

Thomas Anthony Windishar

17th State Deputy of Oregon 1940-1942



Thomas A. Windishar was born December 22, 1895 in Bagdad, PA to John and Mary Tusher Windishar. The family moved to Mt. Angel in 1898 where John Windishar opened a hardware store.

Thomas graduated from Mt. Angel College and in 1916 he went with his brother, R. H., to Sacramento, CA to engage in the tire business until 1918 when they returned to Oregon and bought the McMinnville laundry. In 1923 the then bought the Capital City Laundry in Salem, OR where they owned and ran the business until Thomas's death.

On November 5, 1924, Thomas married Nora Helen Barrett in Yamhill, OR. They

had two children: daughter, JoAnn and son, Francis.

Thomas was a member of the Salem Council 1748.

Thomas was the president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce and members of the Kiwanis, Cherrians and Serra club. He was active in the Boy Scouts, Community chest and civil defense.

Thomas enjoyed fishing, hiking and playing Santa Clause every year at his Laundry Co. Christmas party for his 37 employees.

Thomas A. Windishar died on August 14, 1950 in Salem, OR with a heart ailment at the age of 54. He is buried at Saint James Cemetery in McMinnville, OR

Nora died in 1978 and is buried next to Thomas.



Thomas and Nora - 1924



"To all the leaders of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon I ask that we put our shoulder to the wheel and hold steadfast through these trying days in the true spirit of Knighthood and the up-holding of one another, joining hands in carrying on the spirit of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon." Thomas Windishar - May 24, 1942, 34th State Convention, Pendleton, OR



Thomas from a 1929 newspaper