

Anthony Marchakitus
Knights of the Round Table
Honorary
Class of 2011

Nominated by Committee

Mr. Marchakitus was born on May 25, 1922, in Plymouth, PA and attended Lehman Schools. He spent two years in East Stroudsburg State Teachers College when World War II interrupted his plans and he joined the military. He served in the Pacific Theater where he was stationed in Guam and saw action in Iwo Jima. After the war, Mr. Marchakitus returned to East Stroudsburg University where he attained his B.S. degree in education. He graduated from Bucknell University in 1950 with his Master's degree. He began his teaching career at Lehman Township in the fall of 1947 where he also coached football, basketball and baseball.

Evolution of the Lehman Township School District via jointures provided opportunities to coach different entities such as Lehman Township, Lehman-Jackson and Lehman-Jackson-Ross Townships. During his coaching tenure, the 1947 to 1954 football teams enjoyed the most success winning the "Old Shoe Trophy" as Lehman Township in 1949, Lehman-Jackson in 1950 and Lehman-Jackson-Ross in 1953 and 1954.

Mr. Marchakitus was appointed first principal of Lehman-Jackson-Ross High School in July of 1955, and exchanged coaching for administration of academics and athletics. He assisted in the final consolidation of school districts when Lake and Noxen Townships joined Lehman-Jackson-Ross and formed the Lake-Lehman School District in 1958.

In 1965 Mr. Marchakitus became a member of the District II P.I.A.A. committee and served as treasurer of District II during the most capable leadership of Chairman Frank S. Zavacki and Thomas R. Kelly. He was elected to the chairmanship of District II in 1975 and served 13 years in that capacity. During this period, he had the privilege of serving as a member of the state P.I.A.A. Board of Control; elected by this body as Treasurer from 1984-1988.

He also served the academic community as a member of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School Principals and as President of the association in 1972.

A great deal of joy and satisfaction was gained by his serving very talented, interesting and dedicated people throughout the Commonwealth, and most especially those in District II whom he found were seldom equaled and never surpassed.

Mr. Marchakitus married the late Virginia King. They have two children Linda, married and residing in Fairfax, VA and Mark, an attorney in Wellesley, Massachusetts.