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(Isaiah 62:10)

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Imperial Grand Master Sets Out Vision For World Orangeism



AWAY FROM PARALYSIS OF FEAR!

A future for each Orange jurisdiction if they captured the vision of Christian ideals and Christian responsibility was set out by the Imperial Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., in his address at the opening session of the triennial meetings of the Imperial Grand Orange Council of the World in the House of Orange in Belfast on Wednesday, July 14.

Dealing with Christian ideals set forth through the Institution, he said: "This dying world, crippled with crass materialism needs the sacrificial living of dedicated and convinced Christians. We can give that. We will be insulated in the world, but not isolated from it."

"And therefore we must capture the vision of Christian responsibility which strays neither to the pious disengagement from society, nor the political decay of some churches. The Institution dare not become a substitute church."

"We have a particular calling to defend Protestant interests — both in persons and property. This can best be done together in the Orange Order rather than through our several churches. On the other hand

the Institution must be bigger than any one single political party even though it might work through one in particular instances.

"Whilst the Order is old we must and can remain a vital body. Each Lodge meeting could be an occasion for stimulus and renewal. The big dates should be carefully noted and members thoroughly nurtured through them."

GET AWAY FROM FEAR

There are a few concrete suggestions I would make. Lead our brethren from the paralysis of fear. Sometimes we naturally dread the big battalions, but remember Luther stood alone. Ridley and Latimer were prepared to die rather than deny the Faith. Death itself had no

dread for those who feared God rather than men. Recapture this spirit.

"The Church must go out to the world and not wait for people to come to it. Orangemen should be members of the Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The forces of evil must crumble before the battering ram of God's people."

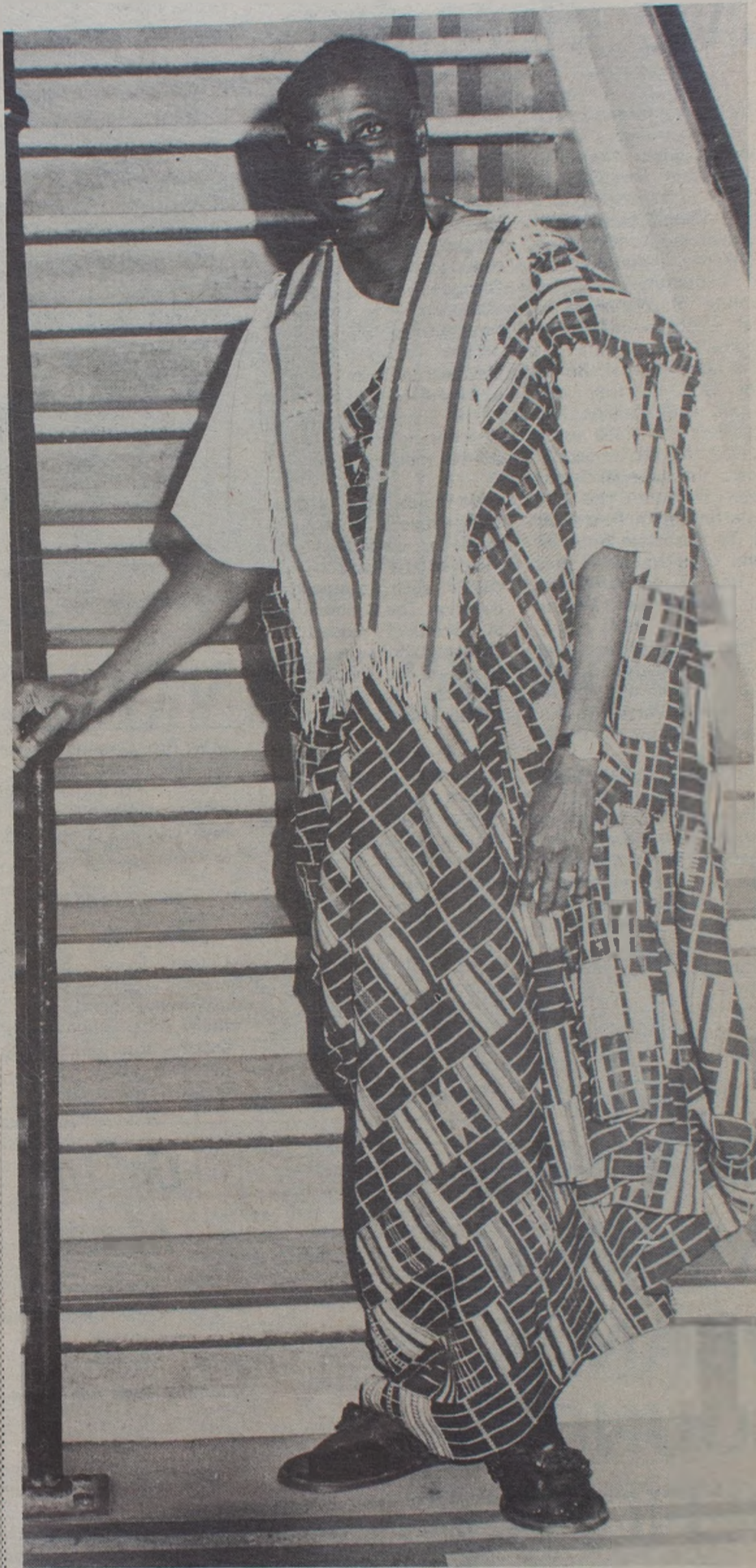
"Let perfect love cast out
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"I Won't Come Out

A Presbyterian minister writes to a Free Presbyterian explaining why he refuses an invitation to "Come out from among them," and asking "Come out where?"

A frank statement on why this clergyman will not abandon the Church in which he has served 38 years. See page 4.

WELCOME BROTHER!



A splash of colour was provided at the Ulster Hall banquet by R.W. Bro. Emmanuel Essien, Provincial Grand Master of Ghana and Togoland who delighted the guests with his native costume. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.

HEIGHT OF ULSTER HOSPITALITY

Some of Ulster's loveliest scenery — the Antrim Coast Road from Larne to Portrush — was included in the outing provided for the World Council official party on the 14th of July.

At Larne the brethren and ladies provided morning coffee in the Victoria Memorial Hall where upwards of a score of Orange banners on display provided a great splash of colour.

Lunch and afternoon tea were served at Bushmills Orange Hall. On arrival a

small procession was formed in the main street and led by three pipers they paraded to the Orange Hall where all the visitors were welcomed by the Co. Grand Master of Antrim, Rt. Wor. Bro. Revd. John Brown, B.A., B.D.

Some of the guests took the opportunity of paying a visit to the Giant's Causeway.

Following an hour and a half in Portrush, where an Orange band was in fine tune, dinner was served at the Lodge Hotel in Coleraine. There the wel-

come was extended by Rt. Wor. Bro. Alfred E. Lee, J.P., Co. Grand Master, Londonderry.

At all three centres District and County officers were presented with World Council badges.

On the Saturday evening prior to the Twelfth Belfast Co. Grand Orange Lodge were hosts at a "get together" in the Park Avenue Hotel.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Thomas Passmore, J.P., C.G.M., extended a welcome to the large assembly.

Glasgow's Orange Civic Reception

The County Grand Lodge of Glasgow was highly honoured when the Lord Provost and the City of Glasgow District Council gave a Civic Reception to the lodge and its friends on Wednesday, June 30, "on the centenary of the Granting of Warrants to Loyal Orange Lodges in Glasgow."

The Lord Provost, Baillie Peter McCann, the Lady Provost, with baillies and councillors of the city received the senior county officers, the Imperial Grand Master, M.W. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D.; and the Associate Imperial Grand Chaplain M.W. Bro. the Rev. S. Ernest Long, L.Th., J.P.; the Grand Master of Scotland, M.W. Bro. Thomas Orr; the Grand Master of Australia, M.W. Bro. John H. Gowans, and W. Bro. Baird, Perth, Grand Master of Western Australia.

PRAISE FOR ORANGEISM

Later in the spacious ballroom of the City Chambers the Lord Provost spoke of his own and his city's pleasure at the recognition of the place and value of the Orange Institution in Glasgow. He referred to its works of mercy, its basis in the teaching of the Bible and its devotion to Christ, and the need for its kind of moral and spiritual suasion in a

world which is often antagonistic to Christian values.

The gratitude of the County Lodge to the Lord Provost and the Council for the evening's recognition of the Orange Order in Glasgow was expressed by R.W. Bro. John Thompson, County Grand Master.

The Imperial Grand Master conveyed the good wishes of world Orangeism to the Glasgow Orangemen in attaining to this watershed in their history.

He thanked the Lord and Lady Provost for the most gracious way they had received the guests of the city on such an auspicious occasion. The Grand Master of Scotland added his congratulations and good wishes to the County Lodge and the appreciation of Grand Lodge to their hosts.

While the large company of representative brethren, sisters and friends, enjoyed the hospitality of the city the County Officers and the distinguished guests had supper with the Lord and Lady Provost in the dining room of the Council Chambers.

The Ulstermen were especially pleased to be in the company of the Lady Provost an Ulsterwoman with family connections in Co. Down.

At the close of the evening



A Scottish Lodge joined their Portadown brethren for the Twelfth in Co. Armagh. Photo: "Portadown News."

M.W. Bro. Gowans presented the Grand Master of Scotland with mauls, the gift of the Australian brethren to their brothers of Scotland.

UNFORGETTABLE

W. Bro. Ian Thompson, County Grand Secretary, and his assistants, are to be especially congratulated on their contribution to the success of an unforgettable event in the history of Scottish Orangeism.

IMPERIAL GRAND MASTER SETS VISION FOR WORLD ORANGEISM

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fear. And when members and people ask us to do something — never do it simply wildly in desperation, but decisively through conviction. It is wise also to know when to do nothing. Pauses are not only meaningful in music, but in life.

between Christian Churches while at the same time opposing ecumenical trends contrary to the Reformed Faith.

LEAD IN TRADE UNIONS

"As citizens we must be involved in society. No one can do everything. But more of our members should be found in leadership in trade unions, local community, education through parent/teacher and management committees right to the highest political office. We should encourage the old boy network to make sure that each supports his brother for the common good.

"In this connection may I make a distinction about Twelfth July Orangemen. I have little time for those who simply turn up for a display on the Twelfth. Nevertheless there is a trend which is bad. Some are resigning because of pressure of work, especially in public service, which makes it difficult for them to attend regular lodge meetings. Such should be encouraged to maintain their affiliation for they can be helpful in many ways.

"Finally, might I encourage each of us to go back to our separate jurisdictions to carry the inspiration and enthusiasm of these days together into the expansion of the Kingdom of Christ in the whole world."

"The Creator God set such a pattern when He rested from His labour.

"Within the Church of our profession seek that every member is decisively committed to Christ and active in his congregation.

"The Master still needs men even in our turbulent 'sexist' society. Taking our place there we can encourage true fraternal relations

1976-1979 IMPERIAL ORANGE COUNCIL OFFICERS

The following have been elected to serve as officers of the Imperial Grand Orange Council of the World for the next three years:

Imperial Grand Master — Revd. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., Ireland.

Imperial Grand President — The Rt. Revd Dr. C. K. S. Moffatt, Canada.

Senior Imperial Vice-President — Thomas Orr, Scotland.

Imperial Vice-Presidents — Richard G. Roberts, England; W. Sinclair, U.S.A.; R. Reside, Grand Master of Canada; Charles Ferrel, Grand Master of New Zealand; J. H. Gowans, Grand Master of Australia; Lt. Col. G. E. Liddle, C.B.E., D.L., J.P., County Grand Master of Fermanagh.

Honorary Imperial Past President — Leslie H. Saunders, Canada.

Imperial Grand Chaplains — Rev. S. E. Long, A.L.C.D., L.Th., J.P., Ireland; Rev. G. R. Mason, England; Rev. W. S. K. Crossley, B.A., B.D., Ireland.

Imperial Grand Secretary

— Walter Williams, J.P., Ireland.

Imperial Deputy Grand Secretary — Gordon Keyes, Canada.

Imperial Grand Treasurer — Alfred E. Lee, J.P., Ireland.

Imperial Auditors — Thomas Mairs, Canada; R. McGee, England; Edward McGuigan, Ireland.

Imperial Lecturers — Owen Smith, Scotland; W. C. Moody, M.B.E., J.P., Ireland.

Director of Ceremonies — M. Bain, Scotland.

Press officer — W. D. Sloan, Ireland.

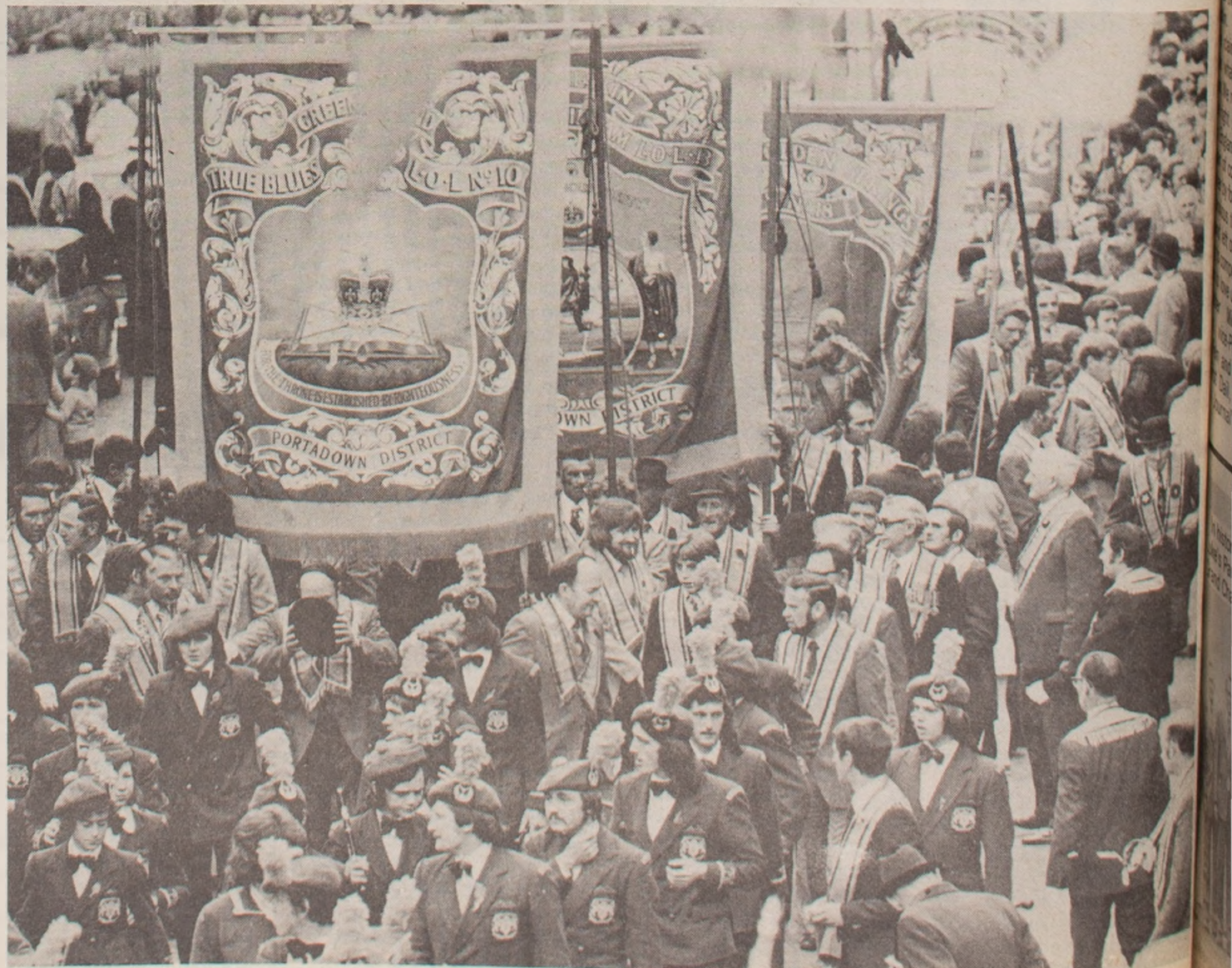
Honorary Vice-Presidents — A. Downie, Scotland; John Bryans, J.P., Ireland; Wm. Best, U.S.A.; John H. Morris, Australia; Lt. Col. G. E. Liddle, Ireland; Dr. E. H. J. Berry, New Zealand.

Tyler — J. McCord, England.

On The March

Orange brethren assembling in Portadown ready to move off for the Lurgan demonstration.

Picture: "Portadown News."



HELD OVER

Owing to pressure of space some reports and pictures have had to be held over to our September issue.

Bishop To Write "Marching Song" For "Juniors"

A new marching song for the Junior Orange Institution in Ireland — that was the pledge given by the newly elected Imperial Grand President, Tyrone — Rt. Rev. Dr. C. K. S. Moffatt, Bishop of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. He is to compose not only the words but the tune. The announcement came following a reception in Warren House, Donaghadee, the holiday home of the Junior Orange Association of Ireland, where the World Orange Council delegates and their wives were entertained to dinner. An impromptu sing song was held on the steps of the

House, the Bishop conducting them in "Amazing Grace," and "The Lord's my Shepherd."

Dr. Moffatt has been for many years a leading figure in the Orange Institutions in Canada and at World Council level.

He has composed a number of hymns and tunes for use in his church.

The Bishop is also a pilot and has flown many thousands of miles in his own plane all over Canada and the United States in connection with his church and Orange work.

At the reception in Warren House the visitors were welcomed by M.W. Bro Samuel Cowan, Grand

Master of the Co. Down Grand Orange Lodge and M.W. Bro. W. Boal, Grand Master of the Junior Orange Association of Ireland.

Both officials outlined the story of Warren House since its purchase some years ago, and conversion and extension into a holiday home for members of the Junior Orange Order throughout Ireland.

Earlier the official party paid a visit to the Folk Museum at Cultra where they were received by M.W. Bro. Aiken McClelland, the librarian, and a noted authority on the Orange Institution, being a senior official of the Grand Orange Lodge of Research.



Order's Family Failing

Like any other family therefore, I have found weaknesses (in the Orange family). Those which could be minimised or eradicated for the common good perhaps are obvious.

There is a tendency to indulge in internal squabbling over trivials. Many good Lodges have failed simply because the members were not directed to big tasks. Instead they were allowed to whittle away energy and effort into divisive arguments.

In most distant countries this manifested itself in a tendency to make Orangeism simply an 'Old Boys' Reunion and not an integral part of the community." M.W. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth in his address to the World Orange Council.

History Says 'No' To Irish Nationalism

National and geographical boundaries scarcely ever made one nation of Spain, Portugal; history made them; geography did not. Norway and Sweden; history has succeeded in making two of them.

Geography has scarcely ever succeeded in making one nation out of Ireland; history worked against it. The United Kingdom and the United States of America do not coincide.

In the last analysis the nationality is the wish of the people. The people of Ulster love the hills of Antrim in the way as we love the hills of Roscommon, but the centre of their patriotism is London.

London is the centre of our patriotism. We claim the right to be what is to be our own. We refuse them the right. After 300 years of compelling us to be by force. And so we are anxious to start where we left off, and we are anxious to compel Antrim and Ulster to love us by force."

Michael Flanagan, Vice-President of the Orange Order and chaplain to the First Dail, "The Free Press Journal" 20 June

WHY SHOULD I ABANDON MY CHURCH?

After he had delivered an address at an Orange service near Rathfriland on the last Sunday in June Bro. the Revd. Ernest J. Ferguson, a clergyman serving in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland received a letter and some pamphlets from a member of the Rev. Ian Paisley's Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster.

Bro. Ferguson sent the following reply, a copy of which has been received for publication in "The Orange Standard." It read:

OPEN LETTER TO A SEPARATIST

Dear J,

I am not quite clear about the purpose of your letter, whether it is to seek guidance from me, or to try to influence me to resign from my ministry and membership of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

You quote the text, "Come ye out from among them." This is a text which is dear to the Brethren and which is often quoted by them. Come out. Come out where? Abandon the Church of which my father and your grandfather were elders? Abandon the Church in which I was taught the Shorter Catechism and the Westminster Confession of Faith? Abandon the Church in which I was born again? Abandon the Church in which I received the call to the Christian ministry? Abandon the Church which I

have had the honour to serve for thirty eight years? No, sir.

If you think God has guided you to try to persuade me to leave the Presbyterian Church I am persuaded God has guided me to stay in. I believe it is better to stay in and to vote year after year at the General Assembly for withdrawal from the World Council of Churches as hundreds of ministers and elders are doing than to hand our Church over to the control of the ecumenists.

Martin Luther did not leave the Church of Rome. He was thrown out. John Wesley did not leave the Church of England. He was thrown out. And I'm not going to leave the Presbyterian Church until I am thrown out, and I know that as long as I preach the evangelical doctrines of the Presbyterian Church and walk uprightly this will never happen.

The Presbyterian Church is no upstart church with a self-appointed bishop. It is a church with a great history and traditions. Its ministers were preaching the Gospel and earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints long before the self-styled champions of orthodoxy appeared on the scene to disturb "the peace of Jerusalem."

The texts you quote e.g. Acts 2, v. 40; 2 Cor. 6, v. 17; Ephes. 5, v. 11; 2 Thess. 3, v. 6; were written centuries

before the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian Churches came into existence. They refer to local and contemporary situations in the early Church. St. Paul did not exhort believers to withdraw from the fellowship of believers, but to separate themselves from unbelievers, infidels, and the children of darkness.

2 Thess 3, v. 6 refers to disorderly conduct on the part of Christians. I, and thousands of others, have witnessed with sorrow and revulsion disorderly scenes outside the Assembly Hall, Belfast, at the Opening Meetings of the General Assembly. The people involved were not members of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. They were arrogant and aggressive outsiders. Such scenes were, and are, a disgrace to Protestantism.

Incidentally, the members of the Pauline churches were not perfect. They were men and women of like passions as we are. They had their faults and failings. They reeked of pride and prejudice. They were critical and censorious. They were no models of virtue.

The cardinal sin of the separatists is that they believe that they are right and all other Christians are wrong. They believe that their interpretations of the holy Scriptures are right and that all others are wrong. They reject the doctrine of the Infallibility of the Pope and substitute the doctrine

of the infallibility and impeccability of a church.

The curse of Protestantism is that there is so much "in-fighting" amongst Protestants. We are wrecking and destroying ourselves, ecclesiastically and politically. We are so busy fighting on another, we have no energy left to fight the powers of darkness. And non-Christians are appalled and scorned by this unholy spectacle of the "saved" and the "orthodox" fighting fellow-Christians.

You have quoted a few texts for my consideration. Let me quote a few. "Not every one that saith, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" Matt 7, v. 21.

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead" James 2, v. 26.

"Now, I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our

Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement" 2 Cor 1, v. 10.

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ; . . . that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries; which to them is an evident token of perdition; but to you of salvation, and that of God." Phil 1, v. 27, 28.

Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Rom 12, vs 16, 18.

Yours sincerely,
E. J. FERGUSON.

"TYPICAL OF ULSTER'S SPIRIT"

M.W. Bro. George Watson, Scotland, Imperial Grand President, addressing the World Orange Council at its opening session, said it was typical of the people of Ulster that they should be meeting in the House of Orange bombed by terrorists some months ago.

He praised the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Orangemen of Ireland on the erection of their new Headquarters, and went on to say that many thousands of overseas Orangemen looked upon Ireland as their second home.

A handsome illuminated tablecloth was presented by M.W. Bro. Raymond Reside, Grand Master, on behalf of the Orangemen of Canada.

The tablecloth will be used on ceremonial occasions in the House of Orange.

In historic Loughgall — this picture was taken outside St. Luke's Parish Hall following the Co. Grand Lodge and Co. Grand Chapter of Armagh dinner on July 13.



WORLD ORANGEISM WILL NOT FORGET EMBATTLED ULSTER

—M.W. BRO. THOMAS PASSMORE



Speaking at the Edenderry Orange demonstration on the outskirts of Belfast Mr. Thomas Passmore, Co. Grand Master of Belfast and Chairman of the Woodvale Unionist Association, declared:

"As we consider the number of countries represented here today (July 12) we are tempted to liken this gathering to an assembly of the United Nations with one great difference WE are all united in the bond of Orangeism, which is stronger than any mere written agreement.

60 YEARS LATE

Some of us were amused by the banner headline in our local evening paper last Monday which proclaimed "Ulster Doesn't Stand Alone" it was of course quoting "Sunny" Jim Callaghan our present Prime Minister.

To a newspaper that proudly boasts of giving "Todays News Today" let me say this — the headline was SIXTY FOUR YEARS LATE, and if Mr. Callaghan thought he was saying something new it just proves how out of touch he is with the real situation in Ulster, but at least, he's learning.

As our fathers discovered in 1912 and as we have proved in 1976 while an Orange Lodge or an Orangeman lives anywhere in the world Ulster is not forgotten, and Ulster will never stand alone.

However, even with the help and support of our brethren and sisters throughout the world we could never hope to survive without the power and the help of Almighty God.

GOD IS LEFT OUT

Remember with God, we can say like Elisha of old "Fear Not," for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. The tragedy of today is that so many of our people have left God out of their teckoning, and like ancient Israel we are suffering the consequence.

It is uncanny how similar Ulster's situation is to that of Israel with a neighbouring state which is used as a haven by terrorists who having committed their crimes can walk openly in the streets of Dublin.

Liam Cosgrave can deny it till he's blue in the face, but until we see Father Bartholomew Burns back in Scotland to answer for his crimes, and until we see the murderers of our people returned to face our courts for their evil deeds, the Prime Minister of Eire cannot be taken seriously. If the Eire Government really wants to improve relations between our two countries, it should delete the offensive Articles from its Constitution which claims jurisdiction over this part of the United Kingdom.

The sooner the Irish Republic and the I.R.A. realise that



there will be NO UNITED IRELAND the sooner peace will be restored to our beloved Province.

OUR ENEMIES CAN BE BEATEN

Our enemies can be beaten and with God's help they will be beaten when every Loyal Ulster man and woman show the same determination to meet the threat unitedly as our fathers did in 1912.

"Stand together, men of Ulster! Stand together, side by side!

Let no envy mar your Union, let no jealousy divide. Put away misunderstandings, trust each other heart and soul;

Till the morn of peace is dawning, and the clouds asunder roll."

ULSTER'S GREATEST NEED IS SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

ULSTER'S greatest need to-day was not for leadership but for a spiritual revival, Orangemen were told at the Twelfth Demonstration in Magherafelt by their County Grand Master, Bro. Alfred E. Lee.

He warned that they were in danger of losing their heritage as the forces of evil had spread to almost every aspect of their daily lives.

Bro. Lee, who was proposing the second resolution, spelt out what it cost to-day to be a Christian. He said that they were living in strange and difficult times and it was proper that they should consider the important question of what it was like to be a Christian in the world to-day. If a man was to be a genuine Christian then he must realise that there were enemies to be overcome, sacrifices to be made, a cross to be carried and a race to be run.

"To be a Christian," explained Bro. Lee, "will cost a man firstly his self-righteousness — he must cast aside all pride and conceit of his own goodness. Secondly, it

will cost a man his sin — he must set his face against every habit and practise which is wrong in God's sight.

"Thirdly, it will cost a man his love of ease — if he is to run a successful race towards Heaven then he must be prepared to take pains and trouble; he must be on his guard against the sins of the world and be prepared to work for his Master.

"Fourthly, it will cost a man the favour of the world. He must be content to be thought ill of by men if he is to please God. He must count it no strange thing to be mocked, ridiculed, slandered and even hated. He must be prepared to be thought of as a fool, an enthusiast and a fanatic — to

have his words perverted and his actions misrepresented. These are not only exacting demands; they are specific.

"Perhaps they could best be summed up in the inscription on the lectern presented to Westminster Abbey in memory of William Carey, the great Baptist missionary. Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God. Our qualifications tell us that we should have true and steadfast faith in Jesus Christ

The very basis of our Protestant faith. Have we failed to accept our commitment to Him and to live as He lived?

"Have we the Christian homes of bygone days when there was time for the Bible, there was time for prayer and there was time for the Church?"

Bro. Lee said that to-day the Bible was a forgotten book, prayer was left out and the Church was ignored. If their Protestantism was not merely political but spiritual, if their Protestantism is not such that

their only claim to it was parentage, then they had a unique heritage for they had the revelation of the mind and the heart of the 'Great I Am'.

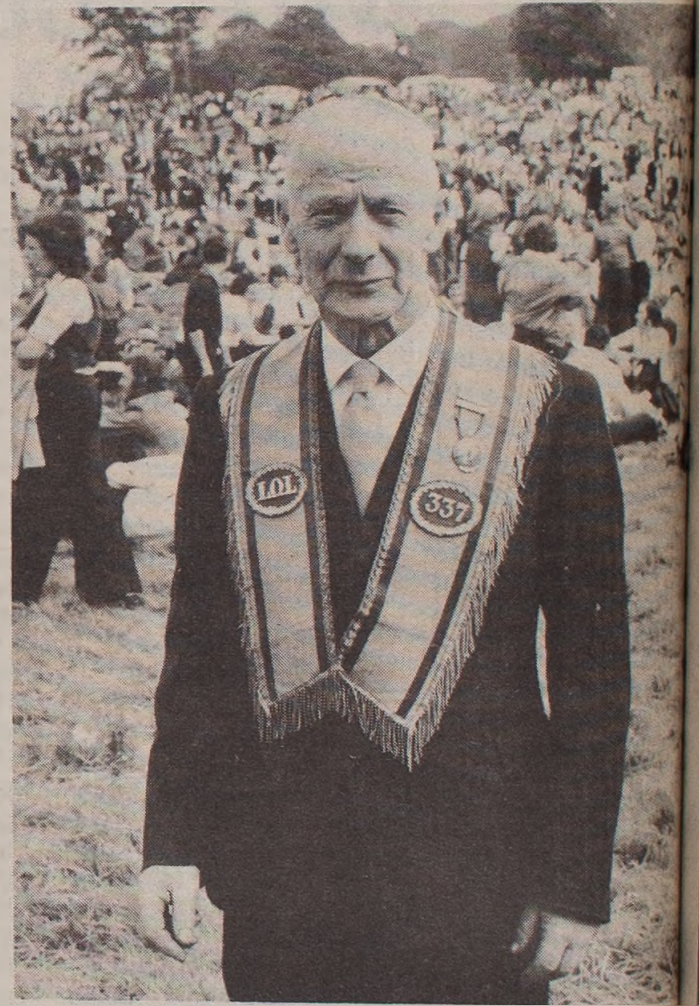
"To-day," he went on, "because of our neglect of the Bible and its teachings, the very foundations of our natural life are crumbling. God's word has not changed. He is the Son of God who created Heaven and Earth and everything therein; the God who upholds all things by the power of His word; the God who spoke to many through the ages and will speak to us and guide us if we listen the God who said to Joshua 'Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid neither be thou dismayed, for I the Lord thy God am with thee whither soever thou goest'. These words are true for us as they were for Joshua and yet we find a falling away from faith in God.

"Ulster's greatest need to-day is not for leadership, but for a spiritual revival, or we will lose our heritage for the forces of evil have spread to almost every aspect of our daily lives. Edmund Burke once wrote: 'All that is necessary for the forces of evil to succeed in this world is for enough good men to do nothing'. This Province needs to-day men and women to set the example of good Christian living, members of our Order to live out their qualifications in their daily lives and to stand firm for God's word, for our Protestant heritage, for civil and religious liberty and as St. Paul said: 'Having done all, to stand.'

"We in Ulster are not the first to be downgraded by our enemies, not the first to be deceived by those who pretend to be our friends, not the first to be unjustly treated as a result of corruption in high places, not the first to be on the verge of despair and not the first to fall away from Christian principles.

Christian love

"Let us to-day show some Christian love in our living and in our dealings with our fellow-men and then we will deserve a true leader, a faithful guide, and an inspired voice. Through the centuries we learn of voices divinely inspired which have guided our people and led them to happiness and prosperity.



A 60th Twelfth for Bro. William Thompson who was with his Lodge No: 337, to Edenderry. Photo: Allan McCullough.



Rt. Wor. Bro. Alfred E. Lee, J.P., Imperial Grand Treasurer, second left at the head of the Magherafelt parade. Photo: "Mid-Ulster Mail."

"We Have Faith In Our Wee Country"

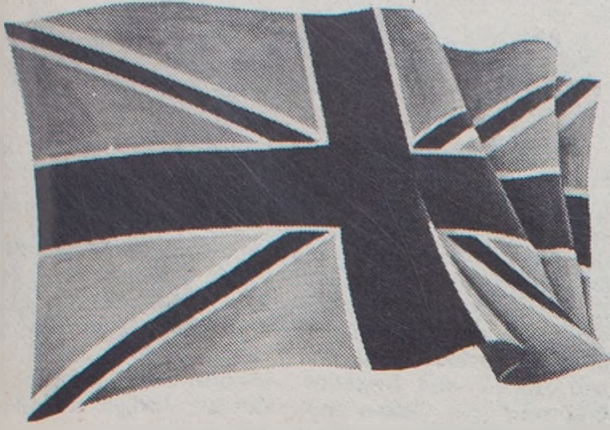
Addressing the Co. Armagh Orange demonstration in Lurgan R.W. Bro. W. C. Moody, deputy Co. Grand Master said that as Orangemen their stand for the Christian faith was unquestioned. They reiterated their devotion to Christ and His church.

"The Orange voice has been heard loud and clear over the years in open condemnation of violence and of bad government decisions which have done so much harm to the cause of peace and security. We join our voices with those who plead for a whole-hearted support for the forces of the Crown, for people who can join them in their work, and the rest of us who can support them in it," he said.

"We have faith in our wee country, and pray for the day when we can look to our own affairs," Bro. Moody added.



SO THIS IS WHAT FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS ALL ABOUT!



By STANDARDBEARER

Galaxy of Dignitaries At World Council

The captains and the Kings of World Orangeism have departed from our shores to their homes and jurisdictions overseas, and what a galaxy of dignitaries we had for the triennial meetings in the House of Orange following the annual July celebrations.

The delegates and their wives came from Canada, the United States of America, Australia and New Zealand, and this year the interest which our visitors from overseas always arouses was enhanced by the attendance of the two representatives from Ghana, R.W. Bro. Emmanuel

Essien, the Provincial Grand Master of Ghana and Togoland, and W. Bro. E. Kwesi Thomas Odonkor.

I learned from them that the spirit of Orangeism was brought to their countries by missionaries, and today the Orange Order is flourishing there with approximately one thousand members.

They told me that on their first visit to Ulster they had been impressed with the strength and vigour of the Orange Institution and they derived great pleasure from the warm reception they were given everywhere they went.

It is a strange commentary on the Twelfth of July and the "Thirteenth" at Scarva when Orangemen, Blackmen and their Loyalist friends are emphasising the basic principles of civil and religious liberty and the right of free speech that a group of people who once proclaimed those principles should set out to deny freedom of expression on public platforms.

UNEDIFYING

The exhibitions — carefully and "thoughtfully" planned which marred the demonstrations at Edenderry, Scarva and Ballymena were to say the very least unedifying.

They brought shame and disgrace — in some instances further shame and disgrace — on those who engineered the noisy

and ignorant protests.

To hurl abuse at the Grand Master of the Orange Institution in Ireland and the Imperial Grand Master, the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, because he has been endeavouring to find some common ground with representatives of one-third of Northern Ireland's population in the interests of peace and good government was low, mean and despicable.

The Grand Master in recent years has travelled thousands of miles presenting the Ulster Unionist and Loyalist Cause when others, less qualified and less trusted were content to sit at home and criticise.

He has not always preached that message to the converted. He has taken it across the border into Eire where he has earned the

respect of many people whose political and religious outlook is diametrically opposed to his.

TEST OF COURAGE

That is the real test of moral and physical courage. He did not cross the border accompanied by an entourage of Civic Guards; rather he travelled alone to the city of Dublin to present the Ulster case and did so with lasting effect.

I notice, according to an uncontradicted press report that at Edenderry Mr. Smyth was called a "Lundy" and that he was "talking to the enemies of Ulster." Imagine!

Are we to assume from this that under the "Come out from among them," rent-a-crowd faction we will now be permitted to talk and discuss matters of

moment only with those to whom we are "allowed" to make contact.

According to the same newspaper report the heckler who said he was "Paisleyman" was told "You're a Paisley man, you say. What about this. Paisley met Bernadette Devlin twice in his house."

"Let me tell you this," said the Orangeman; "Ian Paisley and Willie Beattie and Peter Robinson sat in Room 142 in Stormont in March and agreed to the talks. I know because I was there."

This is the stuff of lively politics. Scarva was hardly the place for an attack on the Grand Master by people who were, I suppose, trespassers in law since some of those involved were not wearing Black Regalia.



Sir Knight and M.W. Bro. Rt. Rev. Dr. C. K. S. Moffatt, Bishop of Brandon, Manitoba, addresses the audience at the Scarva Sham Fight. Photo: "Portadown News."

GALLANT LITTLE ISRAEL

Now Israel may say and that truly, if that the Lord had not our cause maintained, if that the Lord had not our right sustained, when evil men who us desired to slay, rose up in wrath to make of us their prey. These words from a well known version of Psalm 124 came to mind when the Israelis made their spectacular foray into Entebbe Airport in Uganda to rescue the crew and passengers of the plane hijacked by an international gang of terrorists.

CAUGHT WORLD'S IMAGINATION

It was a brilliantly planned and expertly executed rescue operation which caught the imagination of the entire free world. One shudders to think what would have happened

if those who were trapped were from another country.

But with all the odds stacked against them Israel performed a seemingly impossible task in Uganda, 2,200 miles away from home. It was completed before the world knew that it was being carried out.

Why was it so successful? Surely the underlying reason is the fact that there was a national will to win and the Army and Air Force were given complete freedom to undertake the rescue.

Isn't there a moral here for the British Government in its approach to the civil war in Ulster, a war which is now in its eighth year. Perhaps at this late stage we should suggest to the Labour Government that it consults with Israel on how best to conquer the terrorists in Ulster.

The tributes paid by M.W. Bro. Rt. Rev. C. K. S. Moffatt, World Council President to M.W. Bro. Walter Williams and by Bro. Williams to his office staff, Mrs. Kathleen Cowan and Miss Elaine Huddleson were thoroughly well deserved. All three received presentations at the Ulster Hall Banquet on Friday evening.

Bro. Williams has had a really exhausting three



The Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Walter Williams.

years since the Council's triennial meetings in Liverpool in 1973.

First he has had his ordinary routine office work to deal with. Then he had the prolonged negotiations over the erection and the opening of the House of Orange.

Then when that had been successfully undertaken there came the devastation caused by the bomb. And it

was whilst the clearing up and re-furbishing were in progress that the plans were completed for the World Council.

WORKED WONDERS

Altogether, Bro. Williams and his staff worked wonders and come July 14 the House of Orange was back in order, ready to receive the delegates. A triumph of organisation, and a magnificent achievement.

HOW IT'S DONE

Since dear Harold first turned his venom on the people of Ulster remarkable tales of sponging on the English mainland have come to light.

The latest and most astounding of all was uncovered this month. It concerns a certain Mr. Derek Deevy who has proved that one can get away with it for long enough if you are sufficiently brazen-faced in our glorious Welfare State.

Mr. Deevy lives in Liverpool — the city where Harold Wilson has his power base! — and at Renshaw Hall Exchange the bold

Derek signed-in in five different names a week without ever being asked to show a birth certificate or produce his wife.

In this colossal swindle Mr. Deevy has managed to acquire £36,000 from the Welfare State. Super sponging this is, and in Mr. Wilson's city of Liverpool.

Come on Harold, let's hear from you when you have got prima facie evidence of sponging on your own doorstep.

And what steps are being taken to discipline the clerk who paid Mr. Deevy for three years? We shall await this with interest.

*Peaceful
Loyalist
Parades*

The Twelfth of July and Scarva's "Thirteenth" demonstrations came and went without one single incident.

It is to be hoped that this fact is not lost on Mr. Merlyn Rees, who rejoices in the title of Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

It cannot have escaped his attention that throughout the Province somewhere in the region of 300,000 people could go out to express and record their loyalty to H.M. the Queen and the British way of life. These people, of course, were dubbed "spongers" last year by no less an authority on sponging than Mr. (now Sir) Harold Wilson.

No-one would accuse Mr. Wilson of sponging. After a lifetime in politics he has no need to take his place in the breadline. He has more homes than he can occupy at any one time, so obviously he had no need to sponge, nor was he wasting his time.

ULSTER HAS NOT LOST ITS SOUL

—UNIONIST LEADER



There was always hope for a people who had a soul, declared W. Bro. James H. Molyneux, M.P., the Ulster Unionist leader at Westminster when he responded to the toast of "Northern Ireland" at the banquet given by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on Friday evening, July 16.

"Northern Ireland has not lost its soul. It may be a tormented soul, but a soul determined at long last to cast off its tormentors," he told a large assembly of World Orange Council delegates, their wives and other Orange personalities.

"GAINING GROUND"

Bro. Molyneux, in a major speech, said he could truthfully say that the Ulster Members at Westminster were gaining ground.

Replying to the question of whether Parliamentarians there had admitted their mistakes concerning Ulster, Bro. Molyneux said this was not a speciality of politicians anywhere — they were not given to confessions of failure — but they admitted to themselves and sometimes privately to others that they had indeed been mistaken.

The only value of that was that it provided a start-line, not for a headlong rush in the opposite direction, but a crab-like progression which involved moving sideways as often as forwards.

Bro. Molyneux said that when the Conservative Government abolished Stormont in 1972 its aim was to do something more than that.

Its objective to "break the mould" — in clear words to destroy Ulster Unionism as a political force.

SQUABBLING

To a great extent they succeeded, mainly he said, because Ulster's leadership strata did not understand the danger facing them, and, by squabbling among themselves, co-operated in their own destruction.

"You may feel they are still co-operating in doing precisely that," he pointed out.

Bro. Molyneux said the Ulster loyalists were rescued from ultimate destruction three years ago by the Imperial Grand Master of the Orange Institution, the Rev. Martin Smyth, who decided that if the prima donnas could not come together, loyalists would try the second rank.

It came off, and laid the foundation for the united structure which enabled Ulster to win three vital elections in a row.

The toast was proposed by the High Sheriff, Ald. William C. Corry who spoke of Ulster's contribution to the world in terms of leadership in time of war, in sport, in industry, etc.

The other speakers were the Imperial Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth; the Imperial Grand President, Most Wor. Bro. Rt. Rev. Dr. C. K. S. Moffatt; M.W. Bro. Lt. Col. G. E. Liddle, C.B.E., D.L., J.P. Imperial Grand Vice-President and Grand Treasurer of

Ireland; M.W. Sister Mrs. Elizabeth P. McCrum, J.P. Grand Mistress of the Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland; Rt. Wor. Bro. Thomas Passmore, J.P., D.G.M.I., Grand Master, Belfast Co. Grand Orange Lodge and the visiting Grand Masters — M.W. Bros. Raymond Reside, Canada; John H. Gowans, J.P., New South Wales, and president of the Grand Orange Council of Australia; Charles Ferrel, New Zealand; Richard G. Roberts England; Thomas Orr, Scotland, and William Sinclair, Past Grand Master, U.S.A.

evening the Belfast County Grand Lodge Colour Party paraded the Colours for an Act of Remembrance dedicated to those who had been killed and maimed in Ulster in the past seven years.

ENTERTAINMENT AND REMEMBRANCE

Mr. Stanley Connell was the organist, and a programme of entertainment was provided by Majorie Rea, William Dickson and Jimmy Gillespie.

At the outset of the

Surprise!

Bro. Essien, a man with a ready smile and the ability to share a joke, sprang a very pleasant surprise on us all when he entered the Ulster Hall on the Friday evening wearing spectacular native attire for the banquet. It was a most colourful touch which drew forth spontaneous applause from a delighted audience.

Bros. Essien and Odonkor told me at the end of the banquet that they will be taking home with them a host of happy memories to share with their sisters and brethren in Ghana and Togoland.

Rev. J. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., addressing the audience at the Ulster Hall banquet. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.

AFRICAN BIBLE DONATED TO HOUSE OF ORANGE

Scores of Orange banners in Ulster carry a portrait of Queen Victoria presenting a copy of the Holy Bible to an African Slave, with the caption "The Secret of England's Greatness."

We had a mental picture of this in reverse when our two Ghanian and Togoland brethren, Bros. Essien and Odonkor presented a copy of the Bible to the House of Orange during one of the sessions of the World Orange Council.

The gift was gratefully re-

ceived by the Grand Master of Ireland, Most Wor. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D. after the donors had expressed the delight it had given them to be the medium of the presentation.

The Bible is in the native language, Ewe, which is used in the working of the Orange Lodges in Ghans and Togoland.

M.W. Bro. Smyth told the Council that it will be placed alongside the 1690 edition of the Bible which is in the House of Orange library.



A touch of charm and grace was added to the Belfast parade on the Twelfth by Miss Shirley Millar, of the Percy Street Girls Accordion Band. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.



COUNCIL TO MEET IN SCOTLAND

On the invitation of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland the World Orange Council has decided to hold its 1979 meetings in Edinburgh.

Subject to ratification by the Grand Orange Lodge of British America an invitation is to be extended to hold the 1982 meetings in Canada.



"I'm the leader of the band."



A section of the large party from the World Orange Council who paid a visit to Warren House at Donaghadee on the Thursday in Council were. Fourth from right in the front

row is R.W. Bro. William Boal, Grand Master of the Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland. Photo: "Newtownards Chronicle."

Historic Orange Sites Visited By World Council

Loughgall and the nearby Diamond, both of them closely identified with the founding of the Orange Institution in Ireland after the Battle of the Diamond in September 1795, were visited on July 13 evening by delegates to the World Orange Council and their wives.

The first call was at Loughgall Parish Hall where the visitors were the guests of the Co. Armagh Grand Orange Lodge and the Co. Armagh Grand Black Chapter at a dinner.

Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Anderson, County Grand Master of both Institutions resided, and extended a welcome to the "County of the Diamond" to the visitors from all the Orange jurisdictions throughout the British Commonwealth, the United States and Ghana.

He gave the visitors a brief history of the Battle of the Diamond and the emergence shortly afterwards of the Orange Institution, consequent on the signing and issuing of the first warrants to form lodges by James Sloan, the Loughgall inn-keeper.

Bro. Anderson referred to the great losses the Orange



W. Bro. R. W. Whitten, J.P., District Treasurer, Portadown District, L.O.L. No. 1, chatting with Bros. Odonkor and Essien during the World Council to Loughgall. Photo: "Ulster Gazette."

Order in Northern Ireland had suffered through the brutal murders perpetrated by the IRA, and said that unfortunately the Westminster Government "seems to be afraid to take some action to eradicate the IRA."

Later the visiting party toured the Orange Museum in the house in Loughgall where James Sloan signed the first Orange warrants, and there saw the table which Sloan used to write those early authorities.

The final call was made at the Diamond, a few miles away. There the visitors inspected the single storey cottage home of the celebrated "Diamond Dan" Winter, of 1795 fame, and met a number of his descendants, including Mr. Derek Winter.

Afterwards there was a reception at the nearby Diamond Orange Hall given by Diamond L.O.L. No. 85. The speakers were M.W. Bro. Leslie H. Saunders, Mayor of East York, Toronto, a former president of the World Orange Council and Past Grand Master of Canada, and W. Bro. Norman Allen, Worshipful Master of the Diamond L.O.L. No 85.

THE ORANGEMAN AND THE CHURCH

By W. BRO. REV. J. W. LOCKINGTON, B.A., B.D.

The Orange Order prides itself and rightly so, on the fact that it is fundamentally a religious organization. Based on Biblical Christianity and committed to the tenets of the Protestant Reformation, it encourages its members to experience personal faith in Christ, to use the Bible as their only guide of faith and conduct, and to be loyal to the reformed Church.

In seeking to achieve the aims of the Orange Order, it recognises and respects the diversity of traditions within Protestantism and acknowledges the individual's right to private judgement so that the Orangeman and the woman belongs to no denomination and no church of his own choice.

LOYALTY TO THE FAITH

Loyalty to the Protestant faith is the proud boast of the Orangeman and it reveals itself in the support by the Orangemen to their local

Church. It is encouraging to realise that so many are involved as members of Kirk Sessions, Select Vestries, Leaders Boards and committees.

They are appreciated for their work and respected for their interest and enthusiasm, which are not weakened but enhanced by the fact that they are also members of the Orange Order. It is also gratifying that brethren are found Sunday by Sunday in their pew to worship God and listen to the exposition of His Word.

Whilst this is true and commendable, there is the other side of the coin. This is the undeniable fact that there are many who treat lightly the obligations of Orangeism in this matter. What is expected of an Orangeman in relation to his Church?

For one thing he ought to be regular in his attendance at its services. Regularity certainly doesn't mean what one man (and he isn't alone in his practice!) took it to mean when he reportedly boasted that he 'regularly'

went to Church every year — on the first Sunday in July! What it does mean is that we put into effect our pledge to keep holy the Sabbath Day and attend the public worship of God.'

In addition to regularly attending himself, an Orangeman ought to take his Baptismal vows seriously and include his whole family in the habit of Church attendance not forgetting to encourage his children to become involved in the activities of the Church.

POSITIVE APPROACH

Secondly, he ought to be contributing to his Church, not simply financially, but allowing his talents and abilities to be used within the context of the Church's life and witness. One criticism often levelled against the Church is that it is always looking for something from you. But that is a criticism which can boomerang, for it is true that so many ignore the Church until they need it to do something for them — to

baptize the baby, to provide a wedding service and to bury the dead. As Orangemen, surely our approach ought to be a more positive one than this.

In days of indifference as well as atheism and agnosticism, loyalty to one's Church, with all that implies, is still one of the characteristics of Orangeism. May all of us who are proud of our membership of the Order and unashamed of our Protestantism show something of this to the world by fulfilling our responsibility to God's House, and do so from the motives of gratitude to God and love for Jesus Christ, His Son.



Keeping time with the band during a pause in the parade as he carries the strings for Ballymoughan "Purple Guards" L.O.L. No. 1262.

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THE IMPERIAL GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE FROM ORANGE AND BLACK PLATFORMS



The platform party at the Belfast County demonstration Edenderry. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.

'Big Jim' Doesn't Seem To Have Learnt Anything

The Imperial Grand Master and Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, M.W. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth, in moving the Fourth Resolution at Edenderry, Belfast, stated:

'Big Jim' who came to the Bogside with much applause in 1970, and as Home Secretary allowed a policeman to be removed from duty on the Falls, has come again to Belfast with less applause and little aplomb.

SET R.U.C., U.S.C. ASIDE

He is now Prime Minister, but does not, on the surface at any rate, appear to have learnt anything. He destroyed lawful authority and set aside the R.U.C. and the U.S.C. He played the terrorists' game. And still expects Ulster people to believe him when he said, 'we will keep law and order here.' Seeing is believing.

This resolution specifically condemns such government bungling which has resulted in so many deaths and such destruction in our Province.

Nevertheless we are convinced that the way forward is not by anarchy. Accordingly we urge our

members to assist in every way possible the Security Forces. If they were adequately manned, trained and equipped the total defeat of the I.R.A. would be imminent.

This necessitates change of attitudes both by government and people. New directives must be given, not to contain but to conquer the I.R.A. They should not be engaged in dialogue but utterly defeated.

To that end we urge our people to co-operate with the Army and Police.

Tragically, not only have governments succumbed to terrorists and paid the Danegeld. The community largely has done the same.



Fear rules many. We cannot condemn Roman Catholics for not withstanding the I.R.A. if we, as Protestants, take the line of least resistance and yield to any bully boys.

Blackmail and corruption is no better if it is done on the Shankill than in Ballymurphy. Business men who pay large sums for protection are no worse than ordinary people paying pittances.

To renew society we must all stand together against criminals and terrorists. The restoration of law is paramount.

Ulster is suffering not only from our troubles, but also from the economic recession. For a Government to claim that it is helping us simply by subsidising unemployment is worthy of condemnation.

Good Ulstermen do not want the "dole." They demand work. But we cannot afford a policy which waits for others to do

something. Industrious and intelligent people must lead the economic take-off which will restore prosperity to the land.

In this connection we stand by our membership of the larger unit in the United Kingdom. We are not fair weather friends. Neither are we gullible fools. Therefore we demand full representation in all democratic forums.

The Orange Institution which has worked for the good of the Ulster community is solidly behind the principles of the Convention Report, based on the will of the Ulster electorate. However the Westminster Government has been slow in implementing that will. They seem to prefer the whine of the bullet to the

will of the ballot.

PRESSURE URGED

Let all of Ulster prepare to press the Government to restore proper democratic institutions. In this regard the Orange Institution, as the past, will be prepared not only to give leadership but to work with others to achieve that goal. We cannot however wait for Utopian idealism. Nor can we wait for Mr. Callaghan's moment when we "solve it," if by that he means accord with those who would seek to destroy Ulster and form a United Republic of Ireland, whether Provo Green or Official.

We have pointed the way. Let Government and people take it towards a peaceful and prosperous future.

'GREATEST DANGER FROM INTERNAL DRIFTING'

Seconding the Third Resolution of the Imperial Grand Black Council at the Scarva demonstration and Sham Fight, M.W. Bro. Revd. W. M. Smyth said:

"The people of God in every age have known insidious attacks upon their principles, practice and persons. Sometimes the greatest danger comes, not from external opposition, but through internal drifting.

MOST INSIDIOUS DANGER

"This latter may be the most insidious of all, and very prevalent in the Reformed family today.

"It is necessary therefore to examine every movement. We must try the spirits to see if they be of God. We must bring all belief and behaviour to the lodestar of God's Word in Scripture. For this we have both the example and authority of the Lord Jesus.

"We appreciate the importance of liberty of conscience and belief, but contend primarily for conscience bound by, and

belief based on, the Word of God. The captivity of renesant Romanism, militant ecumenism, superficial charisma, atheistic materialism or paralysing agnosticism must be avoided by us.

"These are all fraught with pernicious peril for Protestantism. Our objections need to be clearly stated in Church, State or society at large.

"However the Royal Black Institution does not stand for negative and provincial Protestantism. And this resolution, whilst recognising our debt to the past, reminds us of our duty to the present. In professing Protestantism as the purest

form of Christianity, we must take our Gospel to the whole world. This we do, not simply as individuals, but as members of a world-wide brotherhood.

WHAT THE AGE DEMANDS

"This age demands that we hide not our light under a bushel. The darkness welcomes even the flicker of the faintest candle. No matter how insignificant we think we are, each of us has a contribution to make. Let us make it individually and institutionally. Not only does the age demand it, but Christ, commands it. Let us obey Him."

'TIS SAID

"When you think everything is hopeless a little ray of light comes from somewhere! (Inscription in an old inn, St. Moritz, Switzerland).

"Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others" (R. L. Stevenson).

"May you live all the days of your life" (Dean Swift).

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back,

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Mr. Charles Ferris and his sons Sam and Jack continue to make this a family outing to Edenderry. Also in the picture is Mr. Dunlop. All four are members of the William Kirk Memorial L.O.L. No. 1213. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.



The Triennial

This edition of our paper has a lot to say about the meetings, and happenings, of the Imperial Grand Orange Council in the week July 10-16 at Belfast and elsewhere.

The point has been made, properly, that the Council is not a legislative body. Its value is in its sharing of experiences, in the forming and cementing of its friendships, and in the joining of its kindred minds on subjects of mutual concern.

The Council has been since its inception a most useful consultative body.

The sessions of 1976 underlined its value as a forum for understanding, and in the Ulster situation a means of helping the Orange jurisdictions to appreciate accurately the position here.

It is good, too, for Ulster people to know that they have friends in many places, people who are concerned to help them in their distress — sympathy has been shown in many practical ways over the troubled years — and to the utmost of their ability. For whilst the Council is mainly concerned with "Orange business" it always has time for a look at the problems of the members of the Orange family in the several countries where Orangeism exists.

Council '76 was realistic and enthusiastic. The difficulties of Orange and Protestant witness in a secularised world were not undervalued, and there are such signs of interest in Christian faith and practice in several places that the members were encouraged to consider ways of promoting the Orange way which people everywhere could find helpful to them in their Christian and inter-church relations.

The evangelising possibilities, and opportunities, of Orangeism are not to be overlooked. There was no defeatism, but rather a determination to "keep the old flag flying" with greater determination than ever. The spirit of the Council augurs well for the future of the Orange movement.

Call To Expel "Sham Fight" Protesters

A demand for the expulsion from the Royal Black Institution of those members who took part in a protest at the public meeting at the annual Sham Fight at Scarva, has come from leaders of the Institution and other members in Armagh and Down.

The apparently well-organised attempt to prevent M.W. Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth, Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and Imperial Grand Master, from speaking, proved unsuccessful, though nearly 50 people, some of them wearing RBP collarettes, from the Portadown district, were able to maintain a continuous din in front of the platform throughout Bro. Smyth's speech.

Above the noise there could be heard shouts of "Lundy," "Traitor" and

"Friend of Paddy Devlin," obviously references to Mr. Smyth's recent inter-party talks with SDLP leaders. Bro. Smyth made no attempt to silence the protesters nor did he answer their comments.

ROUND OF APPLAUSE

At the end of his address, a large number of people in the audience gave him an enthusiastic round of applause.

After Mr. Smyth had resumed his seat, Bro. Alex Cushnie, Imperial Grand Registrar of the Royal Black Institution which sponsored the demonstration and

Sham Fight, went to the microphone and declared that in all the years he had been attending the Sham Fight he had never witnessed such a disgraceful incident.

He described the protesters as 'loud-mouthed hooligans,' and appealed to them to "shut your mouths for a short time" while he attempted to speak.

"Disgraceful," commented Bro. Cushnie, who expressed the hope that the identity of those who had staged the protest would be noted and that they would be expelled from the

Institution.

One woman who displayed anger, at the appearance of Mr. Smyth on the platform, was heard to say that she had suffered a double bereavement because of IRA terrorism.

At one stage a member of the platform party, a leading official of the Orange Order from England, was seen to go down among one section of the protesters in an effort to get them to quieten down, but he had no success.

Before the start of proceedings at the platform, a Church of Ireland clergyman standing in the audience, and wearing RBP regalia, was subjected to personal abuse by a member of the Institution and by a woman who chanted "come out from among them."

BUSY ROUND FOR IMPERIAL GRAND MASTER

In his address at the opening session of the World Orange Council Most Wor. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., said it had been his privilege since being appointed as Imperial Grand Master in July, 1973, in Liverpool to have represented World Orangeism in many places and spheres, including the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in July, 1975.

He had attended the Sessions, not only of his own Grand Lodge of Ireland, but also the Grand Lodge of Canada at Niagara Falls, June 1974; the Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States in Troy, Michigan, August 1974 and the Grand Lodge of England in Liverpool, July 1975.

In addition, he had been at rallies and lodges in various parts of Scotland, England, Canada and the United States as well as Ireland. There had been a wide correspondence and

consultations with leaders from Australia, New Zealand, Ghana and the Isle of Man.

"The family aspect of Orangeism has naturally struck me," he stated. The family ties have been strong. These ties spring from our basis of Christian Faith. Born again into the family of God, adopted by the Holy Spirit of God, married to the bridegroom, the Lord Jesus, as His Church we are closely related. Wherever I have gone I have met Orangemen and women of deep Christian conviction and compassion.

"They have been committed to Christ and His Church as members, workers and leaders. They have also been heavily committed to our Orange cause. These are the backbone of our organisation. They are truly Orange in the tradition of William — 'The Protestant Religion, I will maintain'."



The platform party at Aughnacloy included, back row, left to right, Mr. Alec Reid, Ballygawley, Mr. Alfred Irwin, district master of Fivemiletown, Rev. George Little, Portadown, deputy grand chaplain of Ireland. Front row, left to right, Mr. John McKay, former Convention member for Fermanagh South Tyrone, Mr. William Bell, former Convention member for North Belfast and Mr. H. McCormick, district master of Anahoe.



Clontibret (Co. Monaghan) Pipe Band crossed the Border to join in the Orange demonstration in Lurgan. Photo: "Ulster Gazette."

Skeletons In The Orange Family

Each family has its skeletons, and the Orange family is no exception. A worldwide weakness was the old human and Christian one of failing to be what we are.

We need therefore to understand human weakness, and while seeking to correct faults, do so in a spirit of understanding and tolerance. Discipline must be in love. But we must seek to reach the mark where

each member not only professes to be a Protestant Christian but is one.

A further weakness is to 'preach away a concern.' Pass a resolution and send it to Grand Lodge, but do not follow it through in responsible attitude and actions. The Institution must follow through its convictions in every day life and witness in all society in every country.

That means we must guard against a great family

weakness. The husband and wife who take each other for granted are not working at marriage. We must not allow the Institution to become a mere routine. Only a few are needed to organise Church services and parades.

Unless candidates are coming forth regularly we miss the highlights of Initiation and Degrees. Therefore Officers and Members must work at improving the Institution.

The varied talents of members must be harnessed to our cause. The Grand Council and Grand Lodges represented must set the standard of decorum, Dignity and debate leading to decision and action for the advance and welfare of Protestantism. Most Wor. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., speaking as Imperial Grand Master at the World Orange Council.

**FRIENDS OVERSEAS
KEEP IN TOUCH WITH
CURRENT EVENTS IN THE
ORDER BY SENDING THEM
THE ORANGE STANDARD**



Scots Plan Service

The quarterly meeting of No. 4 District Chapter was held on June 1, in the Orange Hall, Whiteinch.

Sir Knt. James Hamilton R.W.D.M. presided, assisted by Sir Knt. George McNea, D.D.M. in the vice-chair. Sir Knt. John T. Forde was acting chaplain.

Arrangements were completed for the annual Divine Service of the Provincial Chapter on Sunday, August 8, to Blawarthill Church. Members will assemble and leave from Whiteinch Hall, at 5.30 p.m.

For the demonstration on Saturday August 14, all District Chapters will assemble in the vicinity of nearby Kelvin Hall, and leave at 11.30 a.m. for Scotstoun Showgrounds.

The Sovereign Grand Master will be the principal speaker.

The installation of District officers was ably carried out by Sir Knt. John Gibson, P.G.R., assisted by Sir Knt. D. H. Boyd, P.G.M.

Arrangements were made to attend the international lecturers conference on Saturday, September 18 at Stranraer.

Sir Knt. John Gibson, Prov. Grand Registrar, responded to a vote of thanks as did Sir Knts D. H. Boyd, P.G.M. and John A. Reilly, P.D.M.

ON THE MARCH

The scene in Stewartstown as over seventy bands and lodges make their way to the field.

Sam Magowan's Death Loss To Ulster Scene

Sam Magowan died on June 29 after a brief illness while on holiday with his wife and a few friends at Torquay, England.

A deeply involved member of the Institution he had been a most successful grocer and auctioneer.

He served in local government as a member of the Hillsborough Rural Council and the Down County Council and was the MP for Iveagh at Stormont for nearly ten years till 1972. In local government and parliament he represented his constituents conscientiously.

He will be remembered by many for his loyalty to successive Prime Ministers under attack. He often jeopardised his own interests in his concern for theirs.

A long serving W.M. of his beloved Drumlough Lodge — he resigned the office in recent years — a PM of the Lodge of Research, a County and Grand Lodge officer and member of the Central Committee and its Finance Committee Sam Magowan's work for the Institution was considerable. A keen churchman he was an elder in Annahilt Presbyterian Church and church treasurer for many years till his death.

We offer our sincere condolences to the sorrowing widow, his four married daughters, his brother and sisters and the large family circle.

W. BRO. JOSEPH GIBSON

It is with regret that we record the unexpected death at his residence Drumiller, Dromore, Co. Down, on July 5 of W. Bro. Joseph Gibson.

Aged 74 and a retired farmer Bro. Gibson was a valued member of Banbridge District Council, and had previously served on

the former Banbridge Rural Council and on the old Portadown and Banbridge Regional Water Board. Just recently he had been appointed chairman of the N.I. Tourist Development Association, and was also a member of the Southern Health and Social Services Board.

Very much an organisation man and a community man of many parts, Joe Gibson was an active member of the Orange Institution since his youth, and held several important executive offices in private and district lodges. He completed his term of office as Worshipful Master of Lower Iveagh District No. 1 in January, 1975 and during his tenure the District Lodge completed the purchase of their demonstration field on the outskirts of Dromore. His private Lodge was Drumiller.

He was chairman of Skeogh Unionist branch for 20 years.

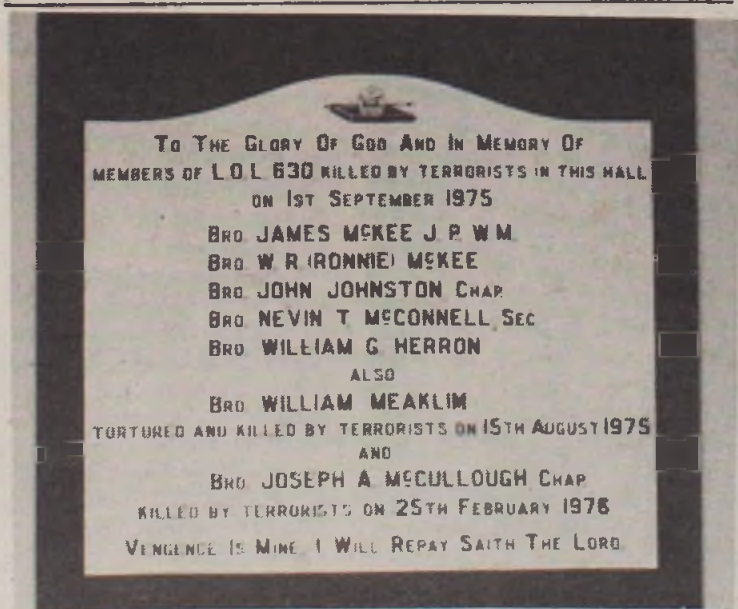
A devoted member of

Drumlough Presbyterian Church he served on its committee for many years.

It was as a public representative, however, that he was perhaps best known, having served the community in this capacity for some 25 years. Like many councillors of his vintage, his entry to local government came out of

concern for the well-being of people whom he knew, rather than from political awareness and he had a good reputation for determined pleading of constituent causes.

Bro. Gibson is survived by his wife and two sons, Jim and Robert. To them and the whole family circle we offer our sympathy.



The memorial tablet which has been erected and unveiled in Tullyvallen Orange Hall, Co. Armagh. "They shall grow not old..."



"The Ulster Sound" — the Lambeg Drums of Brackagh L.O.L. No. 18, Portadown District. Photo: "Portadown News."

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Grand Black Gifts For Two Grand Loyalist Stalwarts



Mrs. Bridgett receives a bouquet from Sir Knt. J. Dunbar, D.R. of No. 3 Royal Black District Chapter.

During an interval at the Provincial Grand Black Chapter No. 4, Scotland, held on April 24, a special tribute was paid by the Provincial Grand Master to the good work, and long service given by Sir Knt. Robert Bridgett in the past half century.

Sir Knt. Bridgett, well known on both sides of the Channel and Sister Mrs. Bridgett were presented with their portraits in

colour by Sir Knt. A. A. Thompson, Grand Chaplain.

Sister Mrs. Bridgett received a bouquet from Sir Knt. Dunbar, D.R. No. 3, Airdrie.

Although in his 92nd year, Sir Knt. Bridgett continues to make regalia for both Orders with the assistance of his wife.

The good wishes of the Scottish brethren go out to both, for many more years of good health and activity.



Sir Knt. A. A. Thompson, P.G.C. congratulates Sir Knt. Robert Bridgett

TOP U.S. TOURIST POST FOR SANDY ROW MAN

Most Wor. Bro. William Best, an outstanding personality in American Orangeism and tourism has landed a major appointment with British Airways.

He has been appointed tour operator for Scotland and Ireland for the United States of America.

BIG TASK AHEAD

Previously, this service was in the hands of a number of operators, but Bro. Best's appointment provides a sole agency for the whole of the American area. He has been involved in tourism since 1965.

Next year he will handle the massive transportation of thousands of Americans to Scotland for a great clan assembly.

Bro. Best, who emigrated in 1955 is one of America's leading Orangemen, having served for a period as Supreme Grand Master of the United States.

He has been back in Belfast to attend the triennial meeting of the World Orange Council.

He joined the Order as a



juvenile in Sandy Row Orange Hall when one of his contemporaries there was the Rev. Martin Smyth, now Imperial Grand Master and Grand Master of Ireland. Bro. Best later joined St. Thomas L.O.L. No. 410. Bro. Best's appointment came on

the Twelfth, which meant that for the first time he was unable to take part in the march to Edenderry.

"All that day I kept looking at my watch and 'timing' where the brethren would be at any particular hour," he added.

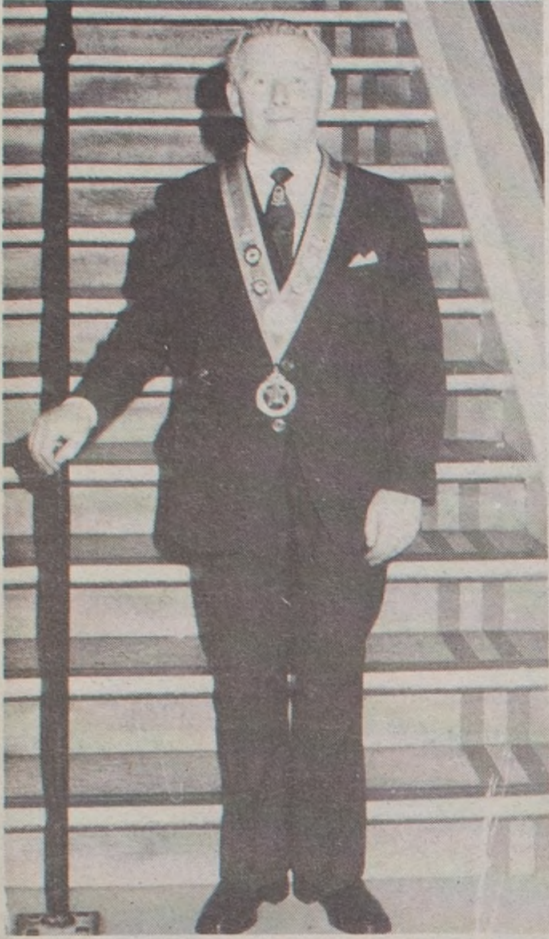


Duncairn Temperance L.O.L. No. 92 step out proudly en route to Edenderry. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.



A fine turnout by Erin's First Royals R.B.P. No. 1 prior to the walk to the Sham Fight at Scarva. Photo: "Ulster Gazette."

PERSONALITIES AT THE COUNCIL



M.W. Bro. Thomas Orr, Grand Master, Scotland. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.



M.W. Bro. Lieut-Col. G. E. Liddle, C.B.E., D.L., J.P., Co. Grand Master, Fermanagh.



M.W. Bro. Charles Ferrel, Grand Master, New Zealand. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.



M.W. Bro. John Bryans, J.P., Hon. Imperial Vice-President.



Capt. Sir George Clark, D.L., past President of the Imperial Grand Council.



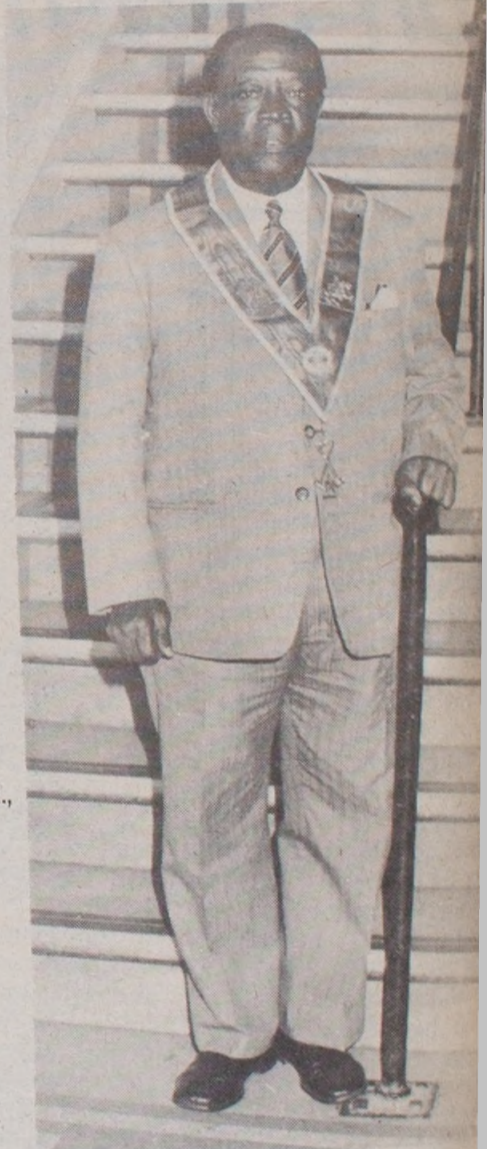
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Bro. E. Kwesi Thomas Odonkor, who accompanied R.W. Bro. Emmanuel Essien from Ghana and Togoland. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.



M.W. BRO. REV. W. S. K. CROSSLEY, B.A. Imperial Grand Chaplain.



M.W. Bros. Rev. G. R. Mason, Imperial Grand Chaplain and Richard Roberts.



M.W. Bro. Alex Baird, an Australian delegate to the World Orange Council.



Flashback . . . the Irish delegation at the Liverpool Conference in 1973.