



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Chapter TWENTY SEVEN: P. Paul Dufour 1941-1944

P. Paul Dufour, our thirty fourth State Deputy, was born in Old Town on May 12, 1898, the son of Frank Dufour and Wilmena Beaulieu. He attended St. Joseph's Parochial School in Old Town and St. Joseph University at Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

On April 25, 1922, he married Audelie Brodeur and they have six children, four sons and two daughters. The children went John Bapst Catholic High School in Bangor. Two sons went on to Higgins Classical Institute, Charlestown, Maine. Another son went to the University of Maine and graduated with the class of 1957. Paul and his wife are deeply devoted to their family and have given them the best education possible

Beginning in 1925, Paul has been employed as an insurance salesman for the Prudential Insurance Company, part of which time he was stationed in Waterville. Always taking an interest in civic affairs, he has been a member of the Old Town non-partisan City council from 1946 to 1955 and served as president of the council in 1947. He was Vice President of the Old Town Loan and Building Association and was chairman of the Soldier's Memorial Monument Fund that was dedicated on Armistice Day 1955. He was a rabid baseball fan, and also had a hobby of raising flowers, especially roses.

Brother Dufour has given much of his time to the Order, serving as Grand Knight of the Old Town council from 1926 to 1928. He served as District Deputy for eight years, part of which time he served in the Waterville District. He was the State Warder from 1927 to 1935 and State Secretary from 1939 to 1941. He was elected State Deputy at the Skowhegan Convention and served from 1941 to 1944. He was the second State Deputy of French-Canadian extraction. He instituted Council 2851 at Limestone and Council 2889 at Ashland during his four terms in office.

He was later appointed chairman of the State Membership committee in 1955-1956. On December 19, 1957 when Brother Dufour retired from the Prudential Life Insurance Company, after thirty years of faithful service. Governor Muskie appointed Mr. Dufour to the office of County Commissioner to fill out the unexpired term of R. Leon Williams, which expired in 1958. Paul did not seek re-election as a Commissioner but ran for a seat a Representative to the State Legislature on the Democratic ticket, in the June primaries. He was successful in the primaries and also in the state election in September. After serving one term in the State Legislature, he ran for re-election and was defeated.

Brother Dufour died very suddenly on Friday, December 16, 1960 at the age of 62. The funeral was held from St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday December 20th.

FOURTH DEGREE MASTER #6: Martin T. Cavanaugh of Portland was appointed District Master of Maine and served from 1933 to 1944. While in office he held degrees in Augusta, Waterville, Brunswick, Sanford, Augusta, Fort Fairfield, Brunswick, Waterville, Fort Fairfield, Biddeford, Caribou, Bath and Fort Kent.

STATE CHAPLAIN 1933 TO 1953: Father Joseph E. McCaffrey

Bishop of the Portland Diocese: Most Rev. Joseph E. McCarthy, D.D. 1931-55

State Convention for 1941 was held in Skowhegan on May 26, 1941

State Convention for 1942 was held in Waterville on May 25, 1942

State Convention for 1943 was held in Bangor on May 23, 1943

State Convention for 1944 was held in Bangor on May 21, 1944