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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

Couple of housekeeping notes as we finish January. First, make sure to get all the registration in regarding the upcoming state convention. It'll be here before we

know it and I encourage anybody that's never been able to attend to make an effort as it is a very important part of the running of our fraternal order.

Secondly, get all the other paperwork filed that is due over the next few weeks. This includes our semiannual audit (#1295) and survey of fraternal activity (#1728).

Keep scheduling those exemplifications. It's been great

to see new members being introduced to the order, make sure to now invite them to a breakfast or two to help and after, we need to work to find other activities that we can do as a brotherhood and/or our families that will encourage participation.

Our order is one of service, to our God, our parishes, families, and to those who need it most. Never forget that and continue to work to bring peace and joy to all those we meet.

Vivat Jesus,
Brian Rodgers
District Deputy - #8
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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knight,

I pray this note finds you and your families well. I find my family blessed beyond measure; all may not be “sunshine and rainbows” but I find them happy, healthy, and in God’s Grace (even if they don’t see it).

Talking with Brother Gary Lucy, our Financial Secretary, the annual dues have been sent out. The interesting part is our Council has approximately 200 Knights, but only 50 bills were sent out. That means Council 1150 has approximately 150 Life Member Knights. This would be great is a fraction of those Knights were still active with in the council.

January’s breakfast on January 19th to support Minot Right to Life and the Dakota Hope Clinic went well. Regrettably it appears the cold temperatures kept many of the Parish members from joining us, we look forward to seeing more of you as temperatures improve. Thank you to the private sponsors of this breakfast and all of

you who came to join us. Our next breakfast will be on February 16th to support Real Presence Catholic Radio and the Minot Men’s Winter Refuge shelter. Please come out, join us, and share in the fellowship.

Ok, get out your calendar I’ll wait here. As a reminder Ash Wednesday is March 5th. Now this is where your calendar comes in: March 7 – Garrison Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, March 21 – Mohall Roundtable of Council 1150 Fish Fry, and March 28 – 4th Degree Assembly 787 Fish Fry at Our Lady of Grace. I hope to see you at all of them.

Please keep the people of North Carolina in your prayers as they are still striving to recover from Hurricane Helen. Blessings to you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150



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St. Michael Council 4715

Greetings from Council 4715,

January 4th and 5th council 4715 did a pulpit talk and a second collection (with the Bishop's approval) for Home on The Range at all the weekend Masses of White Shield, Max, and Garrison ND. Development Director, Jolene Obrigewitch, was scheduled to present in Garrison at St Nicholas Church, but the weather and road conditions prevented her from giving her presentation. It was a very successful fundraising event as the parishioners were very generous and supportive of the work of Home On The Range.

Sunday, January 19, the council held its second annual Knight and Spouse Appreciation Supper. 40 members and Spouses braved the subzero weather to attend and enjoy a sirloin steak dinner and dessert. Grand Knight, Travis Klein, thanked all in attendance for all they do for our parishes and the council. Travis also highlighted the 14 programs the council has accomplished this fraternal year and the upcoming events and programs.

January 21st and 22nd Council 4715 did a Holy Hour and Rosary for Religious Vocations lead by Deacon Thomas Magnuson.

An upcoming event on February 3rd at 4715 Council Meeting, Insurance Agent Don Willey, will speak on Income Disability Insurance and other benefits offered to Knights and their families.

The end of January is coming fast and Council officers are busy completing Semiannual Council Audit Report, Survey of Fraternal Activities Report, and submitting the Special Olympics Report Form. That is all I have from St Michael Council of Garrison.

Vivat Jesus,
Travis Klein, Grand Knight

Intention of Pope Francis for February 2025

For Vocations To The Priesthood And Religious Life.

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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

Dear Brother Knights,

I pray that you are healthy with everything that is going around. The Lord protects everyone with his healing hands.

I ask that you pray for the EMS personnel throughout the year as they continue to perform their duties of protecting us. Also I ask that you have a Blue light lit for the Minot Police Department. They have been going through a lot lately.

I want to thank all of you that have helped on the breakfasts and I hope that you will continue to do so. Also the Annual Roast beef dinner is being held on February 2nd. Help will. Be needed for that.

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May God Bless all of you.

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OUR LADY of GRACE
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Little Flower Council 9839

Family, Friends, & Brother Knights,

Winter drags on this time of year and it may seem sort of dull and boring, but don't let the cold and long dark nights keep you down, increase your joy by becoming more active in your prayer and church life. You could get involved in your parish ministries, helping out in the mass by reading, singing in the choir, greeting parishioners and visitors at the beginning of mass, or helping out in the church committees such as parish activities, in-home ministry, and funerals. For the guys there is the Knights of Columbus, of course, where you can get involved with faithful charity work and prayer with the men of our church. There are so many ways you can serve in your parish family and no matter your gifts and talents you can give to your church. Please consider getting more involved in your parish, it will benefit you in your spiritual and prayer life leading you to be closer and to have a more intimate relationship with our lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you all who attended our last fundraiser and bearing through the bitter cold to enjoy a hot breakfast with friends and family, benefitting the Our Lady of Grace food pantry. Our next breakfast is February 9th

from 8:30-12:00 in the church gym, serving French toast, eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, muffins, coffee, and orange juice and will be benefitting the Special Olympics, we hope to see you there!

Lastly I would like to recognize two great men of our parish and of our KC group that passed away this past month. Roger Sand who was an absolute joy to see at mass and especially at our KC fundraiser breakfasts with his wife Joyce. They were usually sitting at the donations table striking up delightful conversations with everyone lining up to eat. And Greg Keller who was always keeping busy at our parish alongside with him his wife Marie. There almost wasn't a day where you won't see the two of them on the church grounds, planting flowers and making the front of the church look so nice in the summer to shoveling snow and clearing the sidewalks in the winter. We will miss them both dearly and know that our Knights and parish family are praying for them and their families.

Thank You & God bless

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



Prayer

is asking God
to align you with

His will

rather than asking
Him to be
aligned to yours

St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

I pray that all of our brother Knights and their families had a Happy New Year and will all prosper in the coming year through prayer to our Lord and the help of our Blessed Mother.

We continue to thank God for the many blessings as we were able to help so many families with food baskets at Christmas time and the time we had with the Blessed Sacrament displayed in the second class relic, St. JP II Monstrance that was at our parish for a blessed New Years. We also had two of our members, Larry D. And Jerry C., interviewed by KMOT TV related to our December feed the hungry breakfast. A special article was posted on the KMOT TV web site.

The January breakfast for the Special Olympics was one of our best at approximately \$1500. Our master chefs are gaining an awesome reputation and the cinnamon rolls and egg bake were such a huge hit.

The Family of the month is, Bryan and Mary Robertson. Bryan is a Lector for the Parish, and Mary is a Sacristan. They Both volunteer as Ushers. Bryan and Mary have also donated many volunteer hours as witnessed by their tireless effort to ensure the Christmas food basket program for the needy was a huge success.

The Knight of the month is Gene Klein. Besides being our most senior member, he still makes every meeting and volunteers to work at every monthly breakfast. He is indeed a true roll model for all brother Knights. One can also find him at many daily masses and frequently during adoration throughout the week. Thank you Gene for all you have done and continue to do for our council and parish.

Let us all keep our Families, Parishes, Churches, Country and the World in our prayers during these trying times and continue to pray that our brother Knights and their families will continue to be blessed during 2025.

Vivat Jesus!

Rob Lowe Grand Knight, Council 9906



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MARCH FOR LIFE

Brother Knights,

As per tradition, I want to take a second to personally thank each and every one of you for all that you do in defense of life and Bishop Ryan's annual pilgrimage to Washington DC for the March for Life.

Not an exaggeration to say that this pilgrimage could not happen without your help. To keep it as cheap as we possibly can for each pilgrim, we charge them a percentage of total cost, and they must find funding for the remaining portion. Year after year the councils of Minot have stepped up to help cover that amount through breakfast sponsorships to help pay for rising costs of buses and hotels.

This year 38 pilgrims traveled the approximate 3500 miles round trip to stand for life. It was a historic year as we saw for the first time, not only a sitting vice president speak at the March but also heard from the president via video. The pilgrims were able to take it all in, feeling a joy in the crowd that was unstable. We are winning this fight for life and must continue to work to change our culture to a culture of life.

God Bless,

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