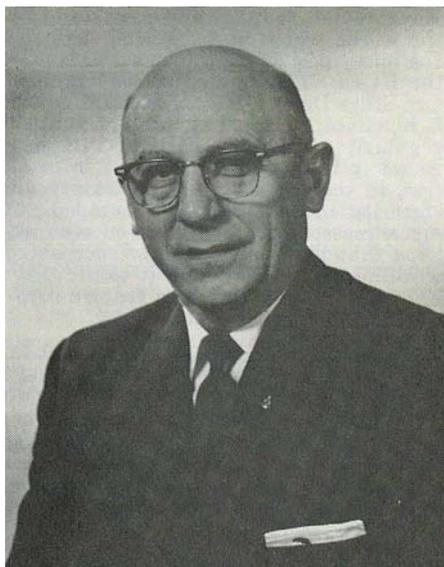


Frank J. Heiner Jr

September 12, 1913 – February 9, 1993
(State Deputy 1968 – 1970)



Frank J. Heiner, Jr. was born in West Baltimore on September 12, 1913 to Frank and Mary Lears Heiner. He attended Fourteen Holy Martyrs School and the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. On April 9, 1931, he entered the employment of the Monumental Life Insurance Company, where he spent the rest of his working years, until his retirement in September 1978.

Frank married Constance Kelley on September 2, 1939 and they had one son, Lee, who is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and is a 4th Degree Knight. The Heiner family spent just about all of their years, except the first two, residing in the Shrine of the Little Flower Parish, where Frank was a member of the Holy Name Society and served as an usher. Connie was a member of the Shrine Choir. Lionel electric trains were a big part of the Heiner family and the train layouts in their Christmas gardens were the envy of the neighborhood.

Frank joined Maryland Council No. 370 in 1953 and immediately became active, serving on various committees and in chairmanships. Frank served as General Program Chairman for Maryland Council for two terms 1955-57, and in 1956, he received the honors of the 4th Degree in Charles Carroll of Carrollton General Assembly. Recognizing his talents, the council elected him Warden for the 1957-58 term. Maryland Council had a stringent requirement in those days. When a man was elected Warden, he was expected to do all of his degree parts in both the First and Second Degrees in every single office while going through the chairs and Frank was no exception to this rule. As Deputy Grand Knight, he served as chairman of the most successful oyster roast in the council's history. He spent his weekends visiting many sick Brothers in the various hospitals and was awarded a 4th Degree sword as the outstanding council officer for the 1959-60 term.

Frank received the council's highest honor by being elected Grand Knight for 1960-61. A memorable occasion during Frank's term as Grand Knight was a St. Anne de Beaupre night at the Basilica with 500 people in attendance. He served as Editor of the State Bulletin from May, 1961 until June, 1963. In 1963, Frank was appointed District Deputy, an office which he successfully filled for three successive years. During this time, he also served as General Chairman of the State Council's annual Columbus Day Ball and instituted Loch Raven Council No. 5687. It was also during this time that he served as President of the Cheese Club (the monthly communion club of Baltimore and Maryland Councils).

Frank served as State Treasurer for two terms 1966-68. He was an honored guest of Maryland Council No. 370, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council No. 2452 and Loch Raven Council No. 5687, served as State New Council Development Chairman, ticket chairman for the 83rd Supreme Convention, delegate to the 1967 Supreme Convention, twice as chairman of the State Reunion, member of the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus Home in Baltimore City for 12 years and as President for 5 years, Director of the 3rd Degree Team for 12 years and was a member of the State Scholarship Committee for 10 years and chairman for 6 years. The State Council paid him the highest honor by electing him State Deputy in 1968 and he served for two very successful years. Frank lost his wife Connie in 1973.

Frank's record in the 4th Degree is equally outstanding. He served as 4th Degree Exemplification banquet chairman for 7 years, was in the 4th Degree Choir for 2 years and was one of the exemplifiers for 18 years. He served as Master of Maryland District No. 1 for 6 years. In 1976, he transferred to Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly, where he served as Pilot, Captain, Navigator, Admiral and Trustee. Frank was an honored guest at 4th Degree Exemplifications in 1982 and again in 1989. He was also the honored guest of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights for the 1982-83 term.

When the Monumental Life Insurance Company switched its operation to computers, Frank was on the ground floor and underwent intensive training in New York City. He spent 20 years in data processing and when he retired, he was supervisor of the mail pay department.

Frank was recognized by State Deputy Andrew C. Bauer as his Honoree at the 91st Maryland State Convention in 1989. Shortly thereafter, Frank's health started to fail him and he passed on February 9, 1993, joining his wife Connie who predeceased him in 1973. He is interred in Loudon Park Cemetery and was survived by his son Lee, his sister Teresa and his friend of 17 years, Boots Ennis.