

Lewis A. List

August 10, 1902 – December 1979
(State Deputy 1943 – 1946)



Lewis A. List was born on August 10, 1902 in Baltimore Maryland, the son of John F. and Heinricka Herpig List. He attended Fourteen Holy Martyrs' School. Lewis and his wife Katherine List (nee Kennedy), daughter of Walter E. Kennedy, Sr., were the parents of a son and two daughters, Dennis, Patricia Heffron and Sister Katherine, S.S.N.D. They also had four grandchildren.

Lewis' career in the meat packing business spanned over thirty years and during that time he saw service with the U.S. Government as a meat inspector, the Greenwalt Meat Packing Company, Carroll Meat Products and The List Provision Company. From 1962 to 1974 Lou served as dietary consultant to several State and City correctional institutions and was awarded multiple citations for his work in this field. He was been honored by the Mayor of Houston, Texas, Mayor Schaffer of Baltimore City and Maryland's Governor Mandel.

Lew received his Knighthood Degree in 1931 at Patapsco Council No. 1960, and became Grand Knight of the Council in 1935, serving three terms from 1935 thru 1938. While serving as Grand Knight, he was instrumental in obtaining the first school buses for parochial school children in Maryland, when Howard County received this service in 1936.

He also served as President of the Beaumont Holding Corporation and President of the Patapsco Credit Union. Lou joined the Fourth Degree in 1939 at Charles Carroll of Carrollton General Assembly. Lew also served as Grand Commander of Alcala Caravan of the Order of the Alhambra, a member of Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, Fourth Degree and as an active member of the Maryland State Council Major Degree Team.

At the Maryland State Council Convention in Frederick in 1943, Lew was elected State Deputy and served for 3 terms. His service as State Deputy was during the World II years and his many achievements include the obtaining of funds for free school busses for parochial school children in 1936, successful fund raising drives during WW II, providing entertainment for members of the armed forces at U.S.O. Centers and hospitals during WW II, spearheading major social events such as the Military Ball and Pageant at the Alcazar in 1943 which attracted twenty-two hundred persons, organization and guidance of "Inter-Faith Night" and his most cherished memory, that of April 30, 1944 when a capacity audience of Catholics, Jews and Protestants gathered in Ford's Theatre in Baltimore to see the premiere of a Technicolor motion picture entitled "Thoughtful Care", depicting the work of the Catholic Charities of Baltimore. The picture was the gift of the Knights of Columbus of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights to Archbishop Michael J. Curley, to assist him in his annual drive for funds for the Catholic Charities in this area. The picture was presented to the Archbishop amid a concert setting, during the course of which the world famous soprano, Miss Jessica Dragonette, was the guest soloist. Miss Dragonete in 1942, received from His Holiness Pope Pius XII, La Croce Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice Medal.

State Deputy List, seeing the need and cooperation of the Order with the State, created a State Legislative Committee. Its duties were to examine the subject matter of bills and resolutions introduced in the Senate and House of the Legislative bodies and to determine the effect thereof upon Catholics and Catholics interests and the fundamental relationship between the State and its citizens. State Senator Joseph R. Byrnes, the chairman of this committee, together with other brothers who were members of the State Legislature, rendered excellent service to the Church, State and the Order.

Lou, numbered among his acquaintances many outstanding men and women representing various political philosophies, professional fields and the business world. His fondest memories are the memories of Francis P. Matthews, Supreme Knight, 1939-45.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated for Lew at St. Agnes Church on New Year's Eve morning 1980. An honor guard of the Fourth Degree were present. Pall bearers were: Bernard J. Zeller, Sr., State Deputy; Francis G. McFarland, Past State Deputy; Joseph C. DuBay, District Deputy; Carroll Lauer, Past Grand Knight; and Brothers Herbert Ganzrinn and Raymond X. Necesson. Father Francis W. Fortentenbaugh was the principal concelebrant and preached the homily, extolling Lew for his years of dedicated service to his family, his parish and our Order. Other concelebrants were; Rev. James H. Dowdy, Jr., State Chaplain; Revs. Ross A. LaPorta and Joseph C. Simmons, Former State Chaplains; Rev. Michael D. Sergi; Rev. Jerry Moody and Rev. Jerry Huesman. Msgr. Maurice W. Roche, Former State Chaplain, was present in the sanctuary. Survivors included his wife, the former Katherine Kennedy, (daughter of Past State Deputy Walter E. Kennedy), two daughters, Patricia Heffron, of Factoryville, Pa. and Sister Katherine McElgunn, S.S.N.D. of Baltimore; a son Dennis McElgunn, of Catonsville; a sister, Lena A. Thomann, of Catonsville and seven grandchildren.