



THE HISTORY OF MAINE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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CHAPTER NINE: State Deputy 1902-1903

George E. Thompson was a charter member of the Orono Council 152, being one of the organizers of the council and serving as Grand Knight of the temporary officers before the first regular election. He again served as Grand Knight from 1900 to 1902. From 1902 to 1903 he served as State Deputy while from 1904 to 1905 he served as State Warden, which was after his term as state Deputy.

He was born at Orono in 1871. He had one brother William R. who was also a charter member of the Orono council. Brother Thompson attended the public school at Orono and the University of Maine. He graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in engineering. He then attended Boston University and graduated from Law School. Upon graduation from BU he returned to Orono and opened a law office in Bangor. Brother Thompson served as County Attorney and later represented Orono in the House of Representatives.

He married Belle E. Pretto of Orono and they had two daughters. He was a member of the Penobscot Bar Association, Elks Club and the Terratine Club, as well as the Knights of Columbus. He participated actively in all their functions.

While serving as State Deputy, he organized Council No. 673 at Eastport, and No. 680 in Millinocket. Another signal honor accorded Mr. Thompson was the naming of a council at Montague, Maine: on June 9, 1898 as the George Thompson Council No. 342. Since it is the set policy not to name a council for a living person, he is the only person in the jurisdiction of Maine that has been so honored. This council lasted fourteen years before being dissolved and the members transferred to the Orono council. He died at his residence at 28 West Broadway, March 7, 1935 after a long illness.

State Convention for 1902 was held in Portland on February 4, 1902.

STATE DEPUTY 1903-1905:

John J. Boyle was born on January 20, 1865 and joined council No. 101 in Portland as an insurance member sometime between 1894 and 1902. He was elected Grand Knight of Council No. 101 in 1902 and held the office for two years. At the State Convention held at Bath in 1903 he was elected State Deputy which office he held for two terms. One of these years he also was serving as Grand Knight of his council. He was married to Bella. L. Boyle.

He was the seventh State Deputy and there were no new councils instituted during his administration. He was sixty-nine years old at the time of his death.

State Convention for 1903 was held in Bath on May 5, 1903.

State Convention for 1904 was held in Millinocket on May 3, 1904.