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## Knights name Carr Knight of the Year

The St. Anthony Knights of Columbus council is once again pleased to announce the honorees for Knight of the Year & Family of the Year.

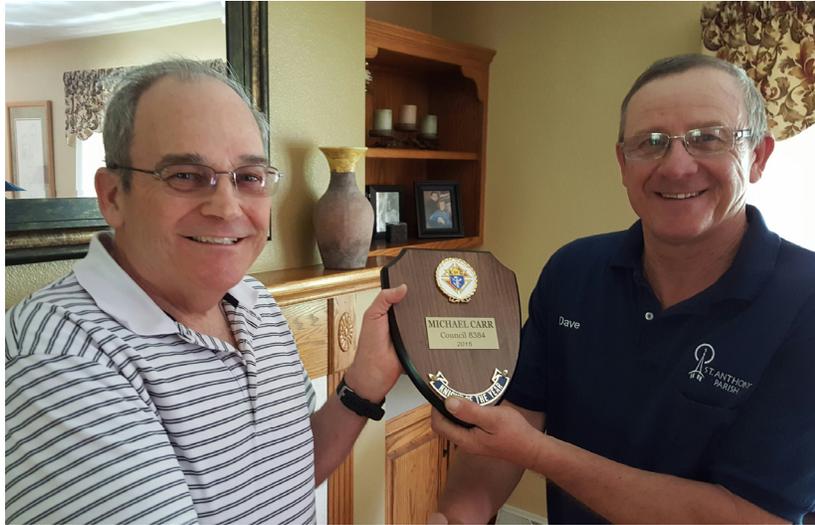
This award is a distinction that could easily go to any number of our brothers. Many of our members are involved with a variety of activities here at St. Anthony's, as well as the larger community.

The main tenants of the Knights of Columbus include charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. These values are the measure that our council officers consider when nominating and eventually selecting recipients for these awards.

### **Knight of the Year**

Mike Carr, the recipient of the 2015 award, has demonstrated his commitment to service in the community and our parish. As Knight of the Year, Mike embodies the core values of the Knights in both his words and his actions. Mike is a 4th degree member with 15 years of continuous service to the Knights of Columbus. While stationed with the Air Force in Waverly, Iowa, he met his wife Barb where she worked at a local restaurant. They have been married 46 years and have three children: Brad, Tracey and Lisa, as well as three grandchildren: Cameron, Gavin and Ava.

Mike's educational achievements include degrees from Catholic University in Washington, DC, and a Masters from the University of



Missouri. Mike served in the US Air Force and retired as a Full Colonel after 27 years.

After the military Mike continued working for the State of California in a variety of positions. His career focus included communication, management and leadership as well as reviewing pending legislation and providing feedback to lawmakers in the areas of Corrections and Technology. He also served for two years as a contract professional mediator for the U.S. Postal Service.

Upon full retirement in 2006, Mike and Barb moved to Dubuque. In his spare time Mike enjoys playing guitar, astronomy and genealogy.

Mike has served as a Knight both here at St Anthony's as well as his former California Council. He has held positions as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder and Trustee.

Some of his accomplishments as a Knight include assisting in the launch of our KC website, P.I.D. (tootsie

roll drive) coordinator for three years, first degree team, helping to facilitate creation of the KC commemorative wall in O'Malley Hall, crossing guard, sick and distressed program and editing/updating the KC membership pamphlet.

Many of us are often unaware of the charitable activities some of our fellow parishioners are involved with. We have all seen Mike around the parish serving as a greeter, making omelets, and, of

course, we have all seen him on Sunday mornings assisting parishioners at the church entrance. Additionally, he has helped with parish prayer line, pro-life activities, Eucharistic ministering, spring and fall cleanups, visiting the sick and participating in the Emmaus weekends.

Mike and Barb have stood in prayer with others at Planned Parenthood and have worked at the Donna Ginter Thanksgiving dinners. He served as the Dubuque County Republican Co-chair for six years.

Along with all of this, Mike is a cancer survivor and has participated in Relay for Life. While he would never think to mention it, I know that Mike has been a loving and steadfast caregiver to his wife Barb during her lengthy and ongoing illness. Sadly, Mike and Barb are moving back to California this June. Their absence will leave a void in our parish community. Even though he is moving on, Mike has left behind an inspired and invigorated Council 8384.

# Working to develop your faith & theirs

The Faith Formation Commission is a consultative body concerning the faith formation and education programs at St. Anthony's subject to the policies and regulations that proceed from the Archbishop.

Its functions include:

- To develop and assist in the implementation of a comprehensive catechetical plan that supports the six tasks of catechesis.
- To implement the directives of the General Directory for Catechesis, the National Directory for Catechesis, and applicable archdiocesan policies in regard to the defined areas of catechesis.
- To develop ongoing goals and objectives based upon the needs of the parishioners that are supportive of the teaching mission of the church and directives of the Archbishop.
- To work collaboratively with all operative committees of the parish in planning faith formation programs and initiatives.
- To propose procedures/policies in conjunction with archdiocesan directives and in collaboration with the Faith Formation staff
- To develop and review the faith formation budget and annual financial reports according to archdiocesan directives.
- To assist the pastor/PLC in the recruitment and employment of personnel.
- To receive regular reports from those responsible for each area of catechesis.
- To recommend a member of the commission to be an ex-officio voting member of the pastoral council.
- To invite, support, and recognize the gifts of trained volunteers within catechetical programs.
- To recommend stewardship of resources, by collaborating with neighboring parishes, clusters deaneries, etc. when appropriate.

Current Members include:

- **Stephanie Klapatauskas:** spouse Kyle and children Nicolas, Jonathan, Peter and Andrew.

Stephanie has been a member of St Anthony's parish seven years and member of FFC for two years. "It's been a wonderful experience serving as a staff liaison on the FFC. Starting each meeting with prayer and faith sharing, being able to participate in visioning for our parish and sharing in much laughter along the way has been a gift. It's a wonderful group of people, and I'm blessed to be a part of it."

- **Marie Schuster:** spouse Doug and children Lillian and Grace.

Marie has been a member of St Anthony's parish for 11 years and 4 years as a member of the FFC. "I have always been intrigued by the processes of forming our faith (Bible study, prayer groups, retreats, teaching R.E., etc.) and being a member of this group challenges me to try and help our parishioners grow their faith in various ways. And, in the process, hopefully mine will grow also!"

- **Jennifer Stork:** spouse John and children Anna, Sarah, Damian, Jude and Martha (and 18 grandchildren) Jennifer has been a member of St Anthony's parish for 33 years and 1 year as a member of the FFC. "Although I have only been on the Faith Formation Committee for one year, it has been a positive experience of learning more about the committee and the parish commitment to our faith growth."

- **Maria Steinlage:** spouse Mike and children Angelina and Josephina

Maria has been a lifelong member of St Anthony receiving all of her sacraments within the walls of this special community and a member of the FFC for two years. "It has been a blessing to serve on this special committee and work with others who have the same love and respect for the Catholic faith and this special Community."

- **Jackie Stoffel:** spouse Steve and son Joshua

Jackie has been a member of St Anthony's parish for 12 years and starting her 4th year as a member of the FFC. "Having spent 3 years on the FFC, I feel that it's offered me a

better understanding for the depth and variety within our parish's faith formation programs. The experience has offered me the opportunity to learn more of what it takes to have developed and maintain the programs offered for all levels, as well as a greater appreciation for the staff and families within our parish. Being a member of the FFC has also given me a greater desire to step outside my comforts and partake in more of the faith formation programs."

- **Mike Hellmann:** not married and a member of St Anthony's parish for 15 years and a member of the FFC for three years.

"It's been a privilege to see the hard work that our talented staff does to provide so many opportunities to grow in faith."

- **Nikki Carr:** spouse Jamie and children Sam, AJ and Maggie

Nikki has been a member of St Anthony's Parish for 16 years and a member of the FFC for 4 years. "I enjoy being on FFC for the faith sharing and because I have learned so much about what goes on behind the scenes at our parish. I am honored to be a part of this wonderful committee. I look forward to my next 3 years of more growth in my faith."

- **Sharon Jean Killian:** spouse Clyde and children Michael, Alanna and Paul (and nine grandchildren).

The Killians returned to St. Anthony's parish in 2013.

The Killians have become active in many activities of St. Anthony's Church both as a couple and individuals. They volunteer at Stonehill Care Center as Eucharist Ministers and visit and talk to the residents. They are active in one of St. Anthony's Small Faith Sharing groups. Sharon volunteers with Scrip, and is involved in the St. Anthony Book Club. "I am excited to help with the Faith Formation committee and to be able to get to know many more members of St. Anthony's community."

Mike Barden, Katie Piffner and Dave Mc Dermott are also members of the FFC.

# 1 big pile of mulch



## + St. Anthony's Boy Scout Troop 7



## = a job well done!



On Saturday, May 7, 2016, St. Anthony's received 25 cubic yards of mulch to cover all the flower beds around the church, the church office and the schools.

St. Anthony Boy Scout Troop Seven answered the call to distribute the mulch. It took three hours to finish the job and they did a really fine job.

Every spring, the Troop comes to the aid of the parish to complete a major project. We thank them for answering the call for service.

There are many others who help make the parish grounds look nice. We thank all of you for your dedication.

# Klapatauskases 'knighted' family of year

Family of the Year nominees were discussed by our council, and we finally arrived at what we feel was the perfect choice for 2015. Because of their service to the parish, Kyle and Stephanie Klapatauskas represent the viewpoints held by the Knights of Columbus.

Kyle is a 1st degree member with seven years of continuous service in our council. Kyle and Steph have been married for 11 years and have four sons: Nicholas, 9; Jonathan, 6; Peter, 5; and Andrew, 2. They met while attending Loras College when they were seated next to each other in Theater/Choir classes.

Kyle is employed by Loras College as the Admission Director of Recruitment and Retention. Stephanie is employed as the Religious Education Coordinator at St. Anthony's and oversees many aspects of faith development.

They have been members of St. Anthony's for seven years.

When not tending to their children, both enjoy acting in murder mysteries. In addition, Steph loves singing, reading, baking and art.

Kyle fills his spare time with gardening, writing and sports.

While their four sons certainly keep them busy, it is admirable to see how involved they are within our parish community. It is especially heartening to see them while attending Sunday Masses with their four young charges in tow. This is no small task by any measure and a real testimony to



their strong faith.

As a Knight, Kyle has co-chaired the annual PID (Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) fund raiser and will be involved with the 2016 effort. Like many of his fellow brothers he also helps out with our omelet breakfasts. Kyle also serves as a mentor for the prison ministry program in the Archdiocese. Both he and Steph have been involved in the Emmaus weekends in many capacities. Steph is a Eucharistic Minister, and as a couple, they teach Baptism 1 classes and also speak at Pre-Cana sessions.

Mike, Kyle and Stephanie are shining examples of charitable giving and service in our community and here at St Anthony's. The Knights of Columbus Council 8384 is proud to have these active and compassionate members among our ranks.

We salute our Honorees, their families and all that they do.

## Haiti sister parish offers peace, comfort amid chaos

By Fr. Steve Rosanke



It didn't take long after our flight landed in Haiti to realize I was not in Dubuque any more. It was evident that I was in a third world country.

Prior to the trip I had talked to a number of people who had made the trip. Even though I had listened with great interest, nothing can prepare you for the realities of life in Haiti. It's one of those experiences that you can't fully describe unless you're actually there taking it all in. There is definitely a culture shock. I'd never seen poverty on such a large scale.

It was good for me as pastor to see firsthand the parish and people in Port de Paix. I saw how the work of the Church is evident in the lives of the people.

The Catholic Church is like an island of order in the midst of chaos and very difficult lives. The Church gives the people a sense of peace and order. Their faith is evident. Even those who aren't Catholic respect the presence of the Church in the lives of the people. It's a life-changing experience to see the faith of the people and to get a glimpse of what they have to go through in their daily lives.

Our parish community of St. Anthony has a long-standing and strong relationship to our sister parish, St. Louis de Montfort in Haiti. They are aware of our concern for them and the help they receive from St. Anthony. We have our own faith community, but helping our sister parish is an act of faith and love. It humbles one to see the realities of the universal nature of the Lord's Church. Let us continue to remember the people of Port de Paix in prayer and charity.

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