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District 8 - District Deputy Message

Brian Rodgers

Dear Brother Knights,

As we begin another what many just call our breakfast season, I want to take a moment to wish everyone **good luck and a very successful year ahead**. Our breakfasts are a wonderful opportunity to come together as Knights of Columbus, serve our parish and community, and enjoy some fellowship with one another. Thank you to everyone who gives their time, energy, and talents to make these events possible. I look forward to another great season together. But also remember, we are much more than our breakfasts which leads me into our next topic.

I also want to remind everyone about the **COR group**. COR is a great opportunity for us to grow in our faith, strengthen our brotherhood, and support one another as Catholic men. If you have not yet looked into COR, I strongly encourage you to learn more about what the group is all about and consider joining us. If you have questions about COR, please reach out to me. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have or help you learn more about the group.

Most importantly, I want to **strongly emphasize the need for everyone to get their required forms completed and submitted so that we can finish our Safe Environment training**. This is not simply another administrative requirement or a box that we need to check. Safe Environment is an essential part of our responsibility as Knights of Columbus and as members of our parish community.

Every time we participate in a breakfast, parish event, fundraiser, youth activity, or any other public gathering, we represent our parish and the Knights of Columbus. We interact with children, families, older adults, volunteers, and members of the public. We have a responsibility to make sure that every person who encounters our organization feels safe, respected, and protected.

Safe Environment training is about protecting the people we serve and creating a culture where safety is taken seriously. It gives us the knowledge and tools to recognize concerns, understand appropriate boundaries, and respond responsibly when situations arise. Most importantly, it demonstrates that we take seriously the trust that our parish, families, and community place in us.

Please do not put off completing your forms. **If you have outstanding paperwork or training requirements, please take care of them as soon as possible.** We need everyone's cooperation so that we can complete our Safe Environment requirements and continue serving our parish and community in the right way.

Thank you for everything you do for the Knights of Columbus. I appreciate your commitment, your fellowship, and your willingness to serve. Let's make this new breakfast season a great one, continue growing together through COR, and make Safe Environment a priority in everything we do.

Good luck with the new season, and thank you for being a Brother Knight!

Vivat Jesus,

Brian Rodgers
District Deputy #8

St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

I pray this note finds you and your families well. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer.

Congratulations to the 8 Confirments that made their Confirmation on September 30. It seemed appropriate that Bishop Kagen install Fr Shane Campbell as the pastor for St John the Apostle Catholic Church during the Confirmation Mass.
Fr Shane has been with entrusted with the pastoral care and governance of St John's parish. We look forward to learning and growing under his guidance. Thank you to the members of the Fourth Degree for providing the Honor Guard. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Please join us for our 4th Annual Blue Mass on September 10th at 6:00pm. The "Blue Mass" is a tradition where the Police, Fire. EMS Responder, and Dispatch personnel gather for a special celebration and blessing for their work on behalf of the community. All present and past first responders are welcome to join us.

As school is beginning again keep the students, teachers, and school staff in your prayers. Ciao.

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight

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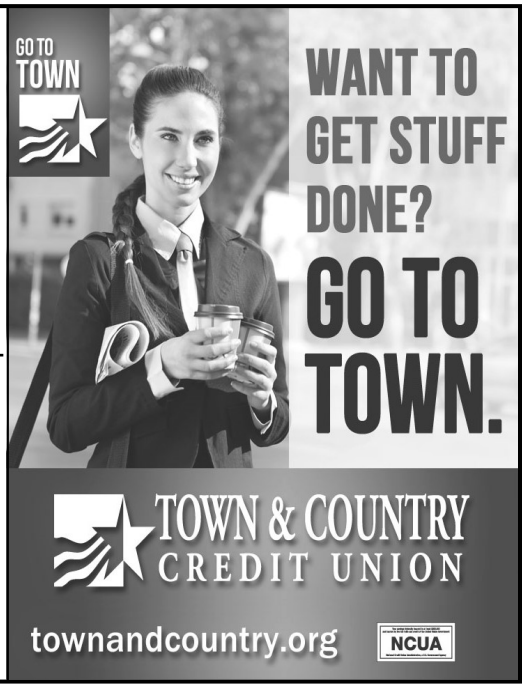

St. Michael Council 4715

Brother Knights,

August is coming to an end. Labor Day is coming fast. The farmers are gathering the fruits of their labor, Ranchers are gathering hay for the winter, Gardeners are eating and canning the vegetables from the garden, and our children are back in the school classrooms and fall sports are in full swing.

Council 4715 will begin its monthly meeting on September 8. Agenda items will be the Tri Parish Picnic September 13. The picnic will be following 11AM Mass at St Nicholas Church. The picnic will be at the Garrison Park on the north end of Main Street in Garrison. The knights will assist with cooking burgers and hot dogs and what ever else Fr Christy needs us to do for the event. The picnic will be a pot luck as well so come enjoy fellowship with brother knights and friends.

Have a Blessed Labor Day,

Travis Klein
Grand Knight

Thank You

Thank you to all the councils who gave so generously to Fr. Nelson's appeal. Our logo now stands on both sides of the newly resurfaced court at Bishop Ryan and will be seen by thousands of people over the upcoming years highlighting our dedication to our Catholic faith, with an emphasis on Catholic education.

Pope Leo XIV's September Prayer Intention

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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Dear Brother Knights,

We are so blessed! On August 15th, Our Lady of Grace parish celebrated the Assumption of Mary and our Parish Feast Day! Mass was celebrated to kick off the festivities. That was followed by the Blessings of the new Adoration Chapel and Food Pantry. The Knights grilled burgers and dogs for the picnic held in the dining room. Tours were also provided for the parish center and food pantry. Thank you to all that helped serve in various capacities throughout the day to make this event memorable and special.

School is back in session and that also means council activities will pick up! We are looking for men willing to serve in various roles such as directors, committee members or general laborers! The Knights of Columbus programs are centered around Faith, Community, Family and Life activities. This is a great way to engage others in a meaningful way and network with other men of the faith. Take some time to pray and consider how you can share your energy and talents to support the council through the various programs the Knights of Columbus sponsor. If in doubt, shout "Jesus, I Trust In You!" Talk to a council officer today to see how you can get involved.

Our Lady of Grace Council 4894 will host its first breakfast of the fall on September 13th. This is a great way to meet other Knights and have fun serving others. We have a variety of positions to cover, but not limited to, food prep, serving and clean-up. Proceeds for the breakfast will be used to support council activities and charities. We look forward to seeing you there!

VIVAT JESUS,

Brian Oswald
Grand Knight

Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

SIR KNIGHTS and LADIES,

I pray that everyone enjoyed the summer and is in good health. It seems like the season gets shorter and shorter.

As I mentioned last month, Brother Bob Richter has stepped down from the position of Faithful Comptroller after 35 years of faithful service to the Assembly. Brother Travis Klien has stepped up to fill the position. Thank Bob for his service and congratulate Travis for his new position.

I attended the Home on the Range Rodeo and it was a good turnout of Sir Knights. There were 28 Sir Knights in attendance.

There are numerous other stands coming up and I highly encourage Sir Knights to attend. Here are some of the Stands coming up;

* September10 - Blue Mass 6 pm. St. John's
* September19 - MSU Homecoming Parade

There is a new District Master starting September 1st. Mike Bannach will be the District Master.

The Assembly has its monthly meeting at the Homesteader's Restaurant at 6pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Sept. 22nd.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU.

VIVAT JESUS

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Little Flower Council 9839

Family, Friends, & Brother Knights

Summer is drawing to an end, school is back in session and we Knights are ready for another great year of raising money for the catholic community, helping out and volunteering where needed in our parishes, and most importantly coming together as men in our church and praying. With everything the knights do, we must stay focused on what is important, our lord Jesus Christ in every work we do in "Serving Christ".

I want to thank all our brother knights in the parish for everything they did over the summer months, even though we aren't doing many fundraisers or KC events over summer our knights keep busy around the parish with projects, funerals, parishioners in need of assistance, etc. and our parish is truly thankful for everything our KC council does.

Get ready for our first fundraising breakfast coming up Sunday September 13th starting at 8:30 and ending around noon. On the menu will be Scrambled eggs, sausage, French toast, biscuits & gravy, muffins, juice, and coffee. The proceeds will benefit our local pregnancy center Dakota Hope Clinic, hope to see you there!

Server of the Month- James Young who you will see serving on Sunday mornings alongside his two sisters and his Father, Deacon Stephen. He is a young dedicated man growing in his faith and can't wait for what the future holds in store for him.

Knight of the Month- Stephen Walter who recently joined our council. He is a great addition to our group of guys, always lending a helping hand with our parish projects and especially helping me out with the meetings, and during fellowship he brings joy and laughter to the guys. He is dedicated to his prayer life and knows the importance of faith and we are grateful that he brings that to our KC group.

Family of the Month- Jacob & Marie Mulcahy. Jacob has been part of our group for the past few years now and has enjoyed being part of our KC council, always helping out when he can and especially introducing exodus 90 to our guys. You will see his wife Marie alongside him at mass and our KC events and is an absolute joy especially now with their new baby boy Micah. We are excited for the Mucahy family as they start their family Journey in life and know that we will be praying for them.

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 Godbless!

Luke Audet
Grand Knight

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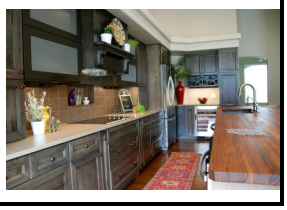
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