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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

Welcome to Advent! A time of preparation for the birth of our Lord, it is a season that we should not overlook or consider it as an extension of Christmas but rather a time of prayer and peace.

This is a perfect chance for the Knights to make an impact in our own parishes as we will be asked to fill needed Mass positions. There will be plenty of opportunities for the many Masses over the next few weeks, please be generous with your time.

In addition, we can help our parishes beyond Advent by inviting new families to our parishes and men to the Knights. The work to grow our parish and councils shouldn't be limited to a few weeks a year but rather a year round effort.

As you read this, I will be soon taking off for our semi-annual District Deputy meeting. If you have any topics or questions you would like answered please let me know. This is a wonderful time to get in front of not only our state officers but also a supreme guest who usually has direct knowledge of many of the questions/concerns we have at that moment.

Otherwise, we are at the half way point of our fraternal year. Get out and recruit, help out at breakfasts, and enjoy the benefits of being a Knight, other men there to help pick you up in times of need.

Vivat Jesus,

Brian Rodgers

District Deputy #8

St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Hello Brother Knights,

I pray you and your families had a blessed Thanksgiving. What a great holiday Thanksgiving is. We take time to appreciate the family we have close and those who aren't so close. We appreciate the cooking that is done, most of it from family recipes handed down through the generations. We appreciate the farmers and their families who worked on the land to make the food available to us. But our greatest appreciation and thanks goes to God for making all this possible and bring us together. This holiday of giving thanks is very appropriate as we enter Advent and prepare to celebrate the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you to Minot Sash and Door for sponsoring our latest breakfast. I also want to thank our Parish

members and my Brother Knights for joining us for breakfast on November 17. The Knights had some energetic help in the kitchen from Lilly J., from Bishop Ryan, as the proceeds of this breakfast will go to the Bishop Ryan School Right to Life March. Our next breakfast will be on December 15, sponsored by Jessen Roofing, where the proceeds will go towards supporting our Seminarians.

Have a wonderful Advent season as we prepare for the Birth of Christ. Always keep Christ in Christmas! I wish you, your friends, and family a very Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150

**Prepare room
in your heart
for the
Birth of Jesus**



Making room for Jesus means we:

- **Pray** and ask Jesus to make himself apparent in our hearts.
- **Acknowledge** to God that we are prone to stray.
- **Keep our eyes focused** on the word of the Lord.
- **Meditate** on the story of Christmas and the gift called Jesus.
- **Repent** of any idols we are putting before the Lord.
- **Let go** of worries, anxieties and busyness to find Christ.
- **Find joy** in the grace and glory that Christ brings.

Prepare your heart. Make room for the King. He is coming.

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St. Michael Council 4715

Happy Thanks Giving and Blessing to all.

We started November with Prayers and petitions to the saints and prayers for the deceased friends and family that have passed from this world to eternity. We will end this month with Praise and Thanksgiving for all the blessings we recognize and the blessings we fail to recognize.

Garrison council is hosting an "Into The Breach" video series viewing and discussion weekly. We also promoted "The Sons in the Son" 40 day consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Both are very important to realize our ministry and let our savior, Jesus Christ, lead us in our mission.

Garrison Council is conducting our local Free Throw competition. The event is scheduled for Sunday, November 24th, in Max ND. Thank you to all the Knights who helped with the event.

December is the month of Christmas coloring contests and book distribution in Garrison. We also make donations to various organizations like The Giving Tree, and Gifts from the heart programs. This Christmas season let us not forget about Dakota Hope Clinic and Home on the Range.

Wishing all a blessed and Faith filled December.

Vivat Jesus,
Grand Knight,
Travis Klein

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 2024.

- 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.

Advent



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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

Dear Brothers,

I hope all is well with all of you. I hope each of you had a joyful Thanksgiving.

I want to thank everyone for their support of the council activities. I appreciate it very much. The breakfasts have been a success and everyone is appreciative of them. Please continue in your support and help with them.

Please keep in your prayers the brothers and sisters who are having a rough time of it especially this time of year. Reach out and see if you can help in any way possible. Please watch the weekly Bulletin for activities in our church. A lot is happening.

For those that missed the showing of Radiating Joy; The Michelle Duppong story, it will be shown on Dec. 8th and 15th. It is a wonderful story about her life. I highly recommend it.

I want to wish each and everyone of you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless each of you throughout the year.

JIM WEAVER
GRAND KNIGHT OUR LADY of GRACE

Sir Knights and Ladies,

I hope all is well and you all have a joyful Thanksgiving. I pray that everyone is healthy.

I want to thank everyone for all the support you have given to the Assembly and I want to thank the members of the Honor Guard who were at The MOSSER Funeral. The family was very grateful we were there. Keep the Family in your prayers.

There will be no December Meeting so I want to wish each and everyone of you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please help your Parish throughout the next month. It will be a busy time of year for the church.

Again, thank you for all you do and God Bless each and everyone of you.

JIM WEAVER
FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR
ASSEMBLY 787



Intention of Pope Francis for December 2024

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



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Family, Friends, and Brother Knights

Winter is upon us, the snow, has fallen, and the Christmas season has begun! I think that in this present time many forget what Christmas is really all about with all the presents, decorations, and shopping and get distracted from the true meaning. With the start of advent, dive deep into your faith life, attend one of the many penance services offered at the parishes and make a truly heartfelt confession and take extra time in silent prayer to get to know Jesus better and the true meaning of Christmas.

I want to thank everyone who attended our last breakfast in November, and we were blessed with all who visited, enjoyed fellowship and a delicious meal, and donating to which the proceeds benefitted the Bishop Ryan's March for Life pilgrimage to Washington D.C. Our next fundraiser breakfast is December 8th going from 8:30-12:00 and all proceeds will be benefiting our seminarians, hope to see you there!

During the Christmas season our knights will be doing some extra fundraising at the church, we will be accepting donations in the gathering space after the 4:30 mass on Saturdays and after the 8:30 & 10:00 masses on Sundays. Every week proceeds will benefit a different organization, such as Dakota Hope, St. Vincent de Paul, Our lady of grace food pantry, Bishop Ryan School, etc. and anyone one who makes any donation can pick a devotional item off our KC Christmas tree!

Server of the month-Danica Stolba, she is a young lady dedicated to her faith and enjoys serving the mass, especially during the Christmas season, we want to thank her for everything she does and look forward to her as she grows in her catholic faith.

Family of the month- David & Brenda Feller, who are an absolute joy to see in the church alongside with them there girls Madasyn & Cassandra. David is our chancellor in our council and is a great help when needed. At our fundraiser breakfast their family is so excited to come and show their support and enjoy everybody else company having fun and fellowship.

Knight of the month- Paul Phillips, is our treasurer and a dedicated knight in our council, he is a huge help when anything is needed to be done. He is at all our meeting and events showing his support and dedication to the church, people, and our council. He also is always reaching out and listening to those needing help and getting our guys together to help out those who are in need of assistance and prayer.

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, Merry Christmas, & Godbless

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

LITTLE FLOWER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #9839

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Christmas Blessings



St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

As the Christmas season approaches, let's not forget to be generous to the needy in our community by donating to local food pantries and helping Brother Bryan Robertson with the Christmas food bag donation drive. Thank you ahead for your generous support.

This month we took on a pretty significant project at the Saint Mary's rectory in Foxholm. Thanks to the direction of Deacon Lloyd we were able to repaint the entire interior of the rectory in preparation for retired Fr Cunningham's new home. It took Deacon Lloyd, Kevin Sebastian and myself to complete the job just in time to miss the huge blizzard that moved through the region. It was about a two week project that was well worth the effort.



Deacon Lloyd painting the rectory in Foxholm

Please don't forget the next blood drive on December 10th at St Leo's from 1-6 PM. Contact Jim Olson at (701-837-6200) to sign up.

Our October breakfast proceeds for the Our Lady of Grace food pantry was \$1000. Thanks to all the parishioners for your generous donations and to all the Knights that volunteered to make it happen. The November breakfast was also a success with a net of approximately \$1000 to help the students from Bishop Ryan with their trip to Washington DC in support of the Right to Life March in 2025. A special thanks to our master chefs for their dedication to making our breakfasts the best in town (you know who you are) it wouldn't be possible without you.

Thanks again to all of our council members who contributed to our council achieving the Star Council Award for 2023-2024. It amazes me how so many step up and contribute so much. We are truly blessed.

The Family and Knight of the month is carried over from November as I had an emergency in the family and didn't get it posted. The Family is the Dean and Kristi Feist family and the Knight of the month is Thomas Keeling.

Deacon Lloyd will be leading us in morning prayers during Advent. Coffee and donuts at 8:00 and prayers starting at 8:30. Please make it to as many as you can. I plan to attend them all, God willing.

I pray that everyone will be blessed during this Christmas season. Let us all keep our Families, Parishes, Churches, Country and the World in our prayers during these trying times.

Vivat Jesus!

Rob Lowe Grand Knight, Council 9906

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