

Protestantism Gains Ground in U.S. Hispanic

Under the heading "Protestantism Gaining Influence in Hispanic Community," the "New York Times" outlines a remarkable development in New York.

Larry Rohter wrote: for many of New York's Hispanic residents, 1985 began with parties, parades and dances marking the Feast of the Epiphany. But for the faithful at the Segunda Hermosa Pentecostal Church of God in the Bronx, it was more an occasion for reverence and rapture.

Beneath a banner proclaiming "In Jehovah we will achieve great deeds," the Rev. Mario de Jesus restlessly roamed the chancel of his storefront church on the first Sunday of the year, leading the singing of hymns and preaching to his flock in rapidfire Spanish. Out in the congregation, Mr. de Jesus' exhortations were met with fervent cries of "Praise God!" and "Glory to His name!"

"DOOR OPENED"

"Tonight a door has opened," Mr. de Jesus thundered as parishioners wept and fell prostrate in front of the pulpit. "Rise! Rise! Give yourselves to the Lord."

On any given Sunday, similar scenes of worship and exaltation are likely to be repeated in the 400 Hispanic Protestant churches in New York City. The congregations may be small in size and their budgets limited, but taken together they constitute a striking development in the Hispanic community.

Ever since Columbus landed in the Americas and planted the cross in the name of God and the Crown, Latin Americans have been over-

whelmingly Roman Catholic in belief. But increasingly there are signs that in New York, as elsewhere, the Hispanic Protestant community is expanding both in numbers and in influence.

"We are seeking a great deal of growth of Protestantism in the Latino community, especially of storefront churches," said Angelo Falcon, executive director of the Institute for Puerto Rican Policy. "It is a grass-roots thing that is taking hold now as never before."

The Rev. Leland Gartrell, former director of research for the Council of Churches of the City of New York, estimates that there are as many as 175,000 Hispanic Protestants in New York City. A 1982 study published by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York concluded that about 10 percent of the two million Hispanic residents of New York City and its suburbs belonged to Protestant groups — a figure that Hispanic Protestant leaders say is too small.

This developing Protestant sentiment centres not on mainline denominations such as Lutherans, Methodists and Episcopalians, but on fundamentalist groups.

The archdiocese's study indicated that about 40 percent of the Hispanic Protestants were affiliated with Pentecostal churches like de Jesus, and an additional 40 percent with the Evangelicals and other fundamentalist groups such as the Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh Day Adventists.

DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES

Leaders such as Isaac

Hernandez, president of the 14,000-member New York chapter of the International Movement of the Pentecostal Church of God, attribute fundamentalism's attraction among Latin Americans to its clear doctrinal differences with traditional Catholicism.

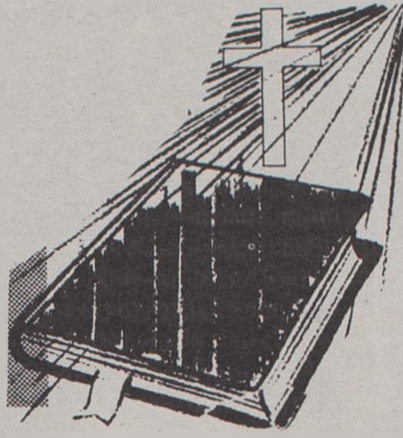
Mr. Hernandez cites his group's emphasis on the reading of Biblical scripture, group prayer, preaching, and witnessing — none of which are emphasised in the Mass — as the keys to its success.

But experts also believe that the appeal of fundamentalism to Latin Americans is as much sociological as theological. "More important than belief is belonging," said Dr. Jaime Vidal, the director of Hispanic Ministries at St. John's Episcopal Church in Jersey City, who has a doctoral degree in theology from Fordham University.

"Newly arrived Hispanics feel uprooted and abandoned, that the rules and mores of the old world do not apply here," Dr. Vidal continued. "Someone with a strong emotional charge appears and offers love, community support and an alternative to a world that no longer exists, and they move quite easily into that new matrix."

Though statistics suggest that at least half of all Hispanic Protestants are converts from Roman Catholicism, Roman Catholic officials say they do not feel threatened by the fundamentalist challenge.

"I'm sure they are competing with us, but we've been around for 2,000 years," said Deacon Luis Fontanez, director of the Spanish-Speaking Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New York. "The Catholic Church rests on the shoulders of its founder, so I am not worried."



Other observers are not so sanguine. While they say fundamentalist claims of spectacular growth are exaggerated, virtually all of them agree, as Mr. Gartrell put it, that Hispanic Protestants "are far more visible now that they have been" and are aggressively seeking new converts.

PREACHING, VISITING

Much of the fundamentalists proselytizing zeal is directed at street-corner preaching and door-to-door witnessing

throughout the barrio. But the Rev. Joseph Fitzpatrick of Fordham, a longtime student of Hispanic affairs, said they had also sought "to play a community service and advocacy role that makes them known to people who then begin to come to church."

Some fundamentalist groups regularly send emissaries to airports to meet newcomers arriving on flights from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, or take the gospel to jails and hospitals. Many congregations offer social services such as English classes, help in finding jobs and housing, night school and drug rehabilitation programmes.

"The Pentecostal Church is a bridge for those who come from their country and find themselves alone here," said the Rev. Cleofe Vargas, pastor of John 3:16 Christian Church in the Bronx. The church, with more than 2,000 members, is the largest Hispanic Protestant Church in New York City.

"These newcomers feel comfortable with us," he said, "because they meet people like themselves and learn ways to develop in this society."

Another indication of Hispanic Protestantism's higher profile and more activist role is the emergence of Hispanic political leaders with fundamentalist roots, such as former Deputy Mayor Herman Badillo and Representative Robert Garcia, Democrat of the Bronx. Mr. Badillo comes from a Baptist background; Mr. Garcia, the son of a Pentecostal pastor, often attends services at the Crossroads Tabernacle Assembly of God, where his sister is a minister.

"The fundamentalists are getting a disproportionate amount of the leadership in the Hispanic world," Dr. Vidal said. "They study harder and work harder and believe in delayed gratification, so before you know it, they're on top."

As Mr. Falcon sees it, Hispanic fundamentalist churches and their leaders may be beginning to play a mobilizing role analogous to that of Baptist churches in the black community. "People feel they are playing a bigger role in the community, that they are becoming islands of stability and refuge for folks trying to survive economic dislocations and political difficulties," he said.

When the Mizpa Bible Institute, for example, opened on White Plains Road in the Bronx in 1980, 50 students were enrolled. Today more than 400 students are in training at the seminary, the majority preparing for careers as full-time pastors, and the rest readying themselves for some form of lay ministry.

"MIRACLE OF GOD"

Edgardo Valentin, 21 years old, who came to New York from Puerto Rico three years ago, is one of the seminarians. As a teenager, he said, "I gave myself over to drugs and drinking and vice" and turned his back on his Catholic upbringing.

But now, Mr. Valentin said, "through a miracle of God," his sense of purpose in life has been restored.

"It does not matter whether I become an ordained or lay minister, so long as I can serve God and my people," he said, his eyes brimming with tears. "I want only to be a useful vessel."

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Keeping in step on their way to the demonstration in Carrickfergus are these young members of Orangefield Junior LOL 187.

Praise for Moderator

In a statement to the "Orange Standard" Ligoniel True Blues L.O.L. No. 1932 wish to publicly congratulate the Rt. Rev. Howard Cromie, the Presbyterian Moderator, on his "forthright denunciation of the pro-IRA and anti-British views expressed by Cardinal O'Fee."

While they wouldn't agree with all that the Rev. Mr. Cromie says and does, this is

one occasion where he has their support and backing, and deservedly so, says the Lodge.

At the same time, the statement adds, the Lodge wishes to "denounce in the strongest possible terms the inaction of the Church of Ireland Primate, Archbishop John Armstrong, and the Rev. Paul Kingston, the Methodist President."

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Plastic Bullets — Red and Green Raise Objections

A newspaper report on April 22 informed readers that Mr. Gerry Adams, M.P., of Sinn Fein and Mr. Seamus Mallon, the SDLP deputy leader, were sharing opposition at an unidentified meeting to the security forces policy of resorting to the use of plastic bullets.

Adversity, wrote Shakespeare, makes strange bed-fellows, and one's eyes blinked to find Mr. Mallon in such unusual company, remembering that on one occasion in the fairly recent past he claimed that he was on terms of social friendship with members of the Ulster Defence Regiment.

These two figures so well known in the world of Northern Irish politics, and who are incidentally, in diametrically opposed political camps, were joining in a campaign condemning the use of this method of anti-riot control.

In addition to Sinn Fein and the SDLP the campaign enjoyed the support of such diverse elements as People's Democracy, the Irish Republican Socialist Party and (why not?) the Communist Party. They were all together, said the Press report, having "unconditionally condemned the use of this lethal weapon."

The campaign is also urging the prosecution of members of the security forces who have used the plastic bullet indiscriminately, and compensation for those who have suffered

through its deployment.

And to show their solidarity on this issue (if not on any other) the parties decided to come together to support the campaign now and in the future. The scene has now been set for a fusion of those wide ranging, disparate political segments to oppose the use by the security forces of this deterrent.

Always we discover these nationalistic groups expressing opposition to the arbitrament of strength to quell civil uprisings, but not so vocal in appealing to their individual camps to ensure that their camp followers do not involve themselves in situations where plastic bullets or batons are required.

Of course, opposition to the police is nothing new in Ireland. In the old days one had only to admit, or "let slip," that one's father or other male relative served in the Royal Irish Constabulary to have one and all ostracised for generations. And on the Continent the Communists placed opposition to the forces of law and order as a No. 1 priority in the undermining of lawful government. The appearance of Roman Catholic public representatives sharing what amounts to a political platform with the friends of the Kremlin will naturally have raised more than a few eyebrows in Parochial Houses up and down the country.

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No Mass For Charles

The Protestant voice has been heard loud and clear in the British Establishment over the highly secret proposal that the Prince and Princess of Wales should attend a private Mass celebrated by the Pope at the Vatican during their prolonged visit to Italy.

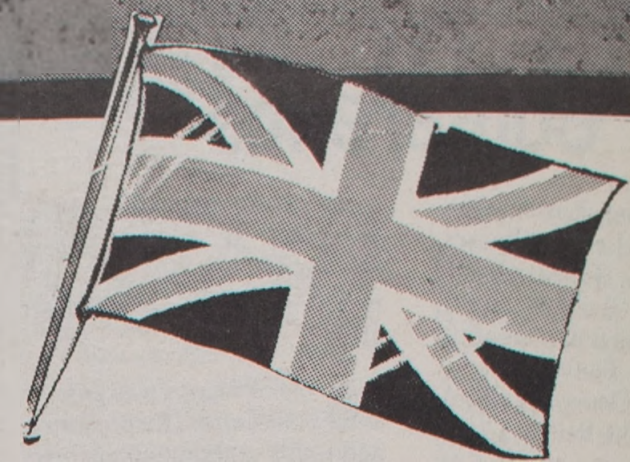
In its "Diary" column "The Times" of London reported that a request by Prince Charles, the Heir Apparent to the Throne of England, to attend the Papal Mass was "refused after a top level discussion."

Strangely — perhaps not so remarkable after all, when one considers the subtlety of Rome — clearance of the Prince's request had been given by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Robert Runcie, and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Rt. Rev. John Paterson, within whose separate hierarchies objections were stated to have been raised.

Let the "Times" Diary outline the facts of this notable and historic rebuff to the artful move by the Roman Church and its Supreme Pontiff:

A request by Prince Charles to attend a papal mass in the Vatican this month has been refused after a top-level decision, taken in the past 24 hours, involving Buckingham Palace, church leaders and the diplomatic corps. Besides the fear of protests from Protestant loyalists, I am told objections were raised at the weekend within the hierarchy of the Church of Scotland, although the Moderator, the Right Rev. John Paterson, is understood to have given the Prince his personal blessing. I am told the agreement of the Archbishop of Canterbury was also given.

The mass organised under strictest secrecy, was to have taken place in the Pope's private chapel on April 30. The Prince, who was to be joined by the Princess of Wales, was then to breakfast with the Pope before the couple left for Sicily at 10.40 a.m. The mass was to be excluded from the official list



Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales who are on a visit to Italy.

of engagements — unlike the couple's private audience with the Pope the day before. The mass would have been the most significant gesture of rapprochement between the English monarchy and the Church of Rome since the reign of Henry VIII. On Sunday Buckingham Palace would not deny the mass was going to take place, but it

issued a blanket denial, saying, "It is certainly not now going to take place. Not all ways were cleared."

The winds that blew with such ferocity to destroy the Spanish Armada whose avowed aim was to conquer Protestant England have not quite died out, even after four centuries. May they never lose their power!

New Junior LOL in County Armagh

Tannagh Hill Orange Hall was the venue for the inauguration of a new Junior Lodge for the Killylea district of Armagh.

More than thirty sons of Ulster were admitted into the Junior Orange by Bro. George Proctor, County Grand Master of Armagh J.L.O.L. with Bro. Kenneth Wilson, D.G.M.I. J.L.O.L., in the Deputy Master's chair.

The candidates were proposed by Bro. Jonathan Beattie and were prepared and presented by Brothers Sam Foster, D.G.M.I., William Lee, D.D.M., Killylea District No. 7, George Diffin, and Wesley Livingstone, District Treasurer, Killylea District No. 7.

Junior lecturers from Keady Junior L.O.L. 101, under the direction of the County Lecturer, Bro. George Nelson, gave the lecture in a most professional manner.

The Rev. T. B. R. Taylor, D.G.C.I. and Rev. J. M. Batchelor, D.G.C.I., read the scriptures and prayers.

INSTALLATION

After the initiation the officers for the new lodge, Killylea Young Defenders No. 205, were duly installed.

The Lodge is superintended by Bro. Jim Conly, assisted by Bro. Allan Foster, Bro. Thomas Marshall, Treasurer, and Bro. Robert Singleton.

Other distinguished visitors presented at this memorable occasion were Bros. Robert

Orr, C.G.M. L.O.L.; Gordon Frazier, D.M., R.A.P.C., Armagh District No. 5; Alex Reid, Favour Royal L.O.L. No. 202, County and District Chaplain; William Drennan, D.G.M.I., L.O.L.; Albert Watson, D.G.M.I., L.O.L. and Raymond Clarke, County Secretary, Armagh.

Greetings and words of encouragement were brought by many of the officers present.

Bro. Wilson, Bessbrook L.O.L., urged the new candidates to follow the teaching of the Order and the Holy Scripture upon which its

precepts and principles are based.

Bro. William Drennan, Lecturer, D.G.M.I., voiced the feelings of many when he said he was greatly impressed by the large number of recruits. The inauguration, he said, was, in a sense, the birth of a new generation of loyal subjects who would ensure the continuance of the aims and objects of the Order.

Bro. Jim Conly, superintendent, replied on behalf of the Juniors. He impressed upon the boys the need to not only understand the Christian faith,

but also to practice it daily by their words and actions. They were our future standardbearers, and they must be resolute in their loyalty to their Queen and Country, to the Orange Order and to God.

Bro. Sam Foster invited all the boys to be constant at their place of worship and to attend all the regular L.O.L. services. By doing so, they would be fulfilling a most important requirement of every Orangeman.

An enjoyable supper was supplied by the ladies.

The meeting closed in the usual manner with prayer and the singing of the National Anthem.

Orange Order Expands in Ballynahinch

Our picture was taken after the Inauguration and Installation of LOL No. 1865, Ballynahinch District, in Magheradroll Parish Church Hall, Ballynahinch on Saturday April 27. Officers for 1985: W. Bro. Bertie Douglas; D.M. W. Bro. Thomas Heasley; Secretary Bro. Walter Macauley; Chaplain Bro. Norval Harrison; Treasurer Bro. Raymond Graham; Committee (Foreman) Bro. Norman Ritchie; Members: Bros. John Hunter, David Ross, William Bell, Billy Hall, Colin McNamara. Inside Tyler W. Bro. Wm. Williamson. County and District Officers which attended: Bro. William Russell, Down Co. Grand Master; Bro. William Brown M.P.A., Down Co. Deputy Grand Master and Secretary Ballynahinch District No. 17; Bro. Hugh Russell, Down Co. Grand Secretary; Bro. James Roulston Down Co. Grand Treasurer, Treasurer Ballynahinch District No. 17; Bro. Herbert Lurring, District Master, Ballynahinch No. 17; Bro. Robert McIlroy, District Master, Bushmills No. 21.



Guests at Bro. Bryans' Presentation

Supplementary last month's report of the 100th birthday celebration for M.W. Bro. John Bryans in the House of Orange we append details of the guests:

Family: daughter, Mrs. George Cathcart and Husband; son, Mr. Petrie Bryans; grandchildren, Mr. John Cathcart and his wife, Bro. Geoffrey Bryans, Miss Diane Bryans.

Cousins, Mrs. Maud Hamilton, Bro. Wallace McElnea and Mrs. McElnea.

Orange Leaders: I.G.M. — Col George Liddle; I.G.P. — Richard Roberts; G.M. — Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P.; I.G. Sec. — Walter Williams, J.P.; G.M. Scotland — Magnus Bain; C.G.M. Glasgow — John Thompson; G. Treas. England — George

Crone; Imperial Vice President — Harold Alexander, U.S.A.

County Grand Master — Royal Black Institution: I.G.M. — Sir Knight and Bro. Rt. Hon. James Molyneaux, M.P.; C.G.M., Belfast — Sir Knight and Bro. Rev. Victor H. Ryan, B.A. also C.G. Chaplain Belfast.

Apprentice Boys: Bro. James Guy, Deputy Lieutenant Governor.

Junior Orange: Bro. Kenneth Wilson, Deputy G.M.

Womens Association: G.M. Sister Mrs. E. McCrum, J.P.; C.G.M. Belfast, Sister Mrs. M. Black.

Special Guests: — Lord Mayor of Belfast — Bro. Councillor Alfred H. Ferguson, J.P.

Mayor of Carrickfergus: Bro. Alderman Charles Johnston.

Bros Roy Beggs, M.P., East Antrim; Harold McCusker, M.P., Upper Bann.

Linfield Football Club: Messrs. David Campbell, chairman; George Best, trustee; Wallace Henderson, vice chairman; David Crawford, treasurer.

Bro. John Bryans is a life member.

R.A.P.C.: G.M. Bro. Kenneth Watson.

Methodist Chaplains: Bro. Rev. Dr. J. Allen, Derek McMeekin, John J. Wilson and W. S. Forsythe.

Presentations were made on behalf of the C.G.L. of Belfast, G.O.L. of Scotland, Apprentice Boys, Bro. Bryan's Private Lodge, Lieut. McKnight Memorial No. 1311, County Armagh Grand Lodge, City of Londonderry Grand Lodge and Linfield Football Club.



Juniors on the march to the annual Easter Tuesday demonstration in Carrickfergus.



Smartly turned out members of the Prince of Orange Accordion Band on their way to the Junior demonstration in Carrickfergus on Easter Monday.

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Ligoniel True Blues L.O.L. No. 1932 remind all loyalists to register their votes in the local government elections to be held on the 15th May for the Democratic Unionist, Official Unionist and all other Unionist candidates of their choice.

"Failure to do so would be a dereliction of duty, especially with the possibility of Sinn Fein candidates being elected in even loyalist areas.

"Therefore we call upon all Loyalists to do their duty and help to Smash the I.R.A. by inflicting defeat on Sinn Fein."

Coming

In forthcoming issues we shall be publishing articles by Greg Hopkins on "The Ulster Influence on America," a book review by the Rev. Warren Porter on "Christ, the Christian and Freemasonry" by W. J. McK. McCormick and a long poem "An Appeal to Canadian Orangemen" written by the Rev. Mr. Coburn, sen., "the blind orator, recited by his son, the Grand Chaplain, at Windsor, Ontario, during a meeting of the Ontario Grand Lodge.

IRA Uprising Men Given a Pension

While relations between Dublin and London are said to be at their most friendly for decades it comes as something of a surprise to find that the Irish government pays a State pension to IRA veterans.

Yet at the recent Fianna Fail party conference debate on defence a motion from Tipperary South actually demanded "that the means test for old IRA veterans' special allowance be abolished."

It is sometimes forgotten on this side of the water that the old IRA men who fought the British in a bloody guerrilla campaign in the Easter Rising of 1916 and after the 1914-18 war to the Truce of July 1921, are regarded there as heroes of the "war of independence."

Some 3,000 men in their 80s and 90s who can produce a "campaign medal" receive up to £1,000 a year extra from the state.

It was Prime Minister Eamon De Valera, the founder of Fianna Fail and originally an opponent of the peace treaty with the British, who passed an Army Pensions Act to reward the veterans. With his usual tact, the Act was passed at the height of the 1939-43 war, during which the present Republic of Ireland stayed neutral. (From the 'Daily Telegraph')

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Band, Orange Concert

Garvetagh Pipe Band and L.O.L. 1486 held their annual concert in the Youth Hall, Castlederg.

The compere was Mr. Eric Ewart, Portadown, who excelled in his presentation of the evening's entertainment.

Other artistes contributing to the programme were Eleanor Turkington, Waringstown, who rendered in fine voice a selection of Country and Western and Gospel songs; Mary kee, Strabane, sang some beautiful Scottish and Irish ballads; Tervor Owens, Ballymoney was a popular accordeonist and William McCarter and Maurice Stevenson performed a double act with comedy songs.

Bro. J. Emery moved the vote of thanks, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.



Downshire Guiding Star Flute Band, Banbridge, accompanied Banbridge Apprentice Boys to Kilkeel on Easter Monday.

Photo: Bro. Clarence Wilson



The Apprentice Boys' Parade making its way through Lisburn on Easter Monday.

Sinn Fein Bid to Prohibit Orange Parades

The hatred evidenced in the ranks of the republican movement for Orange processions surfaced during the St. Patrick's Day week-end celebrations in Portadown, when local Sinn Fein groups intensified their campaign to have the annual Orange and Black parades through the Obins Street and upper Garvaghy Road areas at the "Twelfth" period re-routed.

The Sinn Fein element have begun their annual attempt to stop Orange walks in this part of Portadown early this year, for in previous years, it was usually the run-up to the parades which saw well orchestrated petitions launched to have the parades ended.

PAWN IN SINN FEIN PLAN

This year the attempt has started early, and Sinn Fein has callously used Protestant families living in the Park Road and Woodside areas, which are on the fringe of the republican dominated "Tunnel" and

Churchill Park — Ballyoran Park estates, as a pawn in their plan.

Sinn Fein used the annual St. Patrick's Day parade by the Portadown Roman Catholic accordion band of the Obins Street district as an attempt to extend the band's route into loyalist Park Road, and then along lower Garvaghy Road, past the beleaguered Protestant Woodside estate.

During the past 10 years, attacks on Protestants in the Woodside area have been a regular feature each summer, especially around the "Twelfth," and it is a plain and obvious attempt to intimidate the Protestants out of what is the last real loyalist stronghold in North Portadown.

The Protestants have stood firm, and are determined to stay in their homes, despite the attacks. Having failed in their plan of campaign the re-

publicans turned to a new ploy — extending the St. Patrick's Band route to take in the Park Road - Woodside area.

However, Loyalists in the "Walk" district foiled the plan by gathering peacefully at Park Road, along the path of the proposed route on the morning of Sunday, March 17, and the RUC immediately re-routed the parade.

Foiled in their plan, the republicans vented their spleen on the Protestant families living in the front line of the Woodside estate, and on returning from their demonstration at Coalisland began to attack houses of Protestants, and break their windows — some of them homes of pensioners.

COUNCIL UPROAR

Sinn Fein also had the audacity to call for the banning of the peaceful Orange and Black parades through the same district around the "Twelfth," and at a meeting of Craigavon Borough Council, noisy supporters of Sinn Fein shouted abuse at the Unionist Mayor and his colleagues, uttering several threats as well.

However, the republicans must be aware that they have suffered a real reverse, and that the Protestants of the entire Portadown area are now aware of the threat being mounted to their liberties and the freedom

they have enjoyed for so long to demonstrate in a peaceful and orderly manner. Orange parades through Obins Street have been going on for well over 100 years.

The whole episode, however, is a timely reminder of just how much hatred and bitterness there is in the republican movement towards the Orange Order and the Protestant Cause, and that even in a staunchly Loyalist area of Northern Ireland, republican militancy is a disturbing element.

Royal Black Elections for Castlederg

Castlederg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6 held their annual election of officers for 1985 in Killen Orange Hall.

Sir Knt. Alex Patterson, D.D.M., welcomed Sir Knt. Samuel A. Glasgow, Deputy Co. Grand Master of County Tyrone, Sir Knt. William Nesbitt, County Tyrone Grand Registrar, and Sir Knt. W. Abernethy, Grand Master of Ceremonies for Co. Tyrone. Sir Knt. Patterson referred to the recent deaths of Sir Knt. Robert Montgomery B.E.M., Co. Grand Master of Tyrone, W.D.M. of Castlederg District No. 6, and W.M. of Garvetagh R.B.P. No. 76; Sir Knt. H. Scott of Killen R.B.P. 682 and Sir Knt. R. T. Gilchrist of Castlederg R.B.P. 556.

The Sir Knights stood as a mark of respect and Sir Knt. J. Emery District Chaplain led in prayer.

Sir Knt. Glasgow conducted the election and Sir Knt. Nesbitt occupied the deputy chair.

Elected were: W.D.M., Alexander Patterson (699); D.D.M., J. Burke (682); Chaplains (Lay) J. A. Emery (76); R. C. Verner (191); Registrar, W. T. Montgomery (76); Deputy Registrar, J. J. Patterson (699); Treasurer, S. Knt. W. Harpur (556); Deputy Treasurer, D. R. Hussey (556).

Lecturers, S. Semple (682) and W. G. Sproule (191); Censors, N. McMullan (699) and S. Speer (682); Standard Bearers, R. T. Montgomery (76) and H. Speer (682); Pursuivant, R. McKinley (556); District Standard Bearer, W. Semple (556).

Committee: Knights S. Speer (foreman 682), M. Boyd (666), J. Sproule (5 6), D. Hunter (666), J. I. Lowry (191), F. Gilchrist (699) and K. Brown (699).

After the meeting the ladies of Killen supplied a fine supper and votes of thanks were expressed by Sir Knights Glasgow and Abernethy.

Killen RBP Election

Killen Star of Bethlehem R.B.P. 682 held their election of officers in Killen Orange Hall when the following were elected: W.M., J. Burke; D.M., S. Speer; Chaplain, T. Livingstone (Lay); Register, H. Speer; Ass. Registrar, E. Keatley; Treasurer, L. Forbes; Lecturer, S. Semple; Censors, J. Sproule and Norman Sproule; Standard Bearers, Neville Sproule and E. Rankin;

Pursuivant, B. Scott. Committee: R. Watson (foreman), W. J. Sproule, T. G. Sproule, sen., T. G. Sproule, Jun., W. C. Hemphill, J. Bogle and A. Caldwell.

Sir Knt. Jim Emery, Lay Chaplain of Castlederg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6 presided, assisted by Sir Knt. William T. Montgomery, District Registrar.



Bros. Robert Turkington, George Bateman and William Riley from the No Surrender Club, Belfast wait for the start of the Apprentice Boys parade in Lisburn on Easter Monday.

OUTING TO KILKEEL

Apprentice Boys from Banbridge who attended the Demonstration at Kilkeel on Easter Monday. Photo: Bro. Clarence Wilson.



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