



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Chapter Two: The Knights of Columbus Grows in Maine:

The life of the Knights of Columbus in Maine began with the institution of council #101 in Portland on August 12, 1894. The next two years saw the addition of councils #106 in Lewiston on November 11, 1894. Then Pine Cone Council #114 in Bangor on January 20, 1895. Lime Rock council #136 was next in Rockland on November 3, 1895. Frankfort council #146 was organized on February 2, 1896 but surrendered its charter later on January 19, 19009. Next came a flurry of activity with the chartering of Waterville council #148 on February 9, 1896, council #149 of Calais on February 16, 1896, council #152 of Orono on February 25, 1896 and finally council #169 in Rumford Falls May 3, 1896. This council was later dissolved in 1900.

These councils met in Portland on Memorial Day, May 30, 1896 and organized the state council of Maine. Thus it can be seen that the Order was organized in the state of Maine very early, and before the Middle Atlantic, and other group of states.

This meeting of the national officers and representatives from the councils in Maine, at which the State organization was perfected, was held on Long Island, in Portland Harbor. The Supreme Knight presided, and the following were elected officers of the State Board:

State Deputy	Joseph A. McGowan	Portland
State Treasurer	William Thompson	Orono
State Secretary	John B. Friel	Waterville
State Warden	Michael T. O'Brien	Lewiston
State Chaplain	Rev. Thomas H. Wallace	Lewiston
State Advocate	Richard J. McGarrigle	Calais
State Auditor	James Foley	Winterport
Auditor of National Fund	James McInnis	Rockland

Immediately following his election, State Deputy McGowan raised Grand Knight John F. Crowley, of Bangor, to the position of District Deputy. The officers were installed by Supreme Knight Phelan, and their duties, and obligations, were fully explained.

Chapter Three: The Early years of Knighthood in Maine