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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

As we enter into another calendar year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for everything over the past 12 months. Life never is easy but all of you have made it so much easier on me and for that I am forever grateful.

Of course there can't be an On Course without me having a few bits of information to pass along to you so here we go...

We completed our bi-annual District Deputy meeting in Devils Lake at the beginning of December and we were able to discuss many topics including the icon starting to make its way across the state again (more on that in a bit), the fact that ND is in the next round of the affiliate membership testing, and of course membership. We were at that point a bit slow regarding our membership numbers, but we had a steady month of December and it looks like two of our councils qualified for the state's incentive so congratulations to Councils 9839 and 9906. Continue to work and talk to those in your parish, it seems that the most successful councils are simply asking and talking to the men of their parishes.

The aforementioned icon has started its way across our diocese and our district's schedule is as follows:

- Garrison Council #4715 – January 4-9**
- Minot Council #9906 – February 9-12**
- Minot Council #9839 – February 13-16**
- Minot Council #4894 – February 17-20**
- Minot Council #1150 – February 21-24**



Grand Knights, it is your responsibility to arrange for exchanging with the previous council and setting up any prayer service that you would like to have in your parish. If you need any assistance please contact me and I'll do what I can to help the transfer along. If you want to see the full schedule it can be found on the ND Knights of Columbus website or [Pilgrim Icon Program - Updated Schedule.pdf](https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/Pilgrim Icon Program - Updated Schedule.pdf)

District Deputy Message continued

We have our annual Free Throw Contest upcoming as well, our Council/District contest is being held on Saturday, February 5th at Bishop Ryan with registration starting at 11:45 and the contest starting soon after. The District contest is also being held at Bishop Ryan on Saturday, March 5th with the registration and contest times remaining the same as the council/district's. If you are able to help out at these events please know that walk in help is welcome or you can "register" with me by emailing me brodgers@brhs.com.



Finally, I am once again helping to lead about 35 pilgrims from the Minot area to Washington DC for the annual March for Life being held on Friday, January 21st. We leave on Monday, January 17th with a return tentatively planned for around midnight on Saturday, January 22nd. Please keep us in your prayers and know you are in mine as I join in with the hundreds of thousands there, including many, many Brother Knights and march for those who cannot. I thank you all so much for everything that you have done to help make this absolutely wonderful pilgrimage a possibility to the youth of our diocese.

I am excited for all that we have accomplished in the state and within our own district and I can't wait to see what we can do over the last few months of the fraternal year.

God Bless you and your families this holiday season.

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Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

Sir Knights and Ladies,

I pray that you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas. Remember that God gave us the greatest gift of all; Jesus, his only son. As we prepare to move into the New Year, we all make resolutions to improve ourselves. I would ask that you all join me in making a resolution. I have resolved to spend an additional 15 minutes in prayer a day. Take the time to help clear the distractions in our lives so we can more clearly follow the path Jesus is attempting to guide us down.

I regret to inform you that we have lost a highly respected Brother Knight and member of the Knights and an extremely supportive member of our Catholic family. Sir Knight Mike Brunner passed away just before Christmas. Mike was always there to support Brother Knights, Bishop Ryan Catholic School, the Columbian Club, or anyone in need. He didn't help my golf game but he did make it more fun and I greatly appreciate that. Mike's life was a model of what it was to be Catholic.

I know I have asked you repeatedly to consider purchasing the new uniform and participate in an Honor Guard or Color Corps; but, I'm going to do it again. The Fourth Degree Honor Guard and Color Corps are the most visible part of the Knights of Columbus. For many it is reassuring to see a group of Catholic men participate as an Honor Guard for a special celebration at their church or pay honor to a Brother Knight who has passed on to his final reward with Christ. The Assembly will pay half of the cost of the new uniform with a copy of the purchase receipt. Don't be afraid of making a mistake, they happen often and are not seen. Members who have experience will help you and you will see when all is said and done it wasn't nearly bad as you thought it was going to be.

Please keep the Brunner Family in your prayers. I look forward to seeing you, Sir Knight, at our next meeting on January 25, 2022 at the Columbian Club. Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus!!

Sir Knight Dan Heald
Faithful Navigator, Assembly 787



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Little Flower Council 9839

Greetings to all and Brother Knights!

I hope that everyone has had a blessed Advent and Christmas season and as we head into the New Year, we must strive forward to keep God close to us by adoring and visiting Jesus in adoration, to praying a daily rosary, to keep our catholic faith strong and close in our hearts. I want to thank everyone who participated in our Knights of Columbus Christmas raffle this past month, we had eight lucky winners: Bob Brunner, Paul Philips, Rebecca Young, Brenda Feller, Dakota Johnson, Teri Thiel, Chad Finken, and Pat Limke, winning our great Christmas baskets, consisting of a whole turkey, bottle of wine, meat and cheese tray, chocolates, popcorn, etc. The proceeds from the raffle will greatly benefit our local catholic charities and I want to thank everyone again who bought a ticket to show their support.

We had a great Christmas breakfast this past month benefitting the St. Vincent DePaul Society. I want to thank everyone who came out to enjoy a delicious meal and for supporting our council so we can keep serving Christ in our community. Our next breakfast is January 9th that will be benefitting the Home on the Range and I invite everyone to come out to our parish to enjoy a delicious breakfast and show you support!

Lastly I want encourage all of our brother knights and others to pray for the soul of Mike Brunner who passed away this past month on December 18th. Mike was a true and active knight in our council at Little Flower. He really strived forward in serving Christ in our

community, following the beliefs of our founder Fr. Michael McGivney, supporting our church and parish families and always putting others before himself. Mike was always 3rd it seemed, first came God and the church, second family, friends, and all others, then himself. We will all miss him and our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family, may God bless the memory of Mike!

Our server of the Month- Hunter Johnson, for his love in serving the mass, he has been serving for the past years with his older brother Dakota and is often seen around the church helping out with other projects.

Our Knight of the Month- Clarence Aberle, always helping out and donating his time to our parish. You will often see him poking around the kitchen when we are having our monthly breakfast and putting on an apron to help out in any way.

Our Family of the Month- Robert and Brenda Artz Family, I want to thank all that the Artz family does for the church, you will often see Brenda at adoration at the church and her husband Bob is always helping out in our parish family showing support where needed, and their boys Austin and Eric, when home visiting, will always be helping in serving the mass or reading the word of God at the pulpit.

God Bless & Happy New Year

Luke Audet, Grand Knight Council #9839

Intention of Pope Francis For January, 2022



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Hi Brother Knights,

Christmas can be split into two words, Christ and mas. Mas is Spanish word for more. This is what we all need. More Christ in our lives. How much better would our world be if everyone put Christ first in their lives?

Jeff Schmidt is our Knight of the month for December. Jeff is an essential member of our council. He coordinates our monthly breakfasts and he helps every new Grand Knight to ensure a smooth transition. We lean on his wisdom and we gain from his longevity in our council.

Jeff and Nancy Schmidt is our family of the month. Jeff and all his children are active in the parish. Jeff and Nancy are money counters for our parish. Nancy is a Eucharistic minister and helps out in several ways at the church.

Noelle Ploof is the server of the month. She does a great job especially with the younger servers.

God Bless

Ricky Aberle, Grand Knight 4894



Brother Knights,

I want to wish everyone one a happy new year and pray that God blesses each of us with what we need to have a very successful 2022.

This past month our council was able to provide over 20 families with a Christmas dinner which included a ham. This initiative was proposed by our very own Deacon Krueger. Due to its success, I hope that we can do it again next year.

We have restarted the Knight of the Month and Parishioner/Group/Family of the Month recognition. Our council selected Larry Diebert as Knight of the Month for January due to his ceaseless and steadfast efforts towards our monthly Soup Kitchen. Our Parishioner of the Month is Karen Feist. She does tremendous amounts of work for our parish behind the scenes. Both Karen's and Larry's pictures will be on our wall for the month of January and their name will be put on a plaque in perpetuity.

We are continuing to recruit new Knights. Keep praying that all our councils keep growing strong with good, Catholic men.

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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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Christ and prepare to begin a new calendar year. Just before Christmas the Minot Knights of Columbus lost a supportive, caring, and extremely generous Brother Knight, Mike Brunner. Please keep Brother Mike Brunner and his family in your prayers.

Thank you to the Brother Knights who helping out with December's pancake breakfast and preparing another excellent breakfast. I can't express my appreciation to the congregation of St. John The Apostle Church and all of those who have joined us for our December breakfast, that was sponsored by Bones Family BBQ, to support our seminarians. Another way we can further support our seminarians, is through prayer. Keep the seminarians in your prayers so they can come back and lead us or lead a parish. This month our pancake breakfast will be to support Minot Right to Life and the Dakota Hope Clinic and sponsored by Jerome's Collision Center.

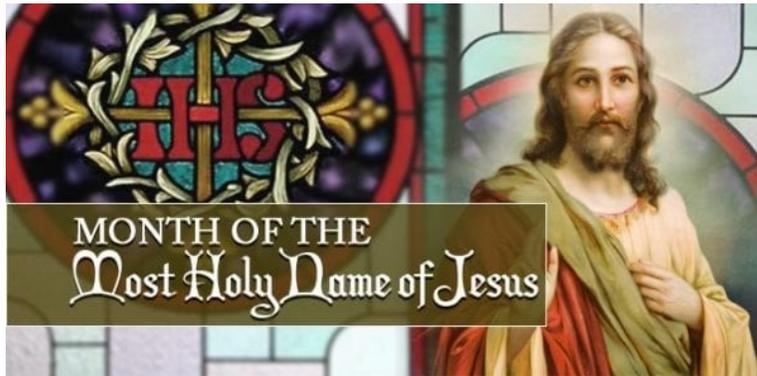
We, as members of the Knights of Columbus, recognize we have many faults but still strive to be better. By interacting and

working with my Brother Knights we can become a better Catholic Gentleman. You, my Brother Knights, have all made me a better Catholic Gentleman - who is still striving to be a better Catholic. We become better Catholic gentlemen through our community service, by working together, and by uniting in prayer. Look to those other men that you see it mass approach them ask them about joining the Knights of Columbus and if they have said "no" to you ask another brother knight to talk to them. They may have a different connection that will help them realize their calling to join the Knights and help us to grow not just in numbers but more importantly in character and faith.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and working with you at our breakfast on January 16, 2022. Please keep your Brother Knights and all of our religious in your prayers.

Viviat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150



O sweet Name of Jesus, holy above all names in heaven and on earth, and to which every knee, both of men and of angels in heaven, on earth and in hell bends. You are the way of the just, the glory of the saints, the hope of those in need, the balm of the sick, the love of the devout and the consolation of those that suffer.

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