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### District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

I'm going to step away from speaking to you just as a Knight this month but rather speak as a Catholic, a Christian,

and a child of God. We walk together in our pilgrimage on this earth and we can see what is happening to our country and world, we see a world that is in need of prayer and I am reminded of a prayer of Saint Mother Theresa that I love and pray frequently in times of struggles and uncertainty.

*The fruit of silence is prayer,  
the fruit of prayer is faith,  
the fruit of faith is love,  
the fruit of love is service,  
the fruit of service is peace.*

- Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Realize that no matter what we see and experience in our lives, no matter the struggles or the pain, if we have a strong prayer life we have God in our lives and he will bring us everything we need, and \*spoiler alert\* it isn't fame, fortune, or power but rather a joy found only through God and our faith in him and charity towards each other. Continue to work for all, see Jesus in all you

come in contact with in your daily lives, continue to be Knights.

One note of an upcoming event. On Monday, September 14th, in the church basement of Saint Nicholas in Garrison starting at 7 PM, State Deputy Mike Steiner will be holding a district meeting. All are invited, come and ask questions of our new State Deputy.

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

Sir Knights,

I pray that this letter finds you and your families well.

I have the distinct honor and pleasure of working with some young Airmen out at the Air Force Base. I heard some discussion regarding politics and government. I asked the group who had voted in the last election. A few said they hadn't because they were not of age, a few said they did, and a few said they didn't. I passed on to them my opinion on their conversation, government, and voting. Basically if you chose not to vote, you have no right to complain about the government. Voting is our voice on how we are governed and if you chose not to speak up and vote you have no right to complain about how you are governed. To you Sir Knights look to November, plan to vote, and make the preparations now to vote. Do you need a ride? An absentee ballot?

Take time out of your busy days to pray. We pray for peace. We pray for our Holy Mother Church. We pray for all Catholics around the world. Please pray for our country!  
Vivat Jesus

Dan Heald  
Faithful Navigator, Assembly 787

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Brothers in Christ,

Council 9839 is proud to welcome Luke Audet and Jacob Erdmann as our newest members. They completed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification in August, we are looking forward to serving with them.

Our Council is offering our home-bound and shut-inns the opportunity to contact us with any grocery shopping or pick-up and delivery of any other essentials they may need.

Council 9839 will be selling raffle tickets for our annual Mayday basket (a few months late) the basket consists of 1 nights stay at the Grand International, a round of golf at Wildwood golf course, a bottle of wine, movie

tickets, a family pass at Roosevelt zoo, \$150.00 in food script. They will be on sale starting Labor Day weekend.

We still are anxiously waiting for Masses to fully open and ALL our ministers to come back to the Church. We thank those of you attending Mass each weekend and are fulfilling your ministry duties, we cannot function without you. Praise be to God for you!

Council 9839 is continuing to plan out our 2020-2021 fraternal year. We are Hoping that our monthly breakfasts can start soon, as you all know they provide the income we require to assist our Brothers and Sisters in need.

We continue to pray for an end to the virus and for lives to move forward. We ask you continue to pray for safety and good health

amongst all families. Please pray for our Priests who Shepherd so wonderfully during this difficult time. Please pray for all students and Teachers going back to school. Please pray for our home-bound and those in nursing care facilities, who experience such great loneliness, and for conversion for all those who are running away from Jesus Christ and his Holy Church.

God's PEACE

Deacon tom



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Brother Knights,

Brother Knights

I pray this letter finds you and your families well. On August 19th, members of Council 1150 led a Scriptural Rosary for members of St. John the Apostle and anyone who cared to join us. There was not a large turnout, understandably. I want to invite all who are comfortable, to join us on September 16 at 6:00 pm. If you can't join us in person, please join us in spirit. On September 16 at 6:00 pm take 15 to 20 minutes and say the Rosary with us in spirit.

I hope everyone is well and staying safe. Things are getting somewhat back to normal, kids back in school, people back to work. This is a wonderful time of year as we harvest the bounty God has provided for us.

Please take some time to check on your neighbors. As the weather begins to change will they need assistance with leaves, snow, or a ride to the voting booth this November. Remember the Knights of Columbus first two watch words are Charity and Unity. Be charitable with your time to help keep our Minot community unified.

Please pray for Neil Zimmerman who has given so much to us and Ricky Nogosek who have both been in the hospital lately.

I will keep all of you and your families in my prayers and ask that you keep me and my family in yours. I hope to see you at the next meeting on October 6th. We are moving our meeting times to start at 7:00 pm.

Also pray for our seminarians who all went back to school. We sure have some good men in formation. May God continue to bless them.

It sure was good to see new faces at the meeting. I hope to see more at our next meeting September 17th. Gather at 6:30 for rosary and meeting at 7:00.

Vivat Jesus,  
Dan Heald  
Grand Knight, Council 1150

God Bless

Kevin Sebastian

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## Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Brother Knights,

I hope this article finds you and your family in the best of health and enduring the beginning of our sixth month of social distancing. We had a fairly good showing of Brother Knights who attended the meeting. We all recognize the need for fellowship even though we have to keep our distance. Being able to pray together and show respect for our flag is very uplifting during these troubling times.

Our Financial Secretary Gerry Cushing had done an excellent job of keeping our finances in order. We only have six delinquent members as far as dues payments are concerned. Our financial obligations to state and supreme are up to date. If you are delinquent or need help with this year's dues, let the council know so that we can meet our goal of 100 percent dues payments.

Our Deputy Grand Knight, Ricky Aberle is also our Right to Life Chairperson. This meeting, his talk about abortion is certainly worth sharing. 'The abortionist likes to say "don't tell me what to do with my body," but, she is not stopping her heart from beating, her lungs from breathing, or her mind from thinking.

Her body remains whole. It is the baby who experience these feelings as it is drawn out of its mother's body.

Another interesting point he shared with the council is this: "On Memorial Day, we honor the men and women who fought and died so that we could be free. I wonder, if someday we might hold a national memorial for the 62 million plus babies killed; not by an enemy from a distant land, but by our own laws and by their own mothers."

The Grand Knight Dave LeBrun announced the Knight and Family of the Month for August:

Knight of the Month - Fred Coleman. I was selected for taking on the responsibility of composing and submitting the monthly article for On Course.

Family of the Month - Ed and Bernetta Ridl. What a beautiful honor for this dynamic duo, who do so much for the parish. Whenever and wherever you look, you can always find them stepping up to get things done. Singing in the choir, serving meals for funerals, helping with Knights of Columbus breakfasts, attending Mass, Ed and Bernetta are a blessing to our church and community.

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Be sure to congratulate the selectees for being honored for their commitment to the church and Knights of Columbus.

We received permission to hold our first breakfast in the midst of COVID-19. In order to provide you the opportunity to social distance, we will be using The Columbian Club (formerly The Knights of Columbus club), 2601 North Broadway. On **Sunday, September 13th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**, you and your family will be able to enjoy scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, and sausage. This will be a wonderful time to catch up with your friends and family. Be sure to mark your calendar for this event.

I hope you had time to reflect on last month's question as it pertained to you. Every time I reflect on that question I find I can use improvement in my life. It is something I have to work on each and every day. This month's question asks; are we doing what Jesus is asking us to do.

Here's the deal....you are at a social event and your best friend shares with the group a secret that hurts you. You are patiently waiting for your turn to go through a long line of cars and you get cut off by an inconsiderate driver. You are angry and contemplate performing an unwelcome hand gesture. There are many things that will hurt us or our feelings, so:

### **"HOW FAST AM I FORGIVING"?**

Are you hanging on to hurt feelings and anger that steal your joy? Are you so consumed with getting back at an perceived enemy that you can't sleep? Are you bringing your feelings home and taking them out on your family? It doesn't matter how you answer, it is how you open your heart to forgiveness. Satan is an expert in making us think that getting even, hating, or going to extremes to hurt those who hurt us is the right thing to do. When we buy into this, we are going against our Catholic faith, but most importantly, God's word. Jesus told Peter he must forgive seventy-seven times. God says vengeance is mine. When you are tempted by the great

deceiver to seek revenge, don't listen, but pray to Our Heavenly Father for guidance. When it becomes easy for you to put your hurt aside and start a season of forgiving, you will eat better, sleep better, and reclaim your stolen joy. This month, I am going to give you a bonus question:

### **"HOW SACRIFICIAL AM I SERVING?"**

When we come to Mass, we are present to give Jesus our blessings and prayers for surrendering Himself to the cross so that we can one day enter His eternal home. We accept the Eucharist and Blood so that we can be closer to Jesus. But, there is more that we can do to help the Church when we attend. With attendance slightly down due to the restrictions placed on the Church, there is a greater need to serve in a capacity other than parishioner.

I can make all the excuses I want about not being able to serve in some capacity for the Church. However, my excuses will not hold water on my judgment day. When I first decided to become a lecturer, I was scared. God says do not fear for I am with you. Knowing that, I became more comfortable.

There are many more opportunities to help the Church than there are people to fill the positions. All it takes is a commitment from you, a dedication to serving, and faith in your ability to do God's work. On your judgment day, God will say "well done, good and faithful servant."

In closing, I ask all Brother Knights to pray for the healing of our country. Ask that our Heavenly Father lift the restrictions placed on God's churches, so that we may gather as his family. May parents continue to encourage their children to stay involved in their formation as good Catholic ladies and gentlemen. Also, pray for parishioners who are in need of prayers and those who have gone home to be with Jesus. I wish you and your family a blessed and safe month.

Fred Coleman  
Communications Director

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## A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother



of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

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