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District 8 - District Deputy Message

Brother Knights,



Brian Rodgers

As we enter into the Advent season, I wanted to first say how thankful I am for all of your work over the past calendar year. Without all of you, the Knights wouldn't be what we are today.

The end of December also brings the end of the generous offer the state has made to the individual councils. Fulfilling 1/2 of your membership quota by the end of the year will bring money back to your council that will allow you to continue the work God sends us into the world to complete. Work hard to bring men into our order, ask all whether they have been approached before or not, show them what we have to offer, and allow God to work through them and discern what is best for them.

As you read this, I am either just about to leave for or in the middle of the semi-annual District Deputy meeting in Devils Lake. Please pray for me and those who are called to lead the Knights in North Dakota, they work hard on our behalf, and we are successful in large part due to our leadership. There is a lot of information given at this meeting and I'll do my best to pass it along upon my return.

God Bless,
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Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

Sir Knights and Ladies,

I pray this note finds you and your families well. I hope you were able to share Thanksgiving with family and friends. I find it interesting that we just celebrated the end of a harvest, to give thanks for the gifts we have been given. But now, as we enter Advent, we prepare for the greatest gift of all; the birth of Christ, our Savior. During this season we are surrounded by symbols of Christ's love for us:

- ◆ Christmas lights remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and He was sent to bring us hope.
- ◆ Christmas trees (evergreens) stay green year round reminding us that Christ brings us everlasting life.
- ◆ Stars are a reminder of the star that appeared in the night sky to announce that Christ was born. It also guided the Wiseman to Jesus as it reminds us to follow the light of our Savior.
- ◆ Poinsettias, like the evergreen, thrives during the winter and symbolizes new life. The red leaves reminds us of the blood Jesus spilled for us and the white leaves symbolize his purity.

These are but a few of the symbols of Christmas that are often overshadowed by the commercialism of the season. Sir Knights and Brother Knights, Keep Christ in Christmas!

Thank you to the Sir Knights that helped make our Turkey Bingo on November 19th a huge success. Again Sir Knight Jerry Clark organized the event and called some exciting Bingo games. The Columbian Club did a wonderful job supporting our event the night before a huge wedding reception, thank you.

I hate to disappoint anyone, but there will not be a Fourth Degree meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 25, 2022 at the Columbian Club.

I wish all of my Brother Knights around the world and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Viviat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Faithful Navigator, Assembly 787



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Little Flower Council 9839

Hello Everyone and Brother Knights!

Here's to you all doing well as winter begins! Going into advent I hope that you all are enjoying the holiday season and find a moment in your day for prayer, spend some time with Jesus in Adoration, and keep God close to your heart this Christmas.

This past month we had our Knights of Columbus breakfast, benefitting the food pantry at Our Lady of Grace Church, and want to thank all who came out and supported our council while enjoying a delicious meal. Hopefully everyone can make it to our next breakfast, on December 12th which will benefit our local Catholic charities, we'll be glad to see you!

Our Knights of Columbus are having a Christmas raffle in our parish from November 28th to December 19th. Tickets will be for sale in the gathering space after each Mass, one for \$5 or three for \$10. The day the raffle ends we will draw eight winners for Christmas gift baskets which each include: a whole turkey, bottle of wine, meat and cheese tray, chocolates, etc. The proceeds will go toward our local Catholic charities. So start off the Christmas season with a chance to win some holiday cheer and to help out our Catholic community!

I want to thank our knights for putting together a prayer card station for the holiday season. In the gathering space of our church parishioners have a chance to choose from a variety of saint and holy prayer cards, so if you are visiting stop by and grab some prayer cards that will help and guide you in your faith life.

Our server of the Month- Kirstin Brunner, for her love and enthusiasm in serving the mass.

Our Knight of the Month- Greg Keller, for all the work he does around the church, fixing and building things that improve our parish for our families and friends.

Our Family of the Month- The Paul & Kasie Sander Family, for all they do for our church in helping out with the parish, being very involved with our knights group, and their two children, Emma and Michael who serve the mass.

Godbless & Merry Christmas!

Luke Audet, Grand Knight Council #9839

Intention of Pope Francis For December 2021



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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Hi Brother Knights,

I want to thank Fr. Maus for the opportunity to speak at each of the Masses about the benefits of the Knights of Columbus. I hope those who are not Knights members will see the benefits of what we do.

Fred Coleman is our Knight of the month for November. He helps with children's liturgy, welcomes people to Mass. He is also a past Grand Knight and a 4th Degree Knight. Fred is a long-term member of our council.

Tom and Wendy Thomas are our family of the month. They are active members of our parish. Tom helps with breakfasts for the Knights of Columbus. Tom and his daughter Katie are ushers for our church and their son Carter was an usher also prior to graduating from high school. Wendy is in the choir and both Tom and Wendy count money for our parish on their scheduled weekend. Tom is a member of the finance council for our church and is also the recording secretary for our council. Tom is also helping live stream our masses for those unable to attend.

The Klein family will be recognized as the altar servers of the month. Kaitlin, Kaydence, Carter, and Kourtney all serve at our 8:30am Mass and do a very good job. It is obvious that this is important to each of them and to their parents.

God Bless

Ricky Aberle
Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

With Advent upon us a great season of joy in preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth begins!

This past month has been a great month for our Council. Fellowship in the St. Leo's basement with donuts and coffee after the 8 am and 9:30 masses has been amazing. Please keep coming down to spend time with your fellow parishioners. November's breakfast had a wonderful turnout. All of the proceeds will go to benefit Dakota Hope. Due to Christmas, there will not be a breakfast in December but fellowship with coffee and donuts will still take place every Sunday.

Thank you to brother knights with head cook Larry Diebert for once again serving up an amazing soup kitchen. The baked fish was a huge hit. We served 67 meals! Thank you to all who have donated time, talent, and treasure to this great cause.

We are continuing to recruit new Knights. Keep praying that all our councils keep growing strong with good, Catholic men.

As we continue to live through interesting and uncertain times, I invite you to join me in daily prayer to ask God to guide and bless the Church, our country, and our world.

Vivat Jesus!

José Castañeda
Grand Knight, Council 9906



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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights

I pray that you and your families had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and found much to be thankful for. You, Brother Knights, are one of the many things that I give thanks for. I appreciate your acts of charity and fraternity as they challenge me to be a better person and, like you, more Christ like. Thank you.

The breakfast on November 21 to support Special Olympics and Home on the Range was a wonderful success. Thank you to all the brother Knights who came out to support the pancake breakfast sponsored by Minot Sash and Door. Bringing in sponsors to support was a great idea that has allowed us to provide an excellent meal and still strongly support the causes that are important to our Catholic beliefs. Mark your calendars, our next breakfast will be on December 13 to help support our Seminarians. The breakfast will be sponsored by Bones BBQ Smokehouse and Grill. Feel free to compare but I think Council 1150 serves a better breakfast. I look forward to working with many of you again for our next breakfast.

Again the parishioners of St. Johns opened their hearts and filled 86 Boxes of Joy with love and kindness for a child in need. Brother Andrew Keeley led our Boxes of Joy Drive to make a child's Christmas special and spread the story of Christ's life and the love He has for all of us. Next year I hope our Council can collect at least 100 Boxes of Joy to continue this ministry.

For the past couple of months, the Council has held our monthly council meetings up at the Columbian Club. This has allowed brother Knights an opportunity to enjoy a meal before the meeting, conduct necessary business, and enjoy post meeting fraternity in a comfortable environment. At this point, my intent is to continue to hold meetings at The Columbian with a meal starting at 6:15 pm and the meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

Our next meeting will be December 7th at The Columbian. I look forward to seeing you there.

Viviat Jesus!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150

Let Advent prepare you for the final meeting with Christ

"During Advent we do not just live in anticipation of Christmas; we are also called to rekindle the anticipation of the glorious return of Christ, when he will return at the end of time, preparing ourselves, with consistent and courageous choices, for the final encounter with him. We remember Christmas, we await the glorious return of Christ, and also our personal encounter: the day in which the Lord will call." **Pope Francis, Angelus, 2nd December 2018**

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