



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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CHAPTER TEN: State Deputy 1905-1906

Our eighth State Deputy came from Eastport and was born in 1862. His name is Jacob D. Anderson. Not much is known of his parents who immigrated to the US from Rathier, Ireland. It is unusual that both his father and his mother's maiden names was Anderson. Young Jacob attended the Eastport public schools and graduated from the Boynton High School in 1879. He taught the out-island school for two years and later joined the George O Grady and Company as bookkeeper. During this time he studied medicine with the Dr. J.M. Jonah and Dr. James D. Grady. Jacob Anderson was married to Miss Ellen Goulding. They brought up two family orphans.

Brother Anderson was a charter member of the Eastport Council No. 673 organized in 1902 and served as its first Grand Knight in 1903. He also served his council as Financial Secretary from 1905 to 1910. He was elected as State Deputy at the convention held at Bangor on May 2, 1905 and served for one year. While State Deputy, he instituted Council No. 1036 at Ellsworth, and Council 1103, the original Cheverus Council of Portland, which later merged with Council No. 101 of Portland. It is also interesting to note that Jacob D. Anderson was a charter member of the Lubec Council No. 188 formed on September 16, 1896. He was working at that time in the customs office at Eastport. Since he was also a charter member of the Eastport Council when it organized, having transferred his membership, it can be assumed that he was likely an instrumental part of the organizing of this new council.

State Chaplain 1904-1906: In the early years of the Order in Maine the State Chaplains were elected at the State Convention and not appointed by the Bishop as they are today. Such was the case of Father Martin Aloysius Clary. Father Clary was born in Portland, Maine on December 3, 1867 and attended the parochial and public schools from 1873 to 1884. He attended college in Brooklyn, N.Y. from 1891 to 1892. He studied Philosophy at the Grand Seminary in Montreal from 1892 to 1894. He continued his studies of theology at the Grand Seminary from 1894 to 1896, and then continued during 1896 to 1897 at the Seminaire de St. Sulpice in Paris, France. He was ordained at Paris on June 12, 1897 by Cardinal Richard from the diocese of Portland, Maine.

Father Clary was assigned to parishes in Old Town from 1897-1899, and on to the town of Millinocket which was just being built. The new parish of Millinocket took in all the territory North to Island Falls and West to Milo. Because of this great distance and where the parishioners were so few and scattered, he was given an assistant in Father O'Dowd. They lived in the sacristy of the church. A new church was started the following spring and the first mass was celebrated in it on Christmas Day 1900. In 1902 a chapel was built in Island Falls and the Millinocket rectory completed the same year. In June of 1902 the new council in Millinocket was instituted and Father Clary became the first council chaplain. Father Clary was assigned to Millinocket on the feast of St. Martin of Tours and this is the name he gave to his new parish. He was the host to the State Convention in 1904 and it was at this convention that he was elected as the sixth State Chaplain. The State Convention the next year was held in Bangor. Father Clary was sick and unable to attend. Father Clary was represented by Father M. F. Walsh and was reelected as State Chaplain.