



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Chapter THIRTY SEVEN : John T. Gayton, Fort Fairfield - 1966-67

Our 34'th State Deputy, John T. Gayton was born in Calais, Maine on October 14, 1918. He was the son of George E. and Helen Harvell Gayton. He was educated in schools in Calais and graduated from Calais High School. He then attended Holy Rosary Commercial School.

On September 30, 1939 he was married to Kathleen A. Greenlaw and the following year they were blessed with a son, William F. Gayton.

John joined the Knights of Columbus in 1937 and subsequently served all the chairs of office. He was later to become Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree. In 1963, at the convention held in Portland, Brother Gayton was elected State Treasurer. The following year in Rockland, he was elected State Secretary. This office he held for two years and in 1966, again in Rockland, he was named State Deputy. It is regrettable that two years ago he suffered a heart attack and thus has been slowed down considerably. Due to the strain of the job, and afraid of impairing his health further, Brother Gayton refused to run for office for a second term.

Always an active man, he had a keen interest in sports and helped organize Little League Baseball in Fort Fairfield. He also coached American League Baseball in 1957 and 58. A veteran of WW II he served in the Navy and spent two years in the Pacific area. He was discharged with the rank of Radarman 2/c.

Aside from the Knights of Columbus, John was active in the Holy Name Society and the American Legion. He served two years on the town budget committee and was the Assistant Postmaster in Fort Fairfield.

FOURTH DEGREE MASTER #10: Robert Ouellette 1955-84 Brunswick

Following his three terms as State Deputy from 1952 to 1955, Robert J. Ouellette was appointed as District Master and served in that office from 1955 to 1984. This was a total of 29 years as District Master of Maine.

STATE CHAPLAIN 1953 TO 1967: Rev. Daniel J. Haggerty

Bishop of the Portland Diocese: Most Rev. Bishop Daniel J. Feeney 1955-69

State Convention for 1966 was held Rockland (Samoset Hotel) in June 1966

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