

TOBERMORE

Large crowds are expected to converge on the village of Tobermore for the annual south Londonderry demonstration.

There will be a total of eight districts on parade – Garvagh, Castledawson, Magherafelt, Kilrea, Ballyronan, Tamlaght O’Crilly, Moneymore and the hosts Tobermore District LOL No. 11. They will be joined by two Junior lodges and a range of pipe, flute and accordion bands.

The parade will start from Golf Driving Range, Maghera Road at 12noon. The route will be Maghera Road, Main Street and Wood Road to the Demonstration Field.

A religious service will take place in the Demonstration Field at 2pm where the service will be led by Rev. Bro. Nigel Kane, DGC, and the address will be by Rev. Bro. Trevor Boyd, loyal Presbyterian minister and Chaplain of Pomeroy District in Co. Tyrone.

The guest speaker at the demonstration will be Deputy Grand Master Wor. Bro. Harold Henning.

Tobermore District is hosting the first full parade since the Covid-19 pandemic, and it has been nine years since they hosted the Battle of the Boyne Celebrations.

The arch in Tobermore village was damaged the last time it was erected. However, it has been refurbished and will be up in the village in time for the visit of the brethren.

LIMAVADY

The Twelfth of July for North Londonderry returns to the capital of the Roe Valley with Limavady District LOL No. 6 hosting the demonstration for the first time in the town since 2016.

Brethren of the 15 Lodges, Ladies Lodge, Junior Lodges and 11 Bands from Limavady District look forward to welcoming visiting brethren, sisters and bands from Coleraine and Macosquin Districts, as well as the City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge comprising of three Districts from Londonderry, Cumber Claudy and East Donegal.

A number of visitors from Scotland will also take part in the parade.

The parade will leave from Church Street at 12noon lead by Limavady District LOL No.6, The City Grand Lodge of Londonderry, Coleraine District LOL No.2 and Macosquin District LOL No.8 and parade through the town centre to the Orange Field at Roemill Road with 40 bands taking part including Flute, Accordion and Pipe.

Assistant Grand Master of the Grand OrangeLodge of Ireland and District Master of Limavady District LOL No. 6 Rt. Wor. Bro. Mark Smyth will chair platform proceedings. The guest speaker will be Rt. Wor. Bro. Stuart Brooker, Past Assistant Grand Master, Past County Grand Master County Fermanagh.

The usual attractions will be based in the field for a family day out.

The return parade starts at 3.15pm with the Limavady Lodges breaking ranks on Protestant Street to allow visiting Brethren, Sisters and Bands personnel to pass through to their buses on Church Street.