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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

We are entering into our new liturgical year, which means we are about halfway through our fraternal year. Advent is the time of preparation, we are preparing not only for the arrival of our Messiah, but also His second coming. That is the most important thing of the season, but we also cannot forget to look to the future of our own individual councils.

Like the apostles and early disciples, take the message to the people and that message being that the Knights are here in servitude of the Church. Push the idea that not only are we a fraternal organization that has social benefits but more importantly is one that's going to help the Church continue to flourish in a society that works hard to make sure it fails.

I'm going to challenge each council to try to bring in 1 to 2 members in this Advent season. Give them the gift that they don't necessarily know that they need, a brotherhood of charity and faith.

Couple dates of importance coming up, in late December and early January the icon will be making its way through our region; so if you want to start the preparation for its arrival and schedule prayer services and such that would be wonderful. We are also quickly approaching, our free-throw contest. The council, district, and region-als dates have all been set, and in next month's On Course I will have those dates for you.

Also, over the weekend of December 9 through the 11th, I will be in Fargo for our district deputy meeting so if there's anything that you would like me to ask or bring up, please let me know here soon and I will carry your questions, concerns, or notes to the state.

As always, know that you're all in my prayers, and that I am so very thankful for all that you do for not only the council, but more importantly, for your families, parishes, and God.

God Bless,
Brian Rodgers
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Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

SIR KNIGHTS and LADIES,

I hope this note finds you all in good health. The Honor Guard has been busy during the month with masses and Conformations through out the area. There was the MSU Homecoming Parade that the Honor Guard was also involved in and decorating the float. I want to thank everyone that was involved in these events for their participation.

The coming month is a very special time for the Church and all Knights and their families. Please help out wherever you can to make this a joyous season. Remember because of Him we live. Help keep Christ in Christmas.

The Meetings for the Assembly are being held at Our Lady of Grace Church after the 7pm Mass on the fourth Tuesday of each month. There will be food available at the meetings for those that are hungry. Would like to see more members attend the meetings.

There will be no Assembly meeting in December.

The State Convention will be Bismarck in 2023. If you have never attended one, it is well worth the experience. I would like to thank Brother Dan Heald for all the work he did on procuring the Jackets for the Assembly and also for filling in for me while I was away. God Bless you for all you do Dan.

With having said everything above, I wish you all good health during the Season and each and everyone of you HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

VIVAT JESUS
Jim Weaver
Faithful Navigator, Assembly 787



St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

One of the goals that I have had since I was voted in as Grand Knight about a year and a half ago is to add youth to the council. Due to God's grace, we have been very successful. My reason was not only to grow the Council, or to ensure that it continues on for much longer, but because I believe the young benefit greatly from the advice of the much more seasoned. But vice-versa, I also believe that we keep our youth longer by hanging out with the young. Their energy is contagious. This "hanging out" with each other, getting to know each other better, learning that we can depend on each other for help is Fraternity.

Fraternity is one of our four principles. If the only time we get together is for the monthly breakfast and at meetings, and we do very little outside of that, I fear that we are losing out on one of the most powerful opportunities that being Knights gives us. Having the ability to really just relax with other like-minded men that share the same values is a priceless thing.

Since our council did not do a breakfast for November nor will it do one for December due the holidays landing on or near the 4th Sunday of the month, we are taking the opportunity to take fraternity outside the church building and getting together one evening early in December. I will let you know how it went next month. Maybe other councils are already doing this, if not I would encourage it.

Jim Olson is setting up a blood drive in the St. Leo's church basement on January 3rd from 1 PM to 5:30 PM. Please attend if you are able.

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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Little Flower Council 9839

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I hope that you are all doing well as we are coming out of our fall season and rolling into winter with the start of Advent and the Christmas season. I know things can get really busy with Christmas Day approaching, with all the gifts, decorating, cooking, and preparation, but we must remember that what is most important, the birth of Jesus Christ and joy in the world. Remember to keep Jesus close in your heart with prayer and adoration and he will bring peace and joy to you this Advent season.

I want to first thank our knights for the devotional item display that was put together in our gathering space for our parishioners and visitors who were able to obtain blessed devotional items such as prayer cards and medals, to help guide oneself in their faith life. We will have the display again set up during Advent for everyone.

Our knights want to thank everyone who came out to our last fundraiser breakfast, we were truly blessed with everyone who showed up to show their support and enjoy a delicious meal. We had a little help from our Bishop Ryan students as the proceeds went towards Bishop Ryan's March for Life pilgrimage. Our next fundraiser breakfast is December 11th and will be benefiting our seminarians. It will be a joyful and festive breakfast to celebrate the Christmas season, so hope to see you there!



Bishop Ryan students getting involved with in their parish by helping out at the last breakfast. Proceeds from the breakfast went toward Bishop Ryan's March for Life Pilgrimage.

Server of the Month- Emmitt Vickerman, a young boy growing in his faith and is striving forward in serving the mass and does it with complete joy, we want to thank him for what he does and look forward to how he will grow in his faith. Knight of the Month- Deacon Stephen Young, who is a big part of our group and in our parish. Deacon Stephen is a busy and faithful man always helping out Fr. Phillips and others with the church and faith life. Besides being a Deacon and helping out in the church he also is a big part of our knights group from ministering in our exemplification ceremony to helping out in any way, we want to thank him for everything he does.

Family of the Month- Paula Rudser-Stolba Family, we are very grateful to have Paula and her two daughters in our parish. Paula is always part of our parish life from helping out with the mass and church, to assisting in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program. Her two daughters Payton and Danica also are seen around the parish, serving in the mass and showing up and having fun at our KC events. We want to thank them for everything they do and are truly blessed that they are part of our parish life.

We thank everyone for what they do in the church and know we will be praying for them.

Merry Christmas and God bless!
Grand Knight, Lucien Audet
KC Council #9839

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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Hi Brother Knights,

December 4th our breakfast will benefit the young people from Minot going to the March for Life. Each kid pays \$500 to go but that still doesn't cover all the cost. If you can't make it to the breakfast but still want to help, you can drop off your check at the parish office with Sharon and say the check is for the March for Life. We need to support our youth who are willing to sit in a bus for 24 hours straight each way to tell the world **"unborn lives matter"**.

We all know Jesus was born December 25th but how important is Jesus in our lives during the Christmas season. Are we more concerned about Christmas gifts and what food we are going to eat? It is great to get together with family and friends but don't forget Jesus is the reason for the season.

Gerald and Bev Cushing are the family of the month. They both attend Mass almost daily. They pray the rosary with other parishioners daily at 3:00pm. They are members of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Enrichment

Group. Jerry is a member of the men's group that meets monthly. If we need anything built out of wood, we know we can ask Jerry. Bev has taught at Bishop Ryan School for several years. She leads a bible study at our parish and is a leader for the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and is a lector and Eucharistic minister.

Gerald Cushing is also the Knight of the month for all the reasons above plus he is the Financial Secretary for our Knights of Columbus council. He does a great job. My life as Grand Knight is much easier because of Jerry.

The Klein family are the altar servers of the month. Kaitlyn, Kaydence, Kourtney, and Carter all do a great job of serving. They are willing to fill in whenever asked.

God Bless
Ricky Aberle
Grand Knight

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

Intention of Pope Francis For December 2022

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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knight,

I pray this note finds you and you family healthy. I hope your Thanksgiving was an enjoyable time to share our blessings with family and friends.

Thank you to Bone's BBQ Smokehouse and Grill for sponsoring our November Breakfast to support Special Olympics and Home on the Range. But a huge Thank You to everyone that came to support our breakfast and allowing us to serve you. This month, Minot Sash and Door is sponsoring our breakfast on December 18 with the proceeds going to our seminarians. We look forward to seeing you there and working with many of our Brother Knights.

Brother Andy Keeley led us in another successful Boxes of

Joy campaign. We were able to ship out over 120 Boxes of Joy to aid Cross Catholic Outreach reach out and share the story of Jesus to over 106,000 under privileged children in 7 countries. Well done, Andy. Hopefully we can work with the other Minot Councils to create a larger impact.

I wish you, your family, and friends Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy this Advent season. Take time to prepare for the greatest gift of all, Christ our savior. Keep Christ in Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150

During the four weeks of Advent, these daily prayers and meditations can help calm your heart during a season filled with distractions. Pray these prayers each day to draw close to God during Advent in 2022.

- God, be with me today. Help my heart be open to the ways Jesus is at work in my life. Amen.
- Give me peace today, O Lord. Help me to live this day in eternal hope knowing Jesus will come again.
- Heavenly Father, Give me the strength to have the same trust in You that Mary had, as she awaited the birth of Jesus. I pray for humility today, Father. Our Savior entered this world in a manger with animals. When I feel too proud, let me remember the Holy Family and Jesus's humble birth.

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