

Overcoming Objections to Join

I. Sometimes when I talk to a man about becoming a Knight of Columbus he thinks he cannot be one for a variety of reasons:

1. He is a busy man and he does not have the time to commit to the Knights
2. He must attend so many meetings so going to more meetings is not his thing.
3. He is already involved with his parish joining the Knights is just overworking the already overworked
4. He is a family man nothing should detract from his precious moments with his family
5. Community involvement takes much of his energy and he does not have the desire to take on another project

II. These are serious statements why he is not already a Knight of Columbus

Let us look at each in turn:

1. He is a busy man and he does not have the time to commit to the Knights
Being a member of the Knights isn't as time consuming as some may think.

We are asking for 24 hours of their time each year in the following manner:

a. 12 hours a year reading the weekly church bulletin, the state and local council newsletters and the monthly Supreme Council magazine **COLUMBIA**.

That is 15 minutes each week and he is already reading the parish bulletin

In Columbia magazine he will learn how Knights strengthen their families and their parishes

b. 2 hours a year volunteering at a council event of their interest

Once a year doing an activity with fellow parishioners, an activity he is interested in

c. 2 hours a year attending two council prayer services with their family this could be a prayer service for deceased members of the parish in November or this could be any of a variety of prayer services, it might be praying the rosary monthly before a Sunday Mass

In this he is modeling proper faith life for his family and rather than detracting from time with his family this time with his family actually makes the family stronger

d. 2 hours a year on a council sponsored family project or event

Again, instead of detracting from his family this event benefits the knight and his family

e. 2 hours a year attending one council meeting, if it is a good one they attend more

This is not quite the once or twice a month meeting you may have had in mind.

Besides, the business meeting seldom lasts beyond one hour

-- the rest of the time is for fellowship and social interaction

f. 4 hours a year attending a council social function with their family

Again, the time and energy goes into building a stronger family as we have fun along with our fellow knights.

It is no coincidence that strong families are the building blocks of strong parishes and strong nations.

In this we are simply reflecting the plan of the best planner, our Divine Master Himself.

2. He must attend so many meetings so going to more meetings is not his thing.

I have addressed this already Once a year is not so much is it? Although we believe he will choose to attend more.

3. He is already involved with his parish

Joining the Knights is just overworking the already overworked

If we recruit only those who are already fully committed to the success of the parish the objector would have a valid point. However, we seek to recruit **more** workers for the parish so that "many hands make light work" and in the process we share fellowship

4. He is a family man

Nothing should detract from his precious moments with his family

I have already addressed this matter.

5. Community involvement takes much of his energy

He does not have the desire to take on another project

Most of the things we do you are already doing in one way or another.

We simply believe that you will enjoy it more when you are part of a dynamic team,

A team which benefits everyone: the family, the parish and the community.

We are not suggesting that you take on a whole new project, but

We **do** suggest that joining a dedicated team benefits everyone, the knight, his family, and his parish.

So if you believe in helping your pastor and the parish why not join a team of dedicated parish supporters?

24 Hour Knight – Vince Meis version