

Sylvester John William Smith

21th State Deputy of Oregon 1948-1950



Sylvester J. W. Smith was born on July 15, 1882 in Lemont, Ill to Peter N. and Anna Bisenius Smith.

Sylvester married Christine Spehn on February 23, 1909 in Fountain City, WI. They had 10 children: Cecilia, Paul, Sylvester, Clara, Frances, Alfred, Bernard, Ambrose, Joseph and Raymond. The couple moved to Burley, ID with their first son in 1910 where Sylvester worked in a law office. Nine years later they settled in St. Paul, OR with 6 more children.

Sylvester operated a garage in Mt. Angel for a short time then became President of the St. Paul bank for which he held that position for 30 years. He was a member of the school board and Oblates of St.

Benedict.

Sylvester joined the Knights in 1905 at the Cascade, Iowa council 930. In 1913 he transferred to the Twin Fall, ID council 1416. Sylvester was a charter member of the Mt. Angel council 1767 and in 1921 he was a charter member of the St Paul council 2221 and their first Grand Knight.

Sylvester served as State Treasure from 1942-1946. He was elected as State Deputy at the 1948 State Convention. During his term as State Deputy, Oregon hosted the 67th Supreme Convention in Portland, OR on August 16th to the 18th 1949.

Sylvester J. W Smith died on April 22, 1964 and is buried at Saint Paul Catholic Cemetery, Saint Paul, OR. Christine died in January 1959 and is buried next to Sylvester.

"This demonstration is dedicated to a protest against suppression of individual freedom throughout the world particularly among those unfortunate people under the yoke of Godless Russia and her satellites." Sylvester Smith, K of C Loyalty Day Parade, April 30, 1949, Portland, OR





Sylvester (seated) with his mother and brother (about 1907)



Sylvester and Christine marriage February 23, 1909

