

Recruitment with Knight Vision

A monthly newsletter intended to provide recruiting guidance and membership growth success.

We begin not just another new year, but a new decade. We can often imagine what the end of one year will be like, but not usually ten years from now. We can only guess what life will be like; looking back at the last decade and all the changes that occurred, who knows. The one thing we do know is that as long as there are Knights of Columbus active in their parishes and in their communities life will be better. There will be more men and their families serving God and the church; more acts of charity will be undertaken. There will be abundant number of priests and sisters serving God's people in their special and spiritual way because of our support. Life will be good, but only if we continue to recruit and live the principles of our Order as we have learned. We must be active and we must be committed to the cause of Christianity and Freedom!

WelcomeHomeCatholics.org

Many dioceses within the Catholic Church are promoting some sort of "Welcome Back" program encouraging fallen away Catholics to return to the church. Using short clips on TV and the internet they are making a measurable difference in numbers of former Catholics returning to regular attendance at Mass. Evidence shows that only 33% of U.S. Catholics attend Mass on a weekly basis. That means that 42.7 million U.S. Catholics are not practicing Catholics. Over 100,000 baptized Catholics drift away from the church each year.

How do we, as Knights fit into this picture? We know that to be a Knight we must be a practical Catholic, therefore the indelible mark of commitment to our faith is imprinted into our being. Who better then to be evangelizers for the Catholic Church?

We may never know what the effect of our efforts will be when we invite a friend, a relative or former Catholic back to the church. I was at my granddaughter's Christmas play a few weeks ago and was visiting with another man after the program. I had not seen him at our parish previously, so I introduced myself and he did the same. He told me he was not Catholic, but his wife was born Catholic and they had been attending a protestant church nearby, but on that past Sunday they attended our parish and listened to a presentation on the "Welcome Back Catholic" program. He said they felt it was a calling from God. God does work in mysterious ways sometimes. We just need to be His eyes and ears on earth and be ready to do His work.

Former, Inactive Insurance and Out of State Members

What a perfect time for us to Welcome Back Brother Knights who have left the Order for whatever reason? In conjunction with the church's current effort to "Welcome Back Catholics" we can be a tremendous help in this effort. Call former members and contact them for reinstatement of membership. At the same time you will be inviting them to become more active in the church.

Get a list of all those members currently suspended from Karen.Wilson@kofc.org at the Supreme Office or from your field agent. Go through the list and check for possible deceased members still on the list (rootsweb.org) as well as non-Catholics who may not be currently eligible until they reconcile with the church. Check with your pastor or chaplain on all former members.

The Knight Visionary says for January:

Plan your recruiting strategy for the rest of the year.

Personally call on all former, inactive insurance and out of state members and invite them to rejoin.

Schedule degrees during January

Plan early for the Spring Blitz/Church Drive

Complete and file your Annual Fraternal Survey Report #1728 **Due January 31st**

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