



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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CHAPTER ELEVEN: State Deputy WILLIAM H. GULLIVER 1906-1908

Our ninth State Deputy was William H. Gulliver who was born in Portland on February 3, 1877. He received his education in Portland Public schools and later attended Mount St. Louis Institute at Montreal. He then entered the Boston University Law School and was graduated in the class of 1899. He returned to Portland and established himself in general practice. Attorney Gulliver had five brothers and married to Agnes Gilroy, a native of Old Town, and they had three sons and two daughters. He was Grand Knight of council for one year, 1905-1906. At the convention held at Augusta in 1906, he was elected the ninth State Deputy. An office he held for two years. During his tenure of office he instituted the Canabas Council No. 1299 in Gardiner. The Supreme Council, recognizing his abilities elected him a Supreme Director in 1909 which office he held for two three year terms until 1915.

Brother Gulliver did not enjoy the best of health the last few years of his life. He was, however, able to continue with his law practice. On Friday, July 26, 1929, he went to Boston on business. Having completed his business, he went to the Elks Hotel on Friday night. He failed to answer his telephone, or raps on his door in the morning. His room was entered by the management and he was found dead in bed, the result of a heart attack. Thus he died at the relatively young age of but fifty-two. Funeral Mass was offered at Sacred Heart Church in Portland on July 30, 1929.

STATE CONVENTIONS 1906 & 1907:

The State Convention in 1906 was held in Augusta on May 8, 1906. The State Convention for 1907 was held in Portland but the date was not recorded.

STATE CHAPLAIN 1906-1907.

Rev. Dennis Aloysius McCabe was born at Dundalk, Ireland on January 1, 1875. He studied at Limerick, Ireland from 1892 to 1893. He studied college subjects at Royal University of Ireland and Holy Cross College of Worcester, Mass. From 1893 to 1898. Both Philosophy and Theology were taken at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass. from 1899 to 1903. He spent from 1903 to 1904 at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, New York.

Father McCabe was ordained a priest at Woodstock College, Maryland on June 28, 1904 by Cardinal Gibbons of the Baltimore Diocese for the Diocese of Portland. He served at the Cathedral from July 5, 1904 until September 14, 1904 when was transferred to St. Dominic's Church at Portland. He later served at St. Mary's in Augusta, in 1905. He was moved to Belfast in 1911 and then to North Whitefield in 1913. His final parish served was in South Portland from January 7, 1926 until June 5, 1938. He died on July 23, 1941.

Father McCabe was the seventh State Chaplain. He was pastor at St. Mary's at Augusta when he was appointed. He served one year from 1906 to 1907. He was buried at Malden, Massachusetts.

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BISHOP OF MAINE 1906 - 1924

Born on January 22, 1858, Louis Sebastian Walsh was appointed on August 3, 1906 was consecrated as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Portland on October 18, 1906. Bishop Walsh attended seminaries in Canada and France before studying in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1882. Before arriving in Maine, Louis Sebastian Walsh served as Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Boston. Bishop Walsh's tenure was marked by a new wave of immigrants from Poland, Italy, Slovakia and Lithuania to Maine. He was a supporter of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and established several new parishes and schools throughout the diocese. An avid historian, Bishop Walsh acquired the site of the French Capuchin mission at Castine, marking the tri-centennial of the founding of Saint Saveur mission on Mount Desert Island, and started the Maine Catholic Historical Magazine. He remained Bishop of Portland until his death on May 12, 1924.