



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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CHAPTER FOURTEEN: State Deputy 1910 - 1912

Our eleventh State Deputy was Edward P. Dunn. He was born at Augusta, Maine in 1859. He attended local grade schools. On June 29, 1882 he married Helen Field and they had seven children. In his younger days he was employed as a mail clerk in the local post office and later he was a city mail carrier until his retirement. While not having been given the opportunity to receive an advanced education, his principal hobby was reading and studying. His favorite sport was swimming at which he was proficient, having taken several American Red Cross courses in swimming and lifesaving. This stood him in good stead when the local curate organized a boys camp. " E.R." as he was known, was instrumental in developing the camp and spent two summers with the group.

"E.R." was thirty-nine years old when the council was started in Augusta. He was a charter member and served as the first Deputy Grand Knight that first year in 1898. The following year he was honored by his council electing him as Grand Knight. Again, in 1915, when the boys were being drafted for World War One and the council as a result was somewhat disorganized, the members called upon Brother Dunn and drafted him as their Grand Knight, which office he held again for one year.

In 1907 he was elected State Secretary, which office he held for three years. In 1910 at the Biddeford convention, the membership advanced Brother Dunn to the highest office of State Deputy and he served well for two terms. During this time he instituted the Van Buren Council No. 1635, thus opening up Aroostook County.

Past State Deputy Dunn died in September of 1944 at the advanced age of eighty-five. Requiem mass was from St. Mary's Church and burial was at his native city of Augusta. He was the eleventh man to hold the office of State Deputy.

STATE CHAPLAIN 1910 - 1912

Michael C. McDonough was born in Portland, Maine on July 16, 1860. He attended the Portland schools to 1877. He then attended Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass. from 1878 to 1881 where he took his Philosophy studies. Theology was studied at Montreal from 1881 to 1884. He was ordained as a priest on June 29, 1884 by Bishop Healey of Portland, for the Portland Diocese. He served at the Cathedral from July 1884 to 1887 at which time he was made pastor of Whitefield in November. He served this parish until June 1890 when he became pastor of the Cathedral. He was transferred to pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church at Bath in November 1899. From here he went to St. Mary's in Bangor in March 1907 and in January 1908 he was made permanent Rector of St. Patrick's in Lewiston.

He was the second pastor of St. Patrick's, succeeding Msgr. T.H. Wallace who had died. He was made a Monsignor. Msgr. McDonough always took a great interest in parish and civic activities. He made many improvements to the parish property. It was during his rectorship that the greatest number of young men and women entered the religious life.

A signal honor came to Msgr. McDonough in recognition of his service when he was invested in the Papal honor as a Prothonotary Apostolic. Bishop Walsh appointed him Vicar General of the diocese and he served Bishop McCarthy in this capacity.

One of Msgr. McDonough's hobbies and great interests was new construction, and this proved to be his misfortune. One evening after workmen had gone home from a construction project in the city, Msgr. McDonough, as was his custom, wandered through the building to note the progress, when he fell down an open elevator well injuring himself seriously and fracturing his pelvis. He died on April 29, 1933. He had served the parish for twenty-five years, and at the time of his death the parish was free of debt and there was \$40,000 in the savings account.

It was during his administration that the Lewiston Council No. 106 built their new home on Park Street which they were forced to sell in 1954. Msgr. McDonough died at St. Patrick's rectory and was buried in Portland.