



Members of Belfast preceptories, smartly dressed in aprons and wearing white gloves, parading through Portadown on the Last Saturday.

# Massive Show of Loyalty in Portadown

**A marvellous parade, and one which reflected great credit on the thousands of marchers, bandsmen, and the spectators who packed the centre of Portadown.**

That was the unanimous verdict of all who witnessed the "Last Saturday" demonstration of the seven Belfast Grand Black Chapter Districts in Portadown, writes an "Orange Standard" correspondent.

## FILLIP TO PORTADOWN

The success of the demonstration proved a welcome uplift to the morale of the loyalist people of Portadown, who have been, through no fault of theirs, engulfed in the turmoil and the bitter controversy, and disturbances arising from the hamfisted actions of re-routing the local Orange and Black parades in July, 1985.

Each succeeding parade of any size and consequence since then, including band parades, had been spoiled to some degree by hooliganism from a section of onlookers, most of them having little if any, indeed any connection with the Loyal Orders, coupled with the insensitive reaction of some of the RUC's special DMSU units.

What Portadown needed more than anything was a parade with no unsavoury incidents, and one held without any of the rancour, and the controversy of the past two years.

**Well, this time they got it, and the relief and the relaxation on the part of the thousands of local people who turned out to welcome the Belfast Sir Knights was evident.**

Once again in Portadown there were smiles, and light hearted comments as the bands and Preceptories made their way through the packed streets of the "Hub of the North" to the demonstration field, and the thousands of visiting Sir Knights, along with their many city supporters, played their part in ensuring the success of the day.

The parade itself was an impressive spectacle, of

marching Blackmen and tuneful and colourful bands, and it reflected once again the upsurge of enthusiasm so evident in Belfast R.B.P. circles in recent years.

No Black Chapter had suffered more from the movement of population and from housing re-development over the past decade than the City of Belfast. Thousands of Sir Knights have moved from

North and West Belfast, to outlying towns and suburban areas, as huge chunks of Protestant districts were either flattened by re-development bulldozers, or the loyal inhabitants expelled by republican intimidators.

## RESURGANCE OF LOYALTY

In recent years, there has been a return of many Protestant families to the north and

**A wreath is placed at the Portadown War Memorial on the Last Saturday, by senior officers of the Royal Black Institution, who led the parade of the Belfast District Chapters. From left, Sir Knights, Rev. Victor G. Ryan, County Grand Master, Belfast; the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, M.P., and James Wilson, DCGM, Belfast. (Photo: "Portadown Times").**



west of the city, as new housing has appeared on the flattened wastelands.

This, coupled with a positive response on the part of the seven Belfast District Chapters to the recruiting drive by the Sovereign Grand Master, Sir Knight James Molyneux, has resulted in a new wave of enthusiasm, and many recruits to the city Black ranks.

**This was reflected in the size and the appearance of the Portadown demonstration on August 30. More than 100 Preceptories, accompanied by some 65 bands, made the journey from Belfast in six special trains and a fleet of double decker buses, and many thousands of loyalists travelled by the ordinary train and bus services.**

By the time the first of the preceptories had started to alight from the trains, the centre of Portadown was crammed with spectators, and it was the same the whole way along the route, from the railway station, via Edenderry and the town centre, to Armagh Road, and the, Field at Brownstown. Even bigger crowds turned out for the return parade in the late afternoon, which took in the strongly loyalist Edgarstown area, and the warm sun made it

a delightful occasion, with many Sir Knights walking in their shirt sleeves.

The first Preceptories to arrive in Portadown were those of Ballymacarrett and Shankill Districts, and there were very big turnouts with both. Ballymacarrett, which led the parade, had 16 bands, many of them from favourites like Albertbridge Accordion, Pride of the Raven, and Gertrude Star Flute, and there was a special cheer from onlookers for a new smart looking outfit called Sharpshooters.

## SHANKILL OUT IN STRENGTH

Then it was the turn of the men from the Shankill District No. 6 and their many well turned out bands included Sons of Ulster, Pride of the Shankill, Britannia Flute, Hillview Flute and Shankill Road Defenders. The many large preceptories included the impressive looking Endeavour R.B.P. No. 827 from Ayr in Scotland.

There was than a break in the parade as other Districts began to arrive in the town. These were the three North Belfast districts, and it was very encouraging to see such a large contingent of Sir Knights in all three, bearing in mind the extent that this part of the city has been hit by the troubles.

District No. 1 was led by the tuneful Ravenhill Flute, and it also included fine looking bands like Constable

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# This Union is Not Worth Fighting For

—Upper Bann MP



Harold McCusker.

Bro. Harold McCusker, M.P., Deputy Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, has declared that the present union between Great Britain and Northern Ireland "is not worth fighting for, and certainly not worth dying for".

He explained at a meeting of the executive committee of the Upper Bann Unionist Association that the Anglo-Irish Agreement has so distorted the relationships between Northern Ireland and Great Britain that what now exists is not the Union which made him a Unionist or which he became a Member of Parliament to defend.

Bro. McCusker asked how could any unionist support a Constitutional arrangement which not only considers him grossly inferior to his fellow citizens in Great Britain but also gives politicians from the Irish Republic a say in how Northern Ireland is to be governed?

He continued: "Whatever else the Local Government protest has achieved it should have made one thing abundantly clear to everyone. Behind the facade of City Hall, Mayoral Chain and councillors robes there lies a sham — the sham which is eating away at the Ulsterman's belief in democracy. The sham that stretches from Council Chamber to the Palace of Westminster — the trappings of democracy without any of the power or influence which should go with them.

"Ulster is treated like an early 19th century English

possession — governed long distance with condescension and ill-concealed contempt.

He recalled that early in July Mr. Bell, the Labour spokesman on Northern Ireland, "had the audacity to say that even if the people of Ulster wanted it independence was not an option that the British Parliament would allow. How is that for English arrogance?", he suggested.

He declared that Unionism is considered deviant, only to be practised between consenting adults in private. No element of the majority ethos is to be allowed to contaminate the public face of Northern Ireland, and that at a time when the Irish Republic has proudly and in unambiguous tones told the world "this is a Roman Catholic country with Roman Laws and a Roman Catholic Constitution.

"Meanwhile," he said, "we are trussed like a chicken and are being dressed for the Republican table.

"Is it not time to say enough is enough? Have we no pride or independence left? Have we become so enslaved economically that we haven't even the courage of the uneducated and underprivileged masses of Asia and Africa?

"We should only have one demand to make to Mrs. Thatcher. Are there any other terms on which we can remain within the United Kingdom."

## Co. Leitrim G.O.L. Service

Under the auspices of the Co. Leitrim Grand Orange Lodge, the annual parade service was held in Killegar Parish Church on Sunday 6th July.

Once again the church was filled to overflowing, extra seating had to be provided.

The service was conducted by the local rector, the Rev. Hugh Jameson, and a very inspiring sermon was preached by Bro. Sam Crowe, Rosslea, Co. Fermanagh, a diocesan reader in Clogher diocese.

The lessons were read by the Co. Grand Master, W. Bro. George Browne and Bro. Raymond Kemp, Lay Co. Grand Chaplain to the Co. Cavan Grand Orange Lodge.

Mrs. Shelia Jameson was the organist, and the collection was in aid of the L.E.M.O.F. Visiting brethren and friends were present from Cavan, Monaghan and Fermanagh.

The parade assembled at the old schoolhouse and was led by Stonepark Flute Band from Co. Cavan.

After the service tea was provided by the ladies committee.

## All in the Cause of Charity

The loyal Orders are fortunate in that they get great support, especially when it comes to fund raising, from many volunteer collectors who are out in all kinds of weather, collecting money for worthy causes and charities.

Such a one is Sister Lily Logan, from Belfast, who was at Portadown on the Last Saturday, collecting money for the McCrea Memorial Trust, which runs a holiday home at Donaghadee where Junior Orangemen can spend a few weeks in the Summer months.

Sister Logan, who was well supported by the people along the Portadown processional route, has raised thousands of pounds down the years for Orange causes, and she typifies the many fine workers who support the Orange, Black and Apprentice Boys in this way.

# High Incidence of Drink Among Hangers-on

The trend towards an increasing abuse of alcohol in Northern Ireland is one that the "Orange Standard" has pinpointed for some time, and we have urged that the police, the courts, and the authorities generally should re-examine very carefully the significant increase in the number of drinking outlets in the province — the social clubs for example.

There is another aspect that we must underline, and to an extent it will entail action on the part of our own Loyal Orders, but we do not hesitate to mention it for all that.

It concerns the tendency of far too many young people to attach themselves to the fringe of Orange and Black parades while hopelessly under the influence of alcohol.

In parades in Belfast, Portadown, Londonderry, and even in small towns and rural areas this summer, there was a growing phenomenon of youngsters following bands and lodges carrying large quantities of drink, consisting mainly of wine and cider bottles.

In subsequent trouble in several centres, young people affected by drink, were prominent in attacks on the police.

We are not suggesting that alcohol was the only factor in disturbances in Ulster this summer when Orange and Black parades were taking place. There are several, more complex reasons for the violence, and the Anglo-Irish Agreement was undoubtedly a

major reason. But it cannot be denied that teenage — and indeed adult — drinking was a very significant factor.

Quite a few readers have made the point to us that the hitherto pleasant and relaxed atmosphere of Orange and Black parades is being spoiled by this drunken, unruly element, and we would echo their sentiments that there is an urgent need to clamp down on this type of behaviour, lest it should spoil parades.

There is no doubt that family groups will think twice before going along to watch parades if there is the threat of trouble, and if alcohol is to be in such abundance as has been the case far too often this summer.

It has always been a welcome sight to see young people walking alongside bands and Orange lodges. Its a traditional feature of the "Twelfth" and of the Black Saturday and "Little Twelfth" demonstrations. These youngsters, with good natured exuberance and singing and dancing, have added to the general enjoyment of the marches.

But the latest and more sinister appearance of drunken "supporters" is not one that the

Orange Order or Royal Black Institution would welcome. It provides a very nasty aspect to parades which always enjoyed a high reputation among all sections of the population.

There have been deplorable incidents this year, when cars were damaged, and windows of houses broken following band parades, and it is something that has given ammunition to the critics of the Loyal Orders and of loyalist bands.

There must be a tightening up of discipline as it affects fringe groups who come along to loyal parades.

There cannot be any lowering of the high standards of discipline and deportments as far as the Loyal Orders are concerned, and it is a matter which should be looked at very closely in the coming winter, as the Orange and Black Orders, at all levels — Grand Lodge, County, District and private lodge, reflect on the parades of 1986, and the lessons to be derived from them. Action must be taken to ensure that there is no future repetition of some of the drunken and unruly behaviour of people who will certainly not be welcome at parades if this sort of behaviour is to become the "norm."

## 50 Year Service Medals

Wor. Bro. William Faulkner, Deputy District Master, No. 18 (front left) presented Wor. Bro. Henry Cree, P.M., (centre front row) and Wor. Bro. Arthur Watterson P.M. (front row left) with 50 Year Service Medals in Bangor Orange Hall. LOL 1027 Officers in background, left to right: Wor. Bro. D. McBurney, P.M. (Treas.); Bro. Stanley Parke, D.M.; Bro. Roy Nixon, W.M.; Wor. Bro. D. Erskine, P.M., Secretary; Wor. Bro. Sam Parke, P.M., Lay Chaplain.



# The Convention Sermon

In his sermon at the Supreme Grand Lodge's opening service, Canon S. E. Long, Imperial Chaplain, made two opening points.

Orangeism, he said, has a religious concentration which is of the utmost importance to it. It is a nonsense to try to understand Orangeism until it is recognised that what is of primary importance to it is its Christian Faith.

He took as his text, "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage, be strong; do everything in love." (1 Corinthians 16:13,14).

He said, "As Orangemen, and women, our commitment is to the Christian Faith, and to the recognition of man's need of salvation and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord.

"We recognise, and are constantly grateful for the great contribution of the Protestant Reformers to the recovery of the purity of the faith which had been adulterated for centuries by those who for their own reasons and purposes were not content with the fundamentals of early Christianity; and who made such alterations and additions to it that it was reduced to something different from, and less than the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Canon Long continued: "These alterations and additions to the original teaching of Christ and the Apostles made change necessary. The Reformers purified the faith of the Church to give it back its original emphases. They are the supremacy of Christ; the uniqueness of Holy Scriptures; the priesthood of all believers; and the way of life which is in keeping with the profession of that faith.

"The worship of God, and the witness to faith in Jesus Christ, have always been the essentials in Christian Faith

and conduct. As Orangemen and women we are required to stand firm for the faith clearly stated and earnestly practised by the Protestant Reformers.

"The enemies of our religion are often clearly to be seen, but sometimes the attacks come from within, from those who having subscribed to their church's 'Articles of Religion' are anxious to accommodate to those whose beliefs and practices are different, for the sake of an ecumenism which is impractical. The Roman Catholic Church refuses to change its beliefs and often fails to appreciate the quality and strength of faith in those of other communions."

The preacher went on, "Whilst the chasm of conscience persists unity is unavailable. To accept differences honestly and to be willing to live as neighbours together is the honourable and rational way of things.

"Orange people break their vows when they refuse to practice their religion to the pattern of Jesus; to be guided by the teaching of the Bible; to be loyal members of the Church, frequent in worship and involved in its work and witness."

In conclusion he said: "The Orange movement encourages the membership to be rational in their thinking... to be good Christians anxious for the wellbeing of the society in which they live."

## To Correspondent

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# Royal Arch Purple Chapter Hold

# Service in Poyntzpass

Bro. Jack Maginnis, former M.P. for Armagh, in foreground, was one of the hundreds of Orangemen who attended the annual service held under the auspices of Tandragee R.A.P.C. No. 4, in Poyntzpass. (Photo: "Portadown Times").



These brethren, many of them wearing bowler hats, were among the 600 Orangemen from both Northern Ireland and the Republic who attended the annual services of Tandragee R.A.P.C. held in Poyntzpass. Contingents of brethren from Counties Monaghan and Cavan, as well as Dublin, crossed the border to join with members from Belfast and from Counties Armagh, Tyrone and Antrim for this special occasion. (Photo: "Portadown Times").

## "Black's" Growing Strength

The growing strength and influence of the Royal Black Institution was reflected in the size of the demonstration at all the Last Saturday demonstrations.

Including Portadown, where some six thousand members of the Belfast district chapters were on parade — reported in a separate article — there were highly successful demonstrations at Ballynahinch, Ballymena, Cookstown, Claudy, and Donemana.

Altogether, in Northern Ireland 500 Preceptories were on parade, accompanied by nearly 400 bands.

The largest demonstration was at Ballynahinch, where 118 preceptories from 13 districts in County Down took part in a huge parade. There were over 100 bands, and many of the Preceptories taking part had over 100 members on parade — a few had nearly 200 members.

At Ballymena, about 8,000 Sir Knights and band members, representing more than 80 Preceptories, took part in the County Antrim demonstration hosted by Ballymena District No. 2.

The demonstration field was at Ballee Road West, and the parade was watched by thousands of spectators.

About 80 bands and Preceptories accompanied by thousands of loyalists, took part in the Cookstown rally of Preceptories from Tyrone, and parts of Armagh and Fermanagh. Some visiting preceptories from Monaghan and Cavan crossed the Border to take part.

In Donemana, 26 Preceptories from three Districts took part in the North Tyrone rally, while at Claudy, another 2,000 Blackmen were in the parade of Districts from Londonderry City, South Londonderry, Coleraine and Donegal.

Members of the Orange Institution from Counties Dublin, Wicklow, Cavan, Monaghan, Donegal and Leitrim participated in a huge parade to three centres in Poyntzpass, Co. Armagh, for the annual services held under the auspices of the Tandragee Royal Arch Purple Chapter.

The services were held in the Presbyterian and Church of Ireland churches, and in the Royal British Legion Hall.

Many of those from the Republic attended the service in the Parish Church where they were welcomed by the Rector, Bro. Reverend Frank A. Noel, M.A.

He said, "Who would have thought we'd live to see the day we'd find a banner with the words 'Dublin and Wicklow District' on it in the sanctuary of this little, country Parish Church?"

And he went on: "Surely that is symbolic of the fact that the Church of Christ knows no frontiers and recognises no boundaries. The Orange Institution does not recognise boundaries either, meeting, wherever it is allowed, north or south of the border. This shows we can be all one in Christ Jesus".

In the Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Jean Mackeral, B.A., B.D., minister of Drumkeeran, Killeshandra, Cavan and Bellasus Presbyterian Churches, told a crowded congregation that divisions in Ireland could only be healed by God alone when people walked with Him.

Bitterness and hatred, she said, came from Satan and our own sinful hearts but those fearing the Lord would be protected by God. There could not be any sitting on the fence — people were either on the side of God or on the side of Satan.

"Where do you stand in that spiritual battle?" she asked. "If we are humble, if we pray and if we turn from our evil ways, God will do three things for us — He will hear us, forgive us and heal our land", concluded the Reverend Mackeral.

Lesson readers in the Presbyterian Church were Bro. John Davidson, County Grand Master, Belfast, and Bro. M. Patterson, Tandragee District Chaplain.

Sister Madge Walker sang two solos — 'Some Golden Daybreak' and 'He hideth my soul'. The organist was Mrs. Ida Johnston.

In the British Legion Hall, the lesson was read by County Grand Master of Armagh, Right Worshipful Bro. Norman Hood, from Lurgan, and the praise was led by Poyntzpass Silver Band.

At the service in the hall Bro. Rev. Percy Patterson, Aghalee parish, said that the threads of society were under threat by sin, the root cause of Ireland's problems.

He claimed there was a strong similarity between Israel in the days of Amos and our own country today. Time and time again God had delivered

His people but, when good times came, they had forgotten Him.

In many parts of the world people are living in the lap of luxury, said the preacher, while others are destitute, dying for the want of a meal.

"We see it day in and day out on our television screens — in the Sudan, in other parts of Africa — little children in skin and bone while the leaders of those countries fight it out using famine as a weapon.

In the west, society is corrupt. Immorality is rife. One scandal after another appears

in our daily newspapers and even in some places in England prison warders are scared to punish the inmates because of what will happen from the gang outside", said Mr. Patterson.

He went on: "We don't need to be reminded of what happens in our own country. It will soon be the case that we won't be able to walk into a police station anymore or we'll be in danger of being blown to bits. The threads of civilisation — law and order — are being threatened because of sin.

## Lecturers Conference at Londonderry

The R.A.P.C. Conference was held on 6 September in Memorial Hall, Londonderry with the City Grand Master, W. Bro. R. J. Ferris, in the chair and W. Bro. U. Brush in the deputy chair.

Those in attendance were welcomed to the Maiden City by Bro. Ferris who hoped that everyone would have a useful and enjoyable meeting. The roll-call of 76 was made of Antrim 12; Armagh 5; Belfast 4; Down 12; Fermanagh 5; Tyrone 17; County Londonderry 7; City of Londonderry 14.

The Exemplification of the Degree was by a city team. Those taking part were: T. Ferguson, A. Torrens, D. Caldwell, M. Johnston, J. Hughes, S. Gardiner, and G. Hunter with A. Guthrie as the candidate.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. Tom Hamilton, and members

of the Examining Board answered questions on the degree, the exemplification of which had greatly impressed all present.

Complimenting the degree team Bro. Ferris thanked them for the excellence of their work, and expressed the opinion that the City of unity was near.

Bro. Hamilton concurred with the sentiments of the CGM and commended the lecturers as the backbone of the Institution. He referred to the six months between the reception of the Plain Purple and the RAP degrees, and advised the meeting that the matter would be dealt with at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

A good meal and good fellowship was enjoyed by all after the close of the conference.

## Taking Our Case to King's Constituency

There is to be a Loyalist parade in Bridgewater, for which Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary of State is M.P., on 15 November, to mark the first anniversary of the signing of the infamous Anglo-Irish Agreement.

The purpose of the parade is to tell everyone that, as the banner will say, there are "The Friends of British Ulster" in England protesting against the Agreement. Anti-Agreement literature will be distributed to the public. Sponsoring the parade is the Plymouth District L.O.L.

Bro. Hunter, District Master, writing on behalf of his District Lodge, expresses thanks to those Irish brethren who have contributed to the 300th Anniversary Hall Appeal which has now raised £6,000. Bro. Hunter says, "... despite their own troubles our brethren in Ulster continue to lead by example in their generosity".

The Imperial Grand Black Chapter has given its approval to the Appeal, and Preceptories will be contacted by letter in the near future.

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## Prime Minister Wanted R.C. Minister

Some amazing disclosures concerning the inner workings of the British Cabinet have been made known by — Who? — none other than the Rt. Honourable James Prior, sometime Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office. Out into the open comes what has been known in a veiled sort of way over here is his dislike, if that is not too kind a word, for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. He recalls in the first of a number of articles in "The Observer" newspaper that when the bossy Margaret arrived for the first time at No. 10 Downing Street as Premier she "mis-quoted" the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi "Where there is discord, may we bring harmony". In Mr. Prior's view such words "could scarcely have been the most apt — and from her lips were the most awful humbug!"

## For N.I. Office!!

Prior goes on to relate how when it came to making one appointment to Stormont he had asked for Barney Hayhoe to join him in the Employment Department but Margaret had other ideas on that! She wanted Barney — indeed needed him to go to Northern Ireland. According to Prior Barney wasn't given the Northern Ireland post, and I quote Big Jim — "because of worries about possible connections of his mother's family living around Dundalk and Crossmaglen". Prior quotes Margaret as having said that she needed him in Northern Ireland "because he was a Roman Catholic". What is so remarkable, though under-

standable, in the Ulster-Westminster-No. 10 context, is that this is the first time we have been apprised of this. So Mrs. Thatcher, it is said — and evidently on the highest and most authentic authority — that she planned to appoint one of her Ministers to Ulster on the ground that he was of the Roman Catholic persuasion. How's that for preferential consideration on grounds of religion! Of course we have been conditioned that all is fair and reasonable in the Cabinet and that they are all jolly good fellows and ladies who think well of one another and that as a group it is "Each for all and all for each". Forget it! Listen to Prior again. He

makes the remarkable assertion that "all through the early period of Margaret's Government" he felt that the Treasury team "were out of their depth". They were all theorists, either barristers, or, in the case of Nigel Lawson, a journalist. None of them had any experience of running a wheel stall, let alone a decent-sized company". Well Jim is now in more than a decent sized company, having left the Stormont scene, and forsaken the corridors of power there and at Westminster and No. 10. But thanks, Jim, all the same. Pity was that you were less than forthcoming about all this when we had you running the Ulster show — or shambles. And how you side-stepped the questions of interviewers and the media with your catchword "Oh, I don't know".



## N.Z. Support For Orangeism in Portadown

I was very interested and delighted to discover in the August issue of "Orange News", the official organ of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, that an Ulsterman had commented on the events in Portadown on last Twelfth of July. M.W. Bro. Robert Fenton, the jurisdiction's Grand Master, and a native of Portadown, pointed out that many of his fellow Orangemen and their friends had seen on N.Z. television the events in the Co. Armagh town, he in the Co. Armagh town. He wrote that whilst the incidents as recorded by the T.V. cameras were regrettably their members in N.Z. should be "a bit more aware of the situation prevailing there before entering into too much criticism of the sisters and brethren over there". M.W. Bro. Fenton stated that when one considers that at this time of the year

anything up to 100,000 brethren participate in parades the number of incidents "is quite small". He ventured to suggest that the incidents in Portadown were the only ones to occur that day ... "not really a bad track record with something like 200 or 350 such church parades taking place. M.W. Bro. Fenton was in telephonic communication with Portadown that day, and he praises those taking part in the parade to Drumcree Parish Church. He further wrote that the brethren and sisters in Northern Ireland need the support of their friends in New Zealand because of the political pressures being exerted from various quarters to have Northern Ireland removed from the United Kingdom ... Our sisters and brethren in Northern Ireland have a fight on their hands defending what they cherish".

## Irish Mass Taboo in Connemara!

Never be too surprised at any news emanating from the Irish-speaking areas of the Western seaboard of Ireland where Gaelic culture is under serious threat. I have been reading a newspaper report that a Miss Brid Ní Dhomhnaill has been campaigning for the Roman Mass in her parish in the Recess area to be celebrated in the Irish tongue. But her move has been strongly resisted by the parish priest who has informed her, according to the news item, that if she continues to persist in her urging for the Irish-based Mass she could be "fired" if she makes any public statements on the controversial matter. In deference to the priest's stance, presumably, parents have kept their children away from school. Other parishioners have given their support to the teacher's representations. Serious as the local position may be for the teacher it is of lesser importance than the reported news that the R.C. Archbishop of Tuam, Dr. Cunnane, may find it necessary to "speak to the Department of Education" which,

being interpreted, means that as a senior prelate in the R.C. hierarchy he can put a spoke in Miss Ní Domhnaill's wheel. Again an example of the dictum ... the Church hath spoken. In view of the people in Connemara wanting to use the English Mass instead of the traditional Irish version may we ask why the BBC finds it incumbent to give place to a programme in Irish on certain evenings? Wouldn't it be harrowing if the teacher who wants a Mass in Irish is asked to resign ... and that in the Connemara Gaeltacht!

## Sam Maguire — Co. Cork Protestant Republican

It was natural that the media in Northern Ireland should have been pre-occupied in recent weeks with the place which the Co. Tyrone Gaelic Athletic football team gained in the All-Ireland final. I cannot remember such a concentration of space being allocated in newspapers and on radio and TV to

Tyrone's chances and recording of stories of the team's prowess which, it was anticipated, would or could topple the team from Co. Kerry. One of the aspects of the Gaelic movement in Ireland concerned the man whose name is for ever associated with the Cup — Sam Maguire. Of course those who were highlighting the name and fame of the man Maguire laid stress on the fact that he was a Protestant, born in Dunmanway in Co. Cork. All good stuff for those who were trying to indicate that the GAA is such a broadminded organisation that they honour a Protestant in the series of games leading up to the All-Ireland final. Sam Maguire left his Co. Cork home as a young man to work in the Post Office, having already evinced a feeling for republican activities. He became an officer in the Irish Republican Brotherhood and in fact it was he who swore a young fellow Co. Cork man into the organ-

isation in 1909. His name was Michael Collins, the man who was the leader of the IRA in the 1920's and who was eventually to sign the Treaty, an act for which he was to pay with his life at the hands of those who rebelled against the newly formed Irish Free State and its forces of law and order. The Maguire Cup has been won for the last time. It will presumably be replaced by a new trophy. Perhaps at this time of change the GAA might well authorise a few other changes, such as re-naming it "Kop" known as Hill 16, a stark reminder of the Rebellion in Dublin which was the forerunner of the break with Britain, and ask some of its clubs to drop their titles which commemorate terrorists of the 1920-22 period.

### Sam Passes A Century

Sir Knt. Sam Mitchell of Seskinore R.B.P. 304 who celebrated his 100th Birthday earlier this year, has been honoured by his Preceptory at a ceremony in his home.

Sir Knt. Mitchell has been a member of the Royal Black Institution for 50 years, and Sir Knts Sam Glasgow, Co. Grand Master of County Tyrone Grand Black Chapter, presented him with a Blackthorn Stick.

Pictured are (back row L. to R.) Sir Knts. Ivan Anderson, Registrar of Omagh District No. 4; Jack Barr, Registrar of Seskinore R.B.P. 304; David McCracken, Treasurer of Seskinore R.B.P. 304. (Front Row L. to R.) Sir Knts. Allan Rainey W.M. of Seskinore R.B.P. 304; John J. Smith, W.D.M. of Omagh District No. 2; Sam Mitchell and Samuel A. Glasgow, County Grand Master of Tyrone.

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# Comment — Comment — Comment

## World Influence of Romanism

There are many contrary sayings — "Absence makes the heart grow fonder"; "Out of sight, out of mind" — and they have truth in them but not the whole truth. The contradictions of life should keep us humble, for in their opposite interpretations of things they encourage tolerance. Unfortunately it is always easy to take up a position regardless of evidence on the other side.

Controversy builds on contradictions, which are either ignored or misunderstood, and a case is made to rest on a partial understanding of what is involved in it. Dogmatic statements risk showing an ignorance of the totality of a matter. We sometimes describe them as one-sided presentations of truths which are many faceted.

There are everyday illustrations of the point when charges and counter-charges are bandied about and truth is to be in their contradictions. To recognise that fact is to admit that the whole truth is often elusive.

We had a case of contradiction on "Sunday Sequence", Radio Ulster, 7 September, when the power of Roman Catholicism was regarded as a continuing threat to civil and religious liberty by a Protestant minister; and the weaknesses of Roman Catholicism in modern society was regretted by a Roman Catholic priest. There is truth in these apparent contradictions, in both contentions.

It is not to be doubted that the Roman Church has great influence and power in many parts of the world, and in the Republic of Ireland particularly where recent events have demonstrated the ability of the church to persuade citizens to vote to its call on them. There is no doubt that wherever the Church of Rome can use its power it often does so intolerantly

and with an exclusiveness which only grudgingly accepts the existence of people with different religious and ethical attitudes, and makes little or no concessions to them.

The totalitarianism of Romanism is being illustrated constantly, for the present Pope is a traditionalist who will not countenance any liberalising of the thinking of his church on its faith and practice. His disciplining of priests and teachers who advocate more liberal attitudes in religion and life is the evidence of a determination to keep the church in check.

His pontificate is to be seen as a strengthening of that Roman Catholicism which regards itself as the repository of the whole truth for the whole world. That in spite of a personal friendliness with leaders of other churches, itself something of a contradiction.

While Pope John Paul II has pleased the conservatives in his church he has offended many scholarly members, clerical and lay, who find it increasingly difficult to live with attitudes which are selfish and irrational in a world filled with complex questions not to be answered by simple negatives. But not only scholars and sensitive social workers are embarrassed by the programme of the papacy for the church. Many who were baptized as Roman Catholics are nominal in their membership and occasional or non-attenders at its services.

That is the case in "Catholic Ireland", too, for many city and town parishes are low in church attendance when compared with even the recent past. And the rejection, in deed if not in word, of Roman Catholic moral standards, even by the faithful, is not to be disputed. Contraception is practised by many couples, the sizes of families nowadays demonstrate that, and divorce and

abortion are more than words to many church members. The contradiction, Roman Catholic power and ineptitude, is present all the time.

The runaway from the Church of Rome has not been to the advantage of Protestantism to any great extent, though of the 16 million Protestants in South America many are converts from Romanism. It often means that those who cease practising the Roman Catholic religion embrace secularistic and atheistic philosophies. Examples of that are easy to find and markedly in Italy and France where militant socialism and communism feed on disillusioned Roman Catholics.

The perennial problem facing the Protestant churches is how to convince disaffected Roman Catholics that their presentation of the Christian Gospel is true to God and man; that what they offer is the reality of Christianity free from the extravagances which have made it other than the original foundation of Christ, and from religious attitudes which are not of the spirit or essence of Christian belief and practice.

The Irish Protestant Churches have been singularly unsuccessful in impressing Roman Catholics with relevance of their message. But then the small percentage of committed Protestants is also evidence of an inability to win them, and so we have a society still largely governed by Christian attitudes, but growing more and more reluctant to accept them. In this situation religion becomes increasingly irrelevant to most people.

More relevant and realistic evangelistic efforts must be made by the churches to persuade Ulster people to see their need of God; their indebtedness to Christ and to enjoy the many tangible benefits of a Christian Faith which is satisfying and liberating.

## Independence as an Option

The request by Bro. Harold McCusker, M.P., to Ulster Unionists to examine the possibility of Independence for Northern Ireland in the light of the continuing refusal of the Government to recognise Unionist rights has produced predictable reactions.

Those who responded publicly to the suggestion have been generally critical of it. Because the Orange Institution is committed to the Union, expresses that commitment frequently and has not considered any alternative to it, members would take some convincing that to opt out of a Union, hardly fought for by our fathers and forefathers, is a way to settle our problems.

The fight must be to retain the Union and to convince the British and the Republic's Governments that Ulster Unionism, which has benefitted Britain in its extremities has a greater durability than the present or any future Westminster administrations.

## Brickbats And Bouquets

Everyone in high executive offices in an organisation like ours has to be prepared for verbal attacks from the membership, for there are always those who will find fault and forcibly express their objections.

Those in leadership posts in the Institution must fail inevitably to please all of us all the time, for they have their own thoughts, aspirations and attitudes. We should be kind to them when they displease us, for we are their debtors, the beneficiaries after the work they do much of which we would find distasteful or beyond our capacity.

Because our leaders are always willing to listen to and take heed of honest, sensitive, constructive criticism from those whom they serve and are capable of answering and resisting the complaints of the insensitive and the ill formed we seldom have to defend them by lending our voice to their defence.

We think we need to speak out against a Portadown letter writer who had uncomplimentary and uncharitable things to say recently about the Grand Secretary in the Belfast Telegraph. The reference to the Portadown affair and Bro. Williams' involvement in it was unfair.

We take the opportunity again to express our admiration of a man who has given selflessly to the Institution of his talent and time over many years. No organisation was ever better served by a professional secretary whose commitment to it is total and totally generous. There will be other opportunities to pay compliment to Walter Williams on his retirement from an office he has adorned, suffice to say here that we know we speak for the membership at large when we thank him again for what he does for us.

We are delighted to know that he is making steady progress towards full health after major surgery, and we wish him and Mrs. Williams well in this time of his convalescence.

## Massive Show of Scottish Loyalty

An estimated 18,000 Orangemen and women and 96 bands marched through Wishaw's town centre to commemorate the 296th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

A sudden downpour just before the parade set off from Waterloo at 12 noon did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the bands and marchers who travelled from Lanarkshire, the Lothians, Stirlingshire, Fife and Northern Ireland.

### WELCOME

Members of the leading group, District No. 16 from Wishaw, had already reached their destination at Beltane Park while the final bands were still setting out from Waterloo.

Thousands more lined the streets to watch the parade.

W. Bro. Alan Love, R.W.G.M. of No. 16 District, Wishaw welcomed everyone to the Park saying: "As the host District this year, we also extend the hand of friendship, extend the hand of friendship and, most importantly, the hand of Christianity."

"To the County Grand Lodge Executive, I also thank them for their help and guidance during the past months and to the local Council, I thank them for the Civic Reception accorded to 16 District".

Bro. Rev. Wm. McCrea, M.P. for Mid Ulster, said: "Mrs. Thatcher may dress the agreement up in whatever

dress she wishes, but no Unionist will ever accept it as in the best interest of Northern Ireland.

**"November 15 was a day to be remembered... a day of infamy and shame. A day when the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom effectively signed away the union. It was an act of gross betrayal."**

The claim that the status of Northern Ireland has not been changed is totally false and meaningless.

This agreement has changed our status from an integral part of the United Kingdom to a semi-detached part, whose affairs are not administered with a foreign and enemy government.

### ACCORD "CONCEIVED IN LIES"

"These changes were made without seeking, never mind

securing, the consent of the majority of Northern Ireland.

"The Accord was conceived in lies and given birth to in deceit. In defence of this act of treachery, the Prime Minister sought to stamp over the graves of Ulster's dead.

"I would remind the Prime Minister that British Ulstermen died to keep us out of a United Ireland, not towards it, and the families of those who have paid the supreme sacrifice deeply resent the abuse of their loved ones memory.

**"The Anglo-Irish Agreement was a capitulation to the campaign of Republican violence. Far from bringing peace the agreement will ensure and guarantee more terror, more bloodshed and more sorrow"**.

Chief Inspector George Burton from Wishaw police said everything had gone well.

Bro. Rev. Wm. McCrea, M.P. converses with the Scottish Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Magnus Bain (extreme left) on the way to the Field. Eleven banners and a crowd of thousands of loyalists on Wishaw's great day and night.



# Massive Show of Loyalty in Portadown

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had only about a dozen members on parade, but made up for lack of numbers by their smartness.

Portadown District Chapter No. 5, who provided some 80 marshals to help supervise things, deserve the highest praise for their efforts, and special mention must be made of the District Master, Sir Knight John Toal; his deputy, Sir Knight James Symington, registrar, Sir Knight Jack Mathers, treasurer, Sir Knight Jim Hewitt, and assistant registrar, Sir Knight Jim Kerr, who spearheaded the marshals.

They were thanked at a luncheon at Armagh Road Presbyterian Church— where the religious service was held — by the Belfast District Master, Sir Knight the Rev. Victor G. Ryan, and the Orange Grand Master, Sir Knight the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, who also walked at the head of the huge parade.

The tradition of Belfast Districts visiting Portadown goes back to 1923, and the most recent before this year was 1980. Down the years there may have been parades larger in number, and which equalled this year's procession in all other respects, but there were certainly none to surpass it for its dignity and deportment.

Little wonder that the Portadown officers made it clear at the luncheon that they want the city Districts back in a few years time — a feeling echoed by a grateful Portadown Loyalist population — and one which has been accepted by the city Black leaders.

**Norman Anderson Memorial, Woodvale Accordion and Ulster Defenders.**

**It was good to see such a fine turnout with the Christian Crusaders Preceptory.**

Belfast's second Black District included Ligoniel True Blues, Carrickfergus Accord-



Officers of the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter, and of Portadown District Chapter No. 5, at the head of the huge parade in Portadown on the Last Saturday, preceded by the City of Belfast Colour Party. Photo: "Portadown Times."

ian, and the local Portadown True Blues band, while the following district — No. 5 — included Onward Flute, in which the celebrated James Galway first struck a note.

There was a slight break in the procession before the last two districts, Sandy Row No. 3, and Ballynaveigh No. 7 made their way to the Field.

## SANDY ROW SOLIDARITY

The deportment of Sandy Row, led by an exceptionally fine Colour party, was of the highest calibre, and that was the same trend throughout this District's Preceptories.

Bands included Corkley Pipe, Prince of Orange, and the Millar Memorial Flute, which had pride of place at the head of the District. Among the smartest preceptories was County Monaghan Grand Black Knights, whose founding Sir Knights came from Monaghan, and settled in the city in the 1920s.

That was part of the origins of the Rising Sons of Cavan Preceptory who walked with Ballynaveigh District. This might have been the smallest of the Districts on parade, with four bands, but it lacked nothing in terms of deportment and discipline.

The Preceptories deserve the highest praise for their appearance, and this ranged from large ones like Cloverhill, Fernhill and Cavehill, to some of the smaller ones who



Bow ties are favoured by members of R.B.P. No. 81 for their visit to Portadown on the Last Saturday. Photo: "Belfast News-Letter."



Young members belonging to Percy Street Accordion Band determined to enjoy their day in Portadown on the Last Saturday. Photo: "Belfast News-Letter."



## Decorum Praised by S.G.M.

The Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, Rt. Hon. James H. Molyneux, M.P., has addressed the following letter to the Institution's County Grand Masters:

"Having assessed reports of the many Church parades, ceremonies and rallies held under the auspices of our Royal Black Institution during the month of August, I want to congratulate you and your County Chapter on the bearing discipline and decorum of those under your jurisdiction.

"The increase in the number of members participating is indicative of the

growing strength of our Institution and the interest shown by the younger generation.

"It is heartening to note the determination of band members to still further improve standards of turn-outs and behaviour, and I know that you and all who hold office in your County will wish to encourage them in this regard.

"Needless to say you and your County Chapter can rely upon me to support you and your members in your continuing endeavours to translate into practice the principles of our Christian Institution."

# Retirement of Canon M. Dewar

Right Wor. Bro. the Rev. Canon Michael W. Dewar, Ph.D., retired from the active ministry of the Church of Ireland and the incumbency of the parish of Helen's Bay in September.

An Orangeman from before his ordination this Englishman became more an Ulsterman than most of us who were born here.

In the Orange and Black Institutions he has made a large contribution to their progress. As a Grand Chaplain, preacher, writer, lecturer and apologist for Orangeism, he has earned the gratitude of his brethren and the respect of many others, some of whom have little sympathy with the Protestantism he embraces wholeheartedly and advocates courageously.

Since his ordination in St. Clement's Church, Templemore Avenue, Belfast, in June, 1949, the present writer who was ordained with him by another Orange Institution Grand Chaplain, Right Wor. Bro. the Right Rev. William Shaw Kerr, D.D., Bishop of Down and Dromore, has enjoyed his friendship and been benefitted by a close and continuous association with him in Church and Institution over the years.

Michael Dewar was ordained for the curacy of Shankill, Lurgan, while I served in St. Clement's. His second curacy was St. Patrick's, Ballymacarrett, while I stayed in East Belfast when I moved to Willowfield Church.

Dr. Dewar was appointed Rector of Scarva when he wrote "The Scarva Story"

and found himself in a location very much to his taste as an historian specialising in the Williamite period.

A teaching post in England was followed by his appointment to the parishes of Magherally and Annaclone in a third happy pastoral experience of Dromore diocese. Helen's Bay followed and a much appreciated ministry was maintained.

Preacher, pastor and part-time teacher in Rockport School, Dr. Dewar found time to appear frequently on the radio programme, "Round Britain Quiz", in which he produced an incredible knowledge of all sorts of people, places and happenings, many of them with literary connotations.

Wide reading and a most retentive memory were used to

answer questions which astounded the rest of us. Michael is still remembered for his appearance on "Master Mind", undaunted by the terrifying black chair and the staccato questioning of Magnus Magnusson.

It is not my purpose here to write a Profile of Canon Michael Dewar, rather to thank him for his contribution to the work and witness of the Church and the Institution which he loves much and serves selflessly.

We wish him and Mrs. Dewar every happiness in their new home in England. Gone, he will not be forgotten. It is to be hoped that he will continue to be interested in us to help us from a distance and occasionally to come amongst us.

(S. E. LONG)

# Stone Commemorates

## Seven Victims of Terrorism

Markethill town centre was crowded with hundreds of members of the Orange Order and other loyalists for the unveiling of a monument on Friday, September 5.

The stone commemorates seven brethren from the local area who were murdered by terrorists in the past ten years.

The parade from the Masonic Hall to the Square was led by the District Officers, accompanied by the Grand Master of Ireland, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P.; County Grand Master of Armagh, Bro. Norman Hood and other County Officers.

Brethren from the 13 Markethill lodges and the other 10 District Lodges in the county with brethren from Belfast were led by the following bands: Tullyhappy Accordion, Kilkuney Flute, Market-hill Pipe, Mountnorris Accordion, Belleek Accordion, Redrock Flute, Enagh Accordion and Mullabrack Accor-dion.

### DEDICATION

The ceremony at the Square was presided over by Bro. David McCullough, W.D.M., and the opening hymn was: "The Lord's My Shepherd". Scripture reading from Hebrews chapter 11 was read by Bro. James Reaney, District Lay Chaplain.

Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth, Grand Master, was then asked by the District Master to perform the unveiling of the stone. He was accompanied by the District Master, Bro. D. McCullough and Bro. Stanley Cromwell, Deputy District Master.

The act of dedication and remembrance was taken by

Bro. Very Rev. R. J. N. Lockhart, M.A. (Dean of Dromore), County Grand Chaplain, after which two minutes silence and the "Last Post" and "Reveille" were played by two buglers from Poyntzpass Silver Band.

In his address which was based on Hebrews chapter 11 the Grand Master said that like the prophets of old these seven brothers, whose memory they were honouring, had a faith and had left an example which we should be proud and always be able to look-up to and follow.

Bro. Smyth said many thinking people must have recoiled in revulsion at Mr. Seamus Mallon's description of new Army posts in south Armagh as "vandalism".

"Neither the posts along the frontier nor this pillar in Markethill would, in my opinion, be necessary if politicians like Seamus Mallon had given positive leadership to their people.

"Instead, they have engaged in an anti-Army and police campaign in their own vendetta against Ulster, and in their attempts for a united Ireland".

### A CHALLENGE

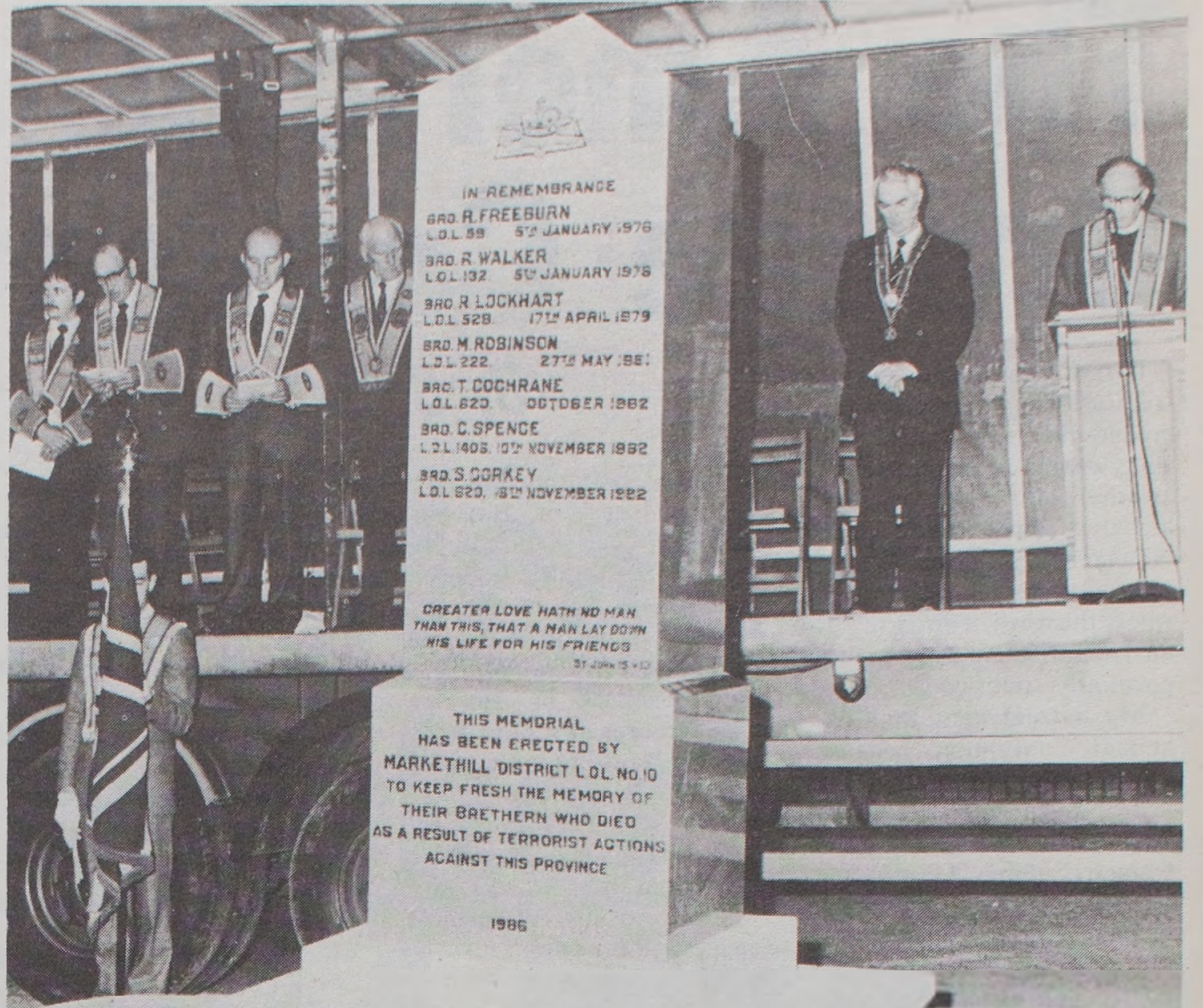
The South Belfast MP said the memorial stone should be a challenge to the people of Ulster, Great Britain and the Republic "to turn from the evil

which really vandalises the community and to live in allegiance with the Lord Christ who gives real peace and true victory".

After the vote of thanks to the speakers and people who had helped, proposed by Bro. McCullough, W.D.M. and seconded by Bro. Cromwell, D.D.M., the gathering sang the hymn: "O God our help in ages past".

Music for the two hymns was provided by Enagh Accordion Band.

The memorial is to Robert Freeburn (Tullyhappy LOL 59) and Robert Walker (Kilkuney LOL 132), who died in the Kingsmill massacre on January 5, 1976; Robert Lockhart (Belleek LOL 528), a police reservist killed with three colleagues in a landmine explosion in south Armagh on April 17, 1979; Mervyn Robinson (Markethill LOL 222), a member of the RUCR, murdered in May, 1981; Thomas Cochrane (Lurgross LOL 620), a UDR officer, murdered in 1982; Charles Spence (Markethill LOL 222) a member of the UDR, shot dead at Armagh Customs Station, on November 10, 1982, and full-time police reservist Snowden Corkey (Lurgross LOL 620) gunned down at the security barrier in Markethill along with a colleague, November 16, 1982.



**Hundreds of Brethren at Ceremony**

On the platform at Markethill after the Grand Master, Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, M.P., unveiled a memorial stone in remembrance of seven Orangemen who belonged to Lodges in Markethill District, and who were murdered by the Provisional IRA and other republican terrorist groups since 1976. Hundreds of brethren of the 13 lodges in Markethill District LOL No. 10, along with brethren from other districts throughout County Armagh attended the solemn ceremony. (Photo: "Portadown Times").

## Rector Condemns Advocates of

### Ecumenism

A Church of Ireland rector has criticised those who advocate closer links with the Church of Rome.

Sir Knt. Rev. Gordon Roycroft was speaking at an R.B.P. demonstration in Donemana. Following the parade the traditional religious service was held in the field.

The chairman was Sir Knt. William Cummings, Strabane District Master.

The Scripture reading was by Rev. S. G. Logue, Done-mana Presbyterian Church, and the prayers were led by Rev. Bill McNee, rector of Donagheady.

The resolutions were read by Sir Knt. Rev. R. G. Doherty, Omagh District chaplain, proposed by Sir Knt. J. J. Smyth, Omagh District Master, and seconded by Sir Knt. James Emery, Castlederg District chaplain.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Sir Knt. H. Deans, Strabane Deputy Registrar, seconded by Sir Knt. R. McGerrigle, Strabane treasurer.

Sir Knt. Roycroft condemn-ed ecumenism, and those who advocated closer links between

today as it ever had been, yet overtures had gone out from the leadership of the Reformed Churches for more links with that system.

Many of the teachings and the "superstitions of the Roman Catholic Church are anathema to Protestants and, the overtures should be resisted by Protestants", he said.

There were those who claimed that the various churches were on different roads which led to the same end, but this was not so, said Sir Knt. Roycroft. There was only one road to that end and that was through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

"We must hold to God's truth and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We need not fear while the truth of God is in our hearts and in our minds and in our hands," he stated.

He said the bishop who had called on Church of Ireland members to reconsider links with the Orange Order had offended many people.

He said he had written to the bishop asking him to consider his links with the Church of Rome and ecumenism.

Turning to the Roman Catholic Church, Sir Knt. Roycroft said it was the same

## Assistant SGM Preaches in Castlederg

Castlederg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6 had a visit from one of the newly appointed Assistant Sovereign Grand Masters when Right Worshipful Sir Knight Rev. Robert J. Coulter, M.A., addressed the local Sir Knights at their annual anniversary service held in 2nd Castlederg Pres-byterian Church on Sunday evening 24th August.

Sir Knt. Coulter delivered a most interesting and challeng-ing address — taking as his text Genesis c.26 v.18 "and Isaac dugged again the wells of water,

which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham; and he called their names after the names by which his father called them."

The lessons were read by Sir Knt. H. L. Davis, Lay Chaplain of South of England District No. 11, and Sir Knt. J. A. Emery, Lay Chaplain of Castlederg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6.

The collection in aid of L.E.M.O.S. was taken up by Sir Knts. Adam Bustard,

W.M. of Cully R.B.P. 397 Co. Donegal; Fred Birney, Ardess R.B.P. 463, Kesh, Co. Fermanagh; William Jeffery, Omagh R.B.P. 185, and Bobby Burke, Killen R.B.P. 682.

Rev. Stewart Jones, B.D., minister of the church also assisted in the service.

At the close of the service the W.D.M. of Castlederg, Sir Knt. Alex Patterson expressed the usual vote of thanks.

Sir Knt. William Semple headed the parade which was led by Whitehouse Pipe Band.



## CORRESPONDENCE

### T.V. and Derry Day

Sir — I was absolutely appalled at the very poor Television coverage by both B.B.C. and U.T.V. of the Apprentice Boys parade in Londonderry. Had it not been for the riots in the Bogside and Waterside areas of the city, I just wonder if the T.V. media would have bothered at all to transmit any pictures of the event.

Each year I live in hope that one of the most colourful and massively supported spectacles seen in Northern Ireland during the year will be adequately covered on tele-vision. Each year I am sadly disappointed.

All we got this time was the wreath laying ceremony. There wasn't a single close up camera shot of any part of the very long procession nor of those brethren attending the Thanksgiving Service in the Cathedral.

Bandsmen and Apprentice Boys were simply used as a backcloth for the main com-ments of the reporters, largely

given over to the disturbances later on that evening.

Yours sincerely,  
WILFRED BREEN  
(Omagh No. Surrender Club)  
Clanabogan,  
Omagh.

### Killen L.O.L. Officers

Killen L.O.L. No. 1272 held their annual election of officers in Killen Orange Hall. Allan Rainey, Co. Grand Lecturer, County Tyrone Grand Orange Lodge and W.M. of Newtownsaville L.O.L. 646 conducted the election, with W. Bro. J. A. Emery, W.D.M., Killen Dis-trict L.O.L. No. 12, occupied the deputy chair.

Elected were: W.M., S. Speer; D.M., H. Speer; Chap-lain, J. Burke; Secretary, W. Virtue; Treasurer, A. Cald-well; Tyler, B. Kempston; Lecturers — T. Burke and T. Livingstone. Comm' tee — E. Rankin (foreman), J. Bogle, N. Sproule, I. Clarke and B. Scott.

# The American '86 Orange Convention

By S. E. Long

If anyone thinks that Orange Institution practices and procedures are the same everywhere, an experience of another jurisdiction will quickly change his mind. Nowhere are differences more apparent than in the U.S.A. where the ways of doing things have a distinctiveness which is peculiarly American.

My second visit to a bi-annual Convention, because the first one was in 1972, was a test of memory as to how the American Orangemen and women do things. I was to find that memory, after the passage of the years, helped me very little. Perhaps that was all to the good, for it meant discovering and rediscovering things traditionally and operationally of importance to the Order over there.

## PREACHER FROM ULSTER

The 1986 Convention of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Orange Institution, the Orange Ladies Institution and the Grand Black Chapter met at the Sheraton-Brandywine Inn, Wilmington, Delaware, from Sunday 10 to Wednesday 13 August.

The opening service was conducted by the lay chaplain of the Wilmington lodge, W. Bro. John Marshall, the soloist was Mrs. Patricia Kerrigan, the pianist Mrs. Edith Cromwell and the preacher, Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. Canon S. E. Long, L.Th., J.P., Imperial Chaplain.

The sessions opened with Most Wor. Bro. Robert Hetherington, New York, Supreme Grand Master, in the chair. Matters of concern to the Institution were discussed and decisions taken. Bringing greetings were the Imperial Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. John Gowans, J.P.,

Australia; the Imperial President, Most Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.D., M.P., and the Imperial Chaplain.

The ordering of the sessions were to patterns long practised in America with features attractive to us for their differences with what we do in lodge.

The setting of the Convention is totally different from that of our own Grand Lodge where pressure of business ensures that time must be carefully conserved. With us time and speed are of the essence; the approach there is leisurely. The Convention is an eagerly looked forward to event in the lives of American Orangemen and women who

attend from across America in eager expectation of renewing friendships and making new friends. The serious business of the lodge is liberally soiced with social engagements organised and impromptu.

The organised ones were the banquet when the keynote speaker was the Imperial Grand Master, an evening of music and fun with the Juanita Park String Band from Philadelphia.

The installation of officers were public events in the case of the Orange Institution and the Ladies Institution, with large audiences to appreciate the inductions of the Supreme Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Fred Stewart, Pennsylvania, and Most Wor. Sister

Mrs. Sallie Wilson, Delaware. They and their officers were installed in complex ceremonies with traditional words and movements which require long experience and patience to perfect. The men's installation team was from Philadelphia and the ladies from Massachusetts.

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

My particular pleasure was being present at the installation of a good friend over many years, Mrs. Sallie Wilson. She and her husband, the Supreme Grand Secretary, M. Wor. Bro. Walter Wilson, were our hosts in their home in Wilmington. In the absence through illness of the 1984-86 Grand Mistress, Mrs. Wilson had to preside at all the ladies' sessions, a task she performed with sensitivity and skill.

The social engagements of the sessions ended with a most enjoyable visit to the world famous Longwood Gardens over the Delaware State line in Pennsylvania.

Because I had the opportunity to appreciate something of the planning and performance which went into the Convention I was amazed again at the infectious enthusiasm and industry of the Grand Secretary. In his business and in his work for the Institution Walter Wilson has a well-earned reputation for getting things done excellently and expeditiously. The organisation of this Wilmington convention owed a very great deal to him in his capacity as chairman of the organising committee.

In his report to Grand Lodge Bro. Wilson gave a detailed analysis of the state of the Order in America and with a desirable economy of words, W. Bro. Joe Stinson, Boston, Mass., Grand Lodge treasurer, with the same kind



Sister Mrs. Sallie Wilson addresses the Lodge following her installation as Supreme Grand Mistress. The installing officer, Sister Mrs. Mae Mills, Past Supreme Grand Mistress is on her right, with Sister Mrs. Catherine Lynham, P.S.G.M.

of clarity and precision showed the Institution to be in good health financially.

Most Wor. Bro. Robert Hetherington in his report described his engagements in his two-year term of office. They included the Labour Day demonstration at the Orange Home, Hatborough, on two occasions, with dates at Connecticut, Glen Head, N.Y., Florida, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, California and Belfast in 1985 for the sessions of the Imperial Council of the World.

As one who has enjoyed the friendship of "Jack" Hetherington for many years and had the privilege of sitting with him in his capacity of Supreme Grand Master it was no surprise to be told that he had been a very good leader, and traveller in the interests of the Institution.

Another immigrant from Ulster was installed as Grand Master of the Royal Black Chapter, Sir Knight and Bro. James Hewie, Philadelphia. In his installation address he expressed a determination to do what he can to advance the interests of the Black and to increase its membership.

Sister Mrs. Wilson, a first generation American, of Ulster extraction, like her fellow Grand Masters will confirm her reputation as a hard worker and like them will go in office to every place where the Orange cause is recognised and supported.

## VIGOROUS LADIES INSTITUTION

The Ladies' Institution is remarkably vigorous and its work on the floor of the lodge most impressive. The long white frocks of the members are most attractive. Their involvement in Orange pursuits often guarantee the success of something being attempted and that is most obvious in their contribution to the continuing success of the fine Orange Home at Hatborough.

The Ladies' grand secretary, Miss Betty Murphy, Philadelphia, is one of the best known American Orange leaders. Her dedicated work in the O.L.I. guarantees its success and helps towards the friendly, caring atmosphere which is a characteristic of American Orangeism these days.

## DELAWARE

Charles Wilson, son of the Supreme Grand Secretary of the U.S.A., has a tee-shirt with *Dela-where* on it. This first State of the Union and second smallest, 86 miles long and from nine to 35 miles wide, deserves to be better known not only by visitors to America but by the Americans themselves, who sometimes pose the question, "Where is Deraware?"

In a Delaware State Travel Service hand-out it is described as on the Eastern seaboard of the U.S.A. bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and Delaware Bay. Adjoining it are the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Delaware has easy access to New York, Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Philadelphia. Wilmington, the city of the Du Ponts, is the state's largest.

It is thirty miles from Philadelphia and 320 from New York, but distances are irrelevant to Americans who travel extraordinary distances throughout their large land. Hundreds of miles in a day is nothing unusual.

The Brandywine Valley of Northern Delaware and Southern Pennsylvania has some of the finest museums in the United States, including Winterthur (American decorative arts), Hagley (19th century industrial life on the site of the original Du Pont Company's black powder mills). And there is the magnificent Longwood Gardens which have to be seen to be believed.

## Deaths of Portadown Orangemen

Orangeism in Portadown, and further afield has suffered a severe blow by the passing of two great stalwarts of the Institution in District Number One of the "County of the Diamond".

Bros. Jim McKinley, of the Rising Sons of Portadown LOL No. 273, and Bro. Norman Elliott, of King William's Defenders LOL No. 127, Parkmount, gave sterling service for many years, not only in their private lodges, but in the Institution at district level as well.

Both held office in their respective Lodges, and also took a keen interest in the

affairs of the Junior Orange Institution, having held office in the Portadown Junior District.

Both were very prominent and diligent in their church attendance, Bro. McKinley being a staunch member of St. Mark's Church, and a regular attender at the weekly Bible Class, and Bro. Elliott a member of First Portadown Presbyterian Church.

They took an active interest in the affairs of their local community and its well being. Bro. McKinley served with the Royal Irish Fusiliers and Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers during the Second World

War, and he was an ardent supporter of Portadown Football Club, rarely missing a match at home or away.

Bro. Elliott served the "Walk" area in many capacities, including the local Residents Association. He was a founder member of the Craigavon Housing Association which has carried out a big rehabilitation programme in the district over the past eight

years, re-opening many of the empty and bricked up houses in this part of Portadown.

Bro. Elliott promoted sales of the "Orange Standard" in Portadown since the paper was first launched, and each month did so with vigor and enthusiasm.

Both brethren were devoted family men, and the sympathy of our readers goes out to their wives and families on their sad loss.

## New Banner for Donegal Blackmen

St. Johnston RBP No. 134 unfurled their new banner at a ceremony in the Orange Hall, St. Johnston on 22 August when Sir Knt. George Dunn, W.M., presided. The opening prayer was by the Rev. Mr. McSparron.

Mrs. R. J. Fleming unfurled the banner which was dedicated by Sir Knt. the Rev. D. H. Browne, Ballykelly, No. 2 District Chaplain. Speakers were Sir Knts. Alan Lindsay, Scotland; Billy Cummings, Strabane; George Stewart, Samuel B. Kane, and A. E. Lee, Londonderry; Alan Lindsay, No. 2 District, W. Arbutnot, No. 4, G. Hunter, No. 3 and Adam Bustard, West Donegal.

Sir Knt. R. J. Fleming, treasurer of 134, proposed the vote of thanks to all who had participated in the proceedings; it was seconded by Sir Knt. Lindsay, D.M., and passed with hearty acclamation.

A lovely tea followed the ceremony, and the ladies who supplied and served it were warmly thanked by the chairman.

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