

## SLWG Member Spotlight: *We're pleased to present...*

### David Lucas



David Lucas with his father and godfather at the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow winter banquet, nomination of David Sr. to the Virgil honor December 2005.

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**DAVID LUCAS**, who is currently serving as the Membership Chairman of St. Louis Writers Guild, has been a member since 2007. After having been in many writers' groups and even starting one, he was not satisfied with what they had to offer. He learned of the St. Louis Writers Guild through word of mouth and after attending his first workshop felt like he had finally found the writers' group for him.

For someone who has known he wanted to be a writer since he wrote a Halloween story in third grade and his "first novel" by hand in seventh grade, David has returned to taking his writing seriously "late in life" (late thirties). Most of his early writing was in the science fiction and mystery genres. He wrote a science fiction novel that was almost published in 2000. However, the book deal fell apart.

After several events (a divorce, the death of his father to cancer, and caring for an elderly parent) that changed his life along with the focus of his writing, David pondered changing genres. He felt that he was following the genres like a lemming and despaired at the predictability of both the current science fiction military drama and mystery drama. He spent a lot of time in bookstores and libraries looking for something fresh and found himself being drawn back to the works of Ed McBain and John Le'Carre. Reading these works and thinking of his youth when he was a Police Explorer, he embarked on writing a new series focusing on Police Intelligence.

Why write about Police Intelligence? Police dramas usually deal with either narcotic investigations or murders. However, like stories about doctors or other professionals, these people in the real world deal with life and death decisions everyday. Doctors, police officers and others can discuss their work with their families and friends. However, the world of the police officer who works as a spy is more complex. His cases deal with political corruption, organized crime, and domestic terrorism. This world has an added complexity, as these police officers have to lie for a living and lie in their personal lives in order to protect those who are closest to them. David plans to have his website up by the end of June and his first novel in this genre completed by the end of October.

When David is not writing, he is very active. He has coached indoor soccer for grades 7-12. He has recently renewed his teaching license with the hopes of teaching Middle School. He is a second degree black belt in Chinese Kenpo out of Tracy's Karate in Kirkwood, an Eagle Scout, a Vigil member of the Boy Scouts of America Order of the Arrow, and loves to camp and travel. He is a volunteer with the Boy Scouts, already having served as a Scoutmaster, and is a member of the Kirkwood-Glendale Kiwanis.