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Institution to fall silent in sombre remembrance

The Orange Institution will fall silent in sombre remembrance later this month to mark the 102nd anniversary of the Armistice. However it will do so in a very different way to previous years, due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.

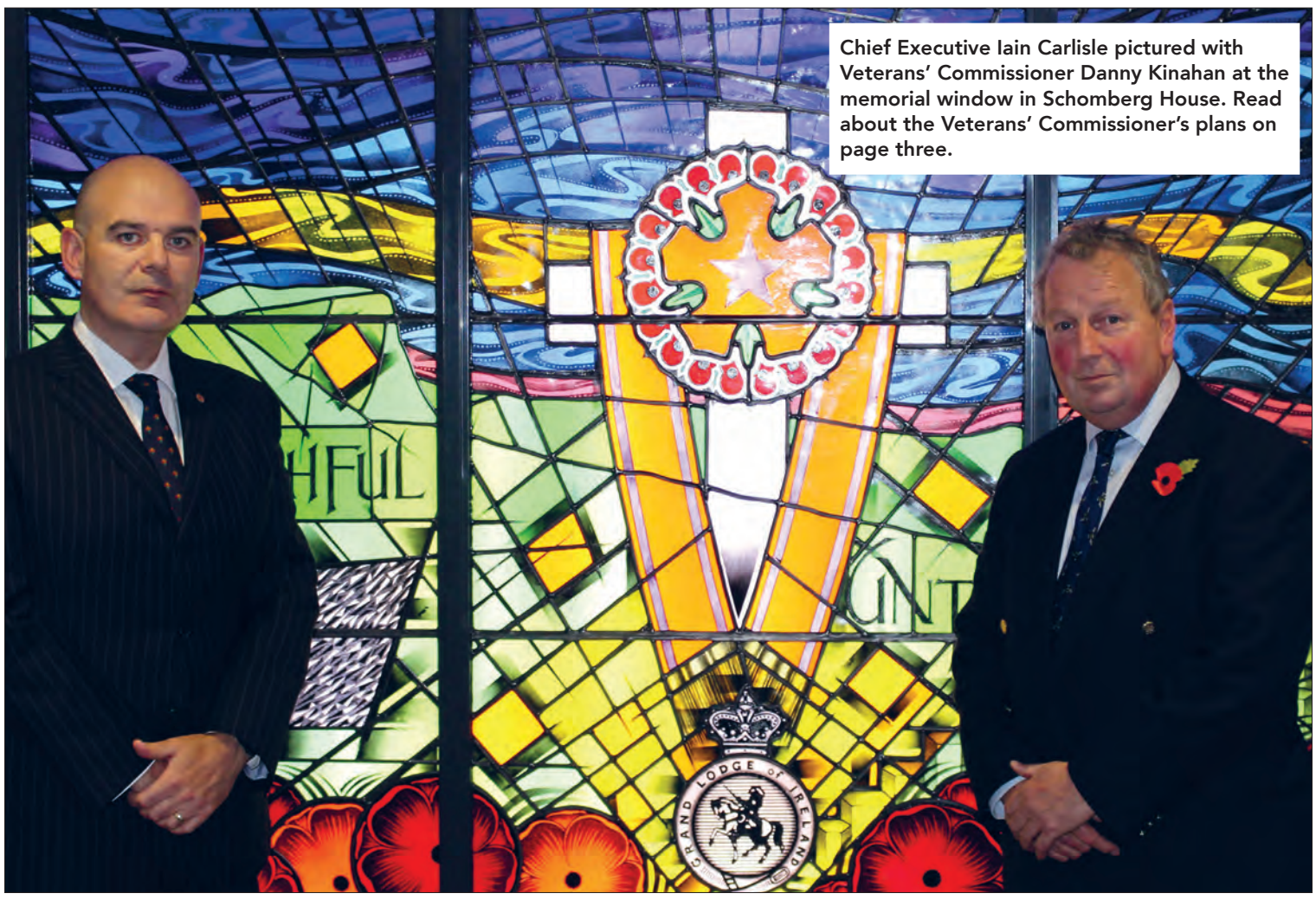
A number of small wreath-laying services are expected to be held across the jurisdiction of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, with many Remembrance events held by County, District and Private lodges taking place on Sunday, November 8.

The Orange Order's traditional parade and Remembrance Day Service, which is usually held in the memorial garden at Schomberg House, Belfast, will not take place.

Instead, the commemorations on Wednesday, 11th of November, will be greatly scaled back and will see a wreath laid by a representative of Thiepval Memorial LOL 1916 and a Grand Lodge Officer.

To assist lodges and individuals mark Remembrance Day, Grand Lodge has added a dedicated page to its website with details of a prayer and an example of an Act of Remembrance which may be carried out.

Visit www.goli.org.uk/remembrance for more information, including links to historical exhibitions and activities for children.



Chief Executive Iain Carlisle pictured with Veterans' Commissioner Danny Kinahan at the memorial window in Schomberg House. Read about the Veterans' Commissioner's plans on page three.

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EDITORIAL

Challenging times - but Armistice Day must still be commemorated

November is a month that will always be associated with respectful Remembrance.
In normal times, the end of the Great War 102 years ago would be marked and commemorated right across the country, both by this Institution and many others across society.
People would gather in sombre reflection at the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
As far as 2020 goes it is fair to say it has been anything but normal.
And now, as we enter the month of November, a 'circuit breaker' of restrictions is currently in place severely limiting what can be done on this important date.
Lodges should still mark Remembrance Day - in line with restrictions of course.
This will mean small wreath-laying ceremonies with limited numbers in attendance.
And while our adherence to the Covid-19 restrictions is vital, so it is vital that we do not let Remembrance Day pass unmarked.
The sacrifice of members of the Orange Institution was truly significant in the name of King and country.
Orangemen from across the Commonwealth, many proudly donning their collarettes over their uniforms as they went over the top to meet the enemy head on, gave great service.
Their bravery, dedication and sacrifice is worthy of the highest praise, admiration and of course respect.
The Orange Order will pay its respects at a number of events over the Remembrance weekend in tribute to all those who served.
This Institution will never forget their sacrifice, as we remember with pride all those who gave their today so we could have our tomorrow.
We will remember them.

Lodge meetings halted and museums close as Covid-19 rules change

The Grand Orange of Ireland has, for the second time in eight months, called a halt to all lodge meetings.
In line with the latest restrictions, the Institution formally stopped all meetings after the rule allowing 15 people to gather was removed by the NI Executive.
Under the previous regulations, the Institution could exceed these numbers upon completion of a risk assessment as our meetings were classified as a cultural activity. However that exemption, along with others, has now been withdrawn.
The Museums - at both Schomberg House and Sloan's House - have closed.
The health, safety and well-being of all our members is of the highest priority and it is important every step is taken to protect that.
Brethren are encouraged to keep in contact with each other, especially older members, over the coming weeks as Grand Lodge monitors the situation.
An announcement will be made when meetings may recommence.

Parades Commission spends big yet again!

The Parades Commission for Northern Ireland has recently published its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.
In the Report, it has been revealed that the Commission costs a staggering £776,182 last year, compared to £719,807 the previous year.
The taxpayer has footed such enormous bills ever since the Commission's creation with the introduction of the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, 22 years ago.
Consisting of seven Commissioners with a complement of seven staff, wages and salaries accounted for £455,713 whilst social security and other pension costs accrued expenses of £46,948 and £71,068 respectively.
The Chair of the Parades Commission collected a salary between £50-55,000 last year, despite an expectation that Commissioners contribute just two days per week on average to Commission business. This equates to an equivalent of £125-137,500 based on a five-day working week.
The largest annual salary, however, was accrued by the Commission Secretariat Lee Hegarty, who resigned in March. His full-time equivalent salary was between £65-70,000 by the time of his departure.
The Parades Commission is based at the prestigious Andras House office space in Great Victoria Street, Belfast. Again, the taxpayer has been picking up the tab for this prime piece of Belfast real estate, to the tune of £91,546 – up a third on last year's £56,912.
The Commission's performance, however, has continued to disappoint again this year with an embarrassing chapter unfolding in July surrounding Parades due to take place during the Coronavirus pandemic. The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland pragmatically and responsibly cancelled all its planned parades during the season, however a number of bands and other groups proceeded to notify the Commission of their lawful intention to hold a procession.
However, the Parades Commission significantly over-stepped their remit, by incorrectly citing the Government's Coronavirus Restrictions as a basis for denying these processions permission to proceed.
This resulted in an embarrassing intervention by Northern Ireland's Attorney General who pointed out that the Commission had no basis in law for using the pandemic as an excuse to refuse a lawfully notified procession – a rare intervention against a public body. Cue a mortifying climb-down by the Commission.
In-house performance has again been lacklustre this year, with two of the seven Commissioners attending just 29 of the 36 Commission meetings, missing 20% or 1 in 5 meetings. One Commissioner attended just 1 of the 4 Audit and Risk Committee meetings, a meagre 20% attendance rate.
Coupled with accommodation costs totalling £27,833 and a spiralling IT expenditure of £54,759, the public may well wonder just what the taxpayer is getting for their money during this unprecedented time of economic uncertainty with this unelected and accountable Quango?

Order defends itself against comments from rock star!

Sadly, the Orange Order from time to time finds itself an easy target for people to vent their abuse, frustrations and hatred.
It's fair to say much of it stems from a basic lack of understanding.
But you can imagine the surprise when the Institution had to come out and respond to comments made by a global rock superstar.
Jon Bon Jovi made headlines when he claimed during an interview that U2 frontman Bono had been subject to attacks by Orangmen during his childhood in Dublin.
The astonoshing remarks in an American podcast were reported widely, with most of the press coverage rightly labelling them as inaccurate.
The response on social media was similar with many people posting their bemusement at such ridiculous claims.



However, the comments could not go unanswered and a strong statement was issued on behalf of the Order.
An important part of the Orange Institution's outreach is through education and the opportunity to offer Bon Jovi a free visit to the museum could not be missed.
The eTicket, pictured above, was shared through Grand Lodge social media accounts and generated huge interest. Indeed, just a day later the Irish Independent tasked a reporter to visit the museum for a feature.
Whether Bon Jovi ever takes the opportunity to come and visit Schomberg House or not remains to be seen. What is important is that the Institution continues to defend itself from all such attacks and takes the opportunities, when they arise, to educate people about our history and culture.

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Platform: Veterans' Commissioner Danny Kinahan



Veterans Commission Danny Kinahan recently visited Schomberg House.

'I will do all I can to challenge demonising of our veterans'

It is a huge honour to have been appointed as Northern Ireland's first Veterans Commissioner. During my recent meeting with senior representatives of the Orange Institution at Schomberg House, I had the privilege to view the memorial window dedicated to the 339 Orange Order members murdered during the Troubles. The memorial window is a fitting tribute to the members of your Institution, many of whom served in the security forces, who gave their lives protecting the wider community from the horrific activities of terrorists. In addition to those murdered, many hundreds of Orange members, and their relatives, were left with life-changing physical, mental and emotional injuries because of the terrorist campaign.
Since my appointment, I have travelled throughout Northern Ireland listening to veterans and hearing first-hand what they experienced during their time in military service and also how they have found the transition back to civilian life. Veterans of the Royal Navy, Army and the Royal Air Force, number, we believe, in the region of 150,000 here in Northern Ireland. This figure includes between 50-60,000 UDR and Royal Irish veterans. My role as Commissioner will also indirectly involve helping those veterans living in the Republic of Ireland who have served in the British Armed Forces.
Many veterans have left the armed services and are perfectly content with their lives as civilians and do not require help. However, there are many who require help and support across a range of issues, including health, housing, retraining, and educational needs for their families. It is therefore absolutely critical that we firmly establish in Northern Ireland all that is promised in the Armed Forces Covenant and I will use my position to press and influence our politicians at Westminster and at Stormont to ensure this happens.
We have a phenomenal strong mixture of tri service professionals in our charities, regimental associations, and in our civilian support services, yet there are strong signals evident that it is disjointed and top heavy - a large part of my role will be to ensure that services and support is more efficiently and effectively delivered.
Many veterans have also told me that they are fed up being demonised by certain sections of our society and press. They rightly see the imbalance of the legacy process and the attempts by those within the republican community to rewrite the past. I will do all I can to challenge this at a political level and to try and to ensure the public recognises and understands the remarkable contribution that the Armed Forces has and continues to make to law and order and peace keeping, whether here in Northern Ireland, in Korea, the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan to name but a few of the conflicts that our military have served in with distinction since the Second World War.
I relish the task I have been given. As a veteran myself, I see it as a great privilege to represent and advocate on behalf of all the veterans here in Northern Ireland. As we approach the time of the year when we solemnly remember our friends and family members, including those in the Orange fraternity, who have made the supreme sacrifice, may we look forward and ensure those veterans who have given so much, will receive the support, help and assistance that they so rightly deserve.

Get ready for Christmas in store and online

It may only be the beginning of November but it is definitely time to start thinking about Christmas.



The shop at the Museum of Orange Heritage, Schomberg House, and our popular online store will be well stocked with bits and pieces to make the Festive Season an even more memorable occasion.
This will include a selection of our 2021 Northern Ireland CentenNIal items which will be available in the coming weeks!
A firm favourite in recent years has been the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland calendar. This will be in stock from early November but numbers are limited and it is advised to obtain your copy quickly to avoid disappointment.
Other items which are on everyone's list are the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland's Christmas cards. As you will see from the image above, this year's card features Santa chatting via Zoom - a very topical card indeed!
To find out more, call in to the shop at Schomberg House, Belfast, or shop online at www.goli.org.uk/shop.



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Grand Orange Lodge of Australia presents funds to bushfire groups

The Grand Orange Lodge of Australia (GOLA) recently began presenting the funds raised during their Bushfire Appeal to groups and individuals who played a great part in helping fight the fires.



Imperial Grand Master and Australian Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. John Morrow and Queensland Grand Master Wor. Bro. David McMichael presenting a Cheque for $10,000 to Greenbank Rural Fire Brigade Officers on behalf on the Grand Orange Lodge of Australia. The money was raised by donations from the Orange family around the World to GOLA's bushfire appeal. The officers of Greenbank RFB who are all volunteers thanked you all for your donations.

Late in 2019 and into early 2020, large sections Australia was ablaze, with seemingly no end in sight. The fires would claim the lives of many people, destroy thousands of homes, and kill much of the native wildlife.

In all, the bushfires devastated 46 million acres of land.

GOLA Grand Secretary Wor. Bro. Ian D. Kells recently wrote to the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland to provide a very welcome update.

In the letter, on behalf of GOLA Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. John Morrow, Bro. Kells explained: "The donations, which amounted to the magnificent sum of $A53,000 was dispersed evenly between the states that were affected by the bushfires, where they identified worthy institutions and individuals.

"Donations were provided to the bereaved families of fire-fighters who lost their lives fighting the fires. They were all volunteers who gave up their time to protect the lives and property of others.

"Small Rural and Country Volunteer Bushfire Brigades who rely on donations for equipment also received support.

Finally, Search and Rescue crews that locate injured wildlife and bring them to animal hospitals. Again, these are volunteer organisations.

"Every dollar donated has found its way to where it was most needed and the appreciation of those recipients was very humbling."

Bro. Kells added: "The Orange Institution can hold its head high and know that in times of need they are not found wanting."

It's hard to believe that it was January of this year that the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro Edward Stevenson, called on the membership of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland to offer their prayerful and practical support to their Brethren many thousands of miles away.

At that time the Grand Orange Lodge of Australia had set up a disaster relief fund to help those affected by bushfires that were affecting huge parts of the country The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland was keen to act in a facilitating capacity, ensuring its brethren and sisters could contribute to the fund.

Australia has suffered greatly in the past 12 months.

The year began with the bushfires and was swiftly followed by torrential rains.

The rains, which were necessary when it came to helping to extinguish the fires, also created their own problems with serious flooding.

This only served to create more issues for the people trying to put their lives back together after the bushfires.

Little time passed before Covid-19 arrived on their shores and while the situation is improving, just like here, it will be some time before it is resolved.

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‘What Remembrance means to me’

As we approach Remembrance Day, the Orange Standard asked three people with long-established association to the Armed Forces to share their thoughts on remembrance and what it means to them.

Mary Moreland - War Widows’ Association Chairman

My father served as a Sapper during World War II and I had uncles in the Royal Air Force and the Australian Army, so growing up Remembrance has always been part of my life. While listening to the stories and reading the history of the World Wars and other wars and conflicts, it was evident that the freedom I enjoy today was hard won as a result of many, many lives sacrificed. However, those Remembrances were perhaps from a distance; that changed in 1988 when my husband was murdered during the Northern Ireland ‘Conflict’; Remembrance was now very personal and every day, not just on the 11th of November.

Following my husband’s death, the 3rd Co Down Battalion of the Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR) provided welfare second to none. Following amalgamation and disbandment of the UDR, welfare transferred to the UDR/RIR Aftercare Service, an exemplar of how welfare should be delivered



throughout the Armed Forces.

I joined the War Widows’ Association firstly becoming a Trustee in 2010 and then its Chairman in 2017. It was through my membership of the Association that I quickly realised that other War Widows were not as fortunate as me and that while there have been many improvements over the years there is still many more to be achieved.

The Association was formed in 1971 and became a registered charity in 1991. The Association is now recognised as the United Kingdom’s leading representative organisation for widow(er)s of Armed Forces Personnel where death has been caused by or hastened by service. The Association’s work was formally recognised when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales became the Association’s Patron in 1995.

Originally established as a campaigning organisation, the Association has developed and in the 21st century is built on three pillars, Campaigning, Caring and Remembering; each supporting the organisation and its members to move forward together.

Supported by many regional events the Association holds four major national events during the year, starting with our Annual General Meeting usually held late March early April. Our Founders Service is held in June and we have a major presence at the National Armed Forces Day. Our year ends with our own Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph in November on the Saturday immediately before the National Remembrance at which we are also represented.

It may be interesting to note that until 1982 War Widows were not allowed to march at the Service of Remembrance or lay their own Remembrance wreath.

In 1982 the authorities backed down and invited the War Widows’ Association to march in the Parade. The War Widows’ Association continues to lay a wreath on Saturday and this has now become very much an established part of the Remembrance Weekend in London. Sadly due to Covid we are not able to hold our Service this year although we intend to produce a film for the website to be broadcast at 12.30 on Saturday 7th November when our Service would have been held in London.

Due to the pandemic I am not able to be in London this year so I will be attending the service and laying the War Widows’ Association Wreath in Kilbroney Parish Church, Rostrevor. The Wreath or War Widows Cross is a simple cross made of white chrysanthemum, poppies and rosemary. The shape of the cross reflects the wooden cross which traditionally marked the place where a soldier had fallen on the battlefield. Chrysanthemums were chosen because they were plentiful in November and are also a symbol of peace and hope, poppies and Rosemary included for Remembrance.

While Remembrance will be extremely personal, it will also be a time for me to reflect and say thank you to all those that put service before self, who defended our nation against tyranny, to the generations of young men and women who selflessly stood and stand shoulder to shoulder to secure our freedom and protect us. I will also be remembering all those left behind after the ultimate sacrifice is paid, proudly they soldier on, quietly and with dignity, picking up the pieces of shattered lives, through the generations moving forward together.

● Bro. John Moreland (Clough LOL 1043) was murdered on 16th of December 1988 in Downpatrick.

Wor. Bro. Stuart Brooker - Assistant Grand Master

The word ‘means’ is, amongst other meanings, to be serious or sincere about. Remembrance is exactly that, something to be serious and sincere about.

I can recall during my time as a Company Commander, always taking time to address my soldiers on Remembrance Sunday morning before going on parade and telling them that what we were about to do was important and that we should always take time to remember those who had paid the supreme sacrifice, in world wars or more recently during what we had become to know as the troubles, indeed remembering our own colleagues who had lost their lives.



As we paraded to Church and took part in an act of remembrance, we should focus our minds entirely on that sacrifice and the hard-earned freedoms it had bought us. And so, it was important, important to me and all of us, that as Remembrance Sunday came around each year, we should take time to remember.

My earliest memories of Remembrance Sunday are watching my father, who himself served with the Royal East Kent Regiment (The Buffs) during World War II, also seeing service in the UDR, and Willie Eames MM an ex-Inniskilling Fusilier, both also Orangemen, laying the wreath in our local Parish church.

At that time I didn’t fully understand what it was all about, having obviously not experienced war in any shape or form. However, my father did, having lost his brother John, a Pilot Sergeant in the RAF, who flew out with his crew on the night of 6th October 1940 and never returned. A great loss to the family, but sadly just one of so many that never returned. Willie also lost his brother Hugh, at the Somme on 1st July 1916. So, to these two men, Remembrance was a very real thing.

At that time, we were taught to wear our poppy with pride, something that has stuck with me until the present day.

I served in both the UDR and Royal Irish HS, my wife Caroline was also in the UDR for a few years. We have three children, all of whom were active in youth organisations and were always turned out t on Remembrance Sunday. Our eldest daughter Nicola currently works for Coca-Cola and our second daughter Melanie with the court service. She served for 14 years in the Army, having joined after leaving school and saw service in Iraq, Kosovo and Afghanistan. Our son Jonathan joined the Royal Navy, after leaving school and is currently a Royal Navy Officer. He’ll be spending the Remembrance period on a ship somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea.

We’ve all been involved in Remembrance events, but Remembrance is not just for those who serve, or have served in the armed forces, Remembrance is for everyone.

We should all take time to remember those who gave their tomorrow for our today.



Danny Kinahan - Veterans’ Commissioner

Every year, Remembrance Sunday brings me down to earth as I stop all I am doing to think of all those who gave their lives whilst serving in the Royal Navy, The Army and the Royal Air Force. The buglers/pipers frame that two minutes silence that makes me focus on those I knew or knew off, who served, those closest to me and then wider, as I consider everyone else. The laying of the wreaths by so many varied and numerous groups then brings home to me how much remembering our servicemen means so much, to so many.

My recent meeting and visit to the Orange Order at Schomberg House, where I heard how one in every ten of those killed during the NI Troubles were members of the Orange Institution (many of which served in the security forces), focused my mind on how broad a reach to all of us, in all parts of society, our service personnel are. They have given us the freedoms we have today and this year, in particular, I call on everyone, from all sections of society, to give generously to the military charities, whichever one is closest to their own heart. They, like so many, are really struggling with their finances and our wonderful charities, the bedrock of Veterans support, need all the help we can give them, especially with Covid-19 pandemic all around us. Please remember your military charities and with them all together, ‘We will Remember Them’.

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Canon Alan Irwin pictured with Officers of Sixmilecross District R.A.P.C. No. 7, W.D.M. Bro. Irwin Anderson; County Master of R.A.P.C. Bro. Jim Ferguson; D.D.M. Bro. David Mitchell. Second row from left, Registrar Bro. David Black; Standard Bearer Bro. John Crozier. Back row from left, Treasurer Joe Crozier and Grand Lecturer Rt. Wor. Bro. Allan Rainey MBE.

Pictures: Isobel O'Brien

Remembrance service at Sixmilecross

The annual memorial and wreath laying service under the auspices of Sixmilecross District Royal Arch Purple Chapter was held on Sunday, 18th of October, at Clogherney Parish Church.
This year due to Coronavirus, a drive-in service was held, with the appropriate measures in place.
Rev Canon Alan Irwin, District Chaplain, conducted the service, with his address on Psalm 94, of praying for the day that God's justice would prevail, of standing up for the truth and confronting those who carry out evil and wickedness that nothing goes unseen or unpunished by God. We must by faith trust in the Lord and accept His perfect timing and do all we can to encourage true justice in this world.
The hymns, The Lord's My Shepherd and When I Survey The Wonderous Cross, were led by Bro. Stephen Anderson.
The Act of Remembrance was conducted jointly by Rev Canon Alan Irwin and Rt. Wor. Bro. Allan Rainey MBE, with the latter reading the Roll of Honour.
The bugler Ivan Clarke played the Last Post and Reveille with Pipe Major Robin Anderson playing the lament during the wreath laying and floral tributes.
Bethany Rainey led the singing of National Anthem at the conclusion of the service. The families present expressed their deepest appreciation, even in these difficult days, that the service took place, and they were able to be present to remember and to reflect on lives loved and lost through violent acts of terrorism.
The WDM Bro. Irwin Anderson opened the service extending a welcome and thanks to all who participated.



Music was provided by Naomi Rainey, from Newtownsaville Accordion Band; Robin Anderson, Pipe Major of Cloughfin Pipe Band and member of R.A.P.C. No 1277; Soloist Stephen Anderson, from Sixmilecross LOL 406; and Bugler Ivor Clarke from Tamlaghtmore Silver Band.



W.D.M. Bro. Irwin Anderson and D.D.M. Bro. David Mitchell laid a wreath on behalf of Sixmilecross District R.A.P.C. No. 7.



D.D.M Bro. Ross McKnight and W.M. Bro. Ken McDowell lay a wreath on behalf of Sixmilcross District LOL No. 7.



Henry Clarke laid a wreath on behalf of Sixmilecross District Junior Lodge.



Left: WM Bro. Ian McCausland lays a wreath for Brackey LOL 165.

Right: WM Bro. King Anderson lays a wreath on behalf of Sixmilecross LOL 406.





Left: Bro. Cyril McDowell of Seskinore LOL 457

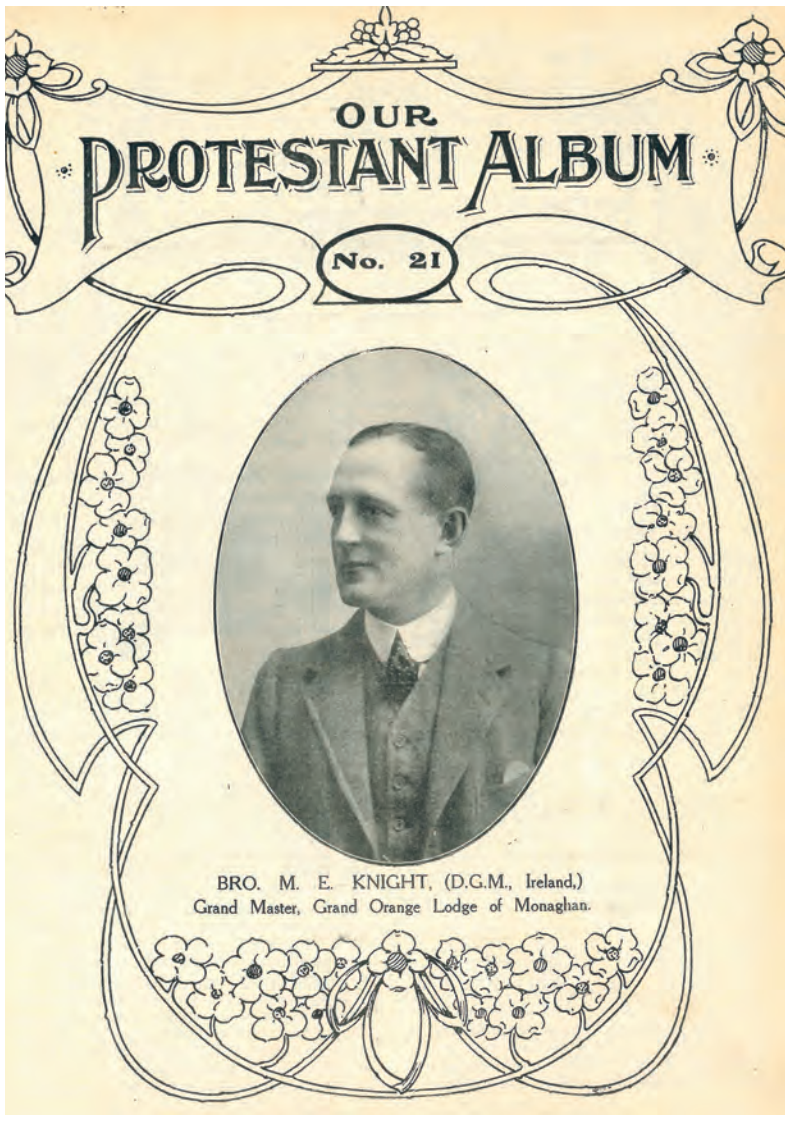
Right: WM Raymond Barr and PM Bro John Garrity of Aughronna LOL 462, laying a wreath



Southern Orangeism in the years after partition

2020 has been an extraordinary year. Covid 19 has governed most aspects of our public lives since March and curtailed many events and celebrations.
Sadly, it also resulted in the postponement of a major exhibition planned for the Museum of Orange Heritage, as curator Dr Jonathan Mattison explains.

A Resolute People, Southern Orangeism after Partition – was to be an exploration of the experience of the Orange family in the southern Counties after Partition. Just as the Orange Family, left out of the New State in Northern Ireland in 1921, were not 'broken', so the museum is determined not to let Covid 19 obscure their story from history. As a result, the exhibition will be hosted at a later date. Nevertheless, we have been delighted that the Orange Standard has agreed to provide a platform for some of the stories that will form part of this exhibition when it is able to take place.
In the first of a series of articles we explore the background to Partition.



Wor. Bro. Michael Knight was the leading figure in Monaghan Orangeism during the Third Home Rule and Partition crises.



George Parker and his son William. George was the caretaker of Orange headquarters in Rutland Square, Dublin. An Orangeman and member of the Loyal Dublin Volunteers, he was mistakenly arrested and imprisoned during the Easter Rising in 1916. Rutland square was taken over by Sinn Feiners in March 1922 and the Parker family were forced to flee to Belfast. Image courtesy of the family.

An 'Orange Card' played and ignored!

The Orange Family in the south and west of Ireland were as determined as their Ulster Counterparts to resist the imposition of Home Rule. Although not as numerically strong and, in some cases, thinly spread, their conviction to remain within the Union was unshakeable.
This determination was evident in the approach adopted by Orangemen at the height of the Third Home Rule Crisis. Like their northern counterparts, they had been gun running, drilling, and preparing for a potential civil war. In Cavan, Monaghan, Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo, substantial numbers of Orangemen joined the UVF when it was established in January 1913.
In April 1913 **Dublin District Orange Lodge No. 3** brought a motion before Dublin City Grand Orange Lodge for the creation of a 'volunteer corps'. Those volunteering were to provide their own rifle, if possible, but funds were set aside for the purchase of more. The Loyal Dublin Volunteers were born.
Many of these Orangemen would see action in the cause of liberty - not in the laneways of Ireland, but in the various theatres of the Great War. For many this sacrifice would be ignored as Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal were excluded from the new six County Northern Ireland when it was formed in 1921.
"I wouldn't spit on Edward Carson or James Craig if they passed the end of my lane!" Such was the sentiment expressed by the ageing patriarch of a staunchly Orange and Unionist Cavan family after Partition. It graphically summed up the initial attitude of many in the border Counties who felt abandoned by both their allies in the new state of Northern Ireland, and the British Government.



Badge of the Loyal Dublin Volunteers. This was the Dublin equivalent of the UVF during the Third Home Rule Crisis.

For the Orange family in Northern Ireland today, the struggle to oppose Home Rule created a sense of community and resilience that has been the bedrock of unionism since 1921. The Orange Family left on the Southern side of the border had equally strong feelings – but these were of anger, disappointment and, finally, acceptance.
By 1922 Southern Unionism was a shadow of what it had been at the end of the Nineteenth Century. During the first two Home Rules Crises (1886 and 1891) they had been the leadership powerhouse of Irish Unionist resistance to the granting of devolved government for Ireland. However, their precarious numerical situation ensured that the writing was on the wall. By 1911 it was becoming increasingly clear, even to many leading southern unionists, that the publicly espoused tactic of breaking Home Rule on the rocks of Ulster Separatism, was a practical reality which the majority of unionists were prepared to back.
The granting of Home Rule in 1914, with temporary exclusion of the six counties of the north east, proved a mortal blow. Although distracted by the Great War and the romantic notion that if enough patriotic zeal was shown on the battlefield that the British Government would reward their sacrifice, southern unionists began the long slow 'wake' of the unionist cause outside of the north east.
As the war raged, Unionist leaders began moves to place the exclusion of Ulster before the Ulster Unionist Council. By 1920, the majority, including leading Orange figures, were prepared to endorse this reality. Southern Unionism was appalled.

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Sash from Ranelagh Orange Lodge in Dublin.

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On 20 March 1920 the UUC voted by a majority to accept the Government of Ireland Bill and, consequently, the partition of Ireland. Unionist delegates from Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan assembled in Clones to decide on what to do. Publicly they called for another UUC meeting but privately they knew the game was up. They resigned from the UUC. Among their number was Captain Hamilton (GM County Donegal), William Matthews (DCGS Cavan), M E Knight (GM County Monaghan) and T R Blackley (GT County Cavan).

Fear and Violence

The end of the Great War did not bring peace for the Orange family excluded from the new state of Northern Ireland. A violent struggle quickly erupted in the form of the Anglo-Irish War. This, followed by the UUC decision to settle for a six County State, drew and angry and frustrated response from some southern Orangemen. In December 1920, County Monaghan Grand Lodge proposed that, since the country was to be partitioned, so should the Orange Institution, with the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the Free State. Remarkably, leading figures in the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland were prepared to contemplate such a move before it was rejected by the other southern Orange County Grand Lodges. The idea was dropped, and certain operating procedures and internal rules were amended to recognise that the Institution would be operating across two jurisdictions.

The painful birth of the new Irish State was marred by two periods of violence, the Anglo-Irish War (1919 – 1921) and the Irish Civil War (1922 – 1923). Ireland, especially in the south, was engulfed in a maelstrom of lawlessness and terror. Orangemen and their families were viewed as 'Loyalists' and, therefore, enemies of the Irish Republic and its people. In the midst of the 'revolution' lofty ideals of liberty and justice became hollow political rhetoric as local animosity quickly turned the drive for independence into a sectarian endeavour to 'Kill the Planter'.

One of many chronicled examples can be seen in the treatment of Sir Henry Forde in 1921, former Deputy County Grand Master of Cork Orangeism. (LOL No. 798 in Bandon). Forde was threatened and expelled from Bandon in Cork in the closing months of the Irish Civil War. As one IRA man put it "It is believed that he was a member of the Anti-Sinn Fein gang which was undoubtedly an off-shoot of the Orange society of which he is a member...I think he is one of those better out of the Country for the Country's good." His only crime was that he was an Orangeman and therefore seen as an enemy of Ireland.

Raids and retribution were commonly inflicted on the wider Orange and Protestant family. On 12 June 1921 Rev James Finlay, retired Dean of Leighlin, was confronted by a mob of 50 men at his home near Bawnboy, County Cavan. The assailants dragged



"If you come for my gun, you will also get its contents."

the 79-year-old from his house and accused him of helping the Crown Forces – his house was to be burned. When the retired Rector objected, he was shot in the head and his skull crushed. Finlay was just one of the many bloodstained steps to 'Irish Freedom'! Fear became an everyday affliction for Southern Protestants. A west Donegal Orangeman recounted how his Grandfather was stopped on the road one day by two men who said they would be coming for his shotgun. He replied, "If you come for my gun, you will also get its contents." Although his farm was never raided, he always carried a gun and even slept with one under his pillow.

Some historians and commentators have excused such violence as the inevitable consequences of the Anglo-Irish War and the Irish Civil War. However, one awful event occurred during 'peacetime'. On 27 and 28 April 1922, ten Protestants were murdered in the town of Dunmanway, County Cork. Included in their number was a 16-year-old schoolboy, a man with learning difficulties and an 82-year-old pensioner. Others would have also been murdered had they not escaped into the countryside. This was one of the most brutal in a series of acts of intimidation, attack and murder that gripped the Protestant community in Cork and resulted in many fleeing not only the County but also the Country.

Despite partition, Orangeism would not disappear on the southern side of the border. It was too integral to the Protestant community. They may have lost a formal political connection to a wider British and unionist block, but they were prepared to be a positive citizenry in the new Free State. In private, the lodge room still offered an opportunity for confidence, a freedom to mix and chat with those of a similar outlook and faith. The Orange Star was dimmed but not veiled.

In our next instalment, we will examine the experience of the Orange family in the early years of the Irish Free State and how they overcame difficulties to gradually carve out a place within the new country.

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ORANGE NEWS



Queen's University Orange Society Chairman Nathan Fairley.



Queen's University Orange Society Chairman Nathan Fairley and Vice Chair Nathan Horbury pictured during the 'Meet the Committee' event.

Queen's Orange Society up and running with 'Meet the Committee' event

Nathan Fairley, Chair of QUB Orange Society, brings an update of Fresher's Week in Belfast.

Freshers' Fair this year was very different to previous years. With it all being online we had to find new ways to encourage students to join. Under the challenging circumstances, I'm delighted to see so many new sign-ups keen to get involved with the Orange Society for the year ahead.

We successfully held our first event, 'Meet the Committee', with a good number of people in attendance.

I was delighted to be able to hold an in-person event to kick-off our new year and get to know the new members. Whilst Coronavirus restrictions leave us uncertain for in person events in the future, I am certain that the Orange Society will continue to educate young people about Orange culture and be a voice for Protestant and Unionist students at Queen's, who have been traditionally under-represented.

I'd also like to use this opportunity to extend an appeal to anyone who knows a student at Queen's, who is not currently involved in the Society, to encourage them to message our Facebook page and get involved! Although Freshers' Fair is now over for another year, we're always open to new members at anytime, so don't be afraid to send us a message!

New recruits welcomed to Jordanstown Society

As with everything at the minute, the freshers fayre for new students looked very different this year, reports Ellis Hanna.

We moved online and as an Orange student society produced a short video to inform new students as to who we are, what we do and why they should get involved.

Our activity this year is looking very different with Zoom being our main point of contact, but who we are and what we do still remains the same. We are still a society for students to educate ourselves, explore and celebrate all things Orange. From faith to culture, history to our impact today we as a society remain on the Jordanstown campus (albeit virtually) as an active sign of our community aiming to bring together like-minded students and create an environment where we can all be part of the orange family.

Despite all that is going on we were pleased to recruit eight new members to the society and we our excited for the year ahead and for the events we have planned. These are challenging times but we not only as a society, but as a wider Institution have risen to the situation brilliantly. We at the Ulster University Jordanstown Orange Society are proud of our culture, history and faith and we will continue to be a visible witness at the university.

Coleraine students look online for outreach opportunities

Chairman Jonathan Herron brings a report of the activities from the Students Orange Society at Coleraine.

As a result of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, this year's freshers fair looked very different from previous years.

Despite not being able to engage with students face-to-face, we were still able to communicate how the society educates, networks and provides a voice for Protestant and Unionist students at UUC.

This was made possible by the brilliant work of our secretary Steven Mitchell, who produced a fantastic promotional video which became the most liked society video of the virtual freshers fair.

Following the success of our promotional video, we held our first event of the semester at the Jet Centre in Coleraine. We are pleased to report we had five members in attendance, two of which had never attended a UUCOS event before. As a committee we recognise the scarcity of opportunities for students to socialise this academic year, as a result we have a number of exciting online and (Covid safe) in person events planned for the upcoming weeks and months.

ORANGE NEWS

Limavady District presents cheque to school



Wor. Bro. David McKeegan, Limavady District Treasurer, is pictured handing over a cheque for £1,000 to Audrey from the Friends of Rossmar School.
The money was raised from the collection taken up at the District Lodge Carol Service in 2019 and will be used to purchase equipment for the new Rossmar School Building when construction is completed.
Also pictured are Wor. Bro. William Semple, Deputy District Master; Wor. Bro. Mark Smyth, Worshipful District Master; and Wor. Bro. Jonathan Holmes, District Secretary.

BOOKSHELF

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THE CHRISTMAS YOU DIDN'T EXPECT

Dear fellow servants of Christ Jesus,

To say that 2020 has been an unexpected year is somewhat of an understatement! And at the very moment when our minds would have been on the new term's programmes and preparing for Christmas evangelism, we're wrestling with the practicalities of how and when to restart our regular meetings together.

Only God knows whether life in Britain will return to "normality" by Christmas: a hope expressed by our Prime Minister. It is likely that things will be more complicated than that.... Some of us might be able to meet in buildings, but some of us might not be able to. For the first time ever, we might not be able to sing the carols together that are such a feature of Christmas events. And at any moment, we might be shut down due to a local coronavirus outbreak, thwarting all our best-laid plans. We understand, because all of us at The Good Book Company are involved in churches with the same struggles, that you might be feeling demotivated and weary, and find yourself struggling to plan ahead.

Yet, in a world of uncertainty, we know that solid ground can be found in Jesus Christ. So I want to suggest two positive things that we can do—and that we can encourage others to do—whatever circumstances we find ourselves in:

- **Be encouraged by the wonder of the incarnation** and worship the one who came to save us and make our futures certain.
- **Share the wonderful hope** that we have in Jesus with those around us through our Christmas messages.

Let's not retreat and simply write off Christmas 2020. Let's find new ways to celebrate the best news ever, and to share it, despite the frustrations and restrictions.





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PULPIT

by Rev. Ian McClean



The Way to Eternity



In his report dated 1st of July 1916, at the Battle of the Somme, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Crozier records: "Again I look southward from a different angle and perceive heaped-up masses of British corpses suspended on the German wire in front of the Thiepval stronghold, while live men rush forward in orderly procession to swell the weight of numbers in the spider's web..." This way to eternity!" shouts a wag behind.

For many hundreds of those gallant young men and boys there that day it was indeed 'The Way to Eternity.'

'Eternity' What does it mean? To the philosopher it poses the question – Is 'time' a slot in 'eternity' or is it something wholly apart? To the theologian it reminds us of the 'incommunicable attributes' of God, the other two being 'infinite' and unchangeable.' But what does it mean to the soldier on the battlefield? What does it mean to you and me? In the Hebrew bible the word we translate 'eternity' occurs only once – in Isaiah 57:15. "the lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy." In simple terms this means that when, sooner or later, we leave this world, and arrive there we will find ourselves standing before God.

What motivated that young soldier to cry out "The Way to Eternity"? Was it, as Crozier suggests, a soldier's 'black humour?' A euphemism for the stark reality of death not unlike the comment we heard too often during the Troubles - 'there's another man that won't die of cancer'.

Or could it be that, here in the face of almost certain death, a young Christian lad was pleading with his comrades to trust in the Saviour? Whichever way it was intended, it was, and still is, a prophetic word. For God can use the voice of anyone, even his enemies, to declare his Truth.

We read of Balaam's ass, of Nebuchadnezzar, of Pilate and of Herod speaking God's Truth.

Could it be that God used the cry that day to lead some dying soul to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ? I have known men who were converted in the trenches.

Could it be that God will use that phrase, cried out in the heat of battle over 100 years ago, to remind some soul today that we are all on 'The Way to Eternity,' and, in the words of the prophet Amos "prepare to meet your God?"



Delayed VE event takes place at Sloan's House

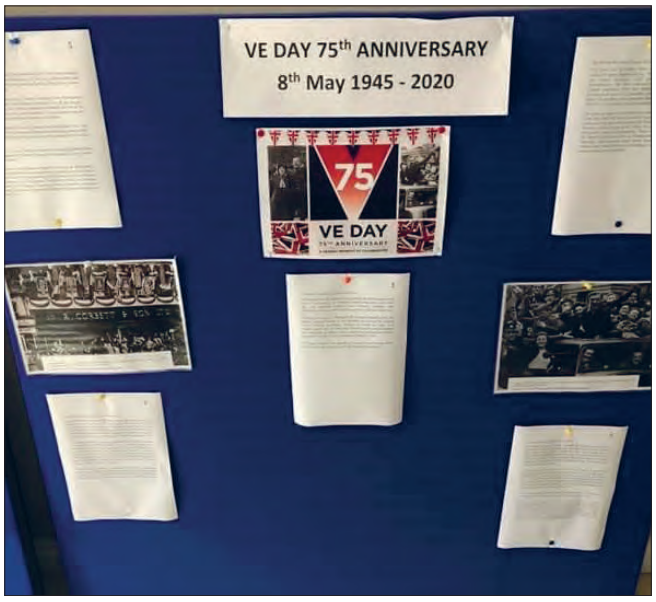
The Museum of Orange Heritage at Sloan's House hosted a belated, socially distanced, VE 75 Day commemoration on the evening of Saturday, 19th of September.

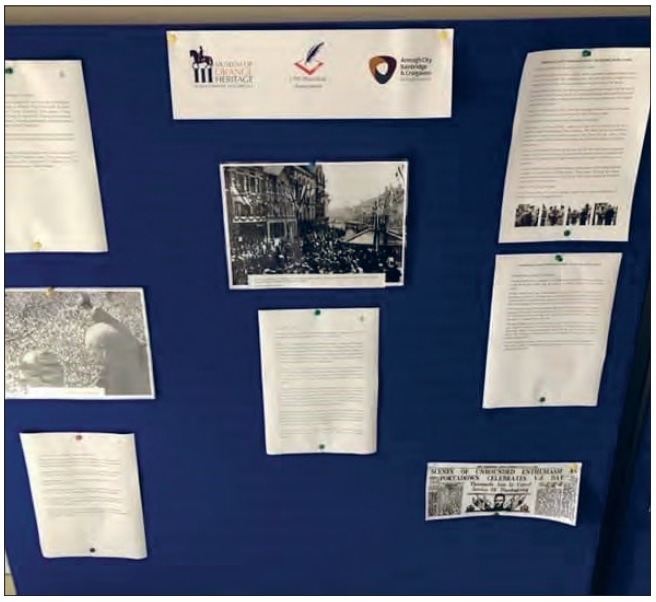
The event included a barbecue and small exhibition with appropriate music.

The funding was provided to the Museum support group, the 1795 Historical Association, by Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council for an event in May, but it could not go ahead then due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

A great evening of food and fellowship was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.







ORANGE NEWS

Witherow Lodge Centenary Jewel goes on sale



The Brethren of Witherow Memorial LOL 1337 Ballymacarrett district have commisioned a new jewel/medal, which is now on sale. The jewel is part of a limited edition of only 100 manufactured and is to coincide with the 100th anniversary of their lodge Warrant being issued on 12th of November 1920.
The design is based on the lodge banner which depicts the 36th Ulster Division charging at the Somme.
The jewels are priced £15 each and are available by emailing e.mcdowell1@ntlworld.com for more information.

*** You can read a history of the Witherow Lodge on page 22**

Obituary:

Robert Shiels Linton

It was with great sadness that the members of Maghera Sons of William LOL 209 learnt of the passing, on Sunday, 27th of September, of their highly esteemed Honorary member Bro. Robert Shiels Linton (Bobby).
A member of Maghera LOL 209 for over 60 years, Bobby progressed through the Juniors into the ranks of the Senior lodge, a lodge he held dear to his heart. He served the lodge in many positions including that of Worshipful Master, a position he held for four years leading the lodge from strength to strength. A special presentation of his 60 Year Certificate and Bar was held in Maghera Orange Hall last year. Bro. Linton also held the position of District Master of Castledawson District No 1, leading the District with great dignity.
Bro. Linton was a faithful attender of not only his private lodge, but of Castledawson District Lodge and County Londonderry Grand lodge.
Bro. Linton was also a frequent visitor of many lodges in Co. Antrim. Attending many various functions in both counties.
Bro. Linton was held in the highest esteem by the members of the various



Loyal Orders and organisations of which he held membership.
A true friend to many, he will be sadly missed by all his friends.
As well as his membership of Maghera LOL 209, he was also an active member of Dr Cooke Memorial RBP 1138, and a past member of Maghera Sons of William Flute Band. All these organisations he attended with great faithfulness.
Bro. Linton not only served the Loyal Orders but faithfully served his country, firstly in the Ulster Special Constabulary and then the Ulster Defence Regiment. Both these groups were represented at his funeral.
Bobby was lifelong member of Maghera Presbyterian Church, again serving on church committees.
All these organisations have lost a true and faithful servant.
The members of Maghera Sons of William LOL 209 pass on their sincere condolences to his wife, Georgie, and the entire Linton family circle.
The Sympathy of the lodge goes to members, his son Bro. Thomas Linton; grandsons Bros. Andrew (LOL 209) Matthew and Peter (Maghera JLOL191); his brothers Bro. David, Kenneth and Ivan Linton, and his son-in-law Bro. Alistair Johnston.
'Well done thy good and faithful servant'

Stephen Richardson

Hundredth anniversary of Rev. Ussher Greer Memorial WLOL No. 41 marked in October

On Saturday, 9th of October, 1920, Sister Jeannie Ferguson was granted a Warrant from the Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland and the Rev. Ussher Greer Memorial WLOL No. 41 was formed in Banbridge District Orange Hall.
The lodge was named in honour of Rev. Richard Ussher Greer, pictured above right, Chaplain of the 36th (Ulster) Division, 8th Bn. Royal Irish Rifles and Rector of Seapatrick Parish Church, who had passed away five years previous.
Now, one hundred years on, the Ladies Lodge goes from strength-to-strength, with WLOL 41 being nominated in both Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland categories at the Orange Community Awards back in March this year, winning the Award for 'Lodge Membership Increase' (pictured right).
Thanks go to Sister Jeannie and her Sisters for having the foresight to start the Lodge and the members look forward, DV, to a time in the future, when they can meet again and celebrate the Centenary.







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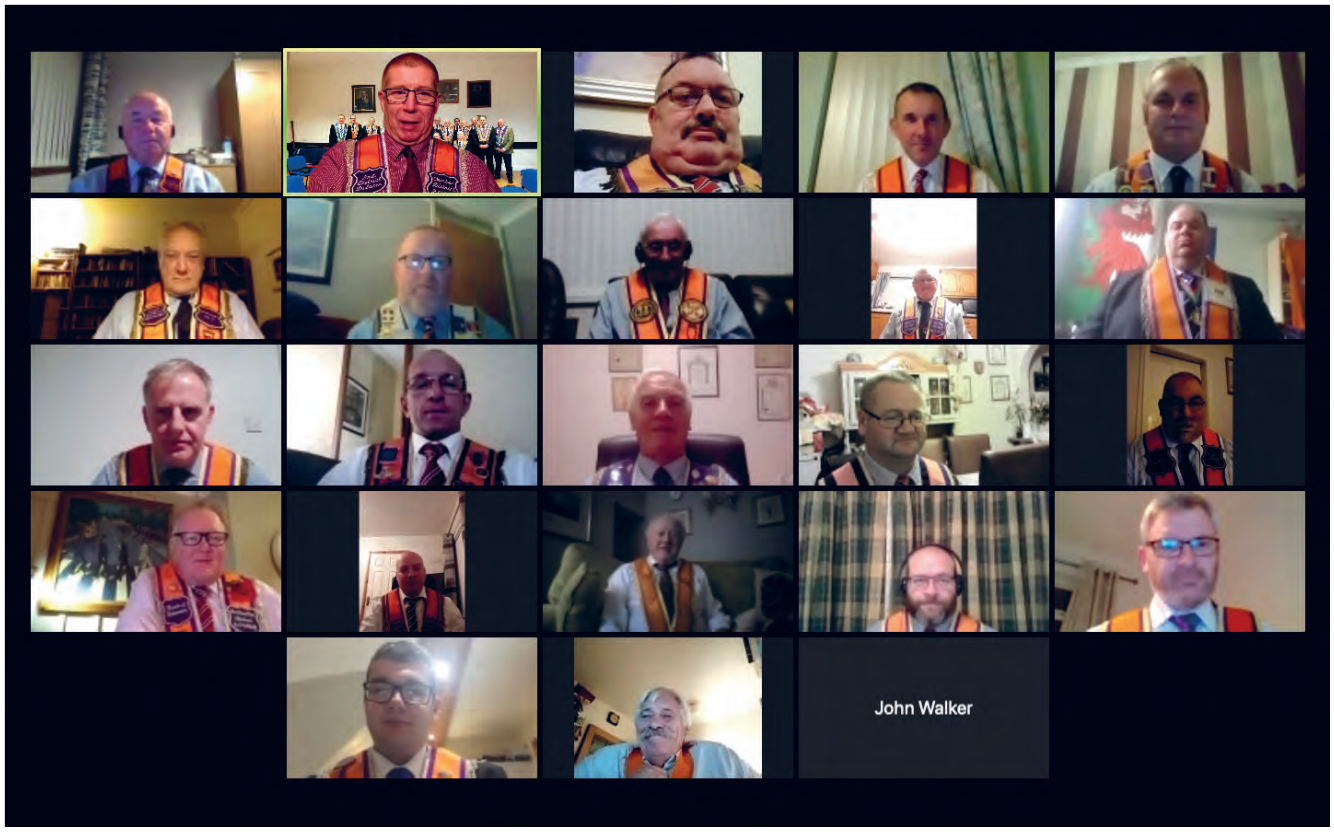
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Co. Down Lecturers Conference goes ahead using Zoom platform

The ongoing Coronavirus pandemic has forced many within the Orange Institution look to technology to ensure important work continues.
One such example of this came in County Down Grand Orange Lodge with this year's annual Orange & Purple Lecturers Conference taking place using Zoom on Tuesday 6th October.
This continued the long tradition of having an annual conference.
The conference had originally been scheduled to take place in Bangor and be hosted by Bangor District LOL No 18.
Throughout the pandemic, lecturers from around County Down have continued to meet each Tuesday evening on Zoom to perfect the Orange and Purple Lectures and to continue with the fraternal bond enjoyed by the Lecturing Fraternity within County Down.
The meetings have been hosted by the County Grand Master Rt. Wor. Bro. Sam Walker, Conference Secretary, and led by the Grand Lecturer Rt. Wor. Bro. Robert Barr.
It is hoped that the conference will return to its traditional format when it is due to take place in October 2021.

Glenavy District

Officers from Glenavy District No. 4 recently presented the Rev. Linda Cronin with foodstuffs for the Glenavy Parish Harvest Appeal. After the Harvest Drive-in Service, held on October the 18th, the food was to be distributed to elderly members of the Parish and the local Food Bank in Crumlin.
This is one of the good causes supported by the Glenavy District from the collection taken at the Drive-in Service on the Thirteenth of July.





MUSEUM NEWS

Technology helps bring the Museum of Orange Heritage to the classroom

The Museum of Orange Heritage is doing its bit to bring history directly to the classroom.

A new Virtual Museum Visit pilot project, which got underway this week, aims to give children access to the museum and its resources without ever leaving their desks!

Schomberg House annually hosts hundreds of children from schools across Northern Ireland and the Republic. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has brought all such educational visits to a grinding halt.

As a result, Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland Outreach Officer, David Scott, and museum curator Dr Jonathan Mattison, have turned to technology to help fill the void.

Dr. Jonathan Mattison: "We enjoy opening the doors of our museum to dozens of school groups on an annual basis. The young people – from all backgrounds – come along and are given a tour and the chance to learn something about their own backgrounds or indeed, a culture they are not too familiar with.

"Covid-19 has caused much upset to the normal way of life and with visits out of the question, we decided to utilise the technology we had at our disposal and bring the museum to the classroom instead."



Dr Jonathan Mattison explained the significance of a range of items from the Museum of Orange Heritage to pupils from Tandragee Junior High School during a recent Virtual Museum Visit.

Using video conferencing technology, Dr Mattison was able to interact with the year eight pupils of Tandragee Junior High School some 35 miles away.

Pupils had the chance to learn about evidence and history, as Dr Mattison explained the significance of items associated with the Glorious Revolution, including military uniform, different types of weapons and instruments used for battlefield surgery.

The two 20-minute sessions included lots of interaction with the pupils as they were given the chance to ask questions and were given an insight into what the Museum of Orange Heritage has to offer. The second session also included a virtual tour of the museum. The opportunity to engage with the museum was welcomed by staff and pupils alike.

"With the current situation it is unfortunate that there are no educational visits, but the online lesson has definitely enhanced (the children's) learning." – Miss Ruth Mattison

Teacher Miss Mattison commented: "I was thoroughly delighted to have the opportunity to work with Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland to enhance pupil's understanding of using evidence.

"The pupils were delighted to learn about the weapons used in the 17th Century and especially enjoyed hearing the gory bit and learning about the type of tools a field surgeon would have used. With the current situation it is unfortunate that there are no educational visits, but the online lesson has definitely enhanced their learning.

I was delighted with the interaction and participation of Tandragee Junior High School pupils in the lesson."

Key to the success of the project will be the learning experience for schoolchildren.

Pupil Tommy said: "I liked the uniform and the guns because you had these balls that could shoot out of the gun and you had the apostles that held all the balls."

Tommy's fellow pupil Matthew added: "I thought it was great to chat to them on Google meet. I liked the weapons, first aid kit, King Billy and the money."

Outreach and Education Officer David Scott explained that outreach is of great importance to the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and the work with schools is to the forefront of that.

"The chance to teach children about the history and culture of the Orange Institution is something we really did not want to miss out on and we were determined to develop a programme that brought the museum to the children when they couldn't come to us.

"We are grateful to the schools who have agreed to take part in this initial phase and hopefully we can look forward to rolling this project out further in the weeks and months ahead."

It is anticipated that the pilot project will continue over the coming weeks with a number of schools already committed to taking part.

If you know a school that would like to avail of a Virtual Visit to the Museum contact David Scott on 028 9070 1122 or email info@goli.org.uk



Dr Mattison displays items from the Museum of Orange Heritage



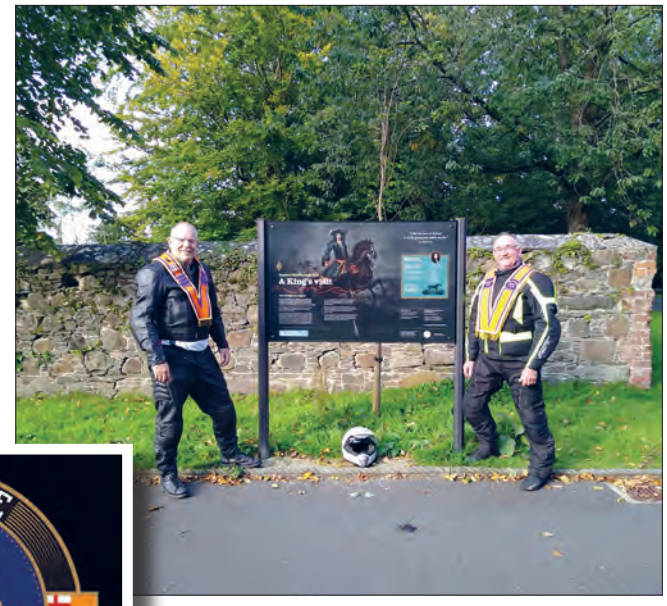
Dr Jonathan Mattison explained the significance of a number of items to the pupils as Outreach Officer David Scott operated the camera.

ORANGE NEWS

Co. Down Brethren re-trace the Williamite Trail... on motorbikes!

Orange Heritage Week was the cue for a number of Co. Down Brethren who are motorbike enthusiasts to re-trace part of the Williamite Trail from Carrickfergus to Hillsborough, writes Billy Mitchell.











As well as being an enjoyable social event (complying with all Covid-19 restrictions) it was hoped it would encourage not only members of the Institution, but the wider community to recognise there are significant and relatively unknown historical places on our doorsteps.

Places people can enjoy a pleasant day out following in the footsteps of King William III and his troops as they had travelled on route to the Boyne.

Whether it's Carrickfergus Castle, Gideon's Green and visitor centre at Whitehouse, Castle Gardens and ramparts in Lisburn or the Historical Fort and grounds at Hillsborough - they are all outstanding sites for young and old to enjoy.

By taking a lead from archive material and writings from the Museum of Orange Heritage, the trip began in the historical town of Carrickfergus where King William III landed on the 14th of June 1690.

He was rowed ashore in the Rear Admiral's barge and at about 3.30pm landed at the Old Quay under the shadow of the great Norman Castle.

The Garrison of the Castle had drawn up a Guard of Honour and the townspeople added their applause.

The chosen spokesman was a Quaker, whose principles forebade him to doff his hat, or use such titles as Sir and Majesty.

He got over the difficulty by taking off his hat and laying it on a stone and then stepping forward and saying: "William, thou art welcome to thy Kingdom" which pleased the King so much that he replied: "You are the best bred gentleman I have met since I came to England."

With these words he mounted his horse and set off for Belfast.

Half-way along the shore was the little port of Whitehouse, where most of the army disembarked.

The Commander-in-Chief, the Duke of Schomberg, and his senior commanders were waiting here to welcome the King (having sailed around the coast from Groomsport).

To cover the disembarkation, earthworks had been thrown up by the engineers at Fort William and garrisoned by troops ready for action.

In 1690 Belfast consisted of about 300 houses in five streets. It had two churches - the Parish Church, where St. George's still stands in the High Street, and the Presbyterian Meeting House in Rosemary Lane.

The town had been surrounded by a rampart in 1642 and had been captured by Colonel Venebles for Cromwell after a four-day siege and an assault on the North Gate in 1649. It was at the North Gate that King William entered Belfast where North Street now crosses Royal Avenue. Here he was welcomed by the magistrates and burgesses in their robes and by the Rev. George Walker, now Bishop-elect of Derry. A Royal Salute was fired from the Castle and was echoed and re-echoed by the guns which Schomberg had placed at wide intervals for the purpose of conveying signals from post to post.

Wherever it was heard it was known that King William had come. Before midnight all the heights of Antrim and Down were blazing with bonfires. The next day being Sunday he attended Church at the Corporation Church, now St. George's, and heard Chaplain, Rev. G. Royce, preach from the text: "Who through Faith subdued kingdoms" - Hebrews 11.33.

He finished prophetically: "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee" (Isaiah 43.2).

Next day, Monday, 16th of June, addresses of loyalty were presented on behalf of the Church of Ireland and Presbyterian Church clergy, the civic authorities of the City of Londonderry, the town of Belfast and by the Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace and Gentlemen of the counties of Down and Antrim.

The next two days were spent in military preparation. Lieut. General James Douglas arrived from Scotland, with a consignment of arms and ammunition and was able to make a good report of how matters stood North of the Tweed. In the previous season, Schomberg had conducted a slow and cautious campaign but William said he had not come to Ireland to let the grass grow under his feet.

He ordered a general muster of the army in the Parish of Aghaderg, which included Scarvagh, and on Thursday, 19th of June, began his southward march from Belfast Castle.

The line of march continued along Upper Malone by the Old Coach Road and past the ruins of both Drumbeg and Lambeg Parish Churches which had been burnt down in 1641.

William reached Schomberg's headquarters in Lisburn Castle for lunch on the same day that he left Belfast Castle.

The afternoon and evening were spent inspecting troops on Blaris Moor, and then on to Hillsborough Castle for the night.

It is planned to do the next stage from Hillsborough via Scarva, Loughbrickland, Newry to the Boyne in the coming months.

Anyone interested should leave contact details at Schomberg House by calling 028 9070 1122..

OBSERVER

Sport has played an important role in the history of Northern Ireland

The intense interest in Northern Ireland's European Nations decider against Slovakia at the National Stadium, Windsor Park, on the 12th of November is another reminder of the important role sport has played in this country during the past 100 years.

Northern Ireland will celebrate its Centenary next year, and the role of sport must play a big part in reflections on life in the province since 1921.

If Northern Ireland defeat Slovakia, it will mean they have qualified for the Euro finals, and that would be a fantastic achievement for a nation with a population of 1,800,000.

Northern Ireland has one of the finest records in world football for a small nation. It qualified for the World Cup in Sweden in 1958, reaching the quarter-finals and earning world football publicity.

It gained more football glory in the 1980s when it qualified for the final stages of two more World Cup finals.

Four years ago Northern Ireland competed in the final stages of the European Nations Cup for the first time, and it will be marvellous if they can clinch their place again by beating Slovakia.

Northern Ireland has produced some of the greatest footballers in the world, including the legendary George Best, rated by many to be the finest-ever player.

Others in a huge list include Pat Jennings, Harry Gregg, Danny Blanchflower, Billy Cush, Bertie Peacock, Billy Bingham, Jimmy McIlroy, Gerry Armstrong, and Peter Doherty.

Football is not the only sport in which Northern Ireland people have starred, and we have only to reflect on the great success in motor sports.

Joey Dunlop and his brother, Robert, were two of the greatest in the history of motorcycle road racing, and others like Philip McCallen and Artie Bell have been outstanding riders.

Ballyclare's Jonathan Rea has thrilled everyone with his six great victories in the world Superbike series.

Motor car greats who have thrilled followers of motor sport have included Eddie Irvine of Formula One fame and Paddy Hopkirk, champion rally driver.

In recent years Portadown man Colin Turkington has been a star performer in the British Touring Car Championships, winning it on a number of occasions.

Boxing has also been a sport in which Ulstermen have starred for many decades, with names like Rinty Monaghan, John Caldwell, Freddie Gilroy, Wayne McCullough, Dave Boy McAuley, and Carl Frampton to the fore.

Northern Ireland has a proud golfing tradition, with Fred Daly, Darren Clarke, Graeme McDowell, and of course the great Rory McIlroy putting the province's name on the map with their fantastic success.

Ulster rugby has a huge list of 'greats' going back many years. The likes of Jack Kyle, Mike Gibson, Willie John McBride, and Rory Best are just a few of the magnificent players who have brought honour to the province.

Hockey, cycling, swimming, cricket, and athletics have all produced great competitors, and none more so than Olympia champion Mary Peters, who is a wonderful ambassador for Northern Ireland.

These are just a number of the Northern Ireland people who have brought fame and honour to our province during the past century, and it underlines the need to acknowledge the part that sport has played in the heritage of this great little country.

Leading collector suggests a new stamp to mark Northern Ireland's Centenary

One of Northern Ireland's leading stamp collectors is calling for a special commemorative stamp to be issued by the Post Office to mark the centenary of the foundation of Northern Ireland, writes Brian Courtney.

John Proctor, from Portadown, has one of the finest collections of stamps in the province.

He has displayed stamps at fairs in London, and won awards at similar events in Dublin.

Bro. Proctor wants the committee recently appointed to consider events to mark the centenary of the establishment of Northern Ireland, to forward his suggestion to the Post Office.

"Three special stamps were issued to mark the 50th anniversary of Northern Ireland in 1971, and I am convinced the importance of the centenary would justify the issuing of at least one stamp," John recently told me.

Bro. Proctor, who is a member of Wesleyan Temperance LOL No 161, Portadown District No 1, has been a keen philatelist, or stamp collector as they are more commonly referred to, since his boyhood days.

"When I was a schoolboy most young people had stamp collections, and it was a leading hobby. Today, the number of collectors are much smaller, and it is mostly older people who collect stamps," John pointed out.

"But those who still collect are as keen as ever, and they tend to specialise on particular countries or events when building up their collection," he said.

John concentrates on stamps of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Commonwealth, and he has a magnificent collection relating to British Kings, which has been greatly admired throughout these islands.

He recalls that the three Northern Ireland stamps produced by the Royal Mail were very attractive scenes of the province, and there was a keen demand for them.

"I definitely feel that the centenary of Northern Ireland is of such importance to be marked by at least one stamp, but perhaps we may have to settle for a postmark," he commented.

Three stamps were issued on June 18, 1971 by the Post Office.

The three pence stamp featured an original painting by T.P. Flanagan, entitled 'A Mountain Road' and it depicted a set of Irish bog landscapes that inspired a poem by Ulster poet Seamus Heaney.

The seven-and-a-half pence stamp featured an original by Colin Middleton, entitled 'Slieve na brock', which came from a series of paintings showing scenes of the Tollymore Forest Park on the north slopes of the Mountains of Mourne in County Down.

The nine pence stamp featured a painting by Tom Carr entitled 'Deer's Meadow', a beautiful corner of the Mournes.

The stamps marked 'Ulster 71' Northern Ireland's biggest-ever festival, which started in May that year and ran until the autumn.

The primary aim of the festival was to interest industrialists and tourists in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland has featured on British commemorative issues on a number of occasions in recent years, including one featuring castles in the province.

Special events connected with the province have also been marked by the Irish Republic postal authorities, and an example was the issuing of a special stamp to commemorate the gallantry and sacrifice of the 36th (Ulster) Division at the Battle of the Somme in July 1916.

"I would certainly hope that the committee which will be discussing possible ways of commemorating the centenary will push the case for a special stamp or stamps to be issued by Post Office," said Bro. Proctor.

He is a leading officer in the Portadown Philatelic Society, which holds one of the top stamp and postcard fairs in Ireland each year in September – it was not held this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

John is also a member of the North of Ireland Philatelic Society, and the Royal Philatelic Society, in London.

Countryside remains a huge asset

Some years ago a friend who had lived in London for several decades, while on holiday here, called with me to chat about the years we had gone to dances, football matches, the cinema, and other places of entertainment.

He was delighted when I invited him to go for a drive, and I allowed him to choose from a variety of possible places of interest, including Belfast, Londonderry, or several of our leading seaside resorts.

I was, perhaps, a little surprised when he said his preference would be a drive into the Ulster countryside, with a meal in one of the attractive Fermanagh villages.

His explanation for selecting our rural scenario was understandable, as he compared his lifestyle in the huge UK capital, with the constant noise of traffic, and footpaths packed with shoppers, and also the huge number of tourists.

His job had influenced him to make the move from a bustling Northern Ireland town to the huge conurbation of London. He was happy in his employment, and the wide range of places of entertainment available to him, but at prices which reflected the cost of living in the capital.

We spent a very enjoyable day in the heart of rural Ulster, taking in counties Armagh, Tyrone and Fermanagh, and my friend was fulsome in his thanks, saying that the tensions and pressures of life in a city of nine million people had lifted from his shoulders, albeit for only one day.

I was reminded of this episode, when my wife and I sought somewhere to relax safely during the lockdown earlier this year.

We had to forgo our annual holiday in a North coast hotel, due to the total closure during that period, and with most places closed, it didn't provide many alternatives.

Thankfully, we selected rural Ulster as the means of relaxing in safety, and at the same time enjoying picnics and walks.

I was, of course, well aware of the beauty of our countryside, but perhaps I had taken this for granted, and it took this pandemic, and the opportunity to relax in safety to bring this home to me.

Northern Ireland is one of the most beautiful places in the United Kingdom, and as the province prepares to mark the centenary, it must be stressed that this is one of its greatest assets.

History Lessons
with Dr David Hume MBE

Solemn re-interment of Siege hero in 1838

GOVERNOR George Walker is one of the most significant and historically remembered figures of the famous Siege of Derry. Historians may debate whether his True Account of the Siege of Londonderry may have been somewhat ego-centric at the time, but there is no doubt as to how he was received in Scotland and England following the Siege, as he made his way to London to receive the formal thanks of the House of Commons in November 1689 for his part in the siege.

Walker was made a Freeman of the City of Glasgow, a Burgess of Edinburgh and received an honorary degree from Oxford University as part of the hero's welcome afforded him when he reached Great Britain. William III also appointed him to the Bishopric of Derry, but is perhaps more famously known for his supposed comment when he learned that Walker had been killed at the Battle of the Boyne; William is claimed to have questioned what a clergyman was going into battle for anyway. Whether this is folklore or truth is difficult to be absolutist about, but we do know that George Walker was a chaplain to the Williamite army.

He probably crossed the Boyne with the Enniskillen foot at Oldbridge, along with Huguenot troops led by Caillemote. When the Huguenot commander was killed, Schomberg crossed the river to rally his troops and was surrounded by Jacobite cavalry. In the melee which ensured, the veteran Schomberg was killed, possibly by 'friendly fire'.

George Walker was fatally injured around the same time, dying soon after receiving a wound in the stomach.

Like Schomberg, he was initially buried on the battlefield where he fell.

But also like Schomberg, Walker was later exhumed and re-interred. In the former's case, his resting place was to be St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin.

In the case of Walker, he was to be re-interred inside the church at Castlecaulfield, where his widow placed an impressive memorial in Latin.

Walker's resting place on the battlefield had been unmarked but a servant who had been there at the interment was able to identify the location.



Rev. George Walker

The Governor would be re-interred on a further occasion, in 1838, after repairs were underway in the church.

An excellent account of this by Abraham Dawson survived in the Ulster Journal of Archaeology and relates that it was felt the need to repair the church, remove the pews and lower the floor, gave the opportunity to ascertain whether it was true that George Walker's remains were there.

When digging at a depth of four foot, a full-sized oak coffin was unearthed which proved to be the coffin of Isabella, his widow. At the same depth, alongside, was a small oak box about two feet long by sixteen inches wide, which contained a few arm and thigh bones with a skull – the remains of Rev. George Walker.

While arrangements were being made for re-interment, the box was stored in the glebe house and the rector had a few casts taken of the skull.

In the 1850s a Mr Grattan of Belfast examined one of the casts, and, despite lamenting that it had not been a complete cranium, he concluded that the head had been of moderate size with quite a broad forehead.

Arrangements were made to place the remains of both Walker and his wife in two oak boxes, with suitable plaques and to newly case the grave with brick.

On October 25, 1838 a group of about 24 individuals assembled for the re-interment, including Rev. John Graham, historian of the siege of Derry, Rev. Thomas Carpendale, the rector, Edward Evans of Dungannon and his son Robert, Abraham Dawson and his father.

Dawson says that it was decided not to make the occasion more public in consideration for the large numbers who might have been attracted to the church.

"At seven o'clock, in the grey dawn of an autumnal morning, we gathered around the grave. The cover was removed from the box containing Walker's remains, and, for a few moments, we beheld them in solemn silence," Dawson said.

A glass jar, hermetically sealed was placed with the remains providing a record of their discovery and re-interment.

Both boxes were then laid in a leaden coffin along with the fragments of their former coffins, and enclosed with an outer deal shell. They were then lowered into the grave, among those assisting Carpendale and Graham was Thomas Monahan of Dungannon "one of the 'Prentice Boys of Derry".

An article in the Newry Telegraph of October 30, 1838, noted that those involved "regardful of the remains of this great and good man, caused them to be taken carefully from the decayed box in which they were found, and putting them, and those of his widow, into smaller boxes, enclosed both with suitable inscriptions in leaden coffin, which, being laid in one of deal plank, was solemnly deposited in the hero's grave, by his Reverend descendant and successor, assisted by the Rev. John Graham, Author of the History of the Siege of Derry, and also by one of the oldest Apprentice Boys of the Maiden city".

The article also noted that a cast had been taken of the skull, although this was not described as partial but as "perfectly sound, and in which the organs of intelligence and firmness were remarkably developed".

"Walker afforded instance of the value of a classical education and habits of literary composition to a military man; proving that the hero, capable of recording actions in which he has been concerned, with modesty and without exaggeration, is more likely to get full credit for his own merits, than the illiterate warrior, who requires another man's pen to do justice to him," the newspaper declared.

Portrait presentation at Clifton Street

TRIBUTES were paid to a stalwart Belfast Orangeman in the summer of 1940 when a portrait in oils was presented to be hung in Clifton Street Orange Hall.

Robert Armstrong JP had retired after 51 years as WM of Star of Bethlehem LOL 971 and was also a Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and Deputy Grand Master of Belfast County Grand Lodge.

Sir Joseph Davison DL, the County Grand Master, paid a warm tribute to his friend and colleague at the presentation in July 1940.

In his remarks at the event, Armstrong recalled that the first time LOL 971 had turned out was for the visit of Sir Randolph Churchill, who came to Belfast to address unionists campaigning against Home Rule; "The lodge had not time to get a banner and instead they got a square of blue silk on which they had the number 971 in the centre," he said.

Armstrong had walked with the lodge on that historic occasion and transferred to it on account of its total abstinence principles, he added.

He was soon elected to office, first as treasurer, then for two years as Deputy Master and finally WM for 50 years. Armstrong said he had many happy memories over the years.

Forty years before, at a social in St. George's Hall, he had been presented with a gold albert, which he continued to wear, the meeting heard, and his only wish was that the lodge would continue to prosper.

The event was chaired by the new WM of the lodge, Alexander Hopkins, and the portrait was handed over to the Hall and Finance Committee – of which Armstrong had been chair for 36 years.

The painting was to hang in the hall, the report in the Northern Whig of January 20, 1940, detailed.

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A photograph from the author's collection of Loyal Australian Lodge in South Africa; like African Diamond LOL, this one was based in the diamond mining area.

A Diamond of a Lodge in the 1890s!

ONE of the more unique names for an Orange lodge has to be that of African Diamond LOL 660, which met at Diamond Fields, South Africa, in the 1890s.

References to the lodge can be traced as far back as December 1891, when a monthly meeting was reported in the columns of the Belfast Weekly News.

The report highlighted that the lodge was attached to Woolwich District in London, which had assumed the role of a catch-all for overseas lodges which were in isolated areas of Orangeism.

In December 1891 the lodge was meeting in the YMCA Room at Beaconsfield, when Bro. John Burns, WM, was in the chair.

We learn from the report of the meeting that a half yearly drill had prevented some Brethren attending the meeting, but that two members who had been absent for some years had come back. Two candidates were also proposed for membership.

The report tells us that Bro. J. B. Johnston wrote to instruct the secretary of African Diamond LOL to write for his certificate to Waterloo LOL 1815 at Kingstown in Ireland.

The connection with the mines was a very real one, for in August 1892 we learn that a special meeting was arranged to initiate H. C. W. Brown as he was unable to attend the regular meeting owing to being on night work at the mine.

The special meeting was held at the home of Br. James Caughlin, Freeman Place, Beaconsfield, and the report highlights that he was the chaplain of the lodge. Another name which appears in the report is that of Br. Daniel McArthur, who delivered the Orange Lecture along with WM John Burns.

The regular meeting of the lodge that month was held in the Mechanic's Hall, Kimberley, highlighting that the lodge had no hall of its own and moved around.

At that meeting there was a letter from Maiden Lodge No. 296 in Capetown regarding a certificate for Br. Van Gum.

It is generally assumed that South African Orangeism was largely an ex-pat British phenomenon, which is probably the case, but Dutch names do appear, such as Van Gum and also Br. H. Van Geems.

In September 1893 a further report on the lodge in the Belfast Weekly News – which had details of Orange lodge meetings from across the British Isles and beyond – highlighted that it had met in the Good Templar Hall in Beaconsfield. The secretary at that time was Br. Leo A. Nitsch, while the DM Br. Thompson Ray chaired the meeting. A new candidate named A. E. Rogers received his first degree at the meeting.

A year earlier the lodge had welcomed two new members as "fit and proper persons" to join LOL 660, these being William Oswald and Frank Noble. The lodge members would also have been heartened by a letter from the WM of Simonstown LOL 610 stating that he had 'sent home' for a warrant to start a new lodge in Pretoria. These interesting reports shed more light on Orangeism in South Africa, which certainly had lodges in the 1860s. By the early 1880s there are reports of a warrant issued by Belfast County Grand Lodge operating in the Kimberley diamond fields and African Diamond LOL 660 is certainly part of that tradition, albeit that its warrant appears to have come from the Grand Orange Lodge of England.

Some years ago I purchased photographs of Orange Lodges in South Africa which included Loyal Australian Lodge in Johannesburg in the early 1900s and again a common denominator was that at least one of the men featured was a gold miner from Australia who made his way to South Africa and then later to California. The transient nature of membership appears to have been offset by the movement of potential new members into South Africa but it is not clear whether the Dutch membership – probably never large in proportion – survived the Boer War.



Bro. McFarland receives honorary membership

Drummond LOL 755, in Killyman District, have conferred honorary membership on Bro. Ben McFarland.

Bro. McFarland joined the Institution in July 1944 and was Worshipful Master of the lodge from 1965 until 1986.

He was recently presented with his certificate but due to current restrictions the presentation could not take place as part of a regular Lodge meeting.

Bro. Ben McFarland is pictured above being presented with his certificate by Worshipful Master Bro. David Riddell.

In the picture below, Bro. McFarland is with his brother, son and grandson - Bro. Jim McFarland, Bro. Eric McFarland and Bro. Gary McFarland.



Arlene's recipes

Squash and Blue Cheese Gnocchi



Know your gnocchi! A sort of pasta for potato lovers – these are small Italian dumplings usually made from potato, flour and egg and shaped into small ovals with a ridged pattern on one side.
For a quick tea time treat, buy ready made gnocchi - after poaching, I love to toss them in a wok with roasted squash, red onions and garlic and finish with a scattering of stilton cheese and gremolata. Yumm!

Serves 6
1 butternut squash
1 packet fresh rosemary
2 packs Italian gnocchi
75g stilton
3 red onions
4 garlic cloves
Olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Peel and deseed the butternut squash and cut into even sized chunks. Place in a roasting tray with two peeled and quartered red onions, four peeled and finely chopped cloves of garlic and two tablespoons chopped rosemary.
2. Drizzle with olive oil and roast in a preheated oven at 200 degrees C, fan 180 degrees, Gas 6 for 25 minutes.
3. Cook 2 x 500g packs Italian gnocchi, following pack instructions, then drain and toss with the roasted vegetables and the crumbled stilton.
4. Season well, then sprinkle with some extra rosemary and serve for a delicious flavoursome meal for six.

COOKS TIP: Try serving this dish drizzled with extra virgin olive oil and a sprinkle of parmesan or gremolata (equal quantities of lemon zest, chopped garlic and chopped parsley or use rosemary all mixed together).

GET AHEAD: Roast the vegetables and cook the gnocchi as above, cool and store in the fridge. Next day reheat in a large fry pan in a little olive oil. Add the stilton and rosemary, drizzle with olive oil and serve.



Gardener's Corner

by Beth Lunney



It has been a lovely autumn – mostly. There have been a few wet days and storms but when the sun has come out it has shown of the autumn colours of the trees and shrubs beautifully.
We continue to be busy on the Nursery Centre with plants coming and going all the time. We have had some Callicarpa or 'Beauty Berry' this year which certainly is a beauty at this time of year. Callicarpa bodinieri is native to west and central China and is named after a French botanist and missionary Emile-Marie Bodinier who collected plants in China in the 19th Century. The variety we have is 'Profusion' which is a hybrid and very eye-catching (pictured below). In spring masses of small, lilac, star shaped flowers appear along the branches which in autumn turn into clusters of vibrant purple berries which last through autumn and into winter. These berries are a good source of food for birds during the colder months. The leaves are a purple-bronze in spring as they unfurl turning to deep green in the summer and fading to yellowy-green then purple-gold before falling. Branches are suitable for flowering arranging. Some varieties of Callicarpa need to be grown in groups to ensure berries but the variety 'Profusion' is a great improvement which will bear berries on its own. This shrub will grow to around 5-6ft and should be planted in a south or west facing aspect with full sun or dappled shade and in fertile well drained soil.



We have a variety of Japanese Climbing Hydrangea (above right) on the Nursery Centre at the moment and the autumn colour is just outstanding. The variety is Hydrangea anomala 'Crug Coral' and although the coral probably relates to the colour of the flowers the autumn leaves are coral as well. These climbing Hydrangeas are native to wooded areas of central China, Northern Myanmar and the Himalayas where they will happily climb up trees and rock faces using their small aerial roots making them self-supporting. In early summer heads of dusky-red flowers appear which fade to pink flushed with cream and contrast well against lush green foliage. This climber is perfect for a north-facing wall and likes full or partial shade and fertile, well-drained soil.



We have a new evergreen plant this autumn – Skimmia japonica 'Perosa' (right). There are lots of varieties of Skimmia but this new variety has lovely variegated foliage which is grey-green with irregular creamy-yellow margins. This shrub has a rounded, compact and bushy habit and is a male form; it will not bear berries but the flower buds are very showy. In autumn and winter dense panicles of deep red flower buds are held above the foliage giving a lovely contrast. In spring these flower buds open to clusters of fragrant, creamy-white, star-shaped flowers which are attractive to bees and butterflies. This plant is easy to grow in the border and does best in full or part shade in moist but well-drained acid soil. For a lovely autumn display grow Skimmia 'Perosa' in a pot or container where it will be perfectly happy if grown in an ericaceous compost.

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119 v 105)

A family day out with Brethren in Portadown

Bro. David Provan, of Greengairs Purple Sprigs, LOL No 275, looks back on a recent visit to Co Armagh.

Time flies like an arrow and fruit flies like a banana! I was reminded of this well used quote the other day. I answered the phone and it was my old friend Tom Dickson, stalwart of Churchview Seagoe LOL No 26 in Portadown. He reminded me that it was coming up for a year since my last visit to Northern Ireland and the Lurgan/Portadown area in particular. I had visited the area in June 2019 for our annual family break in Ulster. The usual socialising and catching up with a spot of tourism and history thrown in for good measure. An Ulster fry in the morning with a few pints of the 'black stuff' with a well known Northern Irish whiskey on the side later in the day.

June 2019 was different from the previous visits as it included the annual 'mini 12th parade' through the town of Portadown in the company of the Brethren of Churchview Seagoe LOL No 26 and their normal guest band Goldsprings from Comber. It turned out to be a lovely sunny day in spite of the forecast of rain. As they say, the sun shines on the righteous. Early in the afternoon I welcomed into the Portadown District Hall. I must mention the generosity of the welcome. My glass was very generously filled (several times) and refreshment was most welcome. Accompanied by my son Archie, we were given a full tour of the building and this provided a fascinating insight into the history of, not only the building itself, but the District, the Lodges and the town of Portadown. Well worth a visit if you are in the area. Much to Archie's surprise he was presented with a mini collarette. I think they were on a recruitment drive.



Bro. David Provan pictured with Bro. Tom Dickson, LOL 26.



The event was very well supported by the local lodges with bands from near and far. The procession made quite a spectacle as it weaved its way on the traditional route through the town. It seemed as if the whole community was there lining the pavements and there was a genuine feel good factor and carnival atmosphere.

At the close of the event, The Millar Memorial Flute Band, pictured, who led the parade in a highly professional manner, played the National Anthem outside the Portadown District Hall and everyone retired for refreshments.

In the evening, a family barbecue and social evening was arranged by LOL No 26 at the Churchview Seagoe Hall and my family were delighted to receive an invitation. A special mention to the members of LOL No 26 and the warm welcome which they extend to visitors. Everyone I chatted with really appreciated this aspect and said it was the norm in the area generally. A highly enjoyable family day and one which will live long in my memory.

Editor's note: This article was produced for the Orange Torch prior to lockdown.

Orange Society invite for Scottish students

By Nathan Fairley

Scotland has a proud tradition of Orangeism stretching right back to 1798. The great interlinkage we have between our loyal orders enhances, strengthens and deepens our cultural bonds.

Many of us here can in fact trace our ancestry back to Scotland and are very proud of our forefathers and the roles that they played in the Reformation in Scotland. To this day, its very clear the Orange has a vital role to play in Scotland, particularly so in the fight against Scottish independence and the recent 'hate speech' laws.

As this year's Chairman of Queen's University Orange Society, I'm writing specifically to the younger generation of Orangemen and women in Scotland to encourage you to do all you can to keep our shared culture thriving!

If you are a young person considering moving away for university, I'd strongly encourage you to consider coming to Belfast and joining our vibrant Orange community at Queen's. We even have our own accommodation, Croom Elbow, located just a 15 minutes' walk away from Queen's main campus. If you're staying closer to home, why not consider setting up your own society or perhaps a youth council with those in your area? This is a great way to meet like-minded people!



Queen's University Orange Society Chairman Nathan Fairley, and Vice Chair Nathan Horbury

So, to take a step back, what is it that the Orange Society at Queen's actually does? We have three main purposes: educating, networking and lobbying. First of all, we seek to educate young people about our cultural values, this includes trips to the Museum of Orange Heritage and Sloan's House, where the Orange was formed.

Past trips have also included Londonderry's Walls and the site of the Battle of the Boyne.

Our education also extends beyond the purely cultural and historical as we seek to educate on the importance of the doctrines of the Protestant faith through group bible studies, a great chance for spiritual reflection.

Secondly, we act as a networking platform, university can sometimes be a lonely place especially if you don't know anyone.

The Orange Society allows like-minded people to meet and forge friendships that will last well beyond their university years. Traditionally, we also have a number of social events in our calendar, such as mini golf and bowling, which always bring out a competitive edge!

Finally, we are lobbying. The Orange Society will always stand up for the rights and interests of our community on campus, lobbying both the SU and the University for change.

Whilst this year is challenging with coronavirus restrictions in place, I'm confident the Society will grow its strength and presence on campus. Why not come and join us? If you'd like to support our work, like us on Facebook at 'QUB Orange Society' and follow on Instagram, @quborange.

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Witherow Memorial LOL 1337 centenary

Witherow Memorial LOL 1337 was first issued its warrant on the 12th November 1920. The lodge warrant authorised Bro. George Matthews and each of his successors to hold lodge meetings. The warrant was signed by Bro. James H Ferry, County Grand Master, and co-signed by Bro. John Drennan, County Grand Treasurer.
The warrant history for LOL 1337 is scarce, but the 1875 register places the warrant number 1337 in Markethill District, County Armagh. Orange historian Quincey Dougan has suggested that while 1337 is listed in Markethill on the 1875 register with Adrian Corker listed as Master he thinks this may be a mistake. He said 1337 is not listed any other year and Corker is not a family name associated with the area. He said Corkey was a common name in the Ballylane/Clady area which did have an Orange presence.
LOL 1337 has its roots in Westbourne Presbyterian Church on East Belfast's Newtownards Road. LOL 1337 was formed largely by members of the Rowe Memorial lodge who attended or were otherwise affiliated to Westbourne Presbyterian Church.
LOL 1337 originally operated under the title of Westbourne Church Total Abstinence until the lodge decided to change its name in 1930. This proposition had been considered previously in 1927 when it had been rejected. At the August meeting in 1927, Bro. William Donnan gave notice of a motion to change the name of the lodge from Westbourne Church Total Abstinence to Witherow Memorial. Bro. Donnan proposed the same motion at the following meeting in September when, after some discussion by the members, an alternative motion was put by Bro. David Armstrong that the title of the lodge remain unchanged. Bro. Armstrong's motion was duly seconded and passed.
This issue wasn't raised again until the August 1929 meeting of the lodge at which time Bro. John Spence PM gave notice of a motion that the title of the lodge should be changed from Westbourne Church Total Abstinence to Witherow Memorial.
At the following meeting in September Bro. Donnan in the absence and on behalf of Bro. Spence, who had to go to work, moved the notice of motion to change the lodge's operational title. This was seconded by Bro. Adam Gardiner who was duly opposed by Bros. Sam Gray and B McCullough, who proposed that the lodge title remain unchanged.





When put to the vote nine members voted for a name change while three voted against. The lodge appear to have continued to operate under the title of Westbourne Church Total Abstinence until March of 1930 which is the first occasion on which they used the title Witherow Memorial in their minute book.
LOL 1337 continued to use the lodge seal of Westbourne Church Total Abstinence until June of 1930, which is the first occasion on which the lodge seal read Witherow Memorial although it was identical in every other respect.
The opening meeting of Westbourne Church Total Abstinence LOL 1337 was held in Ballymacarrett Orange hall, Albertbridge Road, on the 14th December 1920. Reflecting the Christian and specifically Presbyterian ethos of the lodge, the concept of Total Abstinence was very important to the founding members of the lodge. Bro. Donnan raised the question of what form the TA obligation should take following which the District Master Bro. John Hume gave what was described as an "excellent address" on both the temperance question and on the Orange Order in general.
Following this speech it was proposed by Bro. Scott and passed unanimously that the lodge procure pledge forms so that every member could sign his name as a Total Abstainer. The commitment of the lodge to the temperance principle can be clearly seen by the fact that in September 1921 the lodge received a circular from the Temperance Watch Committee inviting them to appoint two representatives from the lodge. The lodge decided to appoint these along with their election of officers. The first two Brethren to hold these positions were Bro. W H McKitterick and Bro. Samuel Gray.
At the following meeting in October several Brethren, including Bro. Samuel Gray, expressed concern and disapproval at the action of magistrates in the granting of a licence for the opening of a spirit grocers in East Belfast.
LOL 1337 has always had a fluctuating membership. In 1920 LOL 1337 had a total of 19 members. When LOL 1337 held its opening lodge meeting on the 14th December 1920 the Secretary read out the names of 25 new candidates seeking membership. Throughout the first year of Westbourne Church TA's existence not a month went by without multiple proposals for membership and multiple initiations for those proposed at previous meetings. Such was 1337's success in recruiting new members that it went from having 19 members on the books at the end of 1920 to having 83 by the end of 1921.
The Reverend William Witherow, who was a native of Banagher Co. Londonderry, was installed as the Minister of Westbourne Presbyterian Church on 1st of March 1883, an office he held until he resigned on 4th November 1919 presumably because of ill health. He then died on 22nd April 1920. It is not entirely clear why the newly formed lodge did not name themselves after him straight away rather than waiting ten years, but the fact that ten years after his death he should still be able to attract such loyalty from both lodge and church members is surely a testament to the service people believed him to have given to the reformed faith in the East Belfast area.
The Rev. Witherow seems to have been very active in the community with Westbourne Church having to enlarge itself during his ministry, including with the provision of a school in what later became the church halls. He was also a staunch Unionist having been involved in Ulster Day in 1912 and in earlier years with the Ulster Defence Union. It is notable that Westbourne Presbyterian Church was the venue for 3,371 people to sign the Ulster Solemn League and Covenant.
Even if the lodge's name change had been put on ice for ten years, the relationship with the Witherow family certainly had not. This is evidenced by the fact that Mrs Witherow unfurled 1337's first banner on Saturday 2nd July 1921 for which she received a pair of Silver Scissors presented to her by the lodge. Both her and Captain Witherow received letters of appreciation from the lodge "thanking them for the kind manner in which they entertained our lodge on the occasion of the unfurling of our banner."
The lodge's current banner, which was unfurled on the 6th June 1992 after which short parades were held in both East Belfast and Bangor, depicts the 36th Ulster Division charging at the Somme while the reverse depicts King William having just landed in Carrickfergus.
Further proof of the high regard that members of the lodge held the Reverend Witherow after his death can be seen in the minutes of the December meeting in 1922 when it was suggested that the lodge hold a memorial service to him. A deputation was elected to interview the church session about a memorial service.
While it is impossible to be sure, the first recorded instance of 1337 taking part in a parade as a lodge is on the 26th June 1921 when the lodge attended and supported the Somme church parade and memorial service organised by the 36th Ulster Division Memorial LOL 977. This was in accordance with a resolution passed at the May meeting in response to a circular from the above lodge from which they also received a deputation.
One interesting reference in the lodge minutes came in the September meeting of 1926 when the Secretary informed the lodge that Bro. B Anderson of LOL 918 had been to see him to find out if lodge members would allow him to publish a book under the auspices of LOL 1337. Permission for this project was readily given by the lodge and the Secretary was ordered to inform Bro. Anderson of this. I have no idea if this proceeded but it would be interesting to find a copy of it.
LOL 1337 has provided many hard working and dedicated members of the institution the most notable of which is probably the Reverend Victor H. Ryan who was initiated into our lodge in the year 1948. He left the lodge shortly afterwards in December 1949 to pursue his calling as a minister of the gospel. This was a sorry loss for the lodge but a great gain for the institution at large as the Reverend Ryan went on to help spread Orangeism by serving in office for the higher levels of the institution. He was proposed as a member of LOL 1337 in March 1948 by Bro. J McCrory. This application for membership having been accepted by the lodge the Reverend Victor H. Ryan was later initiated in June of that year by Bros. J Glover and J Graham who conducted the lecture ceremony. The Reverend Ryan was one of a number of candidates who received advancement to the Purple Order in LOL 1337's December 1948 meeting. The ceremony was carried out by Bro. J Glover and colleagues.
Given the Presbyterian background of Witherow Memorial it is not surprising that the lodge has expressed support for the Ulster-Scots identity, heritage and culture. One manifestation of this has been through the lodge's associations with bands. Over the years the lodge has had associations with many different bands including some from Scotland. Some previous notes on lodge history suggest the Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band accompanied the lodge for a brief period in the 1950s (I can't currently locate a minute book for the 1949 - 1962 period to substantiate this). Other Pipe bands in the lodge's history include the Castlereagh Pipe Band in July 1923 for the sum of £15 with the possibility of it being increased to £16, and the East Belfast Pipe Band, who the Secretary was instructed to thank for turning out on the 1st of July on such reasonable terms, in the minutes of the July 1924 lodge meeting. In more recent years the lodge had a long association with Monkstown YCV Flute Band and currently engages the East Belfast Protestant Boys Flute Band.

By Bro. R. G. McDowell, LOL 1337

ORANGE NEWS

Letter to the Editor:

Centenary provides a suitable opportunity for us to take stock

Sir, The centenary of Northern Ireland next year will give an opportunity to celebrate this major milestone and also take stock of where we all are politically.
I am aware that several councils in Northern Ireland are planning a programme of events to mark the anniversary but it is fair to say that others will not be doing so in any meaningful way. There will be many efforts made to downplay this anniversary among those who do not wish to recognise the reality of the political settlement which was reached in 1920 through the Government of Ireland Act. The Act gave birth to Northern Ireland, as it also established the Irish Free State.
There will be those in positions of influence who will paint Northern Ireland in as unfavourable a light as possible.
Sadly, many unionist people have had little opportunity as they came through the education system to learn about the establishment of Northern Ireland and they do not feel able to factually counter those who are deliberately negative.
Students should be learning today about Northern Ireland and the period in which it was created and this would give a balanced and informed view if it was the work of established historians and approved through the educational authorities.
There is therefore an onus on unionist politicians to ensure educational events and programmes are included in the line-up of events for the centenary. Rather than downplaying 100 years of 'Our Wee Country', every effort should be made to celebrate the events and people that shaped us.
I hope that our local councils are well advanced in their planning to celebrate the centenary of Northern Ireland, which is less than nine months away. It would be interesting to know how advanced plans actually are.
The centenary will be a time to take stock of where we have come from and where we are today. As someone who has been involved in unionist politics for many decades I believe devolution has not worked and shows no signs of doing so in any meaningful way. This is my opinion, but I accept others would not agree. Now is the time, however, for the various strands of unionism to come together in a forum to discuss the future promotion of unionism and what our long-term aims and strategies should be.
One lasting legacy of the centenary of Northern Ireland could be a Convention of Unionism which would set the roadmap for the next century and remove all the uncertainty for the community in Northern Ireland, the majority of whom – whatever their religious or political backgrounds – wish to remain as an integral part of the United Kingdom. Let that be a challenge to those who find themselves in positions of political leadership at the current time. Let us not lose by default after a century of effort.
Yours etc.

Bro. Thomas D. Robinson JP;
Former Mayor of Larne
Member of Glenarm LOL 1121,
Braid District

Attacks on Orange property making the headlines

Attacks on Orange Halls have been documented regularly in the pages of the Orange Standard.
These incidents have continued throughout the Covid-19 pandemic with the theft of banners supporting the NHS, instances of graffiti, burned flags and damaged bunting all being reported.
However an ongoing series of incidents at one Co Down Orange Hall is particularly disgusting.
So much so, in fact, that it made the front page of a local newspaper.
Like many others, Kinallen Orange Hall is a community facility - a hub of activity with local groups and local people benefiting.
From the start of lockdown, volunteers in the local community association had been finding dog excrement around the gates of the premises. This gradually worsened with dog excrement being found within the grounds having been thrown onto the property in small bags. The matter has rightly been raised with the PSNI, who are investigating.


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Brackagh Golden Springs LOL 18 Portadown enjoying a visit to Sloan's House in Loughgall. The trip to the museum was on Saturday, 26th of September, to let the Brethren enjoy a day out together with a bit of history and a cup of tea.



Seventy-six years of service recognised in Markethill

The ongoing pandemic meant not just the cancellation of our parades, but also resulted in the inability to mark many, many other occasions and milestones.
The Brethren of LOL 788 Redrock Purple Star Heroes in Markethill District 10, County Armagh, managed to rectify one such omission recently. Earlier this year it was pointed out that their oldest member, 93-year-old Brother Stanley Cordner, would this year have been in his 75th Twelfth procession. Actually, that turned out to be incorrect.
Bro. Cordner joined the ranks of LOL 788 in June 1944, and this year has chalked up 76 years of service!
As a small token of that achievement, the lodge officers visited Stanley and presented him with a commemorative pennant.
Bro. Cordner has some very vivid memories of joining the lodge, and with it many happy memories from over the decades.
Pictured above are: Bro. Maurice Allen, Treasurer; Bro. David McCall, 1st Com. PM; Bro. Stanley Cordner; Bro. George McCall, Chap. PM; Bro. Gordon Kennedy, WM; and Bro. Quincey Dougan, Secretary.

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East Belfast Brethren step it up on July fundraising walk



A group of East Belfast Orangemen took to the streets on Monday, 13th of July, to raise money for the City of Belfast Loyal Orange Widows Fund.

With the customary Twelfth of July parades cancelled this year due to Covid-19, some members of Ballymacarrett LOL No. 6 walked the traditional route to the field at Barnett's Demesne. There was, of course, time for some all important stops along the way to fuel the journey!

The lodges represented were Preston LOL 870, Young Men's Christian Total Abstinence LOL 747, Pride of Ballymacarrett Temperance LOL 1075 and McMordie Memorial LOL 1214.

Poppy wreaths and crosses were laid at the various memorials along the route. These were the James McCurrie and Robert Neill Memorial Garden on the Newtownards Road, in memory of those who were killed 50 years ago by the PIRA in Ballymacarrett; the UDR 2 tree in Royal Avenue in memory of Bros Starrett and Cummings; The Cenotaph at Belfast City Hall and King William Park in memory of King William III.

The proceeds from the sponsored walk totalled an impressive £1,192, which will go a long way in helping the widows of late members of the Institution. The money was presented to Wor. Bro. Tom Wright, who is the Chairman of the City of Belfast Loyal Orange Widows Fund by Sir Knight William Craig, who was the organiser of the walk. Sir Knight Craig also represents Ballymacarrett Royal Black District Chapter No. 4 at the Widows Board. Also present from the Widows Fund were the Secretary of the fund, Wor. Bro. Sam Baxter, the Treasurer of the fund Wor. Bro. Stephen McAllister and Ballymacarrett District LOL No 6 Widows Representative Wor. Bro. Mervyn Buick.

Those walkers present on the day of the handover were Sir Knight & Bro William Craig, Bro. Gary McAlees, Sir Knt & Bro. William Tanner and Mr. Brian Keenan.

Those not present on the day of the handover but completed the walk were Sir Knight & Bro. Jonathan Brown, Sir Knt & Bro. Robert Dixon, Sir Knight & Bro. Marc Miller and Bro. Denis Morrow.

The walk on the 13th of July was such a success that following the occasion Mr Brian Keenan applied for membership of the Orange Institution. He was subsequently welcomed into Preston LOL 870, No 6 District on Wednesday, 7th of October. Bro. Keenan looks forward to the time ahead with his Brethren.







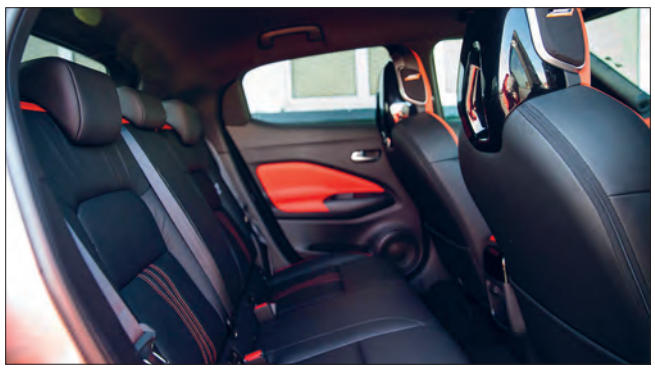
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Nissan's latest SUV offering tops the compact market



Juke to the fore with new model







For a decade now the Juke from Nissan has been at the forefront of the compact SUV market and this latest model is sure to help keep its place at the top of this segment.

Now in its second generation, or 'Next Generation' as Nissan prefer to call it, the Juke has sharpened up both inside and out. Retaining enough characteristics from the previous model, this new car is still unmistakably Juke.

Having worked-off some of its puppy fat, this baby Nissan is now sharp and stylish. The interior may be restyled too, but it's still a little cheaper feeling than rivals.

Having always appealed to a vast array of owners, this next generation model is sure to keep new drivers safe on our road thanks to a wheel in each corner, whilst those of an age to understand common ailments, will be at ease thanks to easy entry and exiting of the cabin.

Priced from £17,860 there is a total of six trim levels available, upon which an abundance of paint options are available, many of which offer a stunning two-tone variant. On the higher trim levels there are even some incredibly bright and funky interiors, as per this test car.

The full Juke range comes well-equipped, with the entry level 'Visia' featuring LED headlights with daytime running lights, cruise control with speed limiter, lane departure warning with intelligent lane intervention, traffic sign recognition, and DAB radio with Bluetooth, USB and auxiliary connectivity.

An 'Acenta' priced from £20,960 adds 17-inch alloy wheels, rear-view camera, NissanConnect eight-inch touchscreen entertainment system, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, as well as NissanConnect services.

An 'N-Connecta' priced from £22,960 adds automatic climate control, keyless entry with start button, electric handbrake with auto-hold function, leather steering wheel and gear knob, ambient interior lighting, and NissanConnect navigation with TomTom traffic.

A well-packed 'Tekna' starts from £24,460 and adds 19-inch alloy wheels, Bose Personal Plus audio system, heated front seats with ThermaClear heated windscreen, 360 degree camera system, intelligent driver alertness, blind spot intervention, rear cross-traffic alert, intelligent cruise control, lane keep assist, and moving object detection.

A 'Premiere Edition' is priced the same and features a single two-tone paint option, Fuji Sunset Red exterior trim, leather and Alcantara seats, as well as the Bose Personal Plus audio system.

Finally, the car tested, is a top of the range 'Tekna+' price from £25,860 which adds a different style of 19-inch alloy wheel, two-tone metallic paint, satin silver front bumper trim, a choice of three exterior trim colour options, and a choice of three interior options.

With an ample amount of trims to suit every owner's needs, it is surprising to learn that this latest Nissan Juke comes with just one engine choice and, depending on trim selected, the option of a six-speed manual, or seven-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission, is there.

The sole engine is a 1.0-litre, 3-cylinder, turbocharged DIG-T which produces 117PS, with 200Nm of torque. With a top speed of 112mph, the manual will see 0-62mph in 10.4 seconds with an average return of around 47mpg, whilst the automatic figures are 11.1 seconds with an average return of around 46mpg.

During a week with this next generation Nissan Juke, I found the engine to be more than suitable for the vehicle in which it sits. It's not fast, but the low down turbocharged punch makes it ideal around town, yet when shown a meandering B-road, copes ideally.

Despite its tall stance, the Juke is surprisingly agile.

I would go as far as saying it is one of the best in this class of car, though the 19-inch wheels and low profile tyres fitted to the car tested, does sacrifice some comfort.

The boot offers more space than before, and is more than capable of holding a couple of weekend bags or a large gym bag. Rear seating is still best suited for children on a long journey, though unlike the previous model is now more than capable of accommodating two adults.

Plenty of head and legroom is available in the front of the cabin, even shoulder space between driver and passenger is better than expected. I absolutely adore the Energy Orange interior of this test car, however it may be a little ghastly for some.

The Bose audio system is an absolute must if you can stretch to it, and I don't recall complaining about the automatic gearbox too much, so it must have returned a reasonable driving experience.

The Nissan Juke comes with a three-year, 60,000 mile warranty with servicing recommended annually or every 12,500 miles.

Fact File for model tested
Make: Nissan
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