

## **The 24 Hour Knight**

In today's world, a man faces multiple commitments to his spouse, children, workplace, community and Church. Every day these responsibilities seem to grow while the time to meet them seemingly dwindles. It can be daunting for today's man to find time to volunteer. Imagine if you were able to tell a man that if he could give just 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 member of the Order. Even with this minimal commitment he can be an important part of his council and reap the benefits membership offers to him and his family. When talking to a prospect about joining our Order, try breaking down the time commitment in this way:

**Six hours a year** on a council sponsored Church, community, council, family, pro-life or youth project of his choosing.

**Four hours a year** attending two council meetings (if well-run and interesting, he might even come back for a third).

**Four hours a year** enjoying (with his entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, dance, picnic, etc.

**Four hours a year** volunteering at the council's annual drive for people with intellectual disabilities, the Knights of Columbus New International Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, K of C Soccer Challenge, Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest or similar event.

**Four hours a year** attending, with his family, two corporate Communion or council prayer services at his parish.

**One hour a year** reading the council bulletin, council Web site and the Supreme Council Web site.

**One hour a year** visiting with a Knights of Columbus Field Agent to ensure that his family is protected now and in the years to come.

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 Knight is, he'll want to dedicate more of his time to the Order.

There are 8,760 hours in a year. By giving the Knights of Columbus 24 of those hours a man can be a better Catholic, father, husband and 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 already has the time — only 24 hours — to join and make a difference in his Church and community.

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