



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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CHAPTER TWENTY: State Deputy James H. Carroll 1923 - 1926

Our seventeenth State Deputy, James H. Carroll, was born on Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1888, the son of John Carroll and Elizabeth McGowan Carroll. The place of birth was North Attleboro, Massachusetts, where he grew up as a boy and graduated from the high school there. He then attended Bates College, graduating in 1911. Following college he was a teacher-coach at St. John's Prep School at Danvers, Mass. Fulfilling his ambition to become a lawyer, he then attended and graduated from Boston University Law School and passed the Massachusetts bar exam in December, 1919, and the Maine bar exam in February 1920. On July 22, 1918 he married Beatrice Callahan and they had two children, one boy and one girl.

The service record of Brother Carroll during World War One was one that would bring great credit upon himself and the Order. He had joined the Thomas P. McDonough Council No. 330 at North Attleboro, Mass. and therefore is on their Honor Roll rather than on the Maine Honor Roll. He attended the Officers' Training School at Plattsburg, N.Y. and was given a commission of Captain in the infantry. His first assignment was at Camp Devens from October 1917 to June 1918. He was transferred several times serving as commanding officer at Clarkson College from June 1918 to November 1918 and the College of St. Thomas at St. Paul, Minnesota from November 1918 to November 1919. In 1922 he organized a company in the 103rd Regiment Maine National Guard and at the time of his death he held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Having taken up permanent residence in Lewiston following the war, he transferred his Knights of Columbus membership to Council No. 106 of that city. He served as corporate Counsel of the City of Lewiston during the years 1921 and 1922. He began a school to assist for returning veterans. This was a project sponsored by the Supreme Council but financed by the local councils throughout the jurisdiction everywhere. The reports to the State Convention state just how successful this school was and how much good it did in securing employment for the returning veterans.

It is interesting to note that Brother Carroll never served as Grand Knight, nor Financial Secretary of the Lewiston Council. He was appointed District Deputy by State Deputy Edward F. Flaherty on October 11, 1921. He was reappointed for the year 1922-1923. He never held any other state office but having recognized his outstanding ability in organization and leadership. He was elected State Deputy at the convention held at Mt. Kineo in 1923. This office he held for three terms, being the second man ever so honored by the State Council. While State Deputy, he organized Council No. 2524 at Presque Isle, No. 2537 at Old Town and No. 2564 at Frenchville.

In 1930, he was elected a member of the Supreme Board of Directors for a three year term and reelected in 1933. This term was cut short by his death on June 25, 1934. He was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lewiston. His funeral was held at St. Joseph's Church and attended by numerous Supreme, State Council and local council dignitaries.

State Convention for 1924 was held at Bangor on June 5, 1924. In 1925 the Convention convened at Van Buren on May 29, 1925. The convention for 1926 was held at Old Orchard Beach on May 21, 1926.

State Chaplain 1923 – 1926:

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael C. McDonough continues to serve as State Chaplain and serving as pastor of St. Patrick's church in Lewiston until 1933.

District Master 1923-26: D.M. Fred Harvey remains in office as District Master until 1926.

Bishop Of Maine 1925-31: Born on February 26, 1877, John Gregory Murray was appointed on May 29, 1925, and was consecrated as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Portland on October 12, 1925. Bishop Murray attended the University of Louvain in Belgium. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1900. Bishop Murray was the first Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hartford. During his tenure in Maine, Bishop Murray founded a new diocesan weekly newspaper and oversaw a building of parish churches and schools, but faced a precarious financial landscape at the onset of the Great Depression. Bishop Murray organized relief committees to raise money for those in need and was much beloved for the kindness and compassion towards people of all walks of life. In 1931, Bishop Murray was appointed the Archbishop of Saint Paul, Minnesota, where he served until his death on October 11, 1956.