

## School of Columbianism 2010

### MEMBERSHIP

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## Knight in Shining Order Material

1. #4292 Pocket Card
2. #4297 Brochure
3. #4293 Certificate
4. Scorecard can be downloaded from the State Website: [www.kofc-ms.org](http://www.kofc-ms.org)

## Knight of the Round Table

The State Officers have agreed to a new membership award this year.

Members that have been a Knight for more than one year can now earn the Knight in Shining Armor Award and be a Knight of the Round Table. It Has to be earned each year. There will be recognition for the Knight earning the award and the Councils will also be able to earn awards.

The Council with the highest number of members earning the award will be recognized, and the Council with the highest percentage of members earning the award , will also be recognized. The Council that wins each category will receive an award and get preferred seating at the convention.

## Requirements for the award

1. Work on three council service programs
2. Attend at least three Council Business meetings.
3. Be a Third Degree Member
4. Recruit one new member
5. Meet with the Council Insurance Representative if you do not already have a K of C insurance policy.

All of these must be completed before March 31, 2011.

## Retention

1. Get them involved! The proposer should invite them to a meeting and to participate in a program.
2. The Retention Committee should call every member that is in danger of being suspended.
3. When calling they should ask if the member needs help from the Council. The Knights were founded to help widows of Catholic Gentlemen. If a member is in distress, the Council should waive the dues until the Knight is back on his feet and help him in any other way they can.
4. If they are more than two years in arrears, they need special attention.
5. Do not create a bucket with a big hole in the bottom and try to fill it up.

## Ways to help recruitment

1. Ask for your Priests help.
2. Have a regular monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.
3. Each District should strive to have a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree team.
4. Bring a former member back. If he is an insurance member, you get double credit.
5. Consider starting up the Squires if you do not already have them.
6. Work on the male RCIA members to join.

## Reasons a Knight leaves the Order

1. Nobody ever called him to get involved in anything.
2. He did not get appropriate orientation from either the proposer, the admissions committee, or the Council
3. He did not take his Second and Third Degree.
4. He was never called to help with an activity
5. He was never invited or came to any Council meetings
6. He did not feel welcome at the meeting or an activity
7. He had very little or no Council communications or contact
8. It was not what he was looking for
9. He failed to remain a Catholic
10. He was charged with a felony crime
11. He was financially distressed
12. He was physically unable to be involved
13. He wanted more spiritual activity

What is the main reason a new recruit  
says he did not join earlier?

No one asked him to join!

Let's ask a Practical Catholic over 18 to join the  
Knights!

Thank you!