

Frank John “Happy” Lonergan

6th State Deputy of Oregon 1917-1920



FRANK J. LONERGAN

Frank Lonergan was born in Polo Ogle county Illinois on May 27, 1882 to John S and Mary Lynch Lonergan. Frank graduated from Notre Dame in 1904 where he played on the varsity football team 1901-1903. In 1903, Lonergan scored three TD's in one game. Against DePauw, he scored four rushing TD's and kicked six extra points. After graduation, he came to Portland to teach history and economics and to coach football at Columbia University, which later became the University of Portland until 1908. He then was admitted to the Oregon bar and practiced his profession in Portland of the law firm of Griflith Leiter & Allen. In 1912, Frank was united in marriage to Jean James nee Davidson a native of Texas. Jean died in 1935 and they had no children.

He Served six terms in the Oregon Legislature (1925-1933 and 1939-1941). He was acting Governor in 1933 while holding office as Speaker of the House (Republican). As Judge of the Circuit Court of Oregon, he was one of the first Judges to permit news photography during trials in his courtroom.

Lonergan was a prominent and active member of the Knights of Columbus being a Past Grand Knight of Portland Council (1911-1912), Past State deputy and at the supreme convention held at New York City was elected supreme director for a term of three years.

Frank became the grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks 1943-1944

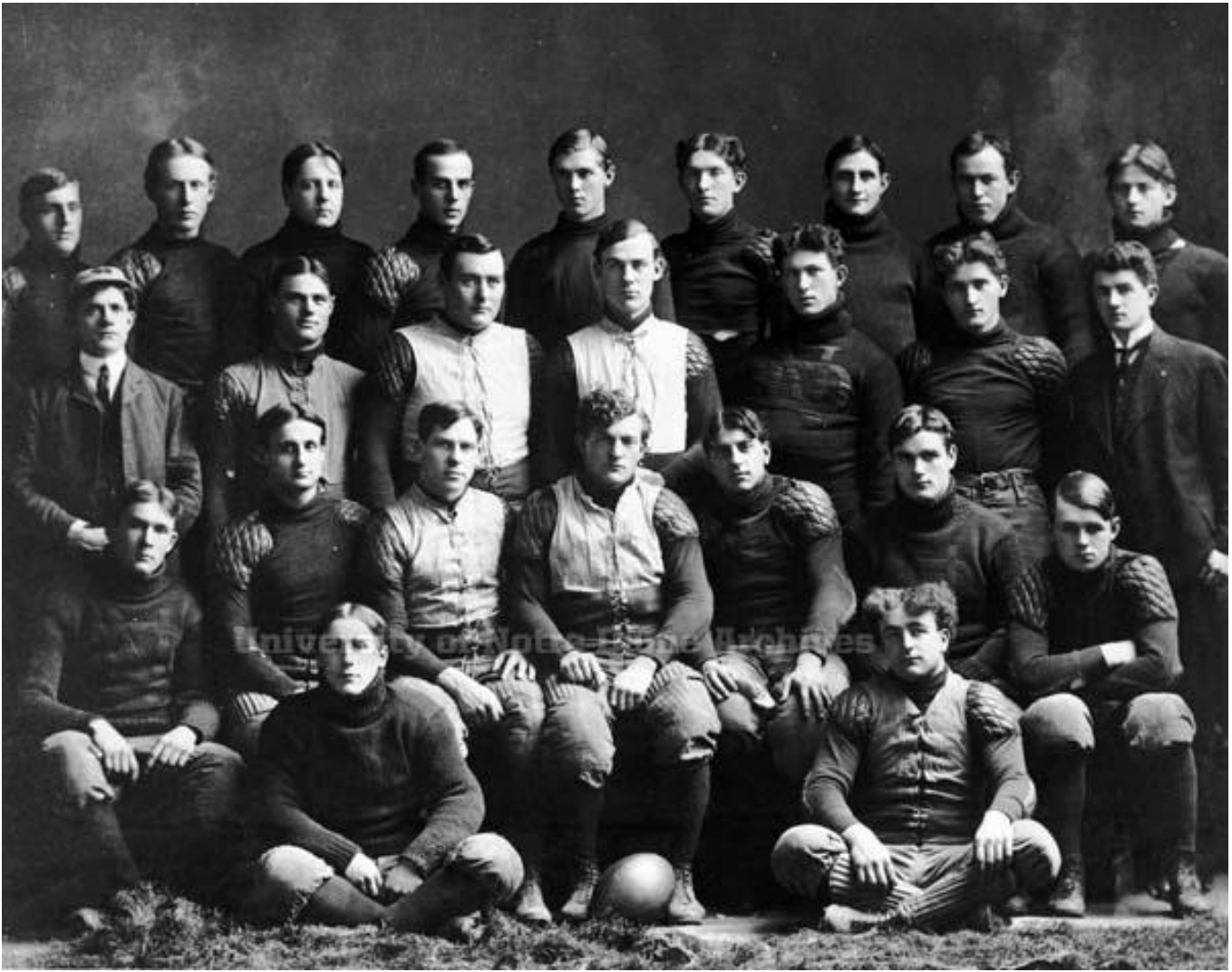
Frank Lonergan died October 4, 1961 in Portland and is buried at the Mount Calary Cemetery, Portland, OR. He has the largest grave marker of all the Oregon Past State Deputies.



“We are in this work, we have accomplished much, and we shall stay in it until the very end, but as it increases, so too the attendant expenses of the services to which we have devoted ourselves.”

Frank Lonergan - State convention, May 27, 1918, Portland, OR

Tom Radel
State Historian



1903 Notre Dame Football Team - Frank (Happy) Lonergan (far left second row from bottom)



Judge Frank John (Happy) Lonergan's grave Mount Calvary Cemetery, Portland, OR