



**Name:** Michael W. Karaffa

**Residence:** Strongsville, Ohio

**Lodge:** 302

**Personal/Educational Information:**

Married to wife Jean with 3 adult children

Lifelong member St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church

Byzantine Catholic High School Parma, Ohio

Cleveland State University—Bachelor of Arts Degree/Political Science & Communications

**Work Experience:**

20 years—GCU National Director

39 years—Account Executive-The Sheakley Group-Third Party Administrator

10 years—Local, County, State & Federal Administration

4 years—Congressional Aide to United States Congressman

2 years —Life Insurance Agent-New York Life

**Why you should be (re)elected?:**

With my 20 years of experience as a National Director of the GCU, I have the leadership skills with a proven record to continue to support the GCU as a growing financial force as well as protect our legacy as a Fraternal organization.

# Michael W. Karaffa

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Strongsville, OH 44149

## Professional Experience

1981–Present	The Sheakley Group	Cincinnati, OH
<b>Account Executive</b>		
Third Party Administrator specializing in Ohio Workers Compensation		
1980 to 1981	State of Ohio	Cleveland, OH
<b>Claims Investigator</b>		
Industrial Commission/Workers Compensation		
1977 to 1980	County of Cuyahoga	Cleveland, OH
<b>Water Treatment Plant Manager</b>		
1973 to 1977	City of Seven Hills	Seven Hills, OH
<b>Assistant Service Director</b>		
1974 to 1977	United States Congress	Cleveland, OH
<b>Administrative Aide to Congressman, Ronald M. Mottl</b>		

## Additional Professional Activities

1973 to 1974 Member – Recreation Commission, City of Seven Hills, OH  
1974 to 1977 Member – Planning Commission, City of Seven Hills, OH

## Education

Cuyahoga Community College	Parma, OH
<b>Associate of Arts – Political Science</b>	
Cleveland State University	Cleveland, OH
<b>Bachelor of Arts – Political Science &amp; Communication</b>	

## Fraternal

2001 to Present – National Director, GCU Board of Directors  
1998 to 2000 - President, GCU District Three  
1997 to 1998 – Treasurer, GCU District Three  
1987 to 2000 – Athletic Director, GCU Lodge 302  
**Lifetime Member – GCU**

## Personal

Married – Jean  
Children – Janine, Bryan and Kara  
Lifetime Member of St. Joseph's Byzantine Catholic Church, Brecksville, OH  
100 % GCU Family