

## 5 REASONS WHY NOT TO VOLUNTEER

*Editor's note: this time of year, we develop our officer's slates and appoint our Council Directors for the next Columbian year. Sometimes it is hard to fill these spots and here is why:*

5. **“I don’t want responsibility.”** I’ll help in the background”- If we do actually help, that’s great. Some of us have leadership talents we don’t share out of fear of failure. In the Knights of Columbus, we practice the Principle of Unity. If one of us fails, we all fail. In my 15 years, I am yet to see failure. I have seen unwillingness to try. I think Jesus calls that “lukewarm.”
4. **“I don’t know how.”** Neither did Father McGivney. He saw a need, had a dream and asked for help. It wasn’t easy, but when he saw his vision working, he had the greatest reward-satisfaction.
3. **“Someone else will do it.”** This is the same as saying, “I don’t want to do it.” Trouble is, if too many think someone else will do it, it doesn’t get done.
2. **“I’m too busy.”** The world is full of busy people that get things done. Busy people find time to do the things they want to do. Some people ask God to help them set priorities and help them plan. This works pretty well...
1. **“My family comes first.”** The Knights of Columbus is a family- oriented organization. The Order offers a multitude of ways for the entire family to get involved. Sometimes we need a woman’s touch; and its great to have the boundless energy and enthusiasm of our kids helping us out at Tootsie Roll drives, dinners, Fish Fry’s and the like. By getting our families involved, everyone has a good time.

As our State Deputy says, “If you make a decision to do something, you can do it. Invite the Holy Spirit into the situation, whatever it is, and you can’t lose. Most importantly, you won’t cheat yourself out of “an experience of a lifetime.”-**Bruce Tawson-State PR**