



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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CHAPTER FIFTEEN: State Deputy 1912 - 1914

Our twelfth State Deputy was Frederick E. Doyle. He was born in Ellsworth, Maine on January 14, 1881. He was the son of Daniel Doyle and Margaret Whitby. He attended grammar and high school at Ellsworth and later graduated from Holy Cross College in 1901 and the University of Maine Law School in 1906. He married Elizabeth Lahey on May 2, 1910. They did not have any children. Brother Doyle was always interested in civic and public affairs having served a selectman of Millinocket for seven years and later in the Maine House of Representatives. He also served as judge of the Millinocket Municipal Court from 1913 to 1957.

Brother Doyle gave much of his time and talents to the Order; both in his council and in the State Council. He served as Grand Knight from 1909 to 1911 and as Financial Secretary of his council from 1930 to 1931. He served two terms as State Advocate from 1908 to 1910, while serving as Grand Knight. Elected State Deputy in 1912, he served two terms. He was also Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree in 1913. While State Deputy he organized and instituted the Fort Fairfield Council No. 1753.

At the State Convention held in Livermore Falls on May 14, 1912 the question of organizing the vast territory of Aroostook County was discussed at length. By that time the Catholic faith was firmly established in a number of communities along the Canadian border. The logical choice was Brother Doyle, who already had proven himself as a leader having served as Grand Knight of his council, two terms as State Advocate, member of the State Legislature, and was a successful lawyer. While State Deputy-elect he organized and instituted the Van Buren Council #1635.

On October 10, 1957 Governor Muskie re-nominated Past State Deputy Doyle for his twelfth consecutive four-year term as judge of the Millinocket Municipal Court at the age of seventy-six. At that time he was the dean of municipal court judges in the state.

State Chaplain 1912 – 1914:

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

State Conventions 1912 – 13 – 14:

State Convention for 1912 was held at Livermore Falls. In 1913 the Conventions convened at Lubec and in 1914 at Ellsworth.

FOURTH DEGREE 1912-13-14:

State Master remains DM John F. Crowley of Bangor. 1912 Exemplification held at Portsmouth, N.H. May 30, 1912. The location for the 1913 and 1914 degrees are not recorded. The dates of these degrees are October 12, 1913 and May 30, 1914.