



Knights of Columbus

A Catholic Family Fraternal Service Organization
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Council Meetings @ Parish of the Holy Spirit Hall- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month-7:30PM
Officer's Meeting @ Parish of the Holy Spirit Hall – 1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:30PM

Greetings Brother Knights, Wives and Families:

First off, I would like to thank all those who attended our social meeting last month. I think a good time was had by all, and I look forward to these monthly meetings as we move forward. This month we will conduct a First Degree Initiation prior to our social meetings on the 27th, so if you have been speaking to a potential member, now is the time to get that form 100 signed.

Several events scheduled for next month need some planning in February. We will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 17th in our hall. We have already printed 200 tickets for this event and they will be going on sale this weekend. Look for an announcement in the church bulletin with all the details. We are in need of volunteers to help prepare this dinner and cleanup afterwards. If you are available to help, please contact Joe Carson at 734-4787. Brother Stan Hicks has a Blood Drive scheduled for March 10th at our parish hall. This is a great way to help those in need so I hope many of us will show up to donate. Stan also needs a couple volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested, please call Stan at 586-3230.

As I close for this month, I would ask everyone to continue to keep Brother Jim Carey in your prayers as he recovers from surgery.

Vivat Jesus

George Mackie, Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

Feb. 5 th	8:00 Knights Choir Practice
Feb. 6 th	7:00 Officers Meeting
Feb. 10 th & 11 th	Knights serve refreshments after all masses, choir 8:30 Mass
Feb. 13 th	7:30 Council Business Meeting
Feb. 20 th	7:30 First Degree Team Practice
Feb. 27 th	7:30 First Degree Initiation / Social Meeting
Feb. 28 th	7:30 Fourth Degree Meeting at Holy Spirit Community Center

Slate of Officers and Committee Chairmen for the Fraternal Year 2006-2007.

Grand Knight	George Mackie	Deputy Grand Knight	Stan Hicks
Financial Sec.	David Konzek	Chancellor	Steve Ellis
Treasurer	Bill Brever	Recorder	Marcel Bergeron
Advocate	Don Hanny	Warden	Mark O'Brien
Inside Guard	Joseph Ritari	Outside Guard	Ray Witt
1 st Year Trustee	Joseph Carson	2 nd Year Trustee	Russell Flye

Family of the Month- George and Kathi Stoltz

Kathi and George were married in 1972 while George was in the USAF. They moved to England right after the honeymoon, where they lived for three and a half years. George was a Lay Eucharistic Minister in a local Catholic Church, and Kathi and George were the US administrators for an English orphanage. Their first son, George, was born while they were in England. They then lived in Milpitas, California for four years, where George completed his second military tour and completed his engineering degree at San Jose State. While in California, their two remaining children, Kim and Mark, were born. The family moved to Kennewick in 1982 to be near George's Mother, Edith, and Grandmother, Marie, in Pasco. The Stoltz family has been members of Holy Spirit Parish since 1983. Kathi was one of nine siblings and George came from a family of four children. They purchased a farm west of Kennewick in the Badger Canyon area where they raised their family. In the '80s, the Stoltz family raised alfalfa hay and beef cattle. George worked for numerous companies in the Tri-Cities as an Electronic Engineer and Kathi (the city gal) learned to doctor and feed calves, stop irrigation leaks with J-B Weld, organized hay deliveries, raised children and became a good farm equipment driver. The farm's leased acreage increased to 150 acres of hay and 80 head of cattle.

In 1990 the family became closer to the Lord. They had a house fire and lost everything. They had house and belonging insurance, but it was their friends who really saved them. They learned to be thankful because they still had their family with good health. Neighbors Mike and Joan Simmons helped the Stoltz Family by putting them up for a month, and then Parishioners Duane and Linda Garner gave the family of five a place to stay for three months. The family was blessed to have such people in their lives, and the friendships continue to this day. With their renewed faith in the Lord and great friends, they rebuilt the house. Father O'Shea blessed their new house and they got their family back together.

Their oldest son, George III, served in the US Navy for six years and started his own mortgage business. Their daughter, Kim, graduated from WSU, and is a teacher of Horticulture and Welding at Kennewick HS. Their son, Mark, graduated from WSU and is an Industrial/Agricultural Properties Appraiser for Farm Credit Services.

Today, Kathi is an Assistant Activities Director at Alterra Assisted Living in Richland. George has worked 17 years with Electronic Systems Technology, traveling almost between the North and South Poles designing Wireless Computer Data Systems.

George joined the Knights in 1991 and has been very active in our Council. Among other things, he was one of the major players in the installation of our irrigation system and landscaping project for the new Hall.

George reports that Kathi has been the strength of his faith and because of this, both of them have grown closer to the Lord together, and are proud to be Catholic. Kathi enjoys leading religious renewal classes and has been doing this for five years. George is involved in the slide projection ministry with help from Kathi, and they also serve as tabulators.

This year, they were blessed twice to be grandparents. Their daughter, Kim, had a baby girl, "Ella," and their son, Mark, had a baby boy, "Lincoln." They enjoy being grandparents. George can't wait to share his hobbies of paintball, hunting, fishing, boating and riding the motorcycle with the grandchildren. George has even built a paintball range on 3.5 acres. They enjoy riding the motorcycle with other couples and plan to take a trip to Bend, Oregon this year.

We are proud to name George and Kathi as Family of the Month.

Knight of the Month- Kerry Vigue

Kerry joined the Knights in October of 2006 and became a 2nd and 3rd degree Knight the following month. He has been active and recently joined Dave's church roof team, helping to winterize the vent system.

Kerry was born in Waterville, Maine and came from a family of three boys and one girl. He attended grammar schools in Waterville, and received his first communion there. Several years later, he was confirmed in Vassalboro, Maine. He graduated from Lawrence High School in Fairfield, Maine. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1975 with a major in Criminology and in 1987 reentered college and majored in Industrial Electronics. He was then employed by a subsidiary of General Dynamics and was involved in the surface combatant shipbuilding program.

In 1993, he accepted employment with a research company and was assigned to a south polar ice cap research station, along with a support office in Denver, Colorado. In the spring of 1997 he accepted employment with Raytheon and was employed at the US Army Missile test range in the Marshall Islands as a power plant generator controls technician in support of the THAD (Theater High Altitude Defense) program, a project that is currently being installed in Alaska as the next generation of anti-missile defense.

In late 1998 he transferred to Kalama Services and deployed to Johnston Atoll, then a US military installation located in the North Pacific. He was employed as an electronic calibration engineering tech to support the US Chemical Weapons Threat Reduction Agency, which was working on a process to disarm chemical weapons safely but doing so at a remote location away from population areas of the US mainland. The design proved successful and the program is now operating in the US from several locations, including Hermiston, Oregon.

In April of 2000 he was accepted to an assignment at the US Embassy in Moscow, Russia and returned in June 2001 to re-enter employment again at the Antarctic Research Program. In 2003 he accepted employment with the US Bureau of Reclamation and relocated to Montrose, Colorado and was assigned to the Crystal Power and Flood Control Dam located on the western slopes

of the Rocky Mountains. The following February he transferred to the US Army Corps of Engineers and is presently assigned to Lower Monumental Dam on the Snake River. In times of national crisis, he assists FEMA on relief missions.

Following nearly eleven years of continuous international travel, living and working in foreign counties, he decided to move to the mainland. He purchased his first home and now resides in Kennewick not far from our Parish. He is unmarried and has a Siamese cat. From his worldwide travels and employment, he realizes how fortunate we are to be living in this country while so much of the world lives in poverty. One of the reasons he decided to join the Knights was to try to make a small difference by joining a charitable service organization.

His activities include: Licensed pilot, certified SCUBA instructor, commercial diver, and mountain climbing. Along with the Knights of Columbus, he is a member of the Natl. Fire Protection Assoc., World Underwater Federation, Diver Alert Network, International Assoc. of Electrical Inspectors, Certified Electronic Technicians Assoc., and a life member of the Republican National Committee. He is also a licensed Master Electrician in the state of Maine.

Our Council is very privileged to have Kerry as a member, and we are happy to name him Knight of the Month.

February Birthdays Happy Birthday Brothers

Glenn D. Buckley – 4th; Terrance D. Casey – 7th; Douglas E. Beyer – 8th;
Scott Moore – 10th; Bill F. Karwacki – 11th; Michael Wise – 15th;
Roy E. Shepherd – 17th; Mikal W. Barnett, Jr. – 20th; William Heilman – 20th;
Stephen C. Forney – 22nd; James Carey – 22nd; Frank T. Ferreira – 23rd;
Brent Thomas – 23rd; Robert Poddo – 24th; Joseph K. Carson – 25th;
Duane Garner – 26th



New Members of the Fourth Degree

We are proud to welcome our Council's new Fourth Degree Members. Pictured below are Jim and Pat Carey, Steve and Virginia Ellis, Ron and Shirley Foster, Joe and Donna Kunk, Rusty and Evelyn Lunzer, Virgil, Rita and Dale Warren. Congratulations Brothers. You all look great in your tuxes! Rita looks especially proud with both her husband and son Dale by her side.



February – Valentine’s Day

It’s that time of the year again! A time to tell your valentine just how much you really do love her.

What are you going to get her this year? Flowers? Some candy and a card?

Why don’t you get her something that truly shows what she means to you? We are talking about life insurance.

Give her the greatest gift of all—the financial security that she will need when you aren’t here any more. Sure, flowers are pretty and smell nice, but there is nothing left when they die. Candy is great, but once Valentine’s Day is over, it, too, is gone. What is left when you’re gone?

Call me for an appointment so we can make sure there is something left for her.

Mike Wise

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