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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

We have entered into 2023, the month of January is already gone, and we have a busy few weeks and months in front of us. Once again thank you for all that you do for the Church, for our faith, and for the Knights.

Here is the upcoming schedule for our district...

Sunday, February 19th - 12:00 noon-2:00 pm - Council and District Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at Bishop Ryan Catholic School. Please note this date as I am pretty sure I had given an erroneous date at council meetings.

Sunday, March 5th - 12:00 noon-2:00 pm - Regional Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at Bishop Ryan Catholic School.

Saturday-Sunday, March 25th-26th - District Church Drives with State Deputy. More info to come.

Friday-Sunday, April 28th-30th - State Convention in Bismarck.

Keeping it short this month, check out the letter and pictures regarding the March for Life. The guy writing it isn't Shakespeare, but he tries hard with limited ability. (pages 6 & 7)

Vivat Jesus,
Brian Rodgers DD #8
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Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

Sir Knights and Ladies

I pray that this note finds everyone healthy and in God's blessings. We are into a New Year with things changing every day. I pray that they change for the better but unfortunately that isn't always the case. But we continue to persevere with the help of the Lord.

I recently had the privilege of attending a mass where a special couple revived their marriage in front of God. I think that was a great showing of their love for one another and for God. Marriage is still a sacrament and it should be recognized. Couples should revive their marriage with a mass and blessing from the Priests. It was a wonderful feeling to see this being done. Showing people how much you love each other in front of God. Maybe if more people would do it, it would be a better world.

The Knights of Columbus State Convention is in Bismarck on April 28 - 30. If you have never been to a convention, please try to attend. It is a very worthwhile experience. You meet brother Knights and enjoy good company.

Just a reminder that the Assembly Meetings are held at Our Lady of Grace Church on the 4th Tuesday of the month after the 7pm mass. There is food available at the meetings. Meetings are open to all 4th Degrees. Fulfill your Tuesday spiritually and with good food.

I pray the Lord keeps everyone healthy and in his blessings.

Jim Weaver
Faithful Navigator



St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

January has gone by in a second. Our first breakfast in 2 months was a great success with a great turnout. Thanks to all from other councils that made it to our breakfast.

We are giving our kitchen a few upgrades to make it easier to serve large groups of people and clean up quicker afterwards. It will greatly help our confraternity during funerals.

The free throw contest is upon us. **Let's make it big!**

The more contestants, the more fun it gets.

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

Friends

As it is the middle of winter and things seemed to have settled down with the holidays coming to an end, the kids going back to school, and having our lives as it seems go back to normal. We must not let this happen with our faith life though, beings that Christmas is over and the decorations are put away along with all the other traditions, we must not do the same with our faith. Instead we must grow more in our faith life, as one may say for our new year's resolution, go spend more time with Jesus in adoration, pray a little more in your daily life, and participate and volunteer more in the parish life. I can personally say that in doing so, you will only deepen the love in your catholic faith and bring more joy into one's life.



Knights enjoying each others company at our last breakfast

I want to first thank everyone that came out to our breakfast last month, our knights put together a delicious and festive meal for everyone and were truly blessed with the donations we received that benefitted the Our Lady of Grace food pantry. And with it being the middle of winter, with all the cold and snow and nothing much to do, you can come out to our next fundraiser breakfast

and enjoy a hot and delicious breakfast that will benefit the special Olympics, held on Sunday February 12th from 8:30 till noon, hope to see you there!

The St. Joseph prayer icon made its way through our local parishes this past month and was a true gift to have in our church. Many people came to pray and venerate the icon and want to especially thank all our brother knights and others that showed up at the church and came together, as we prayed a special rosary for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph for the holiness of families. If you missed the Prayer Icon I encourage you to find it next time it comes around the area so you can truly enjoy it.

Server of the Month- Dexter Olson, for all the dedication he has in serving the mass and enjoying it, while serving next to his brother Calvin. We are proud of him and hope that he grows more in his faith life and love in the mass.

Family of the Month- Dan & Tracy Christen, the dynamic couple in our parish who are always great to see in our church and fun to be with. Dan is a veteran in our council being a past grand knight and always helping out and giving great advice to others in our council. He and his wife Tracy, play a major role in our church from greeting and inviting parishioners, selling script, and serving in the mass. They are a joy to see in our parish and we are truly and blessed and thankful for all that they do.

Knight of the Month- Dakota Johnson, who is a major part of our KC group and parish life. Dakota is a younger knight who is on fire for the faith and our church. He is al-

ways helping out in our knights group and lending a big hand in helping me getting things set up for our knights events and things. Aside from that he is the server trainer for our parish, helping out and teaching all the new and energetic kids who are starting out in severing the mass. He also helps teach the confirmation class in our parish, assisting in teaching the faith to our confirmation students as they come into the church. He is a big part of our KC group and in our parish family and are very grateful for all that he does.

Our knights want to thank everyone for all that they do and know that we will be praying for them.

Grand Knight Luke Audet

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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Hi Brother Knights,

Our January breakfast benefited the Dakota Hope Clinic. We had 257 people attend. This is the most people we had attend our breakfast in a few years. We wrote a check to the Dakota Hope Clinic for \$1,200. Supreme has a new initiative called Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP). For every \$500 a local council donates, Supreme Council donates \$100. Supreme hopes to donate \$5 million dollars by June 2023.

Let us pray for safe travels for all those going to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life.

Bob and Carla Crockett are the family of the month. They attend Mass frequently and are Eucharistic ministers for our parish. Carla has been involved in various roles with the parish Altar Society. Bob and Carla's children attended Bishop Ryan Catholic School. Bob and Carla have been involved in several activities with the school. This includes the basketball tournament named after their son, Andrew. He died

while participating in high school sports. Their children have been involved in activities in our parish and they live the example shown to them by their parents.

Knight of the month is Jeff Schmidt. He played Santa Claus for Our Lady of Grace Christmas program. He also helped build beds for the homeless last month. Jeff is a past Grand Knight and coordinates the volunteers for our breakfasts. Jeff is very involved in our council and parish.

Caleb and Sam Haverstock are our altar servers of the month. Both are very good about helping when they are assigned and when they are needed to fill in at a Mass. Sam is very good about letting others know he is here to help in case another server doesn't show.

God Bless
Ricky Aberle
Grand Knight



Intention of Pope Francis for February 2023

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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

I pray this note finds you and your families warm and well.

In January we celebrate life. The March for Life was held on January 20 in Washington DC. This is March would have been the 50th Anniversary of Rowe v Wade, but thanks all your prayers and those who keep speaking for the unborn, that decision has been overturned. The March for Life is still an important event as the battle to protect life continues in Congress and at the state level. Council 1150 had the privilege of being one of many sponsors to support financially and in prayer a group of Bishop Ryan Students attending the March for Life. We are sure they will come back with many wonderful stories and a knowledge that they are part of a larger voice speaking for the unborn.

On January 14th and 15th members of council 1150 handed out "Why We're Pro Life" booklets after masses and left extra copies at St. John's. It explains why abortion is wrong without bringing up religion because abortion is a human rights issue. If you would like a copy, please let me know, I will be than happy to give you your own copy. We took advantage of extra copies of the booklets we had and distributed

them in Mohall, Lansford, and Sherwood. Additional copies were shared with Garrison Council 4715, to distribute to the parishes of Garrison, Max, and White Shield.

Also, on January 15th the Council hosted a breakfast for Minot Right to Life and the Dakota Hope Clinic. We truly appreciated Fargo Glass sponsoring a very successful breakfast. The Knights working the kitchen did an excellent job, thank you. Our next breakfast will be on February 19th to support Real Presence Radio and the Men's Winter Refuge Shelter. Our sponsor for this fine breakfast of pancakes, French toast, eggs, and sausage will be Planet Pizza. EXTRA! We are going to try something new that parishioners have asked about; gluten free pancakes will be available, upon request, during this breakfast.

I have talked with our Knights Insurance Agent, Sam Owen, and he will be joining us at our meeting on February 7th at 7:00. I look forward to seeing you there.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150

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2023 MARCH FOR LIFE - WASHINGTON DC



Brother Knights,

This month, in addition to the District Deputy Report I wanted to take time to also write a report pertaining to the 2023 March for Life. There is a lot to say and I'll try and do it justice on paper, the rest will come later, but the general idea of it all is THANK YOU!

This year's march had many firsts or unique aspects about it, some on the national level, some on the local. The fact that this was the first post-Roe v. Wade march or that it was the 50th anniversary of the march are easy aspects to recognize from anyone that follows the pro-life news in this country. But on a local level we had some firsts as well, of the 38 pilgrims that Bishop Ryan took to the march, 33 were first time pilgrims.

I tell you all of this because of what you did for those local pilgrims. The Knights are a pro-life organization and you showed it to not only those on the bus, but to the nation as a whole. Our costs this year skyrocketed, and even with us raising the cost to our pilgrims by \$150, we still had to raise just about four times what we would in a "normal" year. Because of that, if you had asked me in early- to mid-November if we were going to be able to make this year's March I would have honestly answered, 'no'. So, after many sleepless nights and with extreme anxiety I began to go about fund-raising for the 2023 pilgrimage.

Over the next seven weeks however, God showed me time and time again what happens when He wants something to happen. The pro-life community stepped up to the plate when asked, and between various groups and individuals, contributions for about 60% of our need, rolled in. While that is wonderful and an amazing amount in any year, it was the Knights that took it to the next level and helped put us over the top. Between the four councils you pledged and donated \$4900! Because of the help of many and the Grace of God, we were able to raise the needed amount of money from about Thanksgiving to the day

before we took off. This allowed us, and the diocese as a whole, to take seven busses between the high school and University of Mary. If we include Fargo Shanley that number rises to ten. This is another example of our commitment to life in North Dakota. Approximately 400-475 pilgrims endured hours on a bus, in hotels, and miles of walking and marching, all for life, all because of your help.

Words cannot express my gratitude and amazement at how the Knights came through for the youth and pro-life fight in our diocese. Know that there was absolutely no way we make that journey without your help. You have, year after year, stepped up and helped to fight for life and this year was no exception. I am proud to call myself a Knight and it is times like this it is even easier to talk to the young men of the school about who the Knights are and how they should become one when they become old enough. Know that many prayers, a few rosaries, and quiet moments of thanksgiving were said for you on our pilgrimage. You travel with me every year and on the day of the March you are marching alongside me and hundreds of thousands of other pro-life pilgrims.

Attached are a snippet of some of the reflections that our pilgrims wrote on the way back home. These are a pretty good reflections of how all of them felt, thankful for a chance to spend time with each other, in prayer, in Mass, at the March, and coming home stronger in their faith. In addition, a few photos of our time in DC. If you'd like to talk more about it or have a couple stop by your council meetings to discuss it please let me know and we can arrange something at your convenience.

Vivat Jesus,

Brian Rodgers
Past Grand Knight

2023 MARCH FOR LIFE - WASHINGTON DC

STUDENT REFLECTIONS



The March for Life trip was such a great experience, it's really helped me see why we went. Originally I mainly wanted to go to just see Washington but now I realize that my favorite part of this trip was the march and not the sight-seeing (but it was still fun I did still enjoy the monuments). The most amazing part of the march to me was how many people actually showed up to fight for our cause, I was expecting a lot but not as much as there was or was beautiful. I also enjoy spending so much time in prayer and Mass every day was really nice. Thank you so much for this experience it really does change my view on what is one of the pressing issues of my generation.

- Bishop Ryan Freshmen

I have many people to be thankful for and who made sacrifices in order for me to go to the march for life, my parents helped me pay for the trip and get ready for me to leave. I know it was harder on my mom for me to leave but she wanted me to experience this once in a life time opportunity to do march for the babies who have been lost to abortion and who have no voice anymore.

- Bishop Ryan Senior

My experience wasn't so much the march but what happened on the bus back. I had been posting everything during my time in DC on my story and one of my Minot high friends ended up swiping up on a video of the march. She said she knew I was at the march for life but exactly what we were fighting for. So I told her we were marching for an end to abortion and she asked if she could ask me a question so I said sure. She asked if I think abortion should be illegal in every situation. It was hard to answer, especially over text, but I said yes, I think adoption is a good option but never abortion. We had a long conversation about certain situations, and I think it was really good for both of us. At the end of our conversation, she said she was glad to have the conversation because she knew we both respected each other's opinions even though they were opposing ones. I was glad that someone actually took the time to ask the questions maybe they wouldn't have asked if I hadn't posted about the March on my story.

- Bishop Ryan Sophomore

