

Anthony Palermo, Jr. Technology



Anthony Palermo Jr. was born September 22, 1926 of Anthony & Sblendora Palermo. He was one of five children. In 1951, Anthony married Margaret T. Palermo and they had 7 children: Thomas, David, Patricia, Steven, Nancy, James and Jeanne. Anthony is the Grandfather of 10 children and the Great Grandfather of one.

After graduation from Collinwood, Anthony enlisted in U.S. Army Air Force in 1943 to become an Officer. He attended University of Dayton, Ohio, and Indiana University, Indiana in 1944 as part of Army Air Force Specialized Training Reserve Program. Anthony was Honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Air Force in September 1945. He then attended Case Institute of Technology, 1946-1949 and received a Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering degree in June 1949.

In 1949, Anthony began his career at Picker X-ray Corporation as an Electrical Engineer. From 1961-1975, he became chief engineer and developed x-ray systems for inspecting a total of approximately 400 systems. In 1975-1994, Anthony transferred to the CAT Scan Division (CT) and became Electrical Engineering Manager of the CT group. During this time he was responsible for development of high voltage x-ray generators and most of the electrical work for CAT scanners developed during 1975-1986. Anthony had numerous CT patents issued. In 1986 he became CT Engineering Manager and was responsible for a major breakthrough in CT technology with the development of the Picker 10 Scanner, the world's first slip ring technology scanner that paved the way for subsequent high-speed CT scanners. From 1990-1994, Anthony was heavily involved with product safety and cost reduction. In 1995, The Anthony Palermo High Voltage Laboratory was dedicated at the Picker Corporation facility.

Anthony was also very active in his Community. He was a Cub Scout leader for 4 sons and managed and umpired Little League teams. In 1972, he joined the South Euclid Historical Society. In 1975-1976, he was a member of the Bicentennial Little Red School House Historical Society. The School was built in 1866 at Richmond and Mayfield Roads in Lyndhurst, Ohio. Anthony helped to restore the school building in 1976, which still stands today, and was instrumental in getting the building placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1976-1986, Anthony founded the South Euclid Historical Museum within the grounds of the South Euclid County Library and was president from 1976-1986. From 1977 -1982, Anthony authored the history book of St. Gregory the Great Church. He did historical research, all graphics and writing which amounted to 224 pages, 500 photos. This book is the gold standard for Cleveland church history books, even today.

Anthony is also a Professional Musician. He is a member of Local 4 Cleveland Musicians Union (joined in 1950). Anthony has played for numerous luminaries at various times including: George McGovern, Senator Hubert Humphrey, Tricia Nixon, Hank Aaron, Mayor Ralph Perk, Jesse Owens, Mayor Dennis Kucinich, Bob Feller, Pat Buchanan, Harrison Dillard, Senator Edward Kennedy and George Steinbrenner.

Anthony is also a contributing author to many publications such as Cleveland Magazine, historical articles for Western Reserve University, The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard Handbook and the American Society for Metals Handbook for non-destructive testing.