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Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

Gentlemen, I ask you to step up and be the man that I see at the meetings. May 2024 find you and your family in good health and welcoming our Savior into the world.

As we begin another calendar year we must understand what is expected of us as not only as Knights of Columbus, but of members of the Church. Yes, we are expected to be men that will step up and help to provide for the needs of the church, but it goes beyond that. We must step up and defend the church, and do so in a way that leaves no doubt about our intentions for the betterment of the church militant.

Too many times we are told that we must stand aside for progress. We should instead stand always, for what is right and that begins at home. We must be men that understand what Jesus asks of us, and be the fathers, brothers, husbands that will draw others to Christ. Gentlemen, I ask you to step up and be the men that I see at the

meetings every day of your lives. Let's begin this year, and end this Christmas season with a refocused purpose, that of being a living witness to Christ in everything you do, bringing men into our order, but more importantly, bringing families to the Church.

2024 is going to be busy for us as state convention is here in a few months, so keep an eye out for that. Also, we have our free-throw contest upcoming in February and March. Our council and district contest will be held on Saturday, February 17th starting at noon, and our regional competition will be Saturday, March 2nd, also starting at noon so please mark your calendars as I will be looking for help as we get closer to those dates.

Know that you and your family are in my prayers, and I thank you once again for all that you do.

God Bless,

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Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

Sir Knights and Ladies,

I pray that this note finds you all in good health. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Season as much as I did.

I want to thank all that have helped at the Christmas Masses and other events held during the season. Remember that there

are numerous ways to help the Church throughout the year and I hope that each and every one of you does participate in some of those events.

VIVAT JESUS

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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Brother Knights,

I pray that all is well with each and every one of you. I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas.

Great works are in the making for our Parish and I hope that we as Knights support our Church and Priests. There are going to be events throughout the year that will

require volunteers to help and i hope we as Knights will help whenever possible.

I pray that all of you reflect on your commitment to the Church and Council.

Always With Christ

JIM WEAVER

Grand Knight, Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

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Little Flower Council 9839

Family, Friends, and Brother Knights

I hope that you all have had a great Christmas season and Happy New Year, spending time with friends and family, enjoying all the Holiday traditions. The most important tradition we must remember though is Jesus Christ our savior who was born to save us and bring light and joy into the world. As we head into the New Year, all of us, including myself, must strive forward in our faith and prayer life so we can truly live a joyful Christian life.

I want to thank everyone who came out to our last KC breakfast, in which the proceeds went towards our seminarians. We were truly blessed with everyone who showed up and to show their support while enjoying a delicious and festive meal. We want to invite you to our next breakfast which will be held January 14th which will be benefitting the Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry, so hope to see you there!

Server of the Month- Emmie Schaefer as she continues to serve in the mass she is very confident and enjoys it, her love and happiness grown in serving the mass especially when serving with her sister Hanna.

Knight of the Month- Jake Mulcahy, is a newer addition to our council and became very involved in our group. He enjoys coming to our meeting hanging, out with the men of our parish in fellowship and prayer and is always lending a helping hand at our fundraiser events when he can. Also challenging other men to grow stronger in their faith with spiritual exercises like exodus 90, getting groups of guys together and leading the program.

Family of the Month- Roger & Joyce Sand who are long time members of our parish. Roger who is a veteran in our council, was always helping out especially with our breakfast fundraiser, sitting at the table with his wife Joyce greeting and visiting with everyone and all who came. They don't

make it out to much anymore but we are always thinking and talking about them and we're very fortunate to see them last month at our breakfast fundraiser where we all got to see them and catch up.

Our knights want to thank those who are always ready to help and for all that they do. We are truly blessed that they are part of our parish family and will be praying for them.

Thank you, Merry Christmas, & Happy New Year!

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



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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It was good to see so many familiar faces at the Christmas celebration masses.

Thank you to all of the Knights who helped and/or attended our December breakfast sponsored by Planet Pizza to support our Seminarians. The generosity of those who attended the breakfast is truly appreciated by our Seminarians. Please join us for our next breakfast on January 24th, sponsored by Perkins, with the proceeds going to the Dakota Hope Clinic and Minot Right to Life.

As we begin 2024 people talk about making "New Year Resolutions" to improve themselves. The most honest one I heard was: "I'm just going to wing it and hope for

the best." I appreciate the honesty in this resolution and one they could probably keep, but we still need to take some sort of action to help us be better through the year. What one small action could you do to bring you closer to Jesus; make time to pray at least once a day, arrive to church early enough to join in the rosary, read/listen to the daily Gospel, ... These are just a few small ideas.

Please keep Deacon Hans and Julie Gayzur in your prayers. Julie has been diagnosed with cancer and both Julie and Hans need our prayers. Hans and Julie were both very active members of St. John's for years.

Viviat Jesus!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150

Intention of Pope Francis for January 2024

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St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

The new year is upon us - where did 2023 go as it zoomed by?

Brother Knight Nick Proulx lead this year's Christmas food giveaway and thanks to our parishioners he collected 65 bags of donated food to give to needy families in our community, including a ham or turkey and all the fixings. It wouldn't have been possible to deliver all that food without the awesome volunteers that helped. Thank you all. Think of the families, all of whom had special meals that came from so many generous hearts this Christmas.

The final proceeds from the sale of the Columbia Club came in and we earmarked donations that had previously been discussed, plus several new ones, as follows: \$50,000 each to St Leo the Great Church and Bishop Ryan Catholic School and \$1000 each to ten non-profit community organizations - Domestic Violence, St. Vincent de Paul, Minot Area Homeless Coalition, Community Action, Men's Winter Refuge, Second Story/Minot Social Club for Exceptional Persons, The

Lord's Cupboard, Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center, On the Water Disabled Veterans outdoor recreation experience and Companions for Children. The balance of the proceeds will be used for parish improvements.

Our next breakfast will be on December 31st with proceeds going to Our Lady of Grace food pantry.

The first blood drive of 2024 will be on January 2nd at St. Leo's church.

Knight of the month for December is Brother Nick Proulx & the Family of Month is Bryan and Mary Robertson. Their volunteer hours supporting the Christmas food giveaway were too many to compute.

I pray that everyone will have the best New Year ever. 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

PRAYER TO GOD THE FATHER OF ALL LIFE

January 22nd—the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn.

Eternal God, You have revealed Yourself as the Father of all Life. We praise You for the Fatherly care which You extend to all creation, and especially to us, made in Your image and likeness. Father, extend Your hand of protection to those threatened by abortion, and save them from its destructive power. Give Your strength to all fathers, that they may never give in to the fears that may tempt them to facilitate abortions. Bless our families and bless our land, that we may have the joy of welcoming and nurturing the life of which You are the source and the Eternal Father. Amen.

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