

# Matthew Anthony Wagner

## 38<sup>th</sup> State Deputy of Oregon 1981-1983



Matthew Anthony Wagner was born on September 11, 1917 in Sterling, CO to Mathias and Magdelene Boesch Wagner.

As a young boy he and his family lived on a farm and had to drive eighteen miles each day to attend Catholic school. Matthew graduated from St. Anthony's High School in 1935. He was awarded a scholarship to Regis College in Denver, CO. In 1935 he joined the Knights of Columbus in Sterling, CO.

In 1936, Matthew moved to Oregon and found a way to attend Mt. Angel College where he earned a Degree in Business Administration. In 1938 he went to work for Northwestern Ice and Cold Storage Company in

Portland, OR.

In 1941 Matthew entered the service. He graduated from the US Army Flying Training School as a Second Lieutenant. He was stationed during WWII in Alaska out on the Aleutian Chain. He returned to the states and spent the balance of the war on the east coast as an aircraft gunnery instructor. After he was discharged he went back to work at Northwestern Ice and Cold Storage Company for a year until he took a job with the United States National Bank in Mt. Angel, OR.

Matthew married Hazel Gier on June 9, 1942 in Santa Anna, CA at the Army Air Base. The couple had nine children: 4 boys and 5 girls. In 1951, Matthew, was recalled for duty for the Korean War and spent two years in Germany on two different tours. In 1963 he retired and moved his family to Lake Oswego. He then tried real-estate but went back to and received a degree in Computer Science. Matthew worked for three years at Portland Community College as a programmer until he moved to Multnomah County ESD where he worked an additional ten years. He finally retired a second time in 1981.

Matthew was a member of the Lake Oswego Council 3818 and held most of the chairs in the council and was District Deputy for four years. Mathew was State Treasure from 1977-79 and State Secretary from 1979-81. He was elected State Deputy at the 1981 State Convention held in Medford, OR.

Matthew was very active in his parish as chairman of the finance commission, parish census, maintained the audio system and Eucharistic Minister.

Matthew A. Wagner died on March 6, 2014 in Canby, OR and is buried at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Hazel died in 2018 and is buried with Matthew.



*"Membership and activities are our greatest assets. How do you get a new member? Only one answer, "Ask Him." Matthew A Wagner, July 31, 1981, Medford, OR*

