

# The 24-Hour Knight

**T**oday's young man has many commitments. From his duty to his family to his obligation to his workplace, there are constant calls on his time. How many times have your council's recruiters heard the reply, "I don't have much time to give to the Knights, so why should I join?" It's a common concern among many prospects that they just don't have the time to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

Imagine if you were able to tell a man that if he could just give 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus he could make a positive difference in his community and Church. Below is an illustration of just how little time it takes to be an active part of the Order. Even with this minimal commitment he can be an important part of his council, and reap the benefits membership has to offer him and his family. When talking to a prospect about joining our Order, try breaking down the time commitment in this way:



- 12 hours a year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the state and local council newsletters, *Columbia* magazine, and surfing the state council and Supreme Council Web sites.
- Two hours a year attending, with his family, two corporate Communion or council prayer services at his parish.
- Two hours a year on a council-sponsored Church, community, council, family or youth project of his choosing.
- Two hours a year attending one council meeting. (If it's a well-run, interesting meeting he might even come back for a second.)
- Four hours a year enjoying (again, with his entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, dance, picnic, etc

**That's only 24 hours a year,** which practically any man can fit into his schedule. When you present the time commitment of joining the Order in this way, it doesn't seem very intimidating at all. Once a man becomes a member and sees how rewarding being a part of the Knights of Columbus is, he'll want to dedicate more of his time to the Order.

If your council doesn't conduct some of the types of programs mentioned above, consider implementing them or similar ones. If your council doesn't have a newsletter consider starting one – there is no better way to keep your members informed and active.

There are 8,760 hours in a year. By giving the Knights of Columbus 24 of those hours (less than .3 percent), a man can be a better Catholic, a better father, a better husband and a better person. Think of the difference the Knights of Columbus can make in our communities if these men join us. We only have to let each qualified prospect know that he has the time – only 24 hours – to join and make a difference in his Church community.

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**Being a member of the Knights isn't as time-consuming as some prospects may think. When you ask prospects to join the Order explain that we are asking for 24 hours of their time each year in the following manner:**

- *12 hours a year reading the weekly church bulletin, the state and local council newsletters and the monthly Supreme Council magazine COLUMBIA.*
- *2 hours a year volunteering at a council event of their interest*
- *2 hours a year attending two council prayer services with their family*
- *2 hours a year on a council sponsored family project or event*
- *2 hours a year attending one council meeting, if it is a good one they attend more*
- *4 hours a year attending a council social function with their family*