



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Chapter THIRTY SIX : Chester H. Chase, No. Whitefield 1963-1966

Our 33rd State Deputy, Chester H. Chase, known to everyone as Chet, was born on April 14, 1914 to Harry L. and Emma Pelletier Chase in Rochester, New Hampshire. The family later moved to No. Whitefield, Maine and have resided there since. Chet completed his education by graduating from No. Whitefield High School, and according to him, it was a one room high school.

On October 26, 1940 he married Margaret Tobin in St. Denis Church in No. Whitefield. They are the proud parents of six children: Elizabeth, Mary, Timothy, Martha, Patrick and Chester, Jr.

His occupation over the years has proved his versatility. From 1934 to 1937 he worked for the Haggett Garage Company in Wiscasset. He then went New Hampshire on a Hurricane Government Lumber operation. In 1941 he joined the Bath Iron Works and was a lead foreman until his resignation from that firm in 1946. Chet then formed his own lumber and general contracting business which still flourishes.

Chet became a member of the Gov. Kavanaugh Council #1423, in No. Whitefield in May of 1953. That same year he was elected as Grand Knight. This office was in his capable hands for the next five years. After a lapse of one year, he was again named Grand Knight in the year 1959-1960. Brother Chase also held the following council offices: Chancellor, Trustee and General Program Chairman. One of the most outstanding accomplishments he has been associated with is the annual "Game Supper", put on by the Gov. Kavanaugh Council. Chet has served as chairman for many years and has seen its growth increase to the point where nearly one thousand people from all parts of New England travel to North Whitefield to feast on wild game of every description.

On the State Council level, Brother Chase has served as State Publicity Chairman, State Fraternal Chairman and in 1957 was elected State Treasurer, which office he held for four years. In 1961 at the convention at Poland Springs he was elected State Secretary. This office he capably filled until 1963. At the convention held in Portland, Chet was named State Deputy. In only ten years as a member of the order, he attained the highest position in the State Council of Maine. Chet will be the last to admit his capabilities, but those in close association with him know of his unlimited and unselfish efforts to promote the order here in the State of Maine.

Councils formed during Chet Chase's term as State Deputy are: Norway Council #5515, Rev. Mathew W. Reilley Council of Lincoln, St. Francis of Assisi Council #5526 of St. Francis College, John F. Kennedy Council #5637 of Bingham and the Fr. George Dandaneau Council #5756 of Bucksport.

P.S.D. Chet Chase passed away in 1966.

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 1961 was held in Portland in May, 1963

State Convention for 1962 was held in Rockland (Samoset Hotel) on May 30-31, 1964

State Convention for 1963 was held in Rockland (Samoset Hotel) in May, 1965

State Convention for 1963 was held in Rockland (Samoset Hotel) in June, 1966