



# THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## **Chapter THIRTY SEVEN : J. Philip Masse, Biddeford- 1967 - 1969**

Our 35'th State Deputy, J. Philip Masse was born in Biddeford, Maine on July 12, 1926. He is the son of Ernest Masse and Edith M. Booth. He graduated from Biddeford High School, attended Boston University, graduated from Lincoln Institute, also attended the University of Maine in the Business Management program. Phil is also a Licensed Real Estate Broker for Maine.

On October 16, 1950, he married Martha T. Gonthier in Saco, Maine. They have two children; a daughter Janice and a son Thomas.

Phil, was Production Supervisor, New England Division, Maremont Corp., Saco, Maine for many years. He was a very active man with the Public Health Program in York County and was on the Board of Director and Treasurer of the organization. He is a former member of the Biddeford School Board and was active with the Parish Council in Biddeford.

He was a member of the Luke E. Hart Council #260 in Biddeford since 1955. He served in practically all council offices, was a District Deputy for two years and State Historian for one year.

Phil was elected State Treasurer in 1965 for one year, State Secretary in 1966 for one year, and in 1967 was elected State Deputy and served two years from 1967 to 1969. There were no new councils formed during his two terms in office as State Deputy

## **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 1967 TO 1987: Rev. Antonio A. Gosselin**

Father Antonio A. Gosselin was born of Alpee Gosselin and Angelina Moreau in Lewiston, Maine on October 19, 1916 and was baptized on the same day in St. Mary's Church. His elementary schooling was done at St. Mary's school under the direction of the Good Ursuline Sisters of Waterville. From September 1930 to June 1938 he attended St. Hyacinth's College near Montreal where he completed his classical studies with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Montreal. In September 1938, Bishop McCarthy assigned him to St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto where, for four years, he pursued his theological studies. Father was ordained a priest by Bishop McCarthy on May 30, 1942 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland, Maine.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor at Most Holy Trinity Church in Saco and served for 9 years. His later assignments were at Notre Dame in Waterville for 9 years, as pastor of St. Theresa in Stockholm for 7 years, St. Theresa Church in Oakland for 16 months and finally to St. Hyacinth in Westbrook.

In the early 1940's Father Gosselin joined the Knights of Columbus in the Bishop Fenwick Council #2239 in Saco, Maine. In July 1967, Bishop Gerety appointed him as the twelfth State Chaplin for the Maine State Council. Fr. Gosselin served faithfully for twenty years and resigned in 1987.

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

**State Convention** for 1967 was held in Rockland (Samoset Hotel) May 26 - 28, 1967

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**State Convention** for 1969 was held in Brewer (Twin City Motel) May 23 - 24 - 25, 1969