

"Membership growth, especially by recruiting younger men who are committed to service, is a top priority for the Knights of Columbus."

~Supreme Knight  
Carl Anderson

### Four principles for recruiting Catholic men:

1. Seek out those who are willing to serve others
2. Appeal to younger men
3. Find roles within councils to draw out the skills of younger men
4. Develop programs that will attract these men and keep them interested and active

~Recruitment Priorities outlined at the  
135<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention



West Point Council #2272 has been leading Nebraska's effort in recruiting the next generation of Knights. It's time for the rest of the State to follow their lead and join in the Nebraska Knights of Columbus High School Recruitment Initiative.

*"It's not always easy for young adults to stay connected to the Catholic Church as they begin college life. I believe membership in the Knights of Columbus helps keep young men grounded in their faith."*

~Chris Kreikemeier, DD 42

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# Nebraska K of C High School Recruitment Initiative

A guide to help with the recruitment and retention of our young Catholic men



## Reasons for Recruiting High School Seniors

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- Recruiting young men will provide them the opportunity for a lifetime of service to their priest, parish, and community
- By inviting high school seniors to join our Order, the Knights of Columbus are providing a solid structure to help keep our young men involved in the Catholic church
- There is a better chance of getting these young men to join the Knights before a busy life becomes an excuse not to be a member
- By offering the gift of membership to our high school seniors, we have the opportunity to form disciples who will share their faith and joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ



## Steps for Recruiting High School Seniors

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- Your Grand Knight, along with the Membership Director, should contact the priest associated with the Catholic high school and the administration to obtain permission to begin the Recruitment Initiative
- Discuss the Initiative with your council Chaplain
- Inquire about teachers, coaches, or other faculty members who are Knights of Columbus members and would be willing to be the primary recruiters of the high school seniors
- Give the recruiters information regarding the Initiative including reasons why these young men should join the Knights of Columbus
- The recruiters should have prospective members fill out a Form 100 that reflects their parish name and council number
- Schedule an Admissions Degree which could be held in the high school at the end of the school day or after activity practices
- Provide lunch for the new members after the Degree (pizza, sandwiches, cookies, drinks)

## Steps in Retaining High School Seniors

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- Involve new members in council activities before they go to college (fish fries, pancake breakfasts, sporting events, parish picnics, charitable events)
- Keep track of the new members by forming a committee to regularly contact them to see how they are doing
- When new members leave home, encourage them to become active in the councils located near them by providing contact information (e.g. Newman Center)
- Remember that these new members are willing to serve, but they are young, and most would prefer not attending a business meeting
- Always pray for them

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