethren involved.

It was the adumbration of a policy which makes the wishes of the few more important than those of the many. While no-one should question the rights of minorities there has to be the

recognised commitment to doing the greater good for the greater number. The Queen's highway must not be closed because some people along it object to its use for a particular purpose, and one to which it has been put for 150 years.

The better way is to allow the police on the ground and the would-be processionists to agree on the route and to act responsibly in carrying out that agreement. The overruling of the police, and the business people of a town who want violence least of all, has proved so disastrous that such decisions should not be repeated.

No sensible person wants anything other than peaceful, orderly, demonstrations of the kind to which they have long been accustomed when the Orange Order have been the sponsors. It is always the declared intention of our Institution to hold its demonstrations within the law. That assurance can be given again, though it should not be necessary to give it, for the matter of good Orange Order behaviour can not be in dispute.

## Less Accord Over The

## 'Agreement'

The protests against the Anglo-Irish Agreement continue. Legitimate protest is a human right and its necessity must not be questioned, for there are many things in society which must elicit that response.

The forms which protests take require careful planning and sensitive application, for words and actions must have value in producing useful responses. A protest may have some merit in itself, but unless it causes those whose decisions occasion it to change course the value can be negligible. Herein lies the dilemma, how to make effective protest while keeping public support. To do that is especially difficult. Probably the most effective protest to date against the Agreement was when the Government was humiliated by the rejection of the Sunday Shops Act through the votes of the unionists.

Protest actions must embarrass the Government. They are wrongly targeted when they only affect the people. We plead for carefully thought through strategies in a situation where patience and sensitivity are essentials if progress is to be made in the campaign to remove something which is regarded by Thatcher and Fitzgerald and others as an immovable object.

One thing is certain, the refusal of the Unionists to accept the Agreement will compel the Government to recognise that a country can only be governed in a good society with the consent of its people. The statement of these post-Agreement months, and the embarrassment of the Unionist politicians and people,

can give pleasure only to those who are either totally insensitive to what Ulster needs or anxious to have their way whatever the cost to us.

We repeat ourselves when we say that the rejection of the Agreement can only be a part of the Unionist programme. There has to be a scheme for the better government of the Province. One which has the consent of all Unionists and is designed to involve and satisfy all good citizens whatever their religious affiliations or political aspirations. To have a settled, peaceful, Ulster society it is essential to make political structures which will produce that most desirable situation.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that Ulster men and women will have to settle the country with the help of the Westminster Government and Parliament and without the interference of the Government of the Irish Republic which must have no say in any part of the United Kingdom. It is a foreign power and must be treated accordingly.

## Ards Orangemen's "Twelfth" Booklet

As the Twelfth of July demonstrations come closer the brethren of Newtownards District L.O.L. No. 4, who will host this year's celebrations in the North Down area, have put the finishing touches to their souvenir booklet for the occasion.

This booklet not only gives information about parade routes, etc., during July, but also has some interesting historical facts about the development of Orangeism in the area. This information is included in a number of articles written by local brethren.

"The Early Development of Orangeism in North Down", a short article on William Johnston of Ballykilbeg and the Party Proce-

sions Act, as well as general snippets about all Lodges in the area, will be found in its pages. The Lambeg Drums, a feature of the demonstration, are also highlighted in a short article.

The brethren have been pleased by the support given by the local traders, Ards Borough Council and the encouragement of the Grand Master, all of whom contributed to the production of the booklet. It is now on sale price £1.00.

Should any brethren wish to purchase a booklet(s) for himself or his Lodge, please contact Bro. T. Johnston, L.O.L. 240, Tel: Bangor 457202.

## Re-Constitution of County Donegal

### Grand Lodge

A well attended meeting was held in Laghy Orange Hall, Donegal, on 25 April. Its purpose was to reconstitute the County Lodge which was in suspension for three years.

Donegal Orangeism had been controlled by an Administrative Committee for that time. Its chairman, W. Bro. R. J. Ferris presided, with W. Bro. A. Lindsay in the Deputy Chair.

The Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.D., M.P., M.P.A., and the Grand Secretary, Rt. W. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P., were welcomed as the authorised representatives of Grand Lodge to moderate the proceedings.

Before conducting the election of officers the Grand Master spoke of the importance of the occasion for the Donegal brethren and the Grand Lodge which was anxious that status be restored to the county. He paid compliment to the work of Bro. Ferris and the Administrative Committee and congratulated them on the progress they had made in the time available to them.

The elections resulted — W.M., Adam Bustard; D.M.,

Kenneth Deane; Chaplain, the Rev. C. McCandless; Secretary, W. Given; Treasurer, A. Deane; Inside Tyler, W. Anderson. Appointments were made to the County Lodge Committee, three places in the Central Committee of Grand Lodge and two auditors. The officers, introduced by Bro. R. J. Ferris and Bro. A. Lindsay, were then installed by the Grand Master.

The newly installed County Grand Master conveyed the thanks to the meeting to the Grand Master for conducting the election and installation and to Bro. Walter Williams and Bro. R. J. Fleming, C.G.M., Londonderry City, for their assistance. The three distinguished brethren suitably replied. They expressed their congratulations to the newly constituted Lodge with good wishes for its happy continuance.

Bro. Ferris spoke of the mixed feelings of himself and his committee, for they had

enjoyed their Donegal experience and the friendships which had come from it. Their compensation had come in the restoration of the County Lodge to its proper place in

Grand Lodge.

The meeting was addressed by the Grand Master on several matters of importance to the Institution before it closed in ritual format at 4.30 p.m. Tea was served afterwards by the ladies who received the thanks of all present by the County Master, Rt. W. Bro. Adam Bustard.

### Co. Leitrim Orangeman for 51 Years

The half yearly meeting of Co. Leitrim Grand Orange Lodge was held in the Old Schoolhouse, Killegar, on May 14. W. Bro. George W. Browne, CGM, presiding, assisted by W. Bro. Charles Johnston, DCGM, in the deputy chair.

Visitors from Co. Cavan and Co. Monaghan included W. Bro. W. G. Foy, CGM; J. Roberts, DCGM; R. Kemp, CGC; J. Scott, CGS; H. Spotten, CGT.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from W. Bro. W. C. Moody, MBE, JP, Co. Armagh and Bro. J. McAdam, DCGS, Co. Cavan.

Reference was made to the passing of Bro. W. Taylor, a member of the Co. Grand Lodge who was an Orangeman

for 51 years, having been secretary of Corgar L.O.L. No. 332 for over 30 years and also Co. Grand Chaplain for some time.

The Co. Grand Master was congratulated on being elected a DGMI.

Bro. J. Graham on behalf of Killegar L.O.L. No. 404 presented the W.M. of Stonepark L.O.L. with a gift of money for their special appeal fund.

Members were reminded that the County parade service will be held in Killegar Parish Church on Sunday, July 6 at 3 p.m.

Supper was served at the close of the meeting and the hostesses were thanked by Bro. J. Scott.

Of interest to Ulster Loyalists is the book  
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# STANDBEARER

## Storm Cones For Mrs. Thatcher

In the news bulletins on Television reporting the annual Conference of the Scottish Conservative Party it was easy to discern a mood of anxiety and perturbation on the faces of the delegates. Such applause as there was for Mrs. Thatcher was desultory and without that spontaneity which one senses on such high-powered occasions. The Tories have been all but wiped out by Labour in Scotland, and the

omens are far from bright for them in the next General Election. It could well be that Conservative representation in the British House of Commons by Tory M.P.'s from North of the Border will be as near as extinct as one could imagine. Toryism has lost its appeal to the voters in Scotland, and with the planned intervention of Orange candidates in a number of constituencies their chances

of survival are slim. In the land of the heather disillusionment is setting in at a very fast rate and it is even more so in the Tyneside area where the shipbuilding area scene is dismal with thousands of employees facing massive redundancy in the near future. Mrs. Thatcher's response to all this is that inflation is down to around 3 per cent. Do you believe it? Certainly not here in Northern Ireland. Ask

any housewife if prices have not risen in the shops. Mrs. Thatcher ought to know, or is it that she has bought in a large store of canned food—remember her T.V. appearance in the kitchen of No. 10 with a teapot in her hand—was it Charley

Haughey's? Mid-term election results cannot be regarded as customary mid-term warnings to the Government. They go much deeper than that.

## A Splendid '12th' Brochure

Heariest congratulations to Newtownards District L.O.L. No. 4 on their enterprise in producing a splendid brochure in connection with the Twelfth of July demonstration in their town this year. It runs to 48 pages with an attractive cover which displays an Orange collarette in vivid colour. The value of the production is enhanced by two messages, one from the Mayor of Newtownards, Councillor Mrs. Gladys E. K. McIntyre, and the other from the Grand Master of the Orange Institution, M. W. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.E.P.

The Mayor recalls that the town became a borough in 1613 under a Charter granted by King James II of Scotland (James I of England), making the municipality of the Ards one of the oldest boroughs in Ulster. Also recalled is the fact that even further back the Abbey of Movilla was founded in Newtownards in the 6th

century, and the original name of Kiltonga commemorates a local saint.

The Grand Master makes the point that as the brethren muster for this demonstration they will undoubtedly remember an earlier historical Twelfth—the one in 1867 when William Johnston of Ballykilbeg set out with fellow Orangemen to defy a ban on Orange processions at a time when republican parades “went on without let or hindrance”.

The booklet is well illustrated with pictures of Orange Lodges of a past era, and there is a wealth of Orange history and lore contained in its pages. Well supported by advertising, this is a booklet to be bought and treasured.

Those who would seek to understand the current opposition by Westminster to the Orange and Loyalist Cause here in Ulster would do well to consult the Newtownards District L.O.L. booklet and discover how the celebrated

“Johnston of Ballykilbeg” defied the ban on Orange processions in July 1867 when Bro. Johnston headed a parade of his brethren from Newtownards to Bangor in defiance of an edict from Westminster under which Orange processions were prohibited.

In his readable and informative article Dr. Christopher McGimpsey sets out in detail the then current political mood and how the courageous Johnston galvanised support for free passage on lawful occasions. In the end his defiance landed him in Downpatrick to appear at the Down

Assizes where he refused to recant and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment. He also refused to sign a Declaration that he would be of good behaviour for two years. His refusal to sign brought another month in jail, but for health reasons he got early release before he could serve his sentence out. What is so very

interesting in recognising a parallel with the present ban on Orange processions in Portadown—now euphemistically called “re-routing”—is that Government duplicity was as rampant then as now. How wrong the legislation was under which William Johnston was incarcerated can be gauged by the fact that in 1872 the Party Processions Act was repealed by William Ewart Gladstone's Liberal Government. Can we

visualise the day when Westminster once again will see the error of their ways and once again repeal the obnoxious Order which has led to massive opposition and destruction in Portadown following the prohibition on the 1985 Orange parades? Truth being stranger than fiction we believe that a brighter day will dawn for Ulster's Loyal Orangemen and women, and like the ships of the sea, a British Government will restore our legitimate right to proceed on our lawful occasions.

## Pym to Quit Politics

The news during the middle of May that Mr. Francis Pym, former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland has announced that he has decided not to allow his name to go forward for re-election for the next Parliament is hardly surprising. For some time he has shown himself to be less than happy with the leadership of the Conservative Party, and his decision to stand down in the next General Election adds just another name to appear among those who had supported Mrs. Thatcher as Prime Minister but who now have second thoughts. Over the past few months we have recognised in public statements and dismissals from the Cabinet as well as in other ways that a mood of disenchantment has permeated not only the Liberal, Labour and SDLP sectors of political life in the United Kingdom but also in the Tory Party itself. Clearly the

charges of “arrogance” and a “domineering” attitude to all and sundry are beginning to stick, and the grocer's daughter has been set up for political destruction. The writing is on the wall for Margaret Thatcher, and for her perfidy in treating with the enemies of Northern Ireland the entire Kingdom she will sooner or later pay the price. Retribution is on the way.

During the run up to the debate on Divorce in the Dublin Parliament we learned from a number of spokesmen for the Roman Catholic Church in the Republic that the church would not intervene in the Government's intention other than outlining their views on the indissolubility of marriage. So far so good. The church would state its opinion and leave it to the individual to make up his or her own mind should it be decided to hold a Referendum. But once the debate had got

under way the Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev. Kevin McNamara, announced that a million leaflets would be issued to members of the Roman Catholic church setting out the church's stance and directing that sermons would be preached

on the subject well in advance of the vote being taken. This appears to be another modernised version of home rule being Rome rule. But with a subtle difference—it was less mandatory than we had anticipated. That may well be to

give a more moderate face to the world, but also made in the knowledge that so many couples, married and unmarried are now stepping over the traces and “doing their own thing”, both in relation to marriage, separation, and divorce. A very interesting few weeks lie ahead for the Government and for the future of the present Administration.

Dr. Garret Fitzgerald seems to be laying his head on the line to be chopped not by the electorate as such but by the direction of the hierarchy of his own church. He is taking a

tremendous risk, even within his own party. But having put his hand to the plough he cannot turn back. What is particularly surprising is that while the Referendum is confined to the Republic no such direction from the Roman Church

appears to have been given to Roman Catholics here in Northern Ireland. We see from time to time Roman Catholics, some of whom describe themselves as practising Roman Catholics getting married in the Registry Offices. They have chosen to marry “outside” their own church. We wonder why, for they are not always divorced people. What would Dr. McNamara say to that? Or the Cardinal?

## Orange Defiance to U.K.-Eire Pact

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ment because their future lay in the United Kingdom.

“There has been nobody at any political level who has been prepared in the Unionist family to run with this Agreement and say it will work—because it won't.

“It cannot work because it doesn't reflect the people's will in the Kingdom as a whole”.

He urged people who sought to turn loyalists against the police not to do so. Many of them went in fear of their lives.

Mr. Smyth also dwelt on the controversy of parade routes, saying: “We are told that we can only go on the King's highway if the people in the area allow us, but we are only doing what our forefathers have done and we will say when and where our parades will be”.

Bro. Smyth told the gathered loyalists to think positively and to trust their leaders in the campaign against the Agreement.

### “Doomed”

Several County Grand Masters also spoke strongly against the Accord.

Bro. George Morrison, Antrim, said the Agreement was “doomed”. He declared: “When I look at your faces I see determination, and it is that which will see to it that the Agreement is doomed”.

The IRA was trying to bomb loyalists into a united Ireland, he said. The SDLP and Dr. FitzGerald were using conspiracy, and Mr. Morrison accused Mrs. Thatcher of “going back on her commitment and selling us out”.

He said: “There have always been people like this around in Ulster. The lesson teaches us to be always on our guard.”

“Mrs. Thatcher may be a hard woman, but we are made of even harder stuff. We won't accept this Agreement. Mrs. Thatcher should have learnt her lesson about this Agreement, but she signed it. We are going to teach her it all over again”.

Lt. Col. George Liddle, C.B.E., D.L., J.P., C.G.M., Co. Fermanagh, described the

Accord as “treacherous” and one that had been forced on Ulster people.

It had not brought peace. It had not improved security in border areas, nor had it brought confidence.

Mr. Tom Reid, Co. Tyrone, said they had a right to resist the Accord. They had been told to stop being negative and stop saying “No”.

### More Opposition

But he said that opposition would increase. Loyalists had, in the past six months, learnt some lessons and would change some tactics in their resistance campaign—“because the people of Ulster are in no mood for surrender.”

Efforts had been made, since the Agreement was signed, to divide Unionists, but it would not work. The things which united them were greater than those which divided.

“Ulster Still Says No” said posters on display throughout Hillsborough. Many houses put out flags for the occasion. Sellers of anti-Agreement scarves and rosettes said business had been brisk.

### RESOLUTION

The resolution passed at the rally said:

“As Orangemen we are mindful of our responsibility for the protection and maintenance of the Union.

“We speak for the majority of law-abiding citizens on this, the six-month anniversary of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, when we repudiate its false claim to be a vehicle of peace, stability and reconciliation.

“It removes the good government of the province from its democratically-elected representatives and surrenders it to a conference under the joint chairmanship of Peter Barry, a representative of a foreign power.

“We again pledge our support to the Unionist leaders in the struggle to resist the implementation of the Agreement and resolve to work for the restoration of British rights to British people”.

## New Life For Dublin Orangeism

For several years past it has become traditional for the officers and members of Dublin and Wicklow Loyal Orange Lodge to hold a meeting during the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

The idea is to encourage Northern brethren who are in Dublin at this time of the year to attend the Lodge and so encourage the Dublin brethren with the support they so richly deserve.

In recent years, however, the number of visitors has decreased, and this year the number of Northern brethren was quite small. But those who were present were treated to a night to remember as a candidate was initiated into L.O.L. No. 1313, another candidate, aged 18 years was proposed for membership and a new Bannerette for the District Lodge was unfurled and dedicated.

The initiate was admitted

into Orangeism by Bros. Edward McGuigan and Ernest Hill who are well known figures in Dublin Orangeism.

The visitors who complimented the Dublin Lecturers on their work and the candidate for the interest he had shown were Bros. Rev. Fred Baillie, Alderman Samuel Semple, W. C. Moody and John McAdam. They complimented especially Bro. Wm. Brew, W.M. and Bro. George Mooney, D.M., on the manner in which they conducted the Lodge business.

Following the meeting the ladies were brought into the Lodgeroom to witness the bannerette being dedicated by Bro. Rev. Baillie.

One visitor writes: “There is a most infectious optimism among the brethren of Dublin and Wicklow District and we would hope that in coming years the Northern brethren will be present in increased numbers to enjoy this unique occasion.”

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# £40,000 Orange Hall Opened at Billyhill

A new Orange Hall at Billyhill, Co. Cavan, was officially opened at a largely attended ceremony on Friday evening, April 25.

The extensive building has been erected at a cost of £40,000 on a site donated by the Grand Master of the Co. Cavan Grand Orange Lodge, R.W. Bro. William G. Foy.

The ceremony was presided over by Rt. Wor. Bro. William C. Moody, M.B.E., J.P., D.G.M.I., who at the outset had been requested to take charge by Bro. Foy.

The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Jean Macrae, B.A., and the hymn "O God of Bethel" was sung. A prayer for the bereaved and for peace was offered by the Rev. Mr. Kelso, and the Scripture passage was read by R.W. Bro. George W. Browne, Grand

Master of the Co. Grand Orange Lodge of Leitrim.

Bro. S. Wedlock presented the key to the Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.E.P., who then officially opened the main door. In his address he complimented Billyhill L.O.L. No. 1128 and the R.B.P. No. 247 on the enterprise they had shown in erecting the hall and providing such a valuable facility for the use of the Lodge and Preceptory in that area.

Congratulations were also extended by the Co. Grand Master of the Co. Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge, Lt.-Col. George E. Liddle, C.B.E., D.L., J.P.; Rt. Wor. Bro. Edward McGuigan, D.G.M.I. Dublin; R.W. Bro. John McCrea

Grand Master of Belfast; and Rev. John Fulton, B.D.

A vote of thanks to all who had participated and had joined the local brethren and Sir Knights was proposed by Bro. Foy, seconded by Bro. G. Ritchie.

The closing prayer was offered and Benediction pronounced by Sir Knight and Bro. Rev. Victor Ryan, B.A.

The praise was led by Robert Wilson and his Band, Enniskillen.

Wor. Bro. Jim O'Neill of Belfast True Blues Toronto, Canada, who was present with his wife, formerly Miss Gray, daughter of a prominent Orangeman and a member of L.O.L. No. 1128, both made presentations of a Flag (Province of Ontario) a framed Certificate conveying greetings from his Lodge, set of mauls and table covers.

W. Bro. O'Neill was responsible for raising a considerable amount of money in Toronto for the new Hall.

The W.M. of Cavan Defenders L.O.L. Belfast, presented gifts from his Lodge and Bro. Jim Fisher, a member of the same Lodge, made a gift of table covers from his family.

The collection taken up on the evening amounted to more than £1,000.

The very large attendance included visitors from Dublin, Belfast and Counties Donegal, Fermanagh, Armagh, Monaghan, Leitrim, Tyrone and Armagh.

The Rev. Jean Macrae was the organist, and Billyhill Accordion Band played selections during the evening.

Officers of L.O.L. No. 1128: W.M., Bro. W. G. H. Foy, D.M., Bro. S. Wedlock; Chap., Bro. A. Sharpe; Treas., Bro. L. Sharpe; Sec., Bro. G. J. Ritchie.

Committee: Bros. J. Gibson, J. Ritchie, J. Hill, W. Gray.

R.B.P. 247: W.M., Sir Knt. G. Ritchie; Deputy W.M., Sir Knt. J. Bodle; Chap., Sir Knt. R. Wedlock; Treas., Sir Knt. W. G. Foy; Registrar, Sir Knt. J. Sharpe.

Committee: Sir Knts. J. Kinkade, Wm. Gray, B. Young, J. Ritchie.

## Testing Time For Loyalists in Portadown

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of State, urging that the Orange and Black marches were provocative and caused trouble in the Obins Street and Garvaghy Road areas.

An impartial and unbiased examination of the facts clearly show that these allegations are a tissue of lies.

Until the early 1970s, there had been little trouble, if any, along the Orange routes which involved the "Tunnel" (Obins Street) and Garvaghy Road in this century, and what sporadic outbreaks there had been was due to nationalist attacks on Orange and Black parades.

Indeed, during the year of the republican hunger strikes, 1981, the Orange and Black parades took place through the "Tunnel", and the processionists did not break ranks, despite provocative chanting and jeering, as well as spitting by republican demonstrators in the Obins Street area.

But all this restraint and discipline, as well as the record of good relationships between the Loyal Orders and the people living along their traditional routes, did not prevent the parades from being re-routed, with disastrous consequences to Portadown last July.

### DISORDER DEPLORED

Since then there has been serious civil strife in the town, and, unfortunately, elements which the Orange and Black Institutions do not welcome, have taken it upon themselves to use the justifiable anger about the re-routing of the parades, to attack the homes of police officers, and to cause general disorder and mayhem in loyalist parts of the town.

Deplorable as the re-routings were, and also the tactics of some members of the anti-riot police squads during the past year, nothing can justify the senseless and mindless violence and destruction to property which has caused great alarm and anxiety to the loyal and law abiding Protestant people of the town.

The District Lodge, at its recent quarterly meeting, came out strongly and courageously, against the violence and condemned those who inspired it, as well as those who carried it out.

But the desperately worrying situation is that the countdown to the July parades, has begun, starting with the ser-

vice at Drumcree on Sunday, July 6, and there are, as yet, no indications that the Government and the authorities are showing a more realistic approach to this year's parades.

Last year the brethren of Portadown District held a series of meetings with RUC chiefs before the parades, but despite intensive lobbying by the Orders, and the presentation of a very well prepared case, it achieved nothing, because the decisions were taken at Stormont and at the RUC Headquarters at Knock.

This year, the hope and prayer of all people must be that commonsense will prevail, and that the view of the Loyal Orders, and indeed, of the RUC in Portadown, who are believed to favour the traditional parade routes, will be accepted in the findings and decisions of those who govern our Province.

The officers and members of the Loyal Orders in Portadown are entitled to receive the support of their brethren throughout the Province, and the prayers of all must be that a peaceful and orderly programme will emerge in the coming weeks to enable the parades to take place this year without trouble.

### MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE

The District Lodges in Portadown will also deserve the utmost support of the brethren of their individual Lodges, and irrespective of what decisions are taken, they must be supported to the full. Discipline must be maintained, and even if some of the decisions are unpalatable, and appear to run contrary to the wishes of some members, they must be adhered to if Portadown is to enjoy the peaceful Twelfth to which its members and supporters are entitled.

## L.O.L. 1688 Officers

Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1688 (Friends of Ulster, House of Commons) has elected the following officers for 1986:

W.M. - A. G. M. Ellery; D.M. - H. L. Davis; Chaplain - T. Jackson; Treasurer - H. Morrison; Secretary - C. I. Mackey; Tyler - J. McCullough; Auditors - T. Wilson and J. Knox; Foreman of Committee - W. W. Logan, I.P.M.



## Doagh Medals Presentation

Friday 4th April was a memorable evening for the officers and Sir Knights of R.B.P. 63, Doagh. Following the installation of officers for the current year a 50 Year Jewel and four 40 Year Jewels were presented to five Sir Knights of the Preceptory. A 50 Year Jewel was presented by the W.D.M. of No. 6 District, Sir Knt. Samuel Agnew, to Sir

Back Row, left to right: Sir Knts. Alistair McGroogan, W.M.; Johnston Todd, Immediate P.M.; George Smyth, W.D. Treasurer No. 6; Samuel Agnew, W.D.M. No. 6; George Holmes, County Grand Lecturer; Monson Gault, D.D.M. No. 6; Morris Greer, D.M.  
Front row: Robert Wilson, 40 years; Robert Greer, 40 years; Thomas Magee, P.M., 2nd Lecturer, 50 years; Jimmy McAdam Snr., 40 years; Jim Robinson Snr., P.M., 1st Lecturer, 40 years.

Knt. Thomas Magee, P.M. and 2nd Lecturer, and 40 Year Jewels were handed over by other visiting dignitaries to Sir

Knts. Jim Robinson Snr., P.M. and 1st Lecturer; Jim McAdam Snr.; Robert Greer, and Sir Knt. Robert Wilson.

## Church Parade to Kilmore Cathedral

St. Fethlimid's Cathedral near Cavan town was filled to capacity on Sunday, May 4, for the annual Orange parade and service.

Visitors from Counties Armagh, Donegal, Monaghan and Leitrim joined the local brethren in the parade from the Kilmore Cathedral Hall. The service was conducted by the Dean of Kilmore, Very Rev. Herbert Cassidy, M.A. He extended a warm welcome to the Orange brethren.

Assisting in the service was R.W. Bro. George W. Browne, Co. Grand Master of Co. Leitrim Grand Orange Lodge, and a lay reader in the Church of Ireland diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh.

The lessons were read by W. Bro. James W. Scott, and Bro. Raymond Kemp.

The special preacher was Bro. Rev. George R. Little, rector of Aghaderg (Loughbrickland) and Scarva parishes.

A very large collection was taken up on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Society.

Refreshments were served to the congregation following the service.

Service sheets were presented to the Cathedral by the brethren from Lurgan, who take a close and practical interest in this service each year.

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# Orange Call to Restore March Rights to Portadown

Portadown District L.O.L. No. 1 has condemned violence in Portadown, and has also called on the Government to restore to the Orange Order the right to hold its parades this year along the traditional routes in the town.

The District Lodge, which represents the 32 lodges and 2,000 Orangemen of the area, said that the "mindless violence of the past week in the town must stop", as it was diverting media attention away from the legitimate grievances of the Loyalist population over the Anglo-Irish Agreement, and the re-routing of Orange and Black parades.

A statement issued after the meeting, said that it appreciated the "deep sense of frustration and anger among the Protestant and Loyalist people" over the

Anglo-Irish Agreement, the events in Portadown on Easter

Monday, and the re-routing of the traditional Orange and Black parades in the town.

The District Lodge said, however, that it felt nothing could be achieved by the "mindless wanton violence" being carried out by some young people in Loyalist estates.

The District Lodge said that it had received reports of damage to cars, including those belonging to some members of the Orange Order, and to business premises, as well as

assaults on members of the public.

"These activities cannot achieve anything, and only cause distress to many innocent people", said the statement.

The District Lodge placed on record its deep resentment and disappointment at the decision of the Government and the Chief Constable, Sir John Hermon, in re-routing the Order's traditional parades in Portadown last year, and it called for the re-routing directive to be lifted to enable the July 1986 parades to proceed along their traditional routes.

The District Master, W. Bro. Harold Gracey said after the

meeting that many people in town had expressed considerable concern to him about the situation in Portadown, and were greatly worried at the deteriorating situation on the streets.

Urging parents to keep young people off the street, and calling for calm in Protestant areas, Bro. Gracey also appealed to the RUC to "stop its harassment against Protestant young people in the town".

He said that he had also received a number of complaints about police tactics used over the previous weekend in Loyalist districts, including the West Street area.

## Praise For Portadown Ex-Registrar



Tributes have been paid to the service given to the Royal Black Institution in Portadown by the outgoing registrar, Sir Knight John Brownlee.

At the installation meeting of Portadown Royal Black District Chapter No. 5, a Bible was presented to Sir Knight Brownlee by the District Master, Sir Knight John Toal.

Sir Knight Toal told the meeting that Sir Knight Brownlee had given outstanding service to both the Orange and Black Institutions in Portadown district, in various capacities.

Other officers, including the County Grand Master, Sir Knight James Copeland of Tandragee, joined in the tributes.

Sir Knight Copeland, assisted by Sir Knight Moses Jeffers, District Registrar of

Tandragee, installed the newly-elected officers of Portadown District R.B.D.C.

They include Sir Knight Toal, District Master; Sir Knight James Symington, Deputy District Master; Sir Knight Jack Mathers, Registrar; Sir Knight James Hewitt, Treasurer; Sir Knight Leonard Patterson, Lay Chaplain.

Satisfactory reports on the year's working were presented, and the District officers were told that membership had increased.

Several speakers joined with the District Master in expressing the hope that there would be an enjoyable "Thirteenth" demonstration in Portadown and at Scarva, and also on the last Saturday in August, when the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapters will be holding their annual demonstration in Portadown for the first time since 1980.

## Markethill Elects District Officers

During the recent meeting of Markethill Royal Black District Chapter No. 3, held in Redrock Orange Hall, Sir Knt. James Copeland, County Grand Master of Armagh, conducted the election of officers.

Before declaring all offices vacant, the outgoing W.D.M., Sir Knt. Joseph Black, thanked all the officers and Sir Knts. in the District for their support to him during the four years he had held that office, and signified that he was not seeking re-election as he felt it was time someone else had a chance of holding the highest District office.

Occupying the Deputy Chair during the election was Sir Knt. Henry Emerson, W.D.M., Primatial District No. 4.

The election resulted in the outgoing D.D.M. Sir Knt. James Finch being elevated to W.D.M., and the outgoing District Lecturer, Sir Knt.

Robert Hamilton being elected D.D.M.

Other officers elected were: Dist. Chaplain - Rev. G. Little; Lay Chaplain - James Copeland; Reg. - W. J. McKee; Asst. Reg. - Robert Walker; Treasurer - T. J. Hooks; Lecturers - Ronald Black and Robert Hamilton; Foreman of Committee - Joseph Black.

The C.G.M. thanked the District for inviting him to conduct the election, and wished the newly elected officers every blessing in what could prove to be a very difficult year ahead.

Sir Knt. Emerson reminded the Sir Knights of the high ideals of the Institution they served, and urged them to do so with honour and dignity.

After the meeting all the Sir Knts. were entertained to supper provided by the members of R.B.P. 595.

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## Fifty Years of Orangeism at Ballyrobert

In the evening of 2nd April, Ballyrobert L.O.L. 389 celebrated 50 years with a Golden Jubilee dinner in their Orange Hall.

The guests numbering over 100 of Orange brethren and their wives were welcomed by the W.M. Bro. Dawson Campbell.

The principal guests were M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. George Morrison, County Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. William Brownlees, County Grand Secretary; Wor. Bro. James Wylie, W.D.M., and Wor. Bro. Rev. Roy Valley, B.D., Deputy County Grand Chaplain, with their wives.

After an enjoyable meal and the cutting of the anniversary cake by M.W. Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth and the Lodge's largest serving member Bro. Sammy Moore a short history of the Lodge over the past fifty years was presented.

Toasts honoured, interspersed by musical items were: Grand Lodge of Ireland, replied to by M.W. Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth; County Antrim Grand Orange Lodge, replied to by Rt. Wor. Bro. George Morrison; Sixmilewater District L.O.L. replied to by Wor. Bro. James Wylie; Ballyrobert L.O.L. 389 proposed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. William Brownlees and replied to by Bro. Dawson Campbell, W.M.; The Guests, replied to by W. Bro. Rev. Roy Valley.

In the following Sunday evening as part of their Golden Jubilee celebrations brethren from Ballyrobert L.O.L., together with visitors from neighbouring Lodges attended the evening service in Ballylinney Presbyterian Church, Wor. Bro. Rev. Roy Valley welcomed the brethren and conducted the service. The lessons were read by Bro. Dawson Campbell, W.M., and Bro. Joe Watson, Chaplain. Mrs. Beatrice Smyth, wife of one of the brethren was the soloist.

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# Officers Installed



Sir Knight Gary Heaney, W.D.M. Comber D.R.B.C. No. 10, presents Sir Knt. John McKibben, P.M., R.B.P. No. 527 with his Past Master's Certificate.

The newly installed W.M. of Drumreagh Volunteers R.B.P. No. 527, Sir Knight Laurence Dickson, (seated centre) with District officers and visiting Sir Knights and newly installed officers and Sir Knights of R.B.P. 527 at the installation of officers.

## Ahorey Honours Veteran Members

Mrs. Mary Woolsey pictured after she had unveiled a memorial plaque at Ahorey Orange Hall in memory of her husband, the late Bro. John Woolsey, a Past Master of Ark of Safety L.O.L. No. 251. Also in the picture, from left, Bro. Robert Woolsey, brother, and Bro. Hugh Woolsey, son of the late Bro. Woolsey, and Bro. Sidney McDonald, W.M. of L.O.L. No. 251. (Photo: "Portadown Times").



Two members of Ark of Safety L.O.L. No. 251, Ahorey, in the Tandragee District, have been presented with 50 year certificates, at a recent meeting.

They are Bro. Robert Woolsey, P.M., and Bro. John Haire, both initiated on July 7th, 1934.

They received their certificates from Bro. Herbert Plunkett, W.D.M. of Tandragee District L.O.L. No. 4.

At the same meeting, an inscribed gold watch was presented on behalf of the Lodge to Bro. Robert Dowey, the longest serving member, in recognition of outstanding service to L.O.L. 251, by Bro. Woolsey, who, over the past few years has been responsible for supervising and carrying out extensive renovations, as well as the re-decoration of the hall.

The Lodge Secretary, Bro. Moses Jeffers, on behalf of the W.M., officers and brethren, welcomed Mrs. Mary Woolsey, and the members of the family, and following a brief tribute to the late Bro. John Woolsey, past master, invited Mrs. Woolsey to unveil a memorial plaque.

The centre piece of the plaque is the late Bro. John Woolsey's past master's jewel, which has been given back to the Lodge for safe keeping.

The late Bro. Woolsey was initiated into the Ahorey Lodge in 1919, served as Worshipful Master from 1959 to 1982, and as lecturer from 1920 to 1986.

The plaque was dedicated by Bro. the Rev. Dr. A. R. Scott, chaplain.

Mrs. Gerald Rankin, on behalf of her mother, thanked the brethren for the most thoughtful and kind manner in which they had honoured her late father, and spoke of his life, saying he had long interest in the Lodge, and the Orange Institution generally.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Woolsey and the family was proposed by Bro. Herbert Plunkett, W.D.M., seconded by Bro. Donald Hall, lay chaplain.

Supper followed, and the brethren were thanked for their hospitality, on the proposal of Bro. Hugh Woolsey, seconded by Br. Trevor Rankin.

Presentations were made at a meeting of Ark of Safety, L.O.L. No. 251, Ahorey, in Tandragee district. From left to right: Bro. John Haire, who received a 50 year service certificate; Bro. Herbert R. Plunkett, District Master of Tandragee, D.L.O.L., who presented the certificate to Bro. Haire, and to Bro. Robert Woolsey, centre, Past Master of L.O.L. No. 251. Bro. Woolsey received an inscribed gold watch from Bro. Robert Dowey, the longest serving member, in recognition of his long and outstanding service. On the right, is Bro. Sidney McDonald, W.M. of the Lodge. (Photo: "Portadown Times").



## Letter to the Editor

### Appeasement of Terrorism

Sir,  
Mrs. Thatcher was absolutely correct when she said in the British House of Commons at the time of the bombing of Libya that terrorism thrives on appeasement.

What a hypocrite the Iron Lady is! For she is prepared to assist President Reagan in order to remove the cancer of Libyan violence in the world by direct action at the source of the terror campaign. Yet neither her Government nor any other British Government over the past 15 years has been prepared to move in and deal effectively with the IRA menace in this part of the United Kingdom.

The persistent inept appeasement policies for confronting

the terrorists war against military and civilian targets alike has resulted in death and mutilation on a colossal scale and the destruction of millions of pounds worth of property.

It is a pity Maggie Thatcher isn't prepared to put her money where her mouth is, and go on the offensive like her "master" in the White House, instead of pussyfooting about with a hideous Agreement with Dublin which everyone knows hasn't got a chance of restoring peace, stability and reconciliation in this beleaguered little Province. So off with the kid gloves, Maggie, and show us a bit of iron determination to get to grips with republican terrorism that has blighted this Province for far too long!

Yours sincerely  
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