

Lourdes Hospital Foundation

Board of Directors

Interview with

Michael J. Dobransky

The Lourdes Hospital Foundation has a gifted and professional Board of Directors. These men and women selflessly give of their time, talent, and life experience in service to this community. The Foundation is able to help those in need and to function smoothly in that capacity in large part because of the dedication and commitment of its Board. Michael J. Dobransky is Secretary of the Lourdes Hospital Foundation Board of Directors. His story is just one example of the kind of people who serve on this Board.

After graduating from Colgate University, Michael served 5 years in the US Air Force overseas with assignments in West Germany, UK, Libya, Turkey and Iran. During this period, it was a very “dicey” time with the Soviet Union. He considers his military service to his country was a privilege and truly the greatest honor in his life.

Michael was a successful multi-disciplined senior executive for Kraft General Foods International for many years. His diverse worldwide career in international business development, with a focus on export development, licensing, and joint ventures, has taken him to just about every continent. He worked to establish business relationships in developing market areas throughout Central and Eastern Europe plus Germany, Austria, Belgium, Portugal, Greece, Egypt, South Korea, and Japan.

Throughout his career, Michael applied his business skills, knowledge and extensive understanding of foreign cultures, customs, and traditions towards each project and assignment. It is that expertise in worldwide business relationships that Michael brings to the Lourdes Hospital Foundation Board.

Though Michael is a world-traveler, his heart remains close to home and to his church. He comes from a deeply committed and faithful family. Michael is an active member of St. John Ukrainian

Orthodox Church, the church where his parents were married and where he worshiped while growing up. Both his paternal and maternal grandparents were among the founding member families. Michael’s maternal grandfather and a cousin were building contractors who assisted in constructing the original St. John Church in 1926.

Originally located on Virginia Avenue in Johnson



City, it is now located at 1 St. Johns Pkwy in Johnson City. Michael also brings his vast business experience in service to his church. He was elected to serve on the Parish Council and as Chairman of both the finance and investment committees. Michael is also helping St. John’s with preparations for the upcoming celebration of its 100th anniversary!

Michael is deeply committed to his

Ukrainian heritage as demonstrated by his faithful relationship and service to his church, but also through his work for the Ukrainian American Veterans Inc. (UAV) He is Commander of UAV Post 43 in Johnson City and is actively working with its members to support the Ukrainian people as they defend themselves from the Russian invasion. They have sent donated funds and medical supplies to Ukraine and continue to do so as they work with other UAV Posts throughout the United States.

Wherever life’s journey has led Michael, the common thread has been that of service to others. His devotion to the greater good and his willingness to serve are extraordinary. Michael could have chosen to live anywhere in the world when he decided to settle down, but he chose to come back to his roots – his community – his church. The Lourdes Hospital Foundation Board of Directors is truly fortunate to include Michael J. Dobransky. Thank you, Michael!