



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Chapter THIRTY THREE : Steward E. Walsh 1957-1959 -- Bangor

Our 30th State Deputy, Stewart E. Walsh was born July 13, 1904 in the city of Bangor, the son of James Walsh and Theresa Ann Philips Walsh. His grammar school education was at the Hannibal Hamlin school. He was graduated from Bangor High School in 1922, and obtained a degree of B.A. in education from the University of Maine in 1928. While at the U. of M. he became a member of the Phi Kappa fraternity.

In 1942 Brother Walsh was inducted in the 4513th B.U. Air Force and served three years as an instructor in aircraft engines. During these three years he was assigned to many bases all over the United States and finally spent the last year at Dow Field in Bangor.

Upon his discharge from the air corp. he became a clerk in the exchange street State of Maine Liquor Store, in 1946 and advanced to assistant manager. In 1960, when the new liquor store number 67 was opened, he became the manager.

"Stew", as he was affectionately known, was married to Cecelia Louise Conway at St. John Church, in Bangor, on June 20, 1950. They had no children.

Brother Walsh joined the order while a student at the U. of M. on May 5, 1925. He was elected Grand Knight of the Pine Cone Council in 1941. Re-elected in 1942, he served but a short time before being drafted into the Air Force. He served again as Grand Knight during the year 1947-1948. He was appointed Financial Secretary of Pine Cone council in 1951 and has served in that capacity well into the 1960's.

Because of his leadership ability, State Deputy James F. Riley appointed him a District Deputy in 1948, which office he held for six years ending in 1954, at which time he was elected to the office of State Warden. He served two terms as State Secretary from 1955 to 1957, at which time he was elected State Deputy at the convention held in Caribou and re-elected in 1958.

While a District Deputy, he assisted State Deputy Riley in the instituting the Dover-Foxcroft council. Upon being appointed a District Deputy in 1948 he served as a Degree Master and exemplified sixty-one degree in the next twelve years.

After a lengthy battle with the dreaded disease cancer, Steward E. Walsh died on April 13, 1963. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Celia Walsh of 33 Sydney Street in Bangor.

FOURTH DEGREE MASTER #10: Robert Ouellette 1955-84 Brunswick

Following his three terms as State Deputy from 1952 to 1955, Robert J. Ouellette was appointed as District Master and served in that office from 1955 to 1984. This was a total of 29 years as District Master of Maine.

STATE CHAPLAIN 1953 TO 1967: Rev. Daniel J. Haggerty

Bishop of the Portland Diocese: Most Rev. Bishop Daniel J. Feeney 1955-69

State Convention for 1957 was held in Caribou on May 25-26, 1957

State Convention for 1958 was held in Old Orchard on May 31 to June 1, 1958

State Convention for 1959 was held in Rockland on May 23-24, 1959