



## KNOW YOUR KNIGHT, OF COLUMBUS, THAT IS

**Mike Brekke**

**Spouse: Carolyn**

**Children: 3 adult sons**

**Grandchildren: 0**

**Life Goal: To keep maintaining a balance one step outside of my comfort zone.**

**I met my wife...At a college Catholic young adult group meeting. (Newman's Club)**

**Jobs I've Held: Soda jerk, Air Force equipment mechanic, prison guard, US Postal service jack of all trades.**

**How and Why We Came to St. Gerard's: When we moved to Champlin from Brooklyn Center in 1986 we were looking for a Faith Community in which to raise our young family. We found St Gerard's to be open and welcoming.**

**Activities We've Been Involved In at St. Gerard's: I have been a Lector leader and reader and part of the first choral group for Passion Sunday. Carolyn and I are currently Eucharistic Ministers. The entire family has been active in Corn Fest over the years. We've been involved in Alpha, Bible Timeline, Renew and other faith formation programs in the parish. I was on the Parish Council the year the Franciscans came to St Gerard's. Carolyn is a charter member and current Financial Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary and at one point was the leader of the Worship Environment Team. She also participates in the Book Club group #2.**

**I became a Knight because...The knights were a very active, faith centered, community organization in the small northern Minnesota town where I grew up. I became active in the Father Schumacker Council at St. Al's which also included men and programs from St Gerard's until Council 13001 formed in 2002. I transferred to this Council in January of 2006.**

**I support my spiritual growth by...Carolyn and I take advantage of the Faith Formation programs, classes, and events offered by St Gerard's and area churches. I have attended the Men's retreat several years and I especially grow spiritually from that experience. We pay special attention to the homilies at Mass.**

**I relax by...Carolyn says I don't relax because I'm one step out of my comfort zone.**

**Hobbies: Bowling, travel, home improvement projects, relaxing with family and friends, reading, and date night with Carolyn which usually includes a weekly movie. An occasional visit to the local or not so local Pub.**

**Favorite Food(s): Ice Cream. A good home cooked meal.**

**Pet Peave: When somebody calls me or anybody "Pal".**