

Its members associate in honor of King William III., Prince of Orange, whose name they bear, and whose immortal memory they hold in reverence, tending, as he did, under Divine Providence, to the overthrow of the most oppressive bigotry, and the restoration of pure religion and liberty.

They revere the memory of that Immortal Prince, not only as a patriot, a constitutional monarch, and a hero, but as a true Christian; and hope, in the adoption of his name, to emulate his virtues, by maintaining religion without persecution, or trenching upon the rights of any.

The Orange Association lays no claim to exclusive loyalty, or exclusive Protestantism; but it admits no man within its pale whose principles are not loyal, and whose creed is not Protestant.

Disclaiming an intolerant spirit, the Association demands as an indispensable qualification, without which the greatest and the wealthiest may seek admission in vain, that the candidate shall be deemed incapable of persecuting or injuring any one on account of his religious opinions; the duty of every Orangeman being to aid and defend all loyal subjects, of every religious persuasion, in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights.

The Rules of the Association are open not only to the members of the Association, but to the whole community; there is no reserve, except the signs and symbols whereby Orangemen know each other; and these mysteries are essential to the proper qualification of the Brotherhood, the recognition of the members, and the prevention of intrusion and imposture from strangers and enemies. The Association is general, not confined to any particular place, person or nation, but extends itself wherever a loyal Protestant Briton is to be found, to the remotest corners of the globe, for the establishment of Protestant faith and British liberty to the latest ages of posterity. The whole Association is one neighbourhood, within which every Orangeman is at home, in the farthest parts of the world; and such is the mechanism of the Association, that while its operations are thus extended, its every movement is alike felt and answered in every part.