



## KNOW YOUR KNIGHT, OF COLUMBUS, THAT IS

**Don Johnson**

**Spouse: Ardell**

Children: 6 – 2 girls & 4 boys

Grandchildren: 11 – 8 girls & 2 boys

Life Goal: To retire healthy, wealthy and travel when I get the desire.

I met my wife...I was living with my brother's family in a 4 plex in north Minneapolis. I was polishing my military boots while watching his kids when God sent her up to borrow an egg for her sister living below us. We started dating that day.

Jobs I've Held: Grew up on a dairy farm. Jobs too numerous to mention. I worked for Honeywell for 15 years. Started at the bottom of the totem pole in assembly, to set-up and then line leader, to group leader, ending up in management. Built houses for 6 years with own crew. Owned a machine shop, with up to 30 employees for 20 years.

How and Why We Came to St. Gerard's: We built a house in Brooklyn Park in 1973. St. Gerard's was a new parish just getting started out in the corn and potato fields and known as friendly and welcoming. I thought I fit in originally being a country boy.

Activities We've Been Involved In at St. Gerard's: I worked on the Building & Maintenance Committee. Helped build a picnic chalet, tables, ball field, and played on the ball team. I was an usher and worked on fund raisers. I support my wife who is presently President of the K of C Auxiliary, works funerals, does Adoration and other activities.

I became a Knight because...I wanted to contribute more of my time to a great organization with church and community.

I support my spiritual growth by...attending Mass and other programs at church with the Knights. Family prayer and reading.

I relax by...fishing, bird watching, along with watching sports on TV. Taking boat rides on our lake at our cabin and hanging out with the family and grand kids.

Hobbies: hunting – elk, moose, bear, deer and grouse. Golfing, bowling, horseshoes, snowmobiling and 4 wheeling. Fishing summer and winter. Woodworking, playing cards and stopping at the casino.

Favorite Food(s): Variety of potatoes, vegetables, along with steak, roast and burgers, especially wild game.

Pet Peeve: The church and the Knights have a great number of members and only a handful volunteer to work on committees and projects.