

# Robert Canfield Herbage

## 37<sup>th</sup> State Deputy of Oregon 1979-1981



Robert Canfield Herbage was born on June 6, 1923 in Portland, OR to Arthur and Francis Lyberg Herbage.

Robert grew up on a local dairy farm surrounded by a foster family, the Kilkennys. As a young child, he survived osteomyelitis despite antibiotics not yet having been discovered.

In April of 1943, Robert enlisted in the Navy during WWII and was stationed on the U.S.S. Guadalcanal as a mechanic. After his discharge, Robert, attended Oregon State University. In 1947 he moved to Roseburg, OR where he and two other men started a manufacturing business, Keystone Machine Works, to produce machinery for the wood industry worldwide.

In 1947, Robert joined the Knights of Columbus and became a member of the Roseburg Council. His first assignment was to establish a Boy Scout Troop 130 at St. Josephs Parish and was their first Scoutmaster. He continued volunteer work with them until 2006, when he was awarded the Silver Beaver Award.

On September 24, 1949 Robert married Mary Tuchscherer in Roseburg, OR. The couple has eight children: 3 boys and 5 girls. In 1970 Robert sold his business to Con-Vey Keystone but remained with the company until his retirement at the age of 78.

Robert served two years as Grand Knight of the Roseburg Council and received Knight of the year from the Council three different years. Robert served as District Deputy and received District Deputy of the year in 1964 and help form the Brookings Council the same year. He was Faithful Navigator of the Archbishop Ireland Assembly.

Robert served as State Youth, Reinstatement and New Council Development Chairman. He served as State Treasurer from 1973 – 75 and State Secretary from 1975 – 79. Robert was elected State Deputy at the State Convention in 1979 held in Eugene, OR. In 1981 he was appointed Vice Supreme Master of the Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet Province, which he served two years.

Mary died in 2013. Robert C. Herbage died on February 4, 2017 in Beaverton, OR. He and Mary are buried at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Beaverton, OR.



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Mary Herbage

*"We can be a force of defense to our families and a force for change in society through effective programs of action aligned with the dictates of the Holy Father and our Bishops." Robert C. Herbage, March 28, 1980, Roseburg, OR*