



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

RON SABOURIN : STATE HISTORIAN rrsabourin@aol.com

Chapter TWENTY FOUR: S.D Raymond A. Grady 1033 - 1936

Our twenty first State Deputy, Raymond A. Grady was born April 14, 1894 in Old Town, Maine. He is the son of Nicholas Grady and Catherine McLinn Grady. He was graduated from the Old Town High school and the City College of New York. He was employed for twenty-nine years by the United States Government in the Department of Steamboat inspection. He worked in the Bangor office Most of the time. When the Bangor office was consolidated in 1940, Raymond was transferred to the Boston office.

On June 1, 1916 he married Mary Redmond, of Orono and they had four daughters. Raymond was endowed with a keen sense of humor, this is the way he described himself, "Vocation was pipe smoking; his avocation was architecture; his hobbies, (a) lying down, (b) sitting down; his ambition, to live without work and to die without fuss." It appears that his wife also had a sense of humor, and it is well that should be the case for Raymond held the office of State Deputy during those trying years of the depression. He was visiting councils nearly every evening and Sunday, trying to hold the membership together, from one end of the state to the other. Occasionally when Raymond would be home for Sunday dinner, Mrs. Grady would wait until all were seated and after looking around the table would say very solemnly, "children we have an honored guest for dinner today, we will now say the blessing". Ah, the State Deputies wives also made many sacrifices for the Order.

Because of his sharp wit, his sound knowledge of his religion, his understanding of human nature of human nature, Brother Grady was in great demand as a degree master. He was outstanding in that respect. Only a short time prior to his death, he came to Chisholm, ME as a special favor to confer the degree on a large class of candidates.

Brother Grady was a Fourth Degree Sir Knight of the Joseph Orono Council. He held the office of Grand Knight for one year, 1929-1930. He was District Deputy for three years from 1930-1933. Elected to the office of State Deputy at the convention held at Augusta in 1933, he held the office for three terms. While State Deputy, he organized one new council, No. 2755 at Springvale.

Brother Grady died January 11, 1949 at the age of 54. As a glowing tribute to this great leader, when the Columbian Squire Circle was instituted at the State Convention held in Bangor in 1950, this Bangor circle was named the Raymond E. Grady Circle.

FOURTH DEGREE MASTER #5: Martin T. Cavanaugh of Portland was appointed District Master of Maine and served from 1933 to 1944. While in office he held degrees in Augusta, Waterville, Brunswick, Sanford, Augusta, Fort Fairfield, Brunswick, Waterville, Fort Fairfield, Biddeford, Caribou, Bath and Fort Kent.

STATE CHAPLAIN 1933 TO 1953: Father Joseph E. McCaffrey

State Convention for 1933 was held in Augusta on May 22, 1933

State Convention for 1934 was held in Houlton on May 29, 1934

State Convention for 1935 was held in Waterville on May 12, 1935

State Convention for 1935 was held in Bangor on May 24, 1936