

Dr. Francis Albert Reiling

23rd State Deputy of Oregon 1952-1954



Francis Albert Reiling was born on January 15, 1906 in Forest Grove, OR to Michael and Rosa Kalsch Reiling. He was a graduate of North Pacific Dental College in Portland, OR. In 1928 Dr. Reiling opened a dental practice in Eugene, OR.

Francis married Helen F. Kowalski on June 14, 1932 in Monroe, OR. They had two children: Beverly A. and Frederick.

Dr. Reiling served as Grand Knight of the Eugene Council 1430 and District Deputy. He was elected as State Deputy in 1952 but never held any other State Office.

In 1977 Helen Reiling died.

In 1980 Dr. Reiling became the Oregon Knight's Historian. He began working on the "History of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon" book. It was never completed or printed for Dr. Francis Reiling died two years later on

February 26, 1982 in Mount Angel, OR. He is buried at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Eugene, OR next to Helen.



Dr. Reiling was always pictured with one hand in his coat pocket.



"My brother Knights, it is with a feeling of inadequacy that I appear before you at this time. When I stop to consider the tremendous accomplishments of my predecessors in this office together with the many things to be done this year I frankly don't know how to start." Dr. F. A. Reiling – October 12, 1952 Portland, OR