



# THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## Chapter FORTY-FOUR: George E. Cyr 1978 – 1980 Bangor

Our 41'st State Deputy was from Van Buren, Maine, and was one of 17 children. He was born on September 8, 1928. His education included High School, graduating in 1946 and one year in Bangor School of Commerce. Brother George E Cyr and his lovely wife Helena are the proud parents of 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls. They are grandparents of 6 grandchildren and resided in Hermon, Maine.

Brother George E Cyr joined the Knights of Columbus when he joined his home town Van Buren Council No. 1635 in 1948. Eighteen years later after moving to Bangor he transferred his membership to the Pine Cone Council No. 114 in Bangor. George served the Knights in many capacities beginning with Chancellor from 1969 to 1970 and Grand Knight from 1970 to 1972. He was appointed State Membership Director in 1971-74 and State Publicity Director in 1972.

Brother Cyr became a member of the Fourth Degree in 1971, and was elected Faithful Captain of his Assembly, Pine Cone Assembly No. 0339. He was elected Faithful Navigator in 1974 and served for two years.

Brother Cyr was elected State Warden in 1974-75, State Treasurer 1975-77, State Secretary 1977-78 and State Deputy 1978-80. As State Deputy he instituted the "Tootsie Roll" program to raise money for the mental and handicapped persons. P.S.D. William Meador was its first chairman. He also instituted the "Tour" program to raise money for the general fund. Upon his retirement as State Deputy he was appointed New Council Development Director in 1980 and served in this capacity for three years. He is the former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Eastern Transportation. This organization serves the needs of the senior citizens and the handicapped of Penobscot and Piscataquis counties. He was also the Chairman of the Friends of the Levinson Center, Inc. George chaired the project which raised over \$230,000.00 for the construction and upkeep of a building that covered an outdoor swimming pool at the Levinson Center, a home for profoundly mentally and physically disabled.

Brother Cyr returned to the Pine Cone Assembly No. 0339 and was once again elected as Faithful Navigator in 1981 and 1982. Sir Knight Cyr was appointed to the Office of State Master of the Fourth Degree for the Bishop James A. Healy Province of Maine on September 1, 1982 and again on September 1, 1984 by the then Supreme Master Dan McCormack and served till his elevation to Vice Supreme Master on September 1, 1987.

Sir Knight Cyr was directly involved in the institution of Councils in Milo-Brownville, Hampden-Winterport, Cape Elizabeth, Winslow, Bridgton, Winthrop, St. Agatha, So.Portland #8144, Grand Isle and the re-activation of Ellsworth and Castine Councils.

In 1992 he was elected Chairman of Maine's Columbus Quincentennial Gala held in Bangor-Brewer. This was one of the most successful and largest events held in many years. When the Gala took place on September 12, 1992, he was in the hospital with a heart attack, with angioplasties. Many of us can remember marching across the Bangor-Brewer bridge and giving Sir Knight George Cyr an "eyes right salute" as we marched in the parade.



P.S.D., F.M., V.S.M George E. Cyr passed away to his maker on October 23, 2012

## **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**

**Bishop of the Portland Diocese: Most Rev. Bishop Edward Cornelius O'Leary D.D. 1974 to 1988. .**

**State Convention** 1978 was held in Rockport (Treadway Samoset) May 26-27-28, 1978

**State Convention** 1979 was held in Rockport (Treadway Samoset) May 25-26-27, 1979

**State Convention** 1980 was held in Rockport (Treadway Samoset) May 23-24-25, 1980