

## **Membership Director Message for December 2024**

Worthy Brothers, there are currently three ways a Prospect can apply to become a Knight of Columbus.

**Good** – You may choose to use the Form 100 to have a Prospect apply to join the Knights of Columbus. This is the traditional method, and it is still good, however, there are drawbacks to using the Form 100. The Form 100 includes required information that must be completed, or the application will not be accepted. These items are required and must be legible (easy to read). The completed Form 100 needs to be scanned and be sent to Membership@KofC.org. If any of the essential information is missing or illegible, the Form is sent via email back to the Council for completion.

**Better** – The Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary may use the Candidate tab found in Officers Online and click on the ADD button. This method is quick and easy. All critical information is typed by the GK or FS. To avoid mistakes, be sure to show it to your Prospect to ask him to check the information. When the Prospect has been interviewed, accepted, and Exemplified, the FS or GK goes back to the Candidate Tab to enter the Exemplification Date which transfers him into the Council. The Prospect then instantly becomes a Brother Knight in your Council.

**Best** – Ask your Prospect to complete the Online Membership application on his own cell phone. Let him know he will need to verify his email by replying to an email that will be sent after he submits his basic information. Then, he should complete the rest of the application. This application is best because he is already a Brother Knight the moment he completes his application. He will receive emails from Supreme encouraging him to join a local Council to keep his interest up. He is a Brother Knight so there is no need for a Form 100. When the Council completes his Admissions Committee interview and votes to accept him, he must attend an Exemplification. After the Exemplification. Then the GK or the FS goes to the Prospect tab to enter the Exemplification date and clicks TRANSFER. He is then automatically added to your Council roster.

Now that we are in the last month of the second quarter, this is the time for taking stock of what we have done in terms of membership. How did we use that time. Did we use that time selfishly thinking only of ourselves and what we want? Or did we use that time to serve God by loving, serving others, and inviting new brothers? Did you personally invite new Brother into our order? Did we encourage our councils to conduct exemplifications and Delta Church Drive? Is your council achieving the membership quota before December 24<sup>th</sup> and earning the Feather Flag?

The last month of the year also gives us hope. Hope is humble confidence that God won't give up on us. Hope is a spiritual muscle. But like all muscles, it must be exercised just to survive. In other words, "Use It or Lose It". That's why each year the Church gives us a season of Hope, which we call Advent. This year Advent begins Sunday December 1st. After Advent comes Christmas. On Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Our Membership Team challenge during this month of the year is to invite your parishioners, family and friends to be the **KNIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS**. Let's give that same opportunity that was given to each of us.

Vivat Jesus,  
Epi Inigo Felimon B. Engo (PCP)