

KNIGHTS CORNER

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While working for a truck leasing company, I learned that in addition to the bright yellow trucks I rented out to folks short term, we also had massive fleets with just a little tiny sticker up by the mirror. All of a sudden it seemed like every truck I saw had that sticker on it. I couldn't stop seeing them.

I'm sure you've experienced something similar and you may be aware that they call this shift where one starts noticing something more frequently right after learning about it the frequency illusion or the Baader-Meinhof phenomenon. I bring this up because it's been the same for me and some of my fellow brother Knights with our parish and our council. Once we joined the council we couldn't stop noticing the different ministries and events (both Knights and not) that our parish does. Once we started to notice we had more families, particularly young families, attending the 11am Mass now we can't stop noticing (so grateful). Handing out Baptism baskets we see just how many babies we're welcoming to our faith family (amazing).

Downside is the same can be true the other way. Once we start to hear or see something unpleasant on the news, the internet, in our workplace, or in society in general, it seems like all we see are more and more causes for alarm. If you're starting to feel like all you see is "bad news" I'd encourage you to find a ministry or parish group you're fond of. I'm sure they'd love to have you join them, but if you're not able to do that, I'd suggest supporting them with prayer and try to follow them or chat with some of their members/volunteers about what they are up to. Once you start you won't be able to stop noticing the good.

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