



## TWELFTH OF JULY RESOLUTIONS - 2023

### **2023 FIRST RESOLUTION – THE FAITH**

As Orangemen and Orangewomen, we give thanks to Almighty God for the Coronation of Charles III, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Head of the Commonwealth and Defender of the Faith.

We are heartened by His Majesty's promise to maintain 'the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel', and we resolve to prayerfully supporting the King as he seeks to maintain the Protestant Reformed religion, thereby securing civil and religious liberties for all.

Our prayer is that the Holy Bible will keep him, and us, ever mindful of the law and Gospel of God. It is 'the most valuable thing that this world affords' - and it alone is able to make men, women, and children "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

As citizens of the kingdom of God, we commit ourselves afresh to the faith and teaching of Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. We resolve to following Him all the days of our lives and working towards the extension of His kingdom here, and throughout the world.

### **2023 SECOND RESOLUTION - LOYALTY**

That we, the members of the Loyal Orange Institution of Ireland, on the occasion of the commemoration of the 333<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, do hereby affirm our devotion and loyalty to the Throne and Person of His Most Gracious Majesty King Charles III, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His other Realms, Defender of The Faith.

In this historic Coronation year, we also give hearty thanks for the life of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and recognise her selfless service and devotion to our nation during her seventy year reign. We greatly mourn her passing but are comforted in the knowledge that she had an unshakeable faith in her Lord and Saviour.

As an Institution, we pray that God will grant King Charles and Queen Camilla wisdom, understanding, good health and happiness in what we trust will be a long and glorious reign.

### **2023 THIRD RESOLUTION – THE STATE**

The Orange Institution remains resolute in its belief that the Northern Ireland Protocol, and subsequent Windsor Framework, do not satisfactorily address our concern that Northern Ireland's place in the United Kingdom has been diminished.

Despite political and media pressure to accept unsatisfactory treatment by the European Union and sadly by our own government, we reaffirm our determination to see Northern Ireland fully restored as an integral part of the United Kingdom.

The recent local government elections have again shown that more than ever, there is a need for a greater unity of purpose amongst all shades of unionism.

This Institution therefore demands greater cooperation, strategy and vision amongst political unionism along with a universal acknowledgement that the promotion and preservation of our place within the United Kingdom must transcend party rivalry.

As Unionists, we recognise that in order to maintain and strengthen Northern Ireland's place in the United Kingdom, we must better promote the Union's many benefits which are enjoyed by all citizens and communities.

Our forefathers pledged their support for the Ulster Covenant in order to maintain 'our cherished position of equal citizenship in the United Kingdom'. Over a century later we remain committed to this cause. In the words of Sir Edward Carson, "We ask for nothing more; we will take nothing less".