



Council 13049  
Council Meeting – 17 September 2020  
Good of The Order  
Lecturer's Notes



## THE LECTURER — HALF SHOWMAN, HALF TEACHER

According to Supreme's website, "It's not enough to just try to educate people by passing on information; the Lecturer has to do it in an entertaining way to make them stand up and take notice and walk away enthusiastic about what they've heard. This challenge is faced by the council lecturer when preparing material for the "Good of the Order" section of a meeting. Successful "Good of the Order" topics will help encourage members to attend meetings and stay informed and involved in your council.

The Grand Knight appoints the Lecturer to provide suitable education and entertainment programs for the council. It's up to the Lecturer to plan and present worthwhile programs that will help build meeting attendance and benefit the attending members. To do this the lecturer needs to be knowledgeable on all aspects of the council's programming."<sup>1</sup>

Due to the limitations imposed through our now normal virtual meeting format, I will be limiting the Good of the Order to brief inspirational thoughts. For this month's Good of the Order, I'd like to focus on the start of the Columbian year and the work that our Council is gearing up for to support our parish, our priests and our community. Let me start with a quick story which I had originally seen on a KofC Lecturers' forum.

### THE FARMER AND HIS CORN<sup>2</sup>

There was an old farmer who grew excellent quality corn.

Every year he won the award for the best-grown corn.

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<sup>1</sup> Half Showman, Half Teacher – The Lecturer, Knights of Columbus website – For Members -, <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/membership/member-retention/the-lecturer.html>

<sup>2</sup> Daily Dew, July 20, 2017, Archives, Featured, Inspiration, Relationship, <https://daily-dew.com/author/publisher/>  
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.  
Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.)



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One year a news reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbours.

“How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbours when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?” the reporter asked.

“Why sir,” said the farmer, “Didn’t you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbours grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbours grow good corn.”

So it is with our lives...

Those who want to live meaningfully & well, must help enrich the lives of others, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others find happiness, for the welfare of each, is bound up with the welfare of all.

- Call it the power of collectivity...
- Call it a principle of success...
- Call it a law of life.

The fact is, none of us truly wins until we all win!!

Our Council's work to support our parish, priests and community requires all of us Knights to pitch in as **“farmers”** to sow and share good seed. The seeds being our strong Catholic faith and our strong beliefs that will assist our priests in nurturing our parish and community. I ask all my brother Knights on behalf of our Program Directors to volunteer your time and talents to work on one or many of the various Council projects. Together, we will all work as the **“farmer”** to sow good seeds within our parish and community.

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