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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

While we have many things to be thankful for, Thanksgiving day has now given way to the season of Advent.

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of our Savior. Take these few weeks to bring yourself to a better understanding of what that truly means. He didn't come to bring us some kind of temporal glory, but rather a chance at salvation and eternal glory. Knights of old were meant to be prepared and serve their king at a moments notice. The Knights of Columbus today are called to do the same. Prepare and be prepared Brother Knights.

There will be many opportunities over the next few weeks to also serve the less fortunate in our communities. Take advantage of these opportunities and offer what time, talent,

and treasure that you are able. Remember, God can never be out given.

Our midseason District Deputy meeting is happening in the first couple weeks of December, please let me know if there's any concerns or questions you'd like me to take to the meeting. Also, we are getting closer to the state convention which is again being held in Minot this year. Don't worry I'm sure they'll be calls for needed help so stay tuned.

Have a great Advent season, and from me and my family to yours, a joyous and blessed Christmas!

God Bless,
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Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

Sir Knights and Ladies,

I pray that all is well with all of you and your families.
I wish you well through this coming glorious season.

I want to thank all the Sir Knights that have participated in the numerous stands that we have had throughout the year and I hope that continues through 2024.

This part of the year is the most important event in the history of the Church with the birth of our Lord, JESUS

CHRIST. Please remember to keep Christ in Christmas and enjoy the season.

I wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and your families.

VIVAT JESUS

JIM WEAVER,
Faithful Navigator, Assembly 787



ADVENT

ADVENT INCREASES OUR HOPE, A HOPE WHICH DOES NOT DISAPPOINT. THE LORD NEVER LETS US DOWN. Pope Francis

Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Brother Knights,
I hope this finds you all in good health. Thank you all for all your support of the activities throughout the year. I am very honored to be a member of the Council. As I have said before, this is your Council and I just run the meetings. Everything you do for the Council, you do for your Parish and Church.

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I hope the Christmas Season is good to all of you. Most importantly, remember to KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. Again I thank you for all you do.

I like to congratulate Jeff Schmidt for being Knight of the Month, Kevin and Susan Bosch for Family of the Month, and Isabelle Aberle for Altar Server of the Month.

I wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. God Bless you all.

VIVAT JESUS

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Little Flower Council 9839

Brother Knights, Family, & Friends

I pray that you are all well as the Advent and Christmas season is already upon us. We will all be getting busy with the holiday season but must remember what is most important during Christmas, Jesus Christ. Christmas these days seems to have been somewhat commercialized with the gifts, decorations, movies, etc. All great things and traditions, but we must not forget what Christmas truly is, the birth of our lord. So let us go into this advent with the love of God in our heart and focusing on our lord and him coming into our world, with the sacraments, spending extra time with him in adoration and prayer so he can truly bring peace and joy in your life.

I want to thank everyone who attended our last breakfast in November, and we were blessed with all who visited, enjoyed fellowship and a delicious meal, and donating to which the proceeds benefitted the Bishop Ryan's March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. Our next fundraiser breakfast is December 10th going from 8:30-12:00 and all proceeds will be benefiting our seminarians, hope to see you there!

Family of the Month- Hans & Julie Gayzur, who we are very thankful to have in our parish. Hans or I should say Deacon Hans, has been a major part in our parish. Being a deacon for many years and endlessly helping out in our church, he is always one to turn to for advice and help. Alongside him, Hans equal, is his wife Julie who is very supportive and always around the parish helping out with the mass and other tasks. We are truly blessed to have them in our parish and are very grateful.



Knight of the Month- Fr. Kenneth Philips, we want to thank Fr. Ken for all he has done in our council and especially in our parish. Along with all the priestly duties he does, he is always keeping busy with other projects going on in the church, from his catholic book study club to working on the new rectory, while still having the time to lead our group in prayer at our KC meetings and lending a hand in our projects.

Server of the Month- Calvin Olson, for all the dedication he has in serving the mass and enjoying it, while serving next to his brother Dexter. We are proud of him and hope that he grows more in his faith life and love in the mass. Our knights want to thank those for all that they do and are truly blessed that they are part of our parish family and will be praying for them.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Knights of Columbus Council #9839, Grand Knight, Luke Audet

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St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights, I am in awe of the many graces God has bestowed on our parish and our Knights of Columbus Council. We continue to be blessed with so many successful meetings and activities.

Nadia Smetana made a presentation at our last meeting on the mission, services and future work of Dakota Hope. We presented her with a check for \$1000, proceeds from our October breakfast. Please continue to pray for Dakota Hope and the many lives they are touching in our North Dakota communities.

Brother Knight, Nick Proulx has volunteered to head a committee that will put together a Christmas dinner drive to donate to our community families that are struggling during this season of giving.

Our next breakfast will be on December 31st with proceeds going to Our Lady of Grace food pantry.

We are entering a very special time of year and as Bishop Kagan presents in his Dakota Catholic Action letter: *"It is hard to believe that we are entering December and the Catholic Church's new year of grace and favor from the Lord, the season of Advent."* *"...our Advent season is supposed to be a penitential preparation of our hearts, minds, bodies and souls to finally see Jesus and make a gift of our lives to him."*

May all the joys of this Christmas season be in your hearts, minds, bodies and souls.

Vivat Jesus!

Rob Lowe
Grand Knight, Council 9906

Intention of Pope Francis for December 2023

For persons with disabilities

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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. I'm always thankful to my Brother Knights from all over the world. At this time of the year, please take some time to give thanks to everyone who reaches out to help someone else. And to all of you for reaching out to help one another. Thank You.

The generosity of the members of St. John's Parish never ceases to amaze me. This year Council 1150 was able to send over 100 Boxes of Joy to 'Cross Catholic Outreach'. These Boxes of Joy will be delivered to deserving children in underdeveloped countries spreading happiness and the story of Jesus.

On November 19th Council 1150 hosted a breakfast, sponsored by Bone's BBQ Smokehouse & Grill, to

support the Bishop Ryan March for Life trip. Thank you to the 6 Bishop Ryan students for all of their help and everyone who joined us for breakfast. The students were a true pleasure to work with. Our next breakfast, which will be sponsored by Planet Pizza, will be on December 17 from 9:00 to 12:00. The proceeds will be going towards our seminarians. We look forward to seeing you and your families there.

Please join me this Advent season in preparing for the coming of Jesus by spreading hope, peace, joy, and love. Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150



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