



James W. Sullivan



# Kiwanis Club of Royal Oak

International Club  
No. 1669  
Michigan  
Division 7



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## MEETINGS AT

First Congregational Church  
314 Northwood  
Royal Oak, Michigan 48073  
Webster at Crooks)

To Whom it May Concern:

James W. Sullivan was born on July 25, 1908 in Royal Oak, Michigan. A lifelong resident of the City, he was the only child of William and Nancy. His earliest memories included living over the livery stable and mortuary which his father operated. Jim had his own pony and worked at part time jobs selling newspapers and helping his father.

He graduated from Royal Oak High School where he played on the football team and served as class president in 1926. Jim graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1930 with a business degree and became a licensed Mortician in 1931. He then joined his father in the family Funeral Business.

Jim has been a member of the Royal Oak Kiwanis Club since 1932, serving on the Board of Directors, and as chairman of various club activities. In 1937 he served as Club President and in 1982 received the Kiwanis International Legion of Honor Award for his fifty years membership. He has remained an active Kiwanian throughout the years.

Jim is also a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Royal Oak, a past board member of Camp Oakland, a fundraiser and supporter of the United Foundation, the South Oakland County Y.M.C.A. and other Community Organizations. He was active in the drives to establish William Beaumont Hospital and the City's downtown parking system. He was ticket co-chairman for many years for the Royal Oak Historical Society.

Jim is a past president of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, and past chairman of the Michigan Mortuary Science Foundation. An active member of the Shrine of the Little Flower parish, he served as president of its St. Vincent dePaul Society from 1934-1972. He is also a longtime member of the Elks Club and Knights of Columbus.

Jim's family include his wife, Helen, his children, William, John, Mrs. Raymond (Margaret) Lope and Mrs. Dennis (Martha) McGinnity and seven grandchildren.

A former member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce, Jim served as president in 1946-47. He received the Chamber's Distinguished Citizen Award in 1968 (an Honor his father also received in 1951) and November 8, 1974 was designated Jim Sullivan Day in a resolution signed by the Mayor of Royal Oak.

Jim continues to maintain his involvement in the family Funeral Business and Community activities.

Respectfully,

James Paine, President

Meets Each Thursday 12:10 P.M.

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