

Malcolm "Doc" Daniel Gilligan, D.D.S
February 10, 1921 – February 11, 1986
(State Deputy 1963 – 1968)



Born in Gillett Wisconsin, Malcolm "Doc" Gilligan attended Wisconsin State Teachers College and graduated from the Georgetown University School of Dentistry in 1951. After that he served in private practice of dentistry in Westminster, Maryland.

Doc was introduced to his future bride by a fellow student friend via blind date at a local art gallery. He and Maria were married on June 17th 1943, at Walter Reed Medical Center, Wash., D.C. by the Walter Reed Chaplain.

Children followed later with the arrival of Michael David Gilligan born on October 15, 1956; adopted daughter, Miriam Esther Gilligan, born June 29, 1961 and adopted May of the next year; and Patrick Gerard Gilligan born on December 1, 1962.

Doc joined the Order in March, 1955, when he received his First Degree in Westminster Council No. 1393. Remembering the charge that he received in that Degree to "be active in the Council," he served as Advocate in Westminster Council #1393, and in 1957 was elected Grand Knight. He served three terms as GK and during that time membership of the Council was increased 43% and was awarded the prestigious Star Council Award. Also

for the first time in 50 years, the Council became owners of a Council Home.

Doc joined the Fourth Degree in 1958 and served as Faithful Navigator of Cardinal Gibbons Assembly from 1967 to 1969. He served as Master of the Maryland District from 1968 to 1969 and on the Masters Committee for five years. Serving as a Delegate to the 82nd Supreme Convention, Doc gained valuable information that he used as Chairman of the Council Participation Program for the 83rd Supreme Convention in Baltimore.

In 1960-61, Doc was elected Delegate to the Supreme Convention and served as Assistant Chairman of the State Membership Committee. He served two consecutive years (61-63) as District Deputy. During that time he instituted one new Council, Immaculate Lady Council No. 5208. In 1963, due to his many accomplishments, Doc was selected as a Candidate to be placed on the official slate of State Officers as State Secretary to serve during the 63-64 term. While State Secretary he instituted another new Council, Monsignor McAdams No. 5564 and was instrumental in the organization of two others, Holy Family No. 5547 and Fr. Manyanet No. 5567. Doc prepared two manuals for use by the State Council - "A Manual for District Wardens" and "The Installation of Officers" which is used by District Deputies. He also prepared a lecture-demonstration on "Procedures and Protocol in the Council Chambers" for presentation to Councils.

Professionally, Doc was a Member of the Baltimore City Dental Society, the American Dental Association, Amicron Kappa Upsilon (National Dental Honor Society), Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society for Carroll County, and regular speakers group for the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center at Springfield State Hospital.

In addition to his duties as State Secretary, Doc served as: Master of Ceremonials for the Maryland State Council; member of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men; member of the Holy Name Society, Faithful Comptroller of James Cardinal Gibbons General Assembly, Trustee in Westminster Council No. 1393; President of his Councils Home Association; was active in the campaign against pornographic literature at the state level; and was Chairman of that committee in Westminster Council. He designed and made the distinctive State Officers Lapel pin, which through a resolution, was adopted as the official

emblem for use by our State Officers. (The first pins were said to be made of solid gold using material from the extracted teeth of Docs patients.)

Doc also produced slides and rewrote the lecture to bring the slide-lecture program "Robes and Paraphernalia of the Order" up to date. Doc was a Delegate to the Maryland-D.C. Fraternal Congress on April 23, 1966 and was elected to the Board of Directors.

The Major Degree exemplified for the Charter Classes of Holy Family, Father Manyanet and Msgr. McAdams Councils was conducted in his honor. Also Msgr. McAdams and Holy Family Councils named Doc as Honored Guest at Charter Night banquets, and he was guest of honor at and cut the ribbon for the dedication and official opening of the new Council home occupied by Father Manyanet Council.

He served as Toastmaster on many occasions, such as the 83rd Supreme Convention, a dinner for the Supreme Officers and Directors and the Convention Chairman and a testimonial banquet given for the entire Convention Committee on November 28, 1965.

In the fight against pornography, Doc presented lectures and discussions, complete with the showing of the film "Perversion for Profit*" on several occasions, notably at: an inter-denominational citizens meeting for over 100 people in Carroll Council, sponsored by Westminster Council; inter-denominational meeting in Hyattsville sponsored by Bishop McNamara Chapter; a Methodist Men's Club in Prince Georges County; a Parent-Teacher Association meeting in College Park; and an interdenominational meeting in Oakland, sponsored by Oakland Council.

In July, 1965, a Master of Ceremonials, Doc directed the Seminar section having to do with the Ceremonials of the Order; directed and had the Grand Knight part on the special First Degree Team which exemplified the First Degree for 68 candidates at the summer First Degree sponsored by the Baltimore Chapter; organized and directed the Chapter Honorary Degree for 34 Honorary and Honorary Life members of the Councils in the Baltimore Chapter and presented Robes and Paraphernalia lecture on nine occasions, including an appearance at the mid-year meeting of the Virginia State Council in Richmond, Virginia

Doc died one day after his 65th birthday in Westminster Md. and was survived by his widow Maria who in 2006 still remained active in the community such as the Historical Society of Carroll County and the Carroll Co. Library and Genealogy Society.