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The War of the Three Kings makes the Games of Thrones plot look like child's play!

## **BANNTASTIC FESTIVAL 2019**

*A look at this year's Banntastic Twelfth Festival, with a full programme of celebration and commemoration including music, dance, culture and heritage.*

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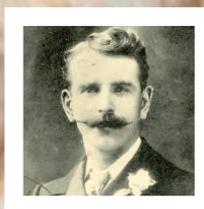
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# Welcome to Portglenone!

## Editors Notes



### Measures Not Men

At a time of unparalleled constitutional change and Parliamentary crisis over BREXIT, and with devolved government at Stormont paralysed it is important for key Institutions like the ILOI to show leadership and provide a voice for the Protestant community.

We have and continue to hold an important position in our local communities and in society as a whole. However after some important internal conversations this year culminating in the Taskforce Process the ILOI better understands how the world around it has changed and how we can face new threats and seize new opportunities.

The Orange Independent has provided a voice and a vehicle for the ILOI, and at a time of fake news we offer a voice you can trust. If you have a story or opinion piece which is in line with the ethos of the ILOI or of interest to our members, then contact us today.

We would like to thank our sponsors this year for their support and we urge our readers in turn to support them, and when you do mention where you saw their advert.

*The Editorial Team of the Orange Independent would like to wish all our readers a Glorious Twelfth.*

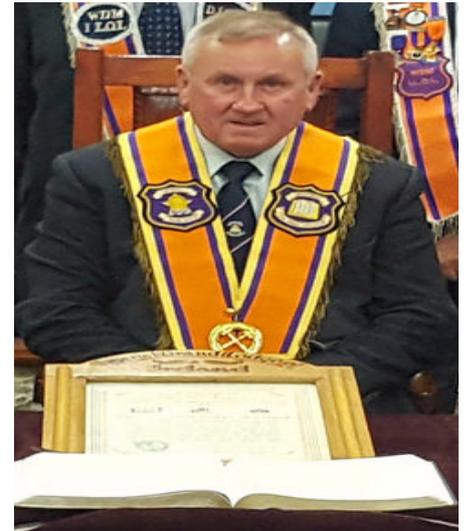
## Grand Master's Address

Our Imperial Grand Master Rt. Wor. Bro. James Anderson whose full address will be delivered from the platform in Portrush speaks exclusively to the Orange Independent about his thoughts on today.

I am delighted to be back in Portglenone as Grand Master of our Institution. We are here, out of rota, because the Orange Institution is holding a parade in Ballymoney. Many of you reading this article will have heard stories about the Independent Order and the Orange Order having a joint parade in Ballymoney this Twelfth; let me put the stories to bed here and now, there never were any discussions about a joint parade between our two Institutions. I trust that this will quash the stories pushed by people who were not there and were not in possession of the facts.

The County Antrim Grand Lodge Cultural Committee this year again organised a festival leading up to the Twelfth I want to congratulate the committee on the festival and hopefully it will continue with these types of events in the years ahead.

It appears that in our society today there is no appetite for joining any organisation, whether churches, youth organisations, like the BB, Boy Scouts, or Girls Brigade. Nothing seems exempt from the lack of interest in the Protestant community. The Loyal Orders are no exception with our Institution appearing to be suffering most, since we are already starting from a low numbers base. As you read this magazine I appeal to you all to consider joining a lodge local, age is no barrier, this applies to both men and women. If you don't, then in a short time there will be nothing to join. Speak to any lodge man or lady on the 12th and ask how you can become a member. We have been around for over 110 years and in that time have always been a voice for the people on moral issues and today as morals in our society are diminishing, it is important that there is a voice and



we as Independents continue to be that voice.

Since our last 12th Celebrations, we as an organisation remembered the 100th Anniversary of the ending of World War 1, with a very successful Festival of Remembrance in St. Patricks Church Hall which was a fitting end to the year of commemoration. We have left a lasting memorial with the tree planting in the memorial park in Ballymoney. Next year will mark the 75th Anniversary of the ending of WW2 and this Institution will again play its part in the commemorations as the nation remembers, we don't mark these events for glorification of war but rather as a reminder of the horrors of war and also to give thanks to the many for the personal sacrifices made by them for our freedom.

Brethren, Sisters, bandsmen, bandsgirls and supporters can I take this opportunity on behalf of Grand Lodge to wish you all well for the Twelfth and look forward seeing you in Portglenone putting your best foot forward, let's make it a Glorious One!

# Banntrastic Twelfth Festival Portglenone



## Launch BBQ & Family Night - Killycoogan Ind. Orange Hall,

7.00pm A night of great food, music and family fun, hosted by Killycoogan Ind. Accordion Band to mark their 70th Anniversary



## Somme Commemorative Drumhead Service - Portglenone Marina, Gortgole Road Portglenone

Parade assembling Townhill Road 2.45, Drum head Service 3.30 pm

3 July



## Banner Unfurling - Keers Memorial Ind. Orange Hall, Finvoy

7.30pm Parade and Banner Unfurling ceremony and banner exhibition.



6  
July

## BIG BREAKFAST - Headquarters, Edward Street

All these festival events can really work up an appetite so come and join us for the Big Breakfast. If Orange isn't your thing we can supply plenty of teas and coffee! 8 - 11 am

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July

## Bands on the Bann - Portglenone

Celebrating 70 Years of Music a special band parade will be organised in Portglenone, Assemble at Chesney Crescent



7 July

## Boyne Thanksgiving - Garryduff Church Parade

Garryduff ILOL 15, Annual Church Parade assembling at 2.45pm at the hall to parade to Garryduff Presbyterian Church. Service at 3.30pm



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July

## Fife & Drum Exhibition - McNeillstown Ind. Orange Hall

Join a lodge as it prepares for the 'big day' with the 'big drums', exhibitions, talks and demonstrations of lambeg drumming.



9 July

## Heritage Evening - Garryduff Ind. Orange Hall

7.30pm a video presentation on the Battle of the Boyne with an exhibition of Lodge history from 7th - 12th July.



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July

## Old Time Ceilidh - ILOI Headquarters, Edward St. Ballymoney

7.30pm Dancing to the Alastair Scott Ceilidh Band. A great way to get warmed up for the Twelfth parade.



July

## Supporting events

For other Event see our Facebook page and Eventbrite

## Twelfth Celebrations

### Portglenone 2019

### Twelfth Parade

Lodges and Bands will

Parade to the Assembly Field on the Townhill Road

1.00 pm

Parade Commences making its way along Townhill Road, Main Street, over the Bann Bridge to the Demonstration Field.

2.00 pm

### Twelfth Field

The public are invited to join us in the field at Clady Road, Portglenone. Family Fun with children entertainment and inflatables, food and toilets

2.30 pm

Platform proceedings

- Resolutions
- Imperial grand Master's Address - Rt Wor Bro James Anderson I.G.M.
- Devotional Service

4.30 pm

Return Parade

As above, through the town returning to buses on Townhill Road. Full details at [www.iloi.com](http://www.iloi.com)

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# Lodge Life



## Grand Masters Charity Appeal

The most recent charity to benefit from the Grand Master's Appeal was the local branch of the Royal British Legion, which as we reached the conclusion of our commemoration of the Great War was a most fitting cause. The main event was of course the Festival of Remembrance which saw an evening of music and commemoration with the Northern Ireland Military Wives Choir. After this and a number of other fundraising events Rt Wor Bro James Anderson Imperial Grand Master along with Bros Bertie and David Johnston had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for £3100 to Mark McLaughlin, Chairman of Ballymoney Branch of Royal British Legion. The money will support the work of local veterans. The 2019 Grand Master's Charity of the Year is the Northern Ireland Air Ambulance.



### **BUSHSIDE INDEPENDENT FLUTE BAND**

The band committee and members wish to congratulate Mr Alex Taggart on completing seventy years faithful service to the band, wishing him continual good health for the future.

### **Centenary Tree Planting**

Bro. J. McIlhatton has worked diligently with the Woodland Trust to ensure a tree was dedicated by the Institution as part of our Great War Commemorations.



We echo Luther when we say 'Here we stand ...we can do no other.'

This year sees a special milestone for Mullans ILOL 34 as they are set to parade behind a new banner on Twelfth of July. Banners are a colourful part of our parades with the images on them depicting Biblical truths or historical events and people such as King William at the Boyne or one of the Great Reformers like John Calvin.

Lodges spend a lot of time deciding what to have painted on a new banner. Much fundraising is required as a new banner costs in excess of £2000. Before any new banner is unfurled and paraded behind it is dedicated on behalf of the lodge to the Glory of God.

As well as the Loyal Orders, banners have been used by Trade Unions and various other organisations. However, banners are not a 20th century invention and are mentioned many times in The Bible. What can we learn from banners?

**BANNERS IDENTIFY US**

The earliest Biblical mention of banners is in Numbers 2:2 where God tells the children of Israel to camp in tribal groups around the tabernacle and erect a standard to identify their clans.

**BANNERS CALL US TO PROCLAIM THE TRUTH**

Banners were raised to assemble the people and announce that something significant was about to happen. In Jeremiah 50:2 a banner is lifted to announce the downfall of Babylon. Banners incorporating Biblical symbols and texts help us proclaim God's truth.

**BANNERS GUIDE US IN SPIRITUAL BATTLE**

Throughout history banners have been used during battle to direct soldiers. As Christians engaged in spiritual battle banners can serve as visual statements that speak and stay with God's people even longer than the spoken word.

**BANNERS ANNOUNCE OUR VICTORY**

Throughout history, armies have hoisted flags or banners of victory after battle. Psalm 20:5 says, "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners."

**BANNERS KEEP THE TRUTH BEFORE US**

God often directed the people of Israel to make visual aids to remind them of what was important. Banners are reminders of God's presence, truth and promises. Many contain words from Scripture, helping us to focus on a particular theme or truth.

As you watch our banners fluttering in the breeze during the parade or perhaps take a closer look at them while wandering through 'The Field,' pause and think of the stories and messages behind the images and words painted on them.



Marching bands are a vital part of our parades. Without them they would be much less of a spectacle and they certainly help to keep a good marching pace for the Orangemen and women on parade. Whether you enjoy bagpipes, accordion, flute or fife and tambour drum they can be found within the Independent Loyal Orange Institution.

Many lodges can boast a fine marching band as part of the overall enhancement of their local community. In these days of escalating costs it is no mean achievement to equip a band. Instruments can cost hundreds of pounds each and a set of uniforms for a band will run to several thousand pounds. The dedicated groups of fundraisers behind each band on parade are deserving of the highest praise for ensuring that the bands are well equipped and maintained. The enthusiasm shown by band members, not only on parade, but also over the long winter months of practice is to be highly commended. Many bands perform at events right through the year and help raise funds for other bands and charitable groups. In recent years bands in general have been struggling to attract members with so many other recreational pursuits available. Our Institution is no exception and sadly some of our bands are no longer in existence with others finding it difficult.

Bands offer a great opportunity for anyone, particularly the young to learn a musical instrument and there are excellent discipline and social aspects attached to it. Tuition, instrument and a uniform is generally provided free of charge. Where else would you find an offer like that? All that bands ask is for some commitment and fundraising activity. There is also a vital role for those who feel that they cannot play an instrument or feel that they are 'too old' to be in a band. Encourage our lodge bands by calling in at a practice or offering to help with fund raising activities. We need to support ALL of our bands. Let's try to reverse the recent trend and ensure that they are marching proudly for many years to come.

# Band News



**This year sees Killycoogan Independent Accordion Band reach a remarkable milestone. They have been marching for Seventy Years, and have accumulated thousands of miles and seen hundreds of members. This year they will mark the occasion with a special 70th Anniversary Band Parade.**

Killycoogan Accordion was formed in the early months of 1949 and the following were the first 19 members. The first 12<sup>th</sup> July attended was in Portglenone in 1949 with it being reported as being a very hot day.

Over the years the band had a number of different trainers. Bobby Stewart from Ahoghill, who was the first trainer followed by John Weir Portglenone, Sammy McCarroll Portglenone, Bertie Stewart Ahoghill, Albert Moore Portglenone and Victor Brownlow, Desertmartin. The band has attended parades over the years including taking part in 2 parades at the site of the Battle of the Boyne. They have also paraded in every county in Northern Ireland.

This year they mark 70 years on the road and by way of celebration are holding their annual parade in Portglenone with all monies collected being donated to Motor Neurone disease Charity.



STANDING: TOMMY GORDON JOHN NEVIN BILLY GREER TOMMY GREER JACK McGAUGHEY JOSIE BENNETT JAMES McGAUGHEY(sen)  
MARIA GORDON JIM KYLE ELLA BENNETT JAMES McGAUGHEY(jnr) WILLIE WATT

KNEELING: GORDON CALDWELL ALEX GREER WILLIE GORDON BOBBY GREER WILLIE McGAUGHEY DAVY BELL JACKIE WATT



# Why Join the Independents ?

Perhaps as you watch the parade passing by you might wonder what the Independent Loyal Orange Institution is all about. It is more than just one day in July. We are interested in hearing from men and women of all ages who share our objectives and would be interested in joining. They can be summed up under the following headings.

## FAITH

The foundation of our institution is the Protestant Religion and our main objective is to promote its doctrines. We do this through our parades, services, exhibitions, publications and a variety of other methods.

We are not afraid to speak out against those who seek to undermine the Christian faith and values of ourselves and others. Recent high profile cases such as the one against Asher's Bakery and the attempted relaxation of abortion and gay marriage legislation in Northern Ireland highlight that Christianity is under attack. We see this as a symptom of our nation turning its back on God's teaching. The Bible is the rule and guide of our faith in practice.

## HERITAGE

Since our foundation in 1903 we have been opposed to Orangeism being linked to any political party. However, an important part of our work is to defend the Constitutional position of Northern Ireland being an integral part of the United Kingdom.

Our Institution is constitutionally Unionist. We bear allegiance to the rightful Sovereign of the United Kingdom and the Protestant succession to the throne of the House of Windsor. Our Unionism is a result of our Protestantism. The coronation of King William III and Queen Mary as a Protestant King and Queen through the Glorious Revolution brought parliamentary democracy, constitutional monarchy, freedom of speech and civil and religious liberty to the United Kingdom.

## CULTURE & MUTUAL BENEFIT

The Independent Loyal Orange institution strives to develop a thriving social structure and bring financial benefits to its members.

An Orange Hall can act as a community centre in the locality and within it can be found a wide range of activities including fundraising events, clubs and societies and band practices to name a few. We actively encourage our lodges and members to attract as many people from their local area into their halls as possible.

Within the Institution lodges, bands and members have pooled their financial resources enabling them to benefit financially by using the structures of the Institution. A Credit Union operates each week from our HQ in Ballymoney allowing people to borrow money at favourable rates. Our Institution also operates a benevolent fund that can assist families of members as a result of bereavement and other circumstances.

In recent years through the Grand Master's Charity we have raised over £20,000 for various local causes such as MacMillan Cancer Care, NI Children's Hospice and Meningitis Research Foundation.

We have achieved this with a relatively small number of members. Think how much more we could do if you became a member. If you share the objectives that we have outlined above, contact us via email at [grandmaster@iloi.org](mailto:grandmaster@iloi.org), our Facebook page (Independent Loyal Orange Institution) or speak to any member and we can put you in touch with your local lodge.



**INDEPENDENT LOYAL  
ORANGE INSTITUTION**

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# Lodge Life

## HEARTSTART

One of the newest innovations in the Order this year has been a focus on health and first aid. It was proposed by a private lodge last year that the Institution provide training for members to ensure the within each District there would be a trained First Aider.

The interest in training was high and in this first phase ten brethren received Heartstart training in how to deal with situations such as administering CPR, strokes, choking and heart attacks. This invaluable training was provided by James Fenton and all who took part completed the course were awarded a certificate. This is just one way that as an Institution we look after our members and indeed the wider community. We have a heart for the community and want to be right at the heart of our community and being able this year to train and provide a first aid service is the first step. The next step has already been taken by Garryduff after three brethren attended the CPR training course organised by Grand Lodge. They felt that this was a very beneficial learning experience and as a result the lodge decided to purchase a defibrillator to be placed at the

local Presbyterian Church Hall. This was a significant project as a new defibrillator costs approximately £1200.

Garryduff Flute Band became involved and were able to secure a grant towards the cost of the defibrillator from British Heart Foundation. A successful coffee morning to help raise some money towards the overall amount was organised by the lodge and was very well supported by the local community. The defibrillator and storage box were recently handed over to the church for installation. Pictured above are Bro Ian Atkinson WM of Garryduff ILOL 15, Rev Rodney Moody Garryduff Presbyterian Church, Ian Kennedy Garryduff Flute Band and Bro James Anderson IG Master. The lodge is arranging training in CPR and how to use the defibrillator in the near future.

Garryduff ILOL 15 see activities such as this as an excellent way of reaching out to their local community and will be looking at further ways in the future to build on this. This along with the decision to choose the Air Ambulance as this years beneficiary of the Grand Master's Appeal shows the positive contribution we make to society.





# Antrim News

## County Grand Master's Address

*As County Grand Master of Antrim It gives me the greatest of pleasure to contribute to the Orange Independent as we look forward DV to celebrating the 329th Anniversary of the Glorious Victory of the battle of the Boyne which ushered in civil and religious liberties for all.*

The venue for this year is the County Antrim village of Portglenone situated in the Bann Valley an ideal setting so heres hoping the weather is as good as 2018 was in Portrush.

I was introduced to the Independent Loyal Orange Institution at an early age and joined ILOL No. 30 in 1964 and have held office as Secretary and WM of that Lodge. In Rasharkin District Lodge No. 3 I held the office of WM from 1982/1985 and I am currently District Chaplain which is a pleasure to me. I also carried out the duty of County Grand Secretary of Antrim for quite a few years and now have the honour of having been elected to the post of County Grand Master.

The Independent Loyal Orange Institution holds a very special place with me, We believe firmly in the strong stand we take with regard to the Reformation Protestant Principles, also to the Lord's Day and the Biblical definition of marriage to name but a few of the many principles we hold dear.

Truly we can say with Psalm 16 v 6 "*The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places Yea I have a goodly heritage*", As we celebrate the Glorious Twelfth in Portglenone may we have the same Spirit as Naboth in 1Kings 21v3 The Lord forbid it me that I would give the inheritance of my father's unto thee.

I look forward to welcoming you all for another great day in Portglenone and I hope you all enjoy your day with us.

**David Johnston** County Grand Master of Antrim.



## Taskforce Process

This year has seen some exciting new projects in County Antrim promoted by the Cultural Committee. As part of a wider consultation and strategic planning exercise where the Imperial Grand Lodge is looking to the future we have been speaking to lodges and individual members about their views and preferences.

The TaskForce Process will unite various consultation processes and stimulate conservation within the Order, and we have been funded to undertake this research in various Council areas where we work. We must pay tribute to Mid and East Antrim, Causeway Coast and Glens and Belfast City Councils for their support. The results of this work will prove a road map for the future and demonstrate not just the need for further funding but also practical programmes and projects which will address issues from good relations to capital investment in our halls. It will look at how we promote our faith, culture and heritage in a way that engages the public and encourages new members.

## Obituaries - Gone but Not Forgotten

**Bro Samuel Walker** a lifelong member of Ballinagarvey ILOL No 33

**Bro James Moore** a valued member of Ballinagarvey ILOL No 33.

**Bro James (Jock) McGregor** a steadfast member of Mosside ILOL No 25.

**Bro Samuel Anderson** a lifelong member of Lisnagaver ILOL No29

**Bro William Gordon (Sen)** lifelong member of Killycoogan ILOL No 48.



# Marching in our



This year's Twelfth in Portglenone is unique in that no other Orangemen will today be holding their parade and celebrations on an actual Williamite battlefield. It is made all the more special in this the 330th Anniversary of the Battle of Portglenone. Our parade will follow the course of the actual battle and our demonstration field will be where the William forces gallantly stood against overwhelming odds holding the Bann against the might of Jame's professional army.

Protestants in Ulster banded together into Associations, and the strategy was to hold out until help came. The River Bann was a natural defensive line and after a number of smaller battles the Protestants took control of castles, bridges and fords along the river from Toome to Coleraine. The full force of the advancing Jacobite army was thrown at the thin line of defences, and Portglenone saw the most prolonged and important battle of the entire Bann Valley Campaign of 1689, lasting over two days and with ferocious hand to hand fighting. Portglenone was held by Colonel Edmonston, Laird of Duntreagh of Redhall, Ballycarry, assisted by Lieutenant Colonel Sir George Rawdon, with Major Mitchelburn of Londonderry fame stationed at New Ferry.

The threat of being outflanked meant that the position at Portglenone became untenable, but the Battle there and the entire Bann Valley campaign bought precious time to prepare the defences of Londonderry and demonstrated to King William not just the loyalty and bravery of his Protestant subjects in Ulster but the strategic value of maintaining a foothold there.

Portglenone features next in the history of Orangeism when the first Lodge was formed here in 1798. It was a "Marching Warrant" issued to Sergeant Cooksley of The Royal Regiment of Irish Artillery stationed here as part of the response to the United Irishmen's Rebellion of 1798. The warrant travelled with the Regiment to India before returning to the Bann Valley where it remains as Milltown True Blues L.O.L. No. 205.

Orangeism grew and flourished in the Bann Valley, with many lodges springing up. Times were not easy with bans on parades and sectarian attacks on members and their property but that old spirit remained firm. With democratic electoral reforms in the later 1800s, many Orangemen earnestly desired the same spirit of democracy to take hold of the Orange Order, but sadly it was not the case. Landed and business interests appeared more prominent that Protestant and popular principles. The issue of abuse at Roman Catholic institutions and the need for government inspections of Convents and laundries to protect those in them fired popular and media imagination. Many felt MPs elected by Orange votes did little to represent their interests and in 1902 a leading evangelical Protestant Thomas Henry Sloan was elected in South Belfast on a wave of popular Orange support.

When he was expelled for challenging the leadership, many lodges joined him becoming the Independent Orange Institution. The entire Portglenone District met on 12 July 1903 in Gortfadd and passed three resolutions, urging their MPs to press the Government to Inspect Convent laundries, and to oppose the endowment of a Catholic University. Their main resolution was submitted by Br. John Greer W.M. L.O.L. 910 *"That the Orangemen of the Portglenone District condemn the acts of the Grand Lodge in expelling Br. T. H. Sloan. M.P., from their membership and earnestly beg the Grand Lodge to reconsider its action, and try and effect a settlement of the dispute, and thus prevent many heart burnings and separation among the brethren"* It was passed unanimously, and set the clock ticking towards a split.

When by the end of that year Grand Lodge had not only ignored this and other such calls from grass roots Orangemen, but had taken further steps to punish any who supported Sloan, Portglenone District followed through on their threat and by 23 March 1904 we see a meeting to install lodges into the new Institution. Br. James McAteer, Belfast, of the County Grand Lodge, presided during the installation

# Forefathers' Steps



ceremony, Br. Alex. Boyd, Belfast, addressed the meeting. Br. Wm. Barclay, Wm. Surgenor, and James Purce also spoke.

The lodges which joined in their entirety were Gortfadd, Milltown, Tully, Gortfadd (Orchards), Portglenone, Drumcon, McNeillstown, McLellandstown, and Killycoogan. Br. John Purce was elected District Master, Br. Wm. Lowry, Deputy District Master, Br. Wm. Barclay District Secretary, and Br. James Bell District Treasurer. They received new warrants and returned their old ones to Mr. W. H. Lyons, County Antrim Grand Master, accompanied the following letter:— “ Milltown. Portglenone,

*Dear Sir & Brother,—I am instructed by the members of the Portglenone District to send the old warrants herewith enclosed. In so doing they wish to say that they are doing it after cool deliberation, they have gone into everything thoroughly and conscientiously, and, taking into consideration the way they have been treated ‘by the powers that be’, they consider that they are justified in severing their connection with the so-called Imperial Grand Lodge. They consider, and rightly so, that this Institution has heaped disgrace mid on the grand old Order, which was formed to give men a liberty of conscience, and oppose Popery, Ritualism, and every ism following in their train. We hope that the day is fast approaching when you will have grace given you to see the error of your way, and be led to join those whose*

Over the last six years the Institution has played a key role in commemorating the Centenaries of the Home Rule era and then the First World War. Bro. William Fenton represented the ILOI on the Unionist Centenary Committee and we had many great times at parades and events to mark these milestones. This year we will be involved in the Launch of **CentenIAL** on 22 June 2019 in Belfast City Hall, which will promote the Centenary of Northern Ireland. The Unionist Centenary Committee will also be organising a Peace Celebration Parade on 3 August.

A bus will run to the Parade leaving Seymour Street, Ballymoney 8am, stopping at Antrim Road Ballymena 8.30 am. After parade lunch will be provided and entry to a launch event of the RECONNECT Project will be hosted with bus returning to Ballymoney by 6pm. Ticket Price £10, lodges bands family and friends welcome for a day to remember as the Independents Return to Belfast.

*intention it to carry out the laws and ordinances of the Loyal Orange Institution as they were originally intended to be. For your information I may add that the Loyal Independent Order which has now been formed, and which we are proud to identify ourselves with, has been formed for this purpose, and will be conducted on these lines. We have chosen leaders who will not use their position to achieve personal advantage and overrule those who have less of this world's goods, but see that every man gets fair play. If we attain this it will be something new to us, and something we haven't achieved for the last number of years. We were prohibited from airing our views on any subject under consideration, or, if we had courage enough to so, we were made the objects of cruel tyranny, such as Brs. Boyle, Crawford, Sloan. etc.— Yours fraternally, William Barclay, District Secretary.”*

Thus began the latest chapter in the history of Orangeism in the Bann Valley. Sadly many lodges and men who committed themselves to the Independent cause backslid and under threats and attack returned to the Old Order. However Portglenone District No.4 gained new lodges like Drumraw and in later years Ballymena, Larne and others. They built new Orange Halls and started new bands, and today we celebrate the legacy of these men as we walk in our forefather's footsteps.

**PEACE CELEBRATION PARADE**

**Saturday 3rd August 2019**

**Assemble Cairnburn Road Belmont at 10.15**  
**Parade leaves at 10.55**

**Celebrate the Living**  
**Celebrate Peace**  
**Remember the Fallen**

**ALL WELCOME**  
**ALCOHOL NOT WELCOME**

THE ORIGINAL

# GAME OF THRONES



As Northern Ireland is gripped by *Game of Thrones* excitement as the last series builds to its exiting conclusion we look back to War of the Three Kings which makes the plot line of *Game of Thrones* look like an easy read.

In 1690 we see William of Orange fighting for the throne of Britain against his own uncle and father-in-law. Family feuds do not get much worse than this.

Then just as the plot of *Game of Thrones* sees a deposed Royal returning to reclaim their throne with a foreign army, our story witnesses the former King James II return with a French Army provided by Louis XIV. While we can't promise you Dragons and White Walkers the struggle for the throne of Britain and Ireland is no less exciting, as it is based in our own wee country.

We see by 1689 that all is but lost as only two cities in the whole Kingdom were holding out against James's Catholic Army, Londonderry and Enniskillen. The fate of the British Isles and Protestant Europe hangs in the balance, indeed the future of the world will be decided by a few hundred, hungry men who bear arms in courageous defiance of their former king.

If they surrendered or worse still if the walls had been breached a massacre would likely have occurred, which like 1641 could have swept across the country exterminating the minority Protestant community in Ireland. With resistance swept aside James and his army would have sailed to Scotland, uniting with Jacobite

forces under John Graham of Claverhouse, 1st Viscount Dundee. Already a match for the Williamite Covenantner army, the Highlands would have risen for James as they did for his grandson Bonnie Prince Charlie, and under the leadership of Claverhouse a strong Scottish Jacobite army would have invaded England.





## Kings in Conflict

For the last time in British history two rival kings met on our soil to do battle for the Crown, and for the future of the Continent of Europe and the World.

*Many nobles in the North of England were Catholic and sympathetic to the Jacobite cause others fearing the ruin or loss of their estates at the hands of a Scottish invading army would have doubtless turned or remained neutral. With the northern cities and ports secure, and Ireland as an open back door, the French King Louis would have been easily persuaded to send a larger army and supplies.*

*For over a decade his plans to be the absolute Catholic ruler of Europe had been frustrated by William Prince of Orange who from his stronghold in Holland had forged an alliance of Protestant Kings, Princes and Cities which protected the Protestant interest in Europe.*

*Now with William having to fight James in England, Louis could trap him. If the French could defeat the English navy, or if it sided with James and his claim to the throne William's supply route to Holland would be cut.*

*While welcomed as a liberator, and having won the propaganda war William was still a foreign prince who had technically invaded England. Elements of the Church of England and Parliament remained uneasy about the notion of James's 'abdication' and despite opposing his Catholicism had never been able to bring themselves to refute his claim to the throne.*

*Much of the aristocracy which supported William's claim and indeed had invited him over still had land and titles to consider and many would doubtless side with whoever looked to be victorious.*

*King William was acutely aware of how delicate and dangerous his position was. As a master tactician and well aware of the lengths Louis would go to defeat him he knew just how important these two Ulster towns were.*

*We are thankful to God that history turned out how it did. If William had been defeated the entire Protestant cause in Europe would have received such a blow it would never have recovered. These islands would have become a vassal state of France and returned to Catholicism. We would have seen the rise of not a British Empire but a French one as North America, India, Africa and all the lands yet to be discovered would have become French Catholic territories.*

*It is questionable whether Protestantism would have survived, certainly the Ulster Scots Protestant would have been hunted to extinction. So when someone asks why do we celebrate this day tell them it is because of what might have been if history had been different. Had we not won we would not be here today, it is actual survival we celebrate.*

# Events

June - October

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## Annual Somme Commemoration

Annual Somme Commemoration Parade, assembling at Townhead St. Carpark, Ballymoney 6.30pm to parade to War Memorial

Hosted by Ballymoney District No.1  
Followed by

**Tullaghans Flute Band Annual Band Parade 8.15pm Ballymoney**

**County Grand Lodge of England Twelfth** assembling at Beaconsfield Community Centre to travel to Southport. We would like to wish all our English and Scottish brethren an enjoyable Twelfth as they commemorate the day or join us in Ulster.



## Portglenone District Drumhead Service and Parade

The annual Drumhead Service will be at Portglenone Marina 3.30pm with parade from the Townhill Rd assembling at 2.45pm

## Killycoogan Independent Accordion Band 70th Anniversary Band Parade

Portglenone commencing at 7.30pm from Chesney Crescent, parading the village.



## 7th July - Garryduff ILOL 15 Church Parade

Garryduff Presbyterian Church 3.30pm, Brethren to assemble at

## 24 July - Dunaghy Flute Band Annual Band Parade

Parade to start 8.30pm, North Road Ballymoney, events to follow

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## 4th - Amalgamated Church Parade

**Mullans ILOL No 34 & Finvoy Apprentice Boys of Derry Club.**  
Annual Service in Rasharkin Free Presbyterian Church Sunday 4th August @3.30pm.



## 14 SEPTEMBER - Vintage Day & Fun Day

Annual vintage and fun day with BBQ at Tommy Fenton's farm, Duneaney Road, Rasharkin- 11.30am until 4.00pm

## Vintage Day & Fun Day

Bouncy Castle, Barbecue\$, trade stalls and musical entertainment. Vintage and Modern Tractors, machinery, cars, motorcycles and stationary engines. Free tea and memento for all exhibitors. Road run at 2.30pm.

**Event supporting NI Air Ambulance.**

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## Ballymoney Dist No1.

Table Quiz in Ballymoney British Legion on Friday 11th October at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

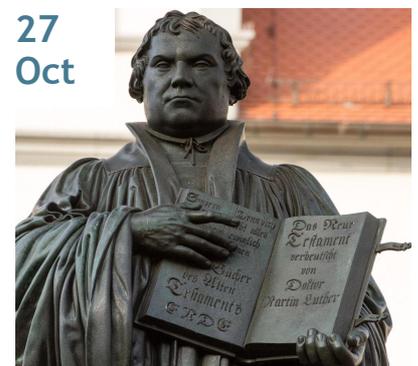
## Lisnagaver ILOL No29.

Table Quiz in Lisnagaver hall on Saturday 26th October at 7.30pm. Light supper to be served. All proceeds in aid of Grand Master's Charity Appeal

## Reformation Sunday

Annual Reformation Sunday Service Headquarters, Edward Street, Ballymoney at 3.30pm

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# He's One of our Own

## Going for Gold

**The Orange Independent sports reporter caught up with Commonwealth Games Gold Medal winner our own Ian McClure, to talk about his winning ways**

*1. Ian, please tell us a bit about yourself?*

I am married to Lyn and have a 3 year old son Ethan James, who is our pride and joy and a blessing from God. Ethan is called after his grandfather, William James McClure, past Imperial Grand Master of the institution.

*2. Where did you go to school and what type of sports did you play there?*

I was educated at Ballysally PS, Coleraine Boys Secondary school, Coleraine Technical College and the University of Ulster.

At school I was interested in all sports and was always very competitive. Primarily, I played football and rugby but also cricket, badminton and snooker.

*3. Ian you are well known as a bowler, tell us how that started, where you play, who was your inspiration?*

An ex Irish International bowler Willie Murray encouraged my dad to try bowls and as a consequence I then tried it at the age of 14.

I guess we both became hooked very quickly as did my two best friends, Barry Moffatt and Jeremy Henry. We never received any formal coaching and all of us were self taught and learned from each other.

Up until my dad passed away in 2014, both he and my Mum travelled with me almost everywhere to local, GB and International competitions. My inspiration in sport and in life has always been and will continue to be my dad.

In terms of outdoor bowling I have only ever played for Portrush Bowling club and indoors with Ballybrakes Community Indoor Bowling club in Ballymoney.

*4. You are a bowler Ian; do you play or watch or play any other sports today and do you have any favourites which you like to see?*

At the age of 45, I have begun playing football again in attempt to get fitter and lose some weight! It remains work in progress. I also enjoy an occasional round of golf. However, bowls takes up the majority of my time and you can verify this with my wife Lyn! Liverpool FC is my passion and I am very enthusiastic supporter, I also follow Coleraine FC and Rangers but to a lesser degree.

## Achievements to date:

*5. Tell us about some of your bowling achievements and are they your greatest achievement?*

I have been very fortunate to enjoy sporting success and to represent my country on many occasions.

Some sporting highlights include:

- Representing Northern Ireland at 5 Commonwealth Games;
- Commonwealth Gold and bronze medals;
- World Pairs Gold and Silver medals;
- Atlantic championships Gold, silver and bronze medals;
- British Isles Singles Champion;
- Hong Kong Classic Pairs Gold; and
- Captain of the Irish Bowls team both indoor and outdoor

I have a strong faith in God and I have been blessed by him. On a personal level my greatest achievement is being married to Lyn and having our son Ethan.



6. Ian, you are a member of the Independent Loyal Orange Institution, can you tell us how that came about, how long you have been a member and which lodge you belong to?

I am a member of Mullan ILOL 34, having joined in 2012. As with many members it is a family tradition with my dad having been heavily involved along with my brother Robert. However, I have been attending the Twelfth day since I ever remember and walking with my dad as a 'wee' boy carrying the strings of the banner!

7. I'm sure that being an Independent Orangeman doesn't get you any favours on the bowling rink or in life in general, but can you say if it has had any drawbacks for you?

No drawbacks as yet and I don't expect any!

8. Given your answer to the previous question would you recommend joining the Institution and why?

I have always described the 12th day as a family day out and that in itself is an important message to convey to local communities.



I can recommend this institution an organisation that puts principles before party politics, measures before men and God above all.

9. Getting back to your bowling life Ian will you tell us where in the world it has taken you so far and what your hopes for the bowling future are?

I am still hungry to play at the top level of my sport and I hope that will continue for some time yet but it won't last forever.

I first played for my country at the age of 17 and have been fortunate

to continue that representation to the present day. Bowls has allowed me to travel the world and visit such countries as Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Hong Kong, South Africa, Cyprus, Spain, Canada and many more.

10. Finally Ian, do you have any advice to say to those who suggest that Orangeism is dying and outdated?

The principles of Orangeism are still very much relevant to today's society, however, we need to reach out more to our communities, communicate with them and break down barriers. It appears that the days of people walking into any organisation and voluntarily asking to join are few and far between. The onus is upon this Institution to find new ways of engaging with our membership and our wider community and to ensure that we continue be a persuader for our beliefs in today's ever increasing secular society.

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## Benevolent Fund of the County Grand Lodge of Antrim.

# Looking After You

Fifty-five years ago a private lodge brought to its District Lodge the idea that the Institution should support a charity each year. At District it was suggested that “*charity begins at home*” and we should provide a fund to support members and their families in need. County Grand Lodge accepted this proposal and set up a small sub-committee which met in January 1965 and proposed the holding of a flag day each 12<sup>th</sup> July to raise funds for the proposed fund.

The primary object of the fund being to assist widows and orphans of members and to make available loans to members who were in indigent circumstances. An executive committee to formulate laws etc was to consist of County Grand Master, CG Secretary who would be ex officio and 4 members elected by County Grand Lodge in

addition to one representative of each of the four District Lodges.

This inaugural committee consisted of Bro J. Stewart CGM, Bro John McIlreavey CGS, Bro R.J. Johnston IGM, Bro James W. Ross, Bro John McLean, Bro James Morrison and District reps Bro’s F. Murray, James Mc Clenaghan, W.J. McCaughern and Samuel Glass.

From humble beginnings with no funds the benevolent fund has grown and benefited many families. Donations to widows in the early days were £10.00 and presently donations are £400.00 which the committee would like to increase if and when income permits. In recent years income has been £1000.00 or less with £1200.00 being paid out last year to three beneficiaries. RJ Johnston.

### Congratulations to our Royal Family

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A small group underwent training and on successful completion and examination a licence was granted in 1994. For the past 25 years the Credit Union has served the local community and an ever increasing number of members have availed of its benefits. A dedicated team of volunteers work on a Friday night and some of the original team of 25 years ago continue to give valued service.

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### Join Today Save for the Future

For your share of the information call in for details at 10 Edward St Ballymoney any Friday evening between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.



*A heritage project rediscovering the rich roots, the historic role and the lasting relevance of Independent Orangeism in Belfast by reconnecting with former members and families.*

**Funding has been secured from Belfast City Council for an exciting heritage project which aims to collect and collate an oral history and archive of material to tell the story of the ILOI through innovative modern means.**

The I.L.O.I. has recognised the need and the urgency of reaching out to former members, their families and followers in Belfast where it was once a formidable force in working class areas. The ILOI was a unique cultural, political and social movement in Belfast and understanding it from a grassroots perspective will help us understand working class Belfast, its mind, motivations and means of expressing itself.

Many of you will have memories of the Order in Belfast or may have maintained contact with members, so the project would love to hear from you. It will also be looking at the wider history heritage and culture of the Institution to offer a context. This will help us tell the story of Independent Orangeism to new audiences and help people understand us better.

Information on the project and a number of exciting RECONNECT events and outings to Belfast will be sent to private lodges and advertised online. Our thanks go to the funder.



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