

William John LaRoche

20th State Deputy of Oregon 1946-1948



William J. LaRoche was born on September, 1906 to Victor and Mary Brunner LaRoche in Wisconsin. At the age of 18 he moved to Salem, OR. William attended Mt. Angel College and Willamette University.

On May 14, 1934, William married Teresa Lutz in Salem, OR. They had five children: Mary, Victor, Frank, Bill and Tom. William later divorced Teresa. Theresa died on February 25, 1967 and is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Mount Angel, OR. On May 24, 1955, William remarried Thelma "Tiny" Cox Maden in Salem, OR.

William owned and operated LaRoche's Tavern in Salem, OR for 26 years. In the 1960's he moved to Clackamas, OR and worked as an electrician.

William was a member of the Salem Council 1748 and a member of the Elks.

William J. LaRoche died on February 19, 1972 in Portland, OR of cancer and is buried at Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem, OR. Thelma died on July 10, 2002 and is buried next to William.

"I cannot but be most humble and the only expression that I can use at this time is, thanks, my brothers, and continue for the good of our beloved Order." William LaRoche, 40th Annual State Convention, May 17, 1948, Bend, OR

