



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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CHAPTER TWENTY ONE: State Deputy FRED D. HARVEY 1926 - 1928

Our eighteenth State Deputy, Fred D. Harvey, was born September 23, 1877 in Portland, Maine, the son of Jotham B. and Mary Ellen O'Leary Harvey. He graduated from the local grammar school and from then on he was self-educated by reading good literature such as biographies, autobiographies, the Life of Christ, the Bible, the Papal encyclicals, History of the Church, histories of non-Catholic denominations and articles relative to the political, industrial and agricultural development of our nation. He was a pharmacist by profession, having studied in the local drug store of Schloterbeck and Foss Company. Later he traveled on the road as a salesman for John Wyeth and Brother, nationally known pharmaceutical chemists. Governor Louis J. Brann appointed his secretary of the Maine State Liquor Commission, which office he held for five years. On October 17, 1907 he married Mary E. O'Connor of Portland, and they had two daughters. His hobbies were athletics and reading Catholic literature.

The record of Brother Harvey in the Order is somewhat unparalleled. We do not find that he ever held any office in his council. He was never a District Deputy, nor was he either a Faithful Navigator or Comptroller of the Fourth Degree Assembly. He was appointed State Master of the Fourth Degree in 1918 and served in that capacity until 1926, at which time he was elected the eighteenth State Deputy at the convention held in Old Orchard Beach, and reelected the following year. As a delegate to the Supreme Convention the Supreme Knight appointed him the first year to the committee on 'Good of the Order' and the following year he was chairman of the same committee. After his tenure as State Deputy, he was elected by the State Council to the office of State Lecturer, which office he held from 1928 until his resignation in 1931. Probably no one in the state was as well qualified for this office because of his ability as an orator was par excellence. He traveled "along the highways and the by-ways of this good old State of Maine, from Kittery Point to Fort Kent" exhorting and inspiring the members to rally around their leaders and the principles of the Order, and to this day, there has not been anyone to compare with him.

While State Master he supervised degrees at Portland, Bangor, Van Buren, Waterville, Lewiston and elsewhere. As State Deputy, he instituted Council No. 2625 at Dexter and Council No. 2638 at Madawaska.

BISHOP OF PORTLAND 1924-1931: Most Rev. John Gregory Murray, D.D. remains as Bishop of the Diocese of Portland until 1931.

State Chaplain 1921 – 1923:

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

State Conventions: Held at Old Orchard Beach on May 21, 1926. In 1925 the Convention convened at Bangor on May 30, 1927. The convention for 1928 was held at Old Waterville on May 24, 1928.

