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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

I apologize in advance but this letter will jump around a lot due to a wide variety of events happening over the next month. February is our council and district free-throw contest

being held on Saturday, February 17th starting at 12 noon at Bishop Ryan with doors opening at 11:30 am. I am looking for help to register, shag balls, and be official counters. If you can help, I ask that you be there at 11:30.

Onto a personal note, I want to thank each council once again for your support of life and Bishop Ryan's pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington DC. Unfortunately, as a few of you may know already, we were not able to attend this year due to our bus company being unable to fulfill their obligation. While this is disappointing, the further out we get from

the event the more I am convinced that this is God's way of trying to push us and get us up and seek out ways to protect life versus waiting for opportunities to come to us. I'll elaborate more at your council meetings on the situation and where we go next.

The North Dakota Knights of Columbus State Convention delegate registration forms should have arrived to the councils meaning we are drawing closer to the convention to be held here in Minot on Friday-Sunday, April 19th-21st. While it may seem so far off, I want to personally invite and/or encourage each of you to think about attending. While the convention does have a business aspect to it where each council's delegates elect officers and resolutions are passed, it doesn't mean that the council is for delegates only.

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Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

Sir Knights and Ladies,

I pray all is well with everyone. This is the start of a New Year and I hope that it will be a good year for everyone.

This year, the State Convention for the Knights of Columbus will be held in Minot on April 19, 20, and 21. It will be held at the Sleep Inn. The Honor Guard will be used for the presentation of the Colors at the Convention. I am hoping we have a good turnout for this. Please make sure that your uniforms are cleaned and in good condition.

The annual Fish Fry will be held again and volunteers will be needed to participate in this event. There will be flyers distributed with the date and time and location.

I would like to thank everyone that has participated in the Stands that we have had throughout the year, and I hope you will continue to support the functions of the Assembly.

I wish you all well throughout the coming year.

VIVAT JESUS

JIM WEAVER

Faithful Navigator. Assembly 787



Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Brother Knights,

I pray that all is well with each and everyone of you. This year is going to be an exciting year for our Parish. I hope that each and everyone of you supports the many events for our Parish.

During the Lenten Season there will be soup and sandwiches on each of the Fridays as well as on Ash Wednesday. Volunteers are needed for these events. And of course, the glorious resurrection of our Lord will be at the end of the month.

In April, the Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held in Minot at the Sleep Inn on April 19, 20, and 21. I hope that many of you attend and represent our Council.

Remember that our Council meetings are held on the Second Monday of each month at Our Lady of Grace. If you want to have a voice in what your Council does for the Parish and the Church, it would behoove you to attend the meetings. There are a lot of benefits from attending the meetings.

I pray that each and everyone of you have good health, physically and spiritually throughout the year.

God Bless You

JIM WEAVER

Grand Knight, Council 4894
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Little Flower Council 9839

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I pray that you all are doing well, getting back into the swing of things after the busy holiday season, but must look forward to what is coming up as lent is approaching. Yes we must prepare ourselves for the Easter season, spending time with Jesus in prayer and adoration, and in the sacraments of daily mass and confession. Remembering what is most important, the love god has for us by dying on the cross for our sins.

During Lent our parish will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening and our knights will be serving soup and sandwiches just before in the gathering space of the church. All are welcome to join with friends and family and enjoy a meal before attending the spiritual pilgrimage of the Stations of the Cross.

We want to thank everyone who braced through the cold and attended our last breakfast, where we were very blessed with the generous donations that came in to benefit the Our Lady of Grace food pantry. We hope you can make our upcoming fundraising breakfast that will be held at the church February 11th from 8:30-12:00, that will be benefitting the Special Olympics program, we hope you can join us!

Server of the Month- Camden Lee, is a young energetic boy who just started serving this past year. His enthusiasm and love in the church has only grown as he continues doing a great job in serving the mass.

Knight of the Month- Curt Saari, a great member in our council and also in our parish, he always lends a helping hand when something in the church needs to be fixed or repaired and was a huge help with the rectory project and we are very grateful. Aside from being our fixit man in the parish he is always at our meeting enjoying fellowship with the guys and lending a hand in the kitchen when we have our breakfasts.

Family of the Month- Robert & Katy Schaefer, who have been parishioners of our church for several years now. They are always a joy to see in the church, and are often helping out by selling script and promoting catholic education. Also there two daughters Hannah and Emma you will often see serving the mass together. They also enjoy attending our fundraiser breakfasts, showing their support to the Knights of Columbus while enjoying a delicious meal and everyone's company.

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 God Bless!

Knights of Columbus Council #9839
Grand Knight, Luke Audet

Breakfast
AT LITTLE FLOWER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
8:30 AM - NOON



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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knight,

I pray this note finds you and your families well. If you hadn't heard, the trip for Bishop Ryan students to attend the March For Life in Washington DC was canceled. We are disappointed the students didn't get the opportunity to experience their faith in action.

Thank you to everyone that supported our breakfast on January 21 to support the Dakota Hope Clinic and Minot Right to Life. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated by those agencies looking out for our future. I would also like to thank Perkin's Restaurant and Bakery for sponsoring the breakfast.

Mark your calendars for February 18, when your Council will host our next breakfast to support Real Presence Catholic Radio and the Minot Men's Winter Refuge. Both of the organizations are in need of our support. One

shares Christ's word to everyone and the other demonstrates Christ's love through action without judgment. I look forward to working with you and serving your friends and families.

A suggestion was made at our last meeting to do some cleaning and tidying the grave of past Knights. We would like to hear your inputs, ideas, and your help once we set a date. This would be a family activity for the whole Council. Please come to the next meeting to learn more.

Our next meeting is February 6 at 7:00pm. I look forward to seeing you then.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150

Intention of Pope Francis for February 2024

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St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Happy New Year,

Is January gone? At least we're getting some nice Spring weather already.

Although our December breakfast was New Year's Eve we were able to donate \$1000 to the Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry thanks to the many generous free will offerings from the parish family. I know God will bless all the many gifts. It looks like the proceeds from our January breakfast to the Special Olympics was equally successful thanks to our parishioners and guests from other parishes. Our February breakfast will be on the 25th.

With Valentine's day falling on Ash Wednesday this year don't forget it is a day of abstinence and fasting. I'll be taking my sweetheart out on Tuesday so I can have an awesome Ash Wednesday to kick off the season of Lent. I will also be praying morning prayers with Deacon Lloyd in the basement of the church during Lent and en-

courage all to please join us. What better way to pray and sacrifice during Lent; although, it's such a blessing, it's hardly a sacrifice.

The Knights of Columbus Convention this year (April 19-21) will be in Minot with plenty of opportunities to step up and show what we have to offer here in Minot. Our own 4th Degree, Bob Artz from Little Flower, will have his son present a skit portraying Blessed Fr Michael McGiveny. Even if you've seen his presentation of the life of Blessed Fr McGiveny, you won't want to miss this treat. I hope to see you all there.

I pray that everyone will have a blessed Lenten season. Let us all keep our Families, Parishes, Church, Country and World in our prayers during these trying times.

Vivat Jesus!

Rob Lowe

Grand Knight, Council 9906

**Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2024
on the Book of Exodus, choosing
"Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom"
as its main theme to encourage the faithful that the season
is a journey from bondage to spiritual renewal and freedom.**

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Knights of Columbus members may attend the convention as visitors to take in the events and I urge each and every Knight to take advantage of the fact that it is local and take in what the convention offers. Too many times we think as KofC members by working a breakfast or two, our responsibility as Knights is covered. We know that the state officers and convention exist, but we don't understand how they affect our council's actions. This opportunity to take in the convention should be something that each Knight takes advantage of at least once in their tenure as a Knight of Columbus. I personally have enjoyed the fact that I can get together and socialize with men from across the state who share a similar belief and desire to serve our Lord and in doing so I can become reenergized and reinvigorated so that I can come back and recommit myself to working for the good of the order but also our faith.

Since the convention will be held in Minot the state will be looking to our councils to help with setting up and other miscellaneous items, please make sure to answer the call when asked to help.

Councils are also in full breakfast/dinner modes. Please be supportive of each other's breakfasts as the beneficiaries are typically the same for each council so it offers us a chance to truly make a difference. We work to transform our community and these meals are something that allow us to give so generously to the worthwhile causes we hold near and dear

multiple times throughout the year. But even though the Knights are known for their fellowship, fish-fry's, and breakfasts, we must remember we are so much more than that. We are a group of men who share a desire to serve our Church, we are a fraternal organization that is unique in the fact that while we work together like other organizations to serve others, we truly put God where He belongs, at the center of all that we do. Rosaries before meetings, serving at Mass in a variety of manners, the perpetual Rosary of the Knights of North Dakota as a whole, and daily Masses being said for large numbers of people, the list goes on and on the many ways we look first to the Cross and then to those in need of our help. We must, and hopefully do, see Jesus in all we serve.

Too many times society tells us that God doesn't need to be a part of giving, only man can give and/or help man because giving is thought of being solely a physical action. We know otherwise and act accordingly. All Catholic men over 18 are invited to join our work, ask and invite so that we may do even greater works.

Vivat Jesus,
Brian Rodgers
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Lent



- **A Prayer for Ash Wednesday:** "Gracious God, as I receive these ashes, remind me of my mortality and the need for repentance."
- **Prayer for a Fruitful Lent:** "Heavenly Father, grant me the strength and discipline to make this Lent a time of spiritual growth."
- **A Prayer of Repentance:** "Merciful Lord, I confess my sins and ask for your forgiveness."
- "God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen."
"God, may my sacrifice of today of (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen."