



**Robert M. Bissey**  
**Ninth District Master**  
**1980-1984**  
**(1923-2005)**

Robert Myers Bissey was born on May 4, 1923, in Plainville, IN, to Elliot Ellory and Bertha Myers Bissey. He married Pauline Slota Bissey in 1947. They had seven children and eleven grandchildren.

Robert Bissey graduated from Indiana State University.

During World War II and the Korean Conflict, Robert Bissey served as a pilot in the US Coast Guard. He retired as a Captain after serving 38 years of combined active and reserve duty.

Following active duty, he joined United Services Life Insurance Company and moved his family to Charleston in 1956. He became active in his church and community. He and his wife were active members of Blessed Sacrament Church where he was most recently a member of the Senior Church Choir. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus having served as Grand Knight of Rev. P. N. Lynch Council #704, and Faithful Navigator of Rev. P.N. Lynch Assembly #1071. In 1980, he was appointed the ninth South Carolina District 4th Degree and Master. He served two terms and served as the District Master until 1984.

Mr. Bissey was also a Past President of the Bishop England High School Triple B Club, an associate member of the Lion's Club International and the Irish Historical Society. A member of the Country Club of Charleston, he was an avid golfer, having scored two holes-in-one. During retirement, he continued golfing and pursued gardening and bridge.

He died on April 30, 2005.