



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE JOHN T. DONOHUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Victory Over Japan –September 2nd

International Day of Charity – September 5th

Labor Day – September 7th

CHAPLAIN:

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

God Hires Workers at Any Time of Day

In its method and aim, the parable of the workers in the vineyard is a particularly good example of Jesus' teaching. The method is a popular one: the parable tells a simple story; it shows ordinary people in everyday situations; it appeals to common experience. Being constructed in this manner, the narrative incites the hearers to take sides, to adopt the position of such and such a person, or such and such a group of protagonists; in a word, to verbalize their spontaneous reactions to the circumstances described. Such reactions cause Jesus to react in his turn. He then says, "You

think so. Well, you are in error.” All see themselves directly and concretely affected by the teaching of the parable. This is why, even when we know a parable by heart, even if we have heard it a hundred times, it does not stop prompting questions in us. Finally, the parables show that Jesus knew how to announce the good news of salvation without seeking to systematically offend his hearers, without in the least watering down the demands of the gospel, and without showing any demagogic or even apologetic concern. There is a lesson here for the Church in its preaching, as well as for all Christians called to witness to the gospel and to preach it by their lives. We must, therefore, attentively reread the parable of the workers in the vineyard.

The first part—the hiring of workers at dawn, around nine, noon, and five—could be read as a simple preamble necessary to introduce the scene in which every group of workers received payment for the hours worked. Indeed, the master’s behavior is the focus of the parable and contains its particular teaching. Jesus lingers a little on this hiring scene in order to arouse the hearers’ curiosity and attention concerning what is going to happen in the evening when salaries are allotted. There is no reason to dwell on all the details in order to find in them an allegorical meaning. Certain Fathers of the Church have done so, interpreting various times of hiring as successive phases of the history of salvation.

On the other hand, it is certainly not by chance that the parable speaks of workers sent to work in the vineyard. The image is a traditional one in both the Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament to designate God’s people. That it is used here emphatically shows that we are dealing with a parable of the kingdom of heaven.

We should especially remember from this first part of the parable that this master, who goes out at any time to hire workers, behaves much like the

shepherd who seeks the lost sheep (Matt 18:12-14). God does not want that any of these little ones, for whom Christ came, be lost.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

Sir brother Knights,

I apologize for not getting an article in last month's newsletter, but I had surgery on my right hand and it was quite heavily bandaged afterwards. I am a two finger; right hand typist and I just could not get anything to work correctly. I know, I should have written it prior to surgery, but cut me a little slack, please.

Anyway, that's the most exciting thing that I've experienced in months, and I even got to spend the night away from home. SHAZAAM! It's almost like I had a real life for a while. Now it's back to my totally boring, incredibly frustrating real world.

A couple of months ago I sent out a puzzle for you to enjoy (?) and I got crickets for a response. Not one to be easily dissuaded, here's another one, and I'll give you the solution in the October newsletter, for those few of you who might need the help: A famous hunter set out, heading South, to hunt bear. After travelling a mile South, he spotted a bear, fired his gun and missed. The bear got scared and started running East. The hunter followed the bear and caught up with it after travelling half a mile. He shot the bear this time, but only wounded it. The bear limped on towards the East again and after another half mile, the hunter finally shot and dispatched the bear. The hunter then, after properly respecting and carving up the bear, walked the mile North back to his cabin and found it being ransacked by another bear.

What color is the bear ransacking the cabin?

A couple of weeks ago I thought we were beginning to see the end of this mindless season, but those hopes were dashed with the onset of the terrible fire season and the ensuing smoke. Things may be improving again, but it's too early to tell. I know how many of you feel, and I share your concerns. I ask that you try to see the good that may have come from these months, and that you pray fervently for the safety, health and success of those who are struggling to return order and stability to our nation. This has been a year unlike any other, and we must do our share to bring back the good that we may seem to be losing, and recommit ourselves to the loving teachings of the Church, the Knights of Columbus and our national foundational documents. We can survive as a people only with the grace and love of God, and the sweat and support of each other, all of us.

Don't forget to vote in November!

Be Blessed, Jim C FN

NOTES FROM THE COMPTROLLER:

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SEES CANDY DRIVE

As you are all aware, we have a fund drive each year to benefit our scholarship program. We typically raise about @1800/\$2000. The situation we find ourselves in this year with the pandemic does not give us a very rosy outlook. Attendance at the Masses is way down with maybe 25-40 people, many without a steady income. How do we proceed? We need to decide NOW. No one can predict if or when we will be allowed back into our churches. Also, St. Johns' is undergoing a massive renovation and reopening is not scheduled before late December or early January.

The officers would like your thoughts, pro or con. Should we try some other method to raise funds? Voluntary assessment of \$20, \$25 or more? Matching fund donor to match \$XXX.xx donated? That might work for some, but we have several members who will not even pay dues.

Please email me your ideas, suggestions, thoughts, etc., and I will compile the results and confer with the offers as to how we proceed.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY

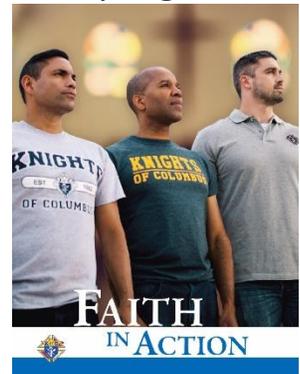
District Deputy Report September 2020

My Brothers,

September is normally the month when home and family life resume a regular routine. Vacations are over, children and grandchildren are returning to school and there is a hint of Fall in the air. This September is far from that. COVID-19 continues to affect our daily lives. Children are schooling at home. Many of us have work hours that have been altered or curtailed altogether. We continue to function in an environment where group activities, including council meetings and worship services, are limited in size and constrained by masking and social distancing. COVID-19 promises to be here for a while, so it is important we adjust to the new normal and continue to serve our family, community, and parish.

Supremes' *Faith in Action* guidebook offers a number of activities councils can continue to undertake, even in this time of limited social interaction. There remains a need for Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Supremes' RSVP Seminarian program and many others. It can also easily be a time for spiritual reflection with programs like the *Into the Breach* video series, Sacramental Gifts and Rosaries for an early end to the pandemic. Even if you are not

meeting in large numbers, you can continue to grow the Order and your council by inviting men in your parish to join online at www.kofc.org/join. Of greatest importance is to continue serving the needs of your Pastor and Church. Click [here](#) to learn more about Supremes' *Faith in Action* programs.



The exciting news is Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, is about to be Beautified! Can you imagine belonging to an organization whose founder is nearing sainthood? The Beautification Mass for Father McGivney is scheduled to occur in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut on or near October 31, 2020. At that time, he will become the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. A second confirmed miracle through the intercession of Father McGivney is needed for canonization and sainthood. Need a Prayer Answered? Ask Father McGivney. Click [here](#) for further information on the cause for Father McGivney's sainthood.

Many councils are continuing to meet "virtually" using tools like Zoom and GoToMeeting. Others have resumed meeting face-to-face while practicing masking and social distancing. Whichever works for you, please remain active

and engaged. If you would like or need assistance with the virtual meeting technology, please feel free to contact me directly. A meeting or demonstration can be arranged.

Be Bold! Be proud of who you are and what you are! We are Catholic men and Knights of Columbus!

May God bless,
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS:

Please wish these Sir Knights a Happy Birthday!

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| Biff Gallivan | 09-07 | Jose Guzman | 09-16 |
| James Jacobs | 09-23 | Manual O’Horan | 09-14 |
| Michael Powell | 09-30 | Rev. Marin Ramat | 09-07 |
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