

# Charles J. Krobot, Jr.

## 2004 Special Founders' Award



MR. KROBOT was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in 1917. After graduating from High School, he turned down a college scholarship in sports in order to go to work during the depression. He came to New York and worked for a steel window repair company, until drafted into the Navy in 1943. Mr. Krobot served 3 years active duty, mostly in the Pacific.

He participated in invasion of the Marshall Islands and the invasion of Okinawa. Mr. Krobot was honorably discharged at the end of 1945.

After returning to the United States, Mr. Krobot started his own steel window repair business named "Eastern Steel Sash Corp." In 1948 he bought a small miscellaneous metal fabricator by the name of Kilroy Metal Products. Over a period of time, Kilroy became the dominant company. Over the years, through Mr. Krobot's leadership, Kilroy Metal Products prospered and gained a reputation for supplying quality products with the utmost business integrity. Kilroy grew from a small fabricator and repair company into a manufacturer of steel and aluminum specialty window products. In the 1980's it further evolved into a national window dealer and installation company.

In 1965 Mr. Krobot and eight other building trade subcontractors formed the Subcontractor's Trade Association. He was the first treasurer of the STA 2.11d additionally chaired the entertainment committee. As such, he initiated the annual dinner dance, which has survived to this date. Dues were initially set at \$25 per annum.

The young STAs biggest obstacle was to expedite detention payments, which in some cases were being held up to 4 years after substantial completion. The organization soon attracted new members who realized here was strength in unity. It promoted legislation and standards of practice that are the foundation of today's subcontracting business. The STA was the precursor of the American Subcontractors Trade Association

Today Mr. Krobot is Chairman Emeritus of Kilroy Metal Products. He lives in Howard Beach Queens with his wife Sue. He is still sought out to advise and consult in areas of his expertise and knowledge. He also is active in his community supporting local charities and sponsoring numerous little league programs.

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Barnarhy Concrete Corp.	Cerussi & Verri, Inc.	Kilroy Metal Products, Inc.	Cameo Sales Corp.	Palazzo Plumbing Inc.	V.P.Mason Masons, Inc.	Sal-Vio & Co.	R. Saltzstein Construction	Schechtman Inc.

IN 1965, a small group of building trades subcontractors in the New York City area decided they could no longer "go it alone" in their never-ending battle to get a fair deal in the construction industry. The nine men whom took that giant step represented seven different trades - concrete, masonry, windows, heating and air conditioning, plumbing, electricity and millwork. Yet, the problems they had in common far outweighed the individual interests of their trades.

Out of their decision to form one organization that would represent all contracting trades came the Subcontractors Trade Association. Now, grown to 450 members and affiliated with the National American Subcontractors Association, the STA is fulfilling the dreams and aspirations of its founders.

These nine far-sighted men deserve a grateful tribute. Fortunately; one of them is still with us, Charles J. Krobot, Jr.