

## Honored for humanitarianism

# Knighthood flowers in Farmington

By DIANE HUBEL

One would not expect to find a Knight in Farmington any more than they would expect to find a fire-breathing dragon.

However, on Monday, January 7, Dr. J. Harold Ellens, pastor at University Hills Church, was inducted into the "Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta."

The order is under the auspices of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.

The Knighthood was bestowed upon Ellens by H.S.M. Prince Robert Bassaraba von Brancovan at the First Presbyterian Church in New York.

Friends of the pastor and members of his congregation joined together recently to honor him with a special celebration. A dinner in his honor was held at the Drawbridge in Northville, Michigan.

"WHEN I FIRST heard about the order I thought it was some kind of Mickey Mouse deal," Ellens said. Then I started to do some research and found out what a great honor it is."

The Knights of Malta is a military and hospitaller order which was founded in the eleventh century in Jerusalem. The American order was established in 1968.

Until the American branch was established, the honor was confined to members of noble birth. In America it is awarded to men and women who make outstanding contributions to humanity.

According to "Knights of Malta" the honor is conferred upon individuals "whose dedication to international, national, state or community needs reflects a universal understanding of man's responsibilities to man."

Ellens was nominated for the order by a member of the Knighthood who heard a series of lectures Ellens

was giving at the U.S. Army Chaplain School in Ft. Hamilton, New York.

The lectures dealt with ethics in national and international affairs. Ellens said his lectures, "challenged the immorality of the policy of enlightened self-interest."

HE SAID, "The idea was that every nation should have the responsibility to employ natural resources and power to insure the wholesome interest of the family of nations rather than selfish self-interest. It was a rather distinctive stand at that time, which was during the course of the Vietnam war."

He was nominated for the Knighthood three years before he was called and told that he had been accepted. A person must be nominated by another member of the order before he can be considered.

He is entitled to use the title of Sir Harold as a result of being a member of the order.



SIR HAROLD

## John McDonald files for county candidacy

FARMINGTON—John J. (Jack) McDonald, Farmington Hills attorney has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the 27th District seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

McDonald is a former Oakland County prosecutor.

The 27th District encompasses the City of Farmington and much of the southern portion of Farmington Hills. The incumbent, Wilbur Brotherton, recently announced that he will vacate the position.

McDonald, 34, a partner in the law firm of Fainstuck, Shwedel, Roether, Wolfman & McDonald, has been a resident of the Farmington area since 1966.

Active in civic, government and community programs, he is a member of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and the newly-organized Farmington Optimist Club.

He is a member of the board of directors, and treasurer, of the Farmington Area Advisory Council, a youth-oriented substance abuse rehabilitation organization.

McDonald is also active as a member of the St. Clare Assisi parish in Farmington Hills.

A 1970 graduate of the Detroit College of Law, McDonald holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit and a master's degree in social studies from Wayne State University.

He taught for three years in the Detroit school system and went on to become an assistant prosecuting attorney and Circuit Court trial attorney for Oakland County.

McDonald is a former member of the National District Attorneys Association, and is presently a member of the Oakland County Bar Association.

In announcing his candidacy for the commissioner's seat, McDonald said that his campaign will center around personal contact and communication with the residents of his district.

"It is an unfortunate circumstance that most people are not aware of a County Commissioner's responsibility," explained McDonald. "I hope to advise people about this level of their local government and in so doing, show them how a concerned representative can be of service to them."

McDonald, his wife, Sharon, and three children, reside at 29681 Moran, Farmington Hills.



JOHN J. McDONALD

## New paving program slated for Farmington city streets

FARMINGTON — Despite predictions a road building engineers strike may prohibit completion of the program this summer, Farmington will begin an asphalt overlay program over five streets.

The council sent out questionnaires to the residents of Oakland, Macomb, Wilmarth, Cass and Warner Streets to determine whether or not the residents would be willing to participate in such a program.

At least 52 percent of the residents on the streets agreed. The program will cost residents \$1.90

per front foot. The city-at-large share will be \$3,332.24.

Proposed improvements include an asphalt overlay over the existing surface.

Road gravel will be applied to the shoulder area so that the shoulder will be level with the new asphalt.

City Manager Robert F. Deadman said his office will make every effort to speed the program and complete it during this construction season, although the road building engineers strike may prohibit it unless the strike is settled quickly.

The council also accepted the bid of Gaglio Bros., cement contractors, to replace broken sidewalks on Grand River, Farmington Road and portions of Oakland and State streets.

The cost is 65 cents per sq. ft. for four inch concrete replacement, 75 cents per sq. ft. for six inch concrete replacement and 20 cents per sq. ft. for removal of the concrete.

Deadman said the city will offer the same price to residents who want their sidewalks replaced. Those citizens who are interested should contact the city managers office.

## What time is it?

First it was Mickey Mouse. Then along came Spiro Agnew.

Now, thanks to Southfield businessman Marty Mattler, there is a Richard Nixon watch.

The wristwatch features the cartoon face of the smiling president, his hands raised in the familiar two finger salute. Around him is the legend "Impeachment Time!"

and in smaller letters "with honor."

Mattler, who is in the medical supply business, said he originally planned to develop a watch promoting his own business.

But through various stages and designs, the impeachment watch evolved.



## Sen. Faxon withdraws from 17th Dem race

State Sen. Jack Faxon withdrew Monday from the race for the Democratic nomination in the 17th

Reilly is judge

Bernard Reilly, a faculty member of Oakland County Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills, has been selected as a regional judge for the 1974 National Council of Teachers of English program.

He will assist in the selection of winners of achievement awards in writing.

congressional district. The district, which includes portions of Southfield, Farmington, Redford Township and northwest Detroit, was formerly represented by U. S. Rep. Martha Griffiths, who recently announced her retirement.

Faxon cited a poll which indicated he would have a "very difficult" time winning in the crowded field. He also mentioned "party harmony" as a reason, although he indicated he would not support candidate Patrick McDonald.

## Hills budget

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from several sources. Unexpended money from capital funds, federal revenue sharing and road tax rebates add up in the difference between this year's budget and last.

Asked what position this would put the city in the following year, Majors pointed out many of the new expenses are capital improvements, and won't be repeated in next year's budget.

"Nobody can predict inflation," he added.

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