

September 2018

Brother Knights:

September is a special month for me. My son was born in September. He has graduated college, has a good job, and is married. It seems like it was only yesterday he and I attended Mass together. He was probably five or six but would help me usher. He and I would go together while taking up the collection and handing out church bulletins after Mass. We ushered together for several years and I have to admit, it was nice having parishioners ask about my son after he had gone off to college. Many said they enjoyed watching my son grow up helping me.

As a father, I take pride knowing that the time I spent with my son as he grew up made a lasting impression on him. He kept his catholic faith in college and when he got engaged, told his fiancé' that if they were to get married, they would have to do so in the Catholic Church. Side note: She was agnostic but did go through RCIA to understand why my son thought the way he did regarding his faith. As it turns out, she decided to become catholic and was baptized and confirmed in the catholic faith a few days before she married my son.

As Knights, we take on a responsibility to be a good role model to our families. I believe even more so to our sons. So while my son is catholic, unfortunately he has no interest in the Knights of Columbus at this time. I don't pressure him to become a Knight, but I do hope in time, maybe when and if he has a son, my son will decide to become a Knight.

Until then, I continue to be proud to follow in my father's footsteps by becoming a Knight as he was, and my grandfather as well.

Some say the Knights have out lived their usefulness and really aren't needed anymore. I say the Knight have a purpose, and it is up to the men who call themselves Knights to be the role models to have young men, like my son, to want to join.

Be proud to be a Knight. Strive to be the role model you want to be if your son (or daughter) was watching you. You may never know the young boy in church today that notices you serving your church as a Knight.

The more you get involved in the Knights, the more you will get out of it. Hope to see you at our next council meeting or council event.

Vivat Jesus,

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Worthy Grand Knight