

## KNIGHTS CORNER

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As a Knight of Columbus you receive the Columbia magazine which provides insights into our faith, our order and what's happening with other councils. I had a long car ride ahead of me last Sunday and I re-read the October issue in which the Supreme Convention, and therefore the highlights of the year, was covered. In it one fact jumped off the pages at me this time that hadn't hit me before. In 2022 the Knights devoted 49 Million hours to volunteer and charitable efforts. **49 Million.** We hear big numbers like that all the time when it relates to dollars, but not time. So I asked myself how long is 49 million hours? As I said, I had a long car ride. If one person somehow managed to work 24/7 it would take them over 5,589 years to hit that 49 million mark, or if we want to let our fictitious lone Knight get away with just a 40 hour work week, a little over 23,500 years. It brings to light the Lesson on Unity we offer during the exemplification ceremony. Brothers can accomplish so much more when united in a common purpose. You take those same 49 million hours and divide them by the 2 million members of our order (easier math this time) and you get 24.5 hours per Knight. 1 day. Every Knight, like the hardworking members of our council, giving 1 day can accomplish thousands of years' worth of work in one year. We all know because of where each brother is in their life, some Knights are able to give much more than that and some aren't able to help at all in a given year and that's ok. Whenever a person we're asking to join says they think they might be too busy, or a current brother apologizes for not being able to help more, we mean it when we say we appreciate anything and everything they are able to do, because in the end it truly does all add up.

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