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Worthy Brothers, think about the road to lifelong membership in the Knights of Columbus as a circle of mentorship. We all have or had a mentor in the Knights. Someone who took the time to guide us and make sure we were on the right path of charity, unity and fraternity. Mentorship starts when we plant the seed of need. The seed starts small and may take root as soon as it is sown or may take multiple scatterings and years to germinate. The key to helping a Catholic man to see the K of C as something that he and his family truly needs. Find out what he needs and guide him to



activities that fulfill him. Mentorship begins when we open his shell by offering him or his family the Faith, Family, Community, and Life activities that will nourish his growth as a Catholic man. Once he has chosen to join the Council, we need to continue to feed his need by keeping him and his family involved. A good mentor will help a Brother to grow as a Knight so he can develop relationships and habits that will root him in Faith and the Order. Over the process of months or even years he will grow in Faith and in Action by participating and by volunteering side-by-side with his

Brother Knights. His Faith grows like a strong plant that can be seen as a sign of Christ to others. The ultimate step of mentorship is achieved when your Brother chooses to invite and recruit other men into the Order. Then he becomes the sower of the seed when he shares the value of the K of C to friends, family, and even to strangers. His Faith in Action blossoms into full flower with seeds that can be planted in the hearts of other Catholic men.

Those councils who achieved the membership requirements before December 31st, my congratulations to you and soon the feather flag will be at your doorsteps. Now, you can focus on your safe environment, Fraternal benefit, start filling up your SP-7 in every event you did and even the upcoming events. Note that your form #1728 Annual Audit is due on Jan 31st. Please refer to the star tracker and aim to get rid of all the reds.

For those who are still short in membership requirement, I encourage you to schedule your exemplifications and membership drives. Remember to utilize the QR code or sign them up thru online membership at <https://kofc.org/join>.

Happy New Year!

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