



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Chapter EIGHT: THE EARLY 1900'S:

STATE DEPUTY 1900-1901: The turn of the century was a slow period for the Knights of Columbus in Maine. No new councils were organized until 1902. The State Deputy was Florence Driscoll of Portland. He was educated in Portland schools and employed at Whites Shoe Store and served as alderman and City Clerk in Portland. He married Geneva Waters and they had no children. He was a charter member of Portland council #101 and served as the council's second Grand Knight. We have no record of him serving as District Deputy. He was elected State Deputy at the Waterville State Convention on February 6, 1900. He held the office for one year.

STATE CHAPLAIN 1900-1901: Rev. Thomas Francis Butler was born in Galbally, Limerick Ireland on August 15, 1846. He attended public school in Ireland and later studied at Holy Cross in 1877. Theology studies were at St. Sulpice, Paris, France for the Diocese of Portland. Father Butler served in Ellsworth and then replaced Monsignor Wallace at St. Joseph's in Lewiston. Father Butler made many changes to improve and beautify St. Joseph's Church. He added windows in the clerestory and improved the parochial residence of the nuns. He brought the Sisters of Mercy to replace the Notre Dame nuns, who had been transferred to Saint Patrick's. Father Butler was appointed the Fourth State Chaplain and served for one year from 1900 to 1901. The **State Convention** for 1900 was held in Waterville on February 6, 1900.

STATE DEPUTY 1901-1902: James Henry Cain was born in Orono on March 1, 1860. He attended Orono High School and the University of Maine; graduating in the class of 1883 with a degree in engineering. He married Annie Louise Powers, of Orono, and they had one daughter. He was a charter member of the Orono Council #152 and served as Deputy Grand Knight with the temporary officers before the regular election. Strange as it seems, he held the offices in the State Council before serving as Grand Knight of his subordinate council. He was State Treasurer from 1900 to 1901 and State Deputy from 1901 to 1902. He served as District Deputy but the date served is not known. Elected at the State convention held in Lewiston on February 5, 1901, he held the office for one year. There were no new councils organized during that year of service.

State Chaplain 1901-1904: Rev. Nicholas Joseph Horan was born in Standish, Massachusetts on November 2, 1858 and attended grammar and high school there from 1870 to 1874. He attended Montreal and St. Michael's from 1874 to 1879. Philosophy and Theology were studied at Joliette from 1879 to 1880. He was ordained a priest at the Grand Seminary in Montreal on December 20, 1884 by Bishop Fabre of the Montreal Diocese for the Diocese of Portland. Father Horan served at Winthrop and Chisolm. He was at Calais from 1901 to 1902. In August 1914 he was transferred to Bath, where he remained until 1927 when he went to St. Dominic's in Portland. Father Horan was the Fifth State Chaplain. He was pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church when he was appointed State Chaplain. He served for three years; from 1901 to 1904.

State Convention for 1901 was held in Lewiston on February 5, 1901.