



TWELFTH OF JULY RESOLUTIONS - 2022

2022 FIRST RESOLUTION – THE FAITH

As members of the Loyal Orange Institution of Ireland, we affirm our belief in the triune Godhead of Father, Son and Holy Spirit and in the Holy Scriptures which alone are the infallible rule of faith and practice and able to make us wise unto salvation.

The wisdom, power, love and mercy of God the Father gives us direction. The unfailing grace of Jesus, God the Son, is our hope and the giver of eternal life. The Holy Spirit imparts the divine presence of God in our lives, pointing us to Christ and strengthening and helping us in times of need.

We are urged in Hebrews 12 to "run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God". We call on all people to lift high the name of Jesus and encourage them, as in James 1, to "be doers of the word, and not hearers only" so that they might come to know Christ as Lord and Saviour, the One who, by His grace, is able to reconcile sinners to a Holy God through faith.

The infallible truth of Romans 5 is that "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us". Let us then rejoice that the finished work of Calvary was for sinners like us.

We continue to support the right to life for the unborn and encourage all to look to God's Holy inspired word - the Bible, for moral and ethical guidance on this matter.

May God's word continue to influence all our decisions and actions as we journey through life.

2022 SECOND RESOLUTION - LOYALTY

That we, the members of the Loyal Orange Institution of Ireland, gathered at *(insert venue name)* in commemoration of the 332nd anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, do hereby reaffirm our devotion and loyalty to the Throne and Person of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Her other Realms, Defender of The Faith.

In this unprecedented Platinum Jubilee year, we humbly pay tribute to our Sovereign and recognise her unstinting faith, loyalty, and devotion to her subjects.

We continue to uphold our Sovereign Queen Elizabeth and her family in our prayers at this time and reflect upon, and give thanks for, seventy glorious years of selfless service and devotion to our nation.

2022 THIRD RESOLUTION – THE STATE

The Orange Institution reaffirms its continued opposition to the unjust arrangements enforced on this part of the United Kingdom by the Northern Ireland Protocol.

From the outset of this current crisis, Orangeism has stood firm and has worked tirelessly to encourage Unionist co-operation on this crucial issue. The economic and political future of Northern Ireland hinges on the removal of the Protocol which continues to see Northern Ireland treated as a place apart.

As the Centennial parade on 28th May showed, the Orange Institution remains the common thread which binds together the many diverse strands of those who seek to remain an integral part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

We therefore call on elected Unionist politicians to stand firm on this matter and to put country before party on this, and other key issues of common cause. Unionist co-operation is essential, not least during elections and work must begin forthwith to ensure the maximum number of Unionist candidates are returned at every future election.

Furthermore, we urge the entire Unionist community to collectively acknowledge and cherish the fact that we have much more which unites us than divides us.

We remain committed to cultural equality, and as such, are opposed to the elevation and promotion of one tradition at the expense of others. This Institution therefore reiterates its dissatisfaction with the introduction of any form of legislation for the Irish language which will further exacerbate the already sizeable disparity in how culture, education and language are promoted and supported.