

As a new year of fraternal service begins, please to take a moment to offer a prayer of gratitude to God Almighty for this blessed opportunity to continue building up His body -- "which is the church" -- through support of the Knights of Columbus. May we continue to lead with faith, charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, in response to Christ's evangelical call.

The strength of local Knights of Columbus (KofC) councils, the vitality of parishes, and the future of Nevada's KofC mission are in my humble opinion twofold:

1. Outreach to inactive brothers (See the Parable of the Lost Sheep in Luke 15:3-7 and in Matthew 18:12-14)
2. Extend welcoming invitations to all prospective members.

Every Catholic man we bring into the Order protects his family through our outstanding fraternal benefits program. In addition, joining the Knights of Columbus bolsters a man's witness to the Catholic faith through the "Cor" initiative.

Do not hesitate. Leave no stone unturned. Reach out now! Check in with an inactive brother and invite a prospective one. The bottom line is to help every man discover how the Knights of Columbus can deepen "Cor" faith values while serving others.

Please also continue to pray daily to Our Lady of Guadalupe and to our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, for divine intercession as we embark on this new fraternal year.

"¡Viva Cristo Rey!"

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