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RAY PRUSZKOWSKI ELECTED GRAND KNIGHT "HOME GROWN" GRAND KNIGHT

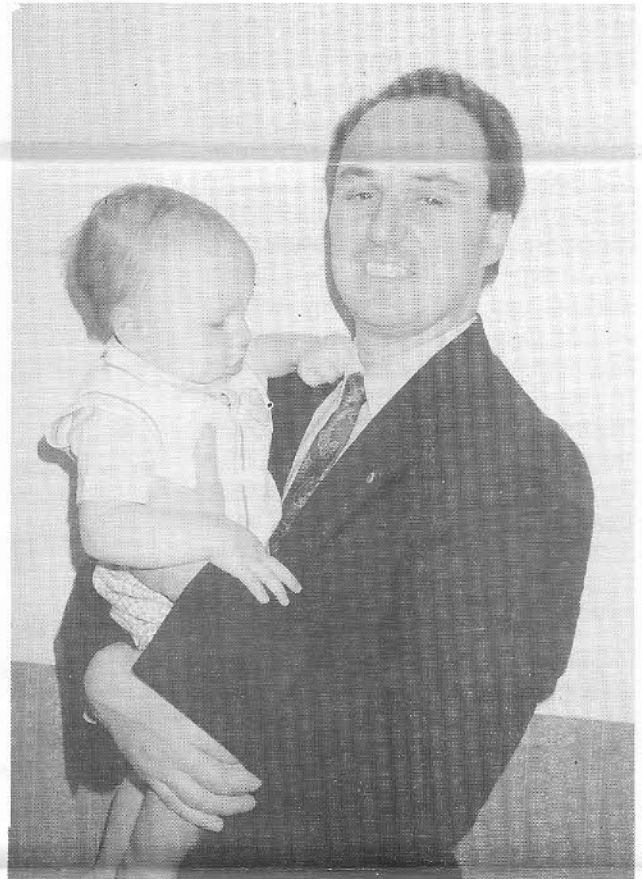
First, I want to thank my brother Knights, for placing your trust and confidence in me by electing me Grand Knight of your council. Union Council has a long and distinguished record of service by its Grand Knights. It is an honor to be counted among those men who have held the office of Grand Knight for Union Council. On a greater scale, it is certainly a privilege to be the leader of the largest council in New Jersey. I will do my best to continue the fine traditions of this council and to enhance its reputation. If you think I could be doing a better job, please let me know.

I would be sorely remiss if I did not also thank the Good Lord for the many gifts and blessings he has bestowed upon me (and this council and this nation). All that I am and all that I have is from him. He has been most generous.

On a more personal level, I feel very much at home at our council 'home' for I have quite literally grown up here. I was at our poolside when I was 6 months old in the baby pool. I learned to swim here. I swam in my first competitive race here (I finished last). I was on the swim team for a number of years. Later, I was a lifeguard at our pool and still later, I had the job of cleaning up the picnic grounds. When I was old enough, I joined the council and bartended for a while. A few years ago, I was asked to get involved with the council and I reluctantly agreed. Since then, I have, like many other brothers, given sweat and blood (literally, at blood drives) for this council. But, I have also received a great deal from this council: the satisfaction in knowing that the charitable work we do is helpful and needed, the fraternity and camaraderie of my brothers and their families, and the sharing of our faith.

So, I ask you to get involved and volunteer for a committee. I believe that you will receive back at least as much as you put in. This council and I need and want your support and your ideas. Please get involved.

Congratulations to the elected officers of the Council, the Columbian Club and the Swim Club. On behalf of my wife Kathleen and my son Sean, we would like to wish you all a happy and healthy summer.



Newly Elected Grand Knight Ray Pruszkowski with his son Sean.

START WITH YOURSELF

The following words were written on the tomb of an Anglican Bishop (1100 A.D.) in the Crypts of Westminster Abbey:

When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew

older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change my country. But it, too, seemed immovable. As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it.

And now as I lie on my deathbed, I suddenly realized: *If I had only changed my self first*, then by example I would have changed my family.

From their inspiration and encouragement, I would then have been able to better my country and, who knows, I may have even changed the world. --Anonymous

