



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Chapter TWENTY NINE : James F. Riley 1947-1949

James F. Riley was born September 11, 1904 and became our 26th State Deputy. He was the son of Thomas Riley and Blanche C. Hourihan. He attended the Portland schools and was graduated from Gray's Business College, of Portland, in 1924. On August 9, 1927, he married Margaret A. Weatherbee, and they had six children; four daughters and two sons.

Brother Riley joined Council 101, of Portland, in March of 1923. Eleven years passed before he started working up through the chairs of the council. He was council Warden in 1934-35; Chancellor from 1935 to 1937; Deputy Grand Knight from 1937 to 1940; Grand Knight from 1940 to 1941, and finally Financial Secretary from 1941 to 1947. He never served as A District Deputy, but was elected to the office of State Treasurer at the convention held in Bangor in 1943. This office he held for four years, when he was elected to the office of State Deputy at Brunswick in 1947, and which he held for two terms.

His occupation as an accountant well qualified him to handle the duties of State Treasurer and State Deputy. He was employed in the office of Baker and Adam, of Portland, for two years doing public accounting.

In 1946 he bought and operated Westcustago Inn, at Yarmouth, Maine. This is a famous summer shore-dinner house, which was built in 1922 and is known from coast to coast. Westcustago is an Indian name meaning "mouth of the river".

While State Deputy he instituted one new council; No. 3172, at Dover-Foxcroft, Maine

FOURTH DEGREE MASTER #7: Louis E. Ayoob, Fort Fairfield

Louis E. Ayoob served as District Master from 1948 to 1951. He later served as Vice Supreme Master for the James A. Healy province. While serving as District Master he held degrees at Sanford, Bangor, Van Buren and Portland.

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 1947 was held in Brunswick on May 24-25, 1947

State Convention for 1948 was held in Augusta on May 22-23, 1948

State Convention for 1949 was held in Van Buren on April 30 to May 1, 1949