



KNOW YOUR KNIGHT, OF COLUMBUS, THAT IS

Jim Krautkremer

Spouse: Shirley

Children: Four

Grandchildren: Eight

Life Goal: Enjoy the Golden Years (Also called the “Rust Years” by some)

I met my wife On a blind date when home on leave from Army basic training in December of 1954. We had several dates and continued the relationship by writing letters for 20 months when I was in Germany. We married 9 months after I returned to the US.

Jobs I’ve Held: Armour’s Meat Processing Plant (Tradesmen Helper); Mutual of Omaha - (Supply Clerk, Computer Programmer; Systems Analyst); Army (Radar Operator); Computer Data Processing Manager at Sister Kenny Rehab Center; Director of Data Processing for Midland Cooperatives; President of a Computer Software Company I started; Planning Commission member, Councilman and Mayor for Brooklyn Park; Executive Director of an Intergovernmental Information Systems trying to get local and state governments to work together in technology; Community Mediator; etc.

How and Why We Came to St. Gerard’s: After attending a Mass we found St. Gerard’s to be a very friendly community and transferred from another church.

Activities We’ve Been Involved In at St. Gerard’s: Men’s Club: Hospitality Ministry, Eucharistic Minister, Minister of the Word, Corn Fest Worker, Co-Founder of Knights of Columbus, Men’s Retreat participant, Member of the St. Gerard Expansion Campaign Steering Committee - Chair of the Fund Commitment Committee, Member of the Grounds Maintenance Committee, Participated in the Renew Meetings

I became a Knight because...my father asked me to join when I graduated from high school in 1953.

I relax by... Golf, woodwork, reading, traveling by car and cruising, vacations in Hawaii, work and relax at our lake place, etc.

I support my spiritual growth by...attending daily Mass, saying the Rosary daily, saying the Mercy Prayer daily, attending the Men’s Retreat yearly, attending some Faith Formation classes, and through meditation, etc.

Hobbies: woodworking, baking sourdough bread, cooking, projects at the lake, community Mediator

Favorite Food(s): Mexican, grill fare, sourdough bread, seafood, steaks, desserts, everything!!

Pet Peeve: People who are inconsiderate of others.