



# 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. Many of us at one time have said, "I don't have much time to give to the Knights, so why should I join?" It's a common concern among many prospective members that they just don't have the time to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

Imagine if you were able to just give 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus. You could make a positive difference in your 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 you can be an important part of Notre Dame Council 10514, and reap the benefits membership has to offer for you and your family. When we are talking to a prospective member about joining our Order, we 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, 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.
- Four hours a year attending council meetings to help plan future events. (We even offer a light meal and social time after each council meeting. Notre Dame Council 10514 meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Meetings are held in the Parish Hall.)
- 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 consider 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.

Notre Dame Council 10514 has developed its own website presence; [www.Council10514.org](http://www.Council10514.org)

The website provides a detailed overview of the Faith in Action programs of the council. The Faith in Action program has four parts: Faith, Community, Family, and Life. Monthly newsletters are also archived on the website.

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 more men join us.

So, join us. It's only 24 hours, You will make a difference in your Church and community.

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**Being a member of the Knights isn't as time-consuming as some may think. When you are asked to join the Order we are asking for 24 hours of your 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 or attending a council event of your interest*
- *2 hours a year attending corporate Communion or council prayer services with your family*
- *4 hours a year attending a couple of council meetings*
- *4 hours a year attending a council social function with your family*