

Bill Stump and his family live in Kansas City. He is a lifelong member of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish and has been the lead sacristan there for the past fifteen years. Bill and Margie will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in May 2025. They have 4 grown children, including Sister Mary Gemma, a Dominican Sister with the Saint Cecilia Congregation, who currently teaches literature and religion courses at Bishop Machebeuf High School in Denver; Dan, who will be ordained as a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph on May 17th this year, and expects to be ordained as a priest in May 2026; Bethany, who is a school psychologist and lives with her husband Brent and their 2-year-old daughter – a joyful little girl - in Blue Springs, MO; and Kevin, who serves as a substitute teacher at local high schools while doing home studies toward establishing a future career in computer coding.

Bill has been a member of Tri-County Council 3414 since 1998 and went through Fourth Degree Exemplification with the class of 2000. His family was recognized by the Knights of Columbus Missouri State Council in July 2001 as Missouri State Family of the Month.

He served as Grand Knight of Council 3414 for 2 years beginning in 2004. During that time the council gained the coveted Star Council Award for 2 consecutive years after not receiving the award in eight previous years.

In 2006, Bill became District Deputy for District #5, encompassing four councils. He earned the Outstanding District Deputy Award for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 and was recognized for meeting membership goals with the Star District Award for 2007-2008.

One achievement that Bill is most proud of in his career with the Knights of Columbus is the development of a new council, #14266, at Holy Family Parish in Kansas City in 2007.

In January 2011, Bill was recognized as the Tri-County Council 3414 Knight of the Month for January 2011, and in August of 2014, he served as a delegate to the 132nd Supreme Convention held in Orlando, Florida - an event that Bill and his family cherished.

Since 2008, Bill has been appointed to six consecutive chairman positions with the Missouri State Council including for Family Activities, Developmental Disabilities, Youth Activities, and Colleges and Universities. In addition, he has been a member of the Missouri State Council Membership Team for the past 12 years.

Beginning in 2012, Bill worked closely with Regional Development Coordinator Joe Ramirez. Joe praised Bill for the excellent results he got in controlling suspensions, partly by working closely with councils to help them locate non-paying members to catch them up on dues, or to walk councils through the suspension process when necessary to clean up their rosters. Bill's work in this area helped influence the development of the Affiliate

Member Program at the Supreme Council during 2022, leading to its implementation in 2023.

In the words of Joe Ramirez, “I’ve known Bill for several years and consider him an outstanding brother Knight, always thinking of ways to improve member relations and help members understand the importance of being an active Knight of Columbus, inviting their families to be active as well. I also consider brother Bill as a personal friend.”

Bill recently achieved Honorary Life Membership status and looks forward to representing local Knights of Columbus councils as the Columbian Charities Delegate at Large.