

# Parade of Past State Deputies

## Joseph Jerome Gibney

32<sup>nd</sup> State Deputy of Oregon 1969-1971



Joseph Jerome Gibney was born May 5, 1924 in Motley, MN to Charles and Berniece Monahan Gibney. He grew up in rural Motley, MN, a farming community, where his family raised cattle and grain. Joseph met the love of his life, Patricia Hoemberg, in the seventh grade, at the local Catholic School. Joseph graduated from the University of Minnesota.

He married Patricia in Atlantic City in 1945, just before being shipped out during World War II. He served United States Coast Guard from December 1942 to November 1945. After completing his military tour, Joseph went to work for Pillsbury Flour Mills. He and Patricia went on to have six children: Suzanne, Maribeth, Colleen, Tom, Rob, and Therese. The family lived in Minneapolis, MN and Sioux City, IA, as he was promoted within his career. Finally, Joseph was hired by Atwood Larson Grain Company and moved to Lake Oswego, OR in 1959. He opened the new West Coast Grain Brokerage Office, as the Vice President of Atwood Larson. Joseph finished his 30 year career there before retiring in 1980.

Joseph joined the Knights of Columbus in Minneapolis, MN in 1947 and was an active member of the 3818 Lake Oswego Council, acting as Grand Knight and Financial Secretary. He served as District Deputy 2 from 1967 to 1969. He was elected as State Deputy in 1969 at the State Convention held in Portland, OR but never held any other State Office. Joseph served as Faithful Navigator of the Archbishop Seghers Assembly and Oregon Master of the Fourth Degree.

Joseph continued his service to Our Lady of the Lake Parish for many years serving on the Finance Committee and as a Eucharistic Minister and director of the Oregon Right to Live and Catholic Charities.

One of Joseph's greatest joys was building a new home on Lake Oswego, where he spent the summers teaching his children and grandchildren how to ski and drive a boat. Memories of Boat Parades, 4th of July's, Birthdays and Christmas' are precious. Their home was always filled with love and laughter.



In retirement, he volunteered at Meridian Park Hospital, working as a chaplain for 25 years. He also remained active as a Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of the Lake.

Joseph was known his entire life for his hilarious sense of humor, but especially after he and Patricia moved to Carman Oaks in 2011. Joseph would “hold court” at the dining room table and have the residents laughing at his delightfully dry sense of humor. One resident referred to his jokes as being “dry as toast”.

Patricia died in 2020.

Joseph Jerome Gibney died on August 1, 2023 in Portland, OR and is buried at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Lake Oswego, OR



*"Today when love of self becomes more prevalent than love of God. Today we must extend the hand of love and respect our clergy and hold up the arms of Holy Mother Church until the storm subsides and we the Knights, The Pillar of the Church, are still standing by her side guiding others by our example of love of church, love of God."  
Joseph Gibney, July 18, 1969, Tualatin, OR*

