



Joseph James Monahan, Jr
Fourth District Master
1962-1966
(1911-1971)

Joseph James Monahan, Jr. was born on October 28, 1911, the son of Joseph and Edith Reed Shivler. He grew up in Pennsgrove, NJ, and graduated from Salesianum Catholic High School in Wilmington, DE. In 1934, he married Anna Elizabeth Groppenbacher of Swedesboro, NJ. They had three son, Joseph III. Patrick, and Thomas. He was employed by E. I, Du Pont De Nemours & Co., Inc., as an instrument mechanic and shortly earned his way into management. He moved with DuPont to the Louisville, KY Neoprene Plant during the 1940s and moved to Aiken, SC in 1952 for the construction and startup the Savannah River Plant. He retired in 1976 after 42 years of service as the Maintenance and Electrical Manager of three nuclear material production reactors.

Moving to Aiken in 1952, he and his family became members of St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church. He was an active member of the Holy Names Society in the parish. He became a board member of the Diocese of Charleston Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and received the Pope St. Pius X Award from Bishop Paul J. Hallinan in 1959 for his missionary work in South Carolina.

He joined the Knights of Columbus in the early 1930s in Swedesboro, NJ and became a Fourth Degree Knight soon after. He maintained his membership until his death in 1981.

He was a charter member of the Bishop Ignatius A. Reynolds Council #3684 (which became the Msgr. George Lewis Smith Council #3684) in Aiken, SC. Upon moving to South Carolina, He maintained his Fourth Degree membership as part of Assembly #724 in Columbia (which became Assembly #1072). In 1960, He started the Bishop Ignatius A. Reynolds Assembly #3684 (which became the Msgr. George Lewis Smith Assembly #1074) in Aiken, SC as the Charter Faithful Navigator. In 1962, he was appointed the Fourth South Carolina District Master of the Fourth Degree and served two terms until 1966.

He was known as a loving husband and father, a devout Catholic and a respected gentleman.

He died October 16, 1981.