

William George Ely

34th State Deputy of Oregon 1973-1975



William George Ely was born on May 18, 1912 in Boise, ID to Roy and Isa Hoisington Ely. The family moved to Oregon around 1920.

William attended Washington High School and received his Degree in Accounting from Northwestern.

William married Ellen Roach on May 3, 1934 in Portland, OR. They had one son, John. William worked 41 years as a Federal Government Accountant for the Bureau of Reclamation in Klamath Falls, OR. After retirement he and Ellen moved to Beaverton, OR



1929 Washington High

William joined the Knights of Columbus in 1946 in the Klamath Falls Council 2255. He was elected Recording Secretary at the first meeting after initiation. He joined the Fourth Degree in 1951. William served as Grand Knight 1951-52, Faithful Navigator 1957-58 and 1977-78, District Deputy, State Treasurer 1971-72, State Secretary 1972-73, Vocational Director and Fourth Degree Marshall. William was elected State Deputy in 1973 at the state convention held in Corvallis, OR.

William G. Ely died on January 27, 1995 in Beaverton, OR and is buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland, OR. Ellen died in 1996 and is buried next to William. Their son John died in 2006.



"It is necessary for us to grow and have a good program in order to create an image in the communities that we live so that we may influence the world, and make it a better place in which to live." William Ely, August 1974

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William George Ely". Below the signature, the text "(Registrant's signature)" is printed in a small font.