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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

As you read this the state convention has come and gone which means two things are true, a new fraternal year is around the corner and we have just a couple of months to find officers for the new year.

While finding officers, especially introducing fresh faces to the officer ranks, is tough, it is impossible to do so without new members. Your future Inside Guard, Lector, and Grand Knight may be sitting next to in the pew right now and are waiting for an invite. Get out and recruit, your council can't grow and help the parish without new men and their families joining our order.

Speaking of officers, on a personal note, while I have agreed to stay on for another year as district deputy, I am always looking

for the next man who'll take this position and take it to greater heights. If becoming district deputy is something you are called to, please pray on it and if God is calling you let me know and we can talk about where we can go from here. Pay isn't the greatest but I can promise you that the benefits of serving God and the men you get to work with far outweigh any downside.

God bless each and everyone of you, know you are always in my prayers. Let's finish the fraternal year with a flourish.

God Bless,

Brian Rodgers

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Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

Sir Knights and Ladies,

I pray that this note finds you all well. The time is going by quickly. With God's good graces, spring will be here and then summer, a time to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends.

The month of May is upon us and those that have children of age, it means Confirmation. What an exciting time for the children!

Along with that there will be many functions for the Color Guard to participate in. The Ordination of New Priests will be on June 12th at the Cathedral in Bismarck. Congratulations to the Deacons who will be Ordained as Priests.

Exciting things are happening in our religion and in our country. The Vatican has recognized an apparition of the Holy Mother in a town in Wisconsin in 1858 by authorizing

changing the name to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion from Our Lady of Good Help. The Feast Day is October 9th. This is the site of the only apparition in the Country recognized by the Vatican. And with May being the Month of the Holy Mother, it is appropriate that this change has taken place.

Also during the month of May is Graduation. Congratulations to all the Graduates and the parents and grandparents for this wonderful achievement.

In closing, I wish everyone a wonderful spring and to all the mothers, A Very Happy Mother's Day. May God Bless you all.

Jim weaver
Faithful Navigator
Assembly 787



St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

With just over three weeks remaining in the Easter Season, let's continue to celebrate joyfully just as the preface to the Easter Eucharistic Prayers say, "Therefore, overcome with pascal joy..." we should all be filled with joy. What a wonderful season.

Thank you to Rob Lowe and Tommy Carmack for representing Council 9906 at our annual state convention.

Another huge thank you to Jim Olson for setting up the spring blood drive at St. Leo's. It was a great success as they exceeded the number of units of blood expected.

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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Little Flower Council 9839

Friends, Family, and Brother Knights,

I hope that everyone is doing well and is keeping Jesus close to ones heart in prayer as we head into the busyness of summer. Our fundraiser breakfasts will be coming to an end this month but that doesn't mean that we knights quit serving the church and the community. There will be many events that our knights will be involved in and will be posting them as the summer goes on. The first will be Eric Artz first mass as a transitional deacon at Little Flower Church, May 25th.

We want to thank everyone who came out to our last breakfast, showing their support while enjoying a delicious meal and Easter goodies. Our last breakfast will be on mothers day, May 14th, where we will be serving a great meal of eggs, sausage, French toast, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice, and muffins, and also will be giving away roses to all the mothers so I hope you can make! The proceeds from this will be benefitting our Catechesis of the Good Sheppard program at our Church.

We attended the KC state convention this year and found it to be a great time. Being together with men from different councils from across the state, getting to hang out and know one another was a lot of fun. We got to all enjoy fellowship with each other at mass, listening to great speakers, and at the banquet party. One thing that stood out was the youth among the men at the conference, who were energetic and on fire for their faith especially when with other young guys. I come to learn and encourage others to get more youthful guys interested in the knights of Columbus to bring energy and a future to our councils.

Server of the Month- Sara Haarstad, who we want to thank for all her hard work and dedication in serving the mass and also for the love she has and shows for her faith, we are blessed to have her in our church.

Knight of the Month- Mylan Sand, who plays a major role in our group and brings life and fun into our council. He is always there to help, whether its lending a helping hand when needed to keeping our meetings running smoothly, also making the best French toast at our fundraiser breakfasts. Aside from being with the knights, he also is a big help in our parish life and are truly grateful for all he does.

Family of the Month- Hans & Julie Gayzur, who we are very thankful to have in our parish. Hans or I should say deacon Hans, has been a major part in our parish. Being a deacon for many years and endlessly helping out in our church, he is always one to turn to for advice and help. Alongside him, Han's equal, is his wife Julie who is very supportive and always around the parish helping out with the mass and other tasks. We are truly blessed to have them in are parish and are very grateful.

Our knights want to thank them 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!

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Grand Knight, Luke Audet



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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Hi Brother Knights,

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry was on March 24th. It was great seeing members from all four councils along with the Altar Society of Our Lady of Grace helping. We fed nearly 300 people.

Dave Lebrun (our past Grand Knight) helped at the local and state free throw contests.

We are currently taking orders for Knights of Columbus shirts. If you want one or have any questions, please text Kevin at 701-500-4917.

In April, we paid the North Dakota Right to Life dues and made a donation to Real Presence Radio.

State Deputy, Kevin Boehm was here this past month. We had a meeting with our local councils. Kevin also helped us recruit members and hand out prayer cards.

Jeremy and Mary Finley are the family of the month. Jeremy and Mary are two faithful parents. Their kids go to school at Bishop Ryan. Jeremy is a greeter at church. He also helps at Sonshine Camp and at our Knights of Columbus activities. Mary sings in the choir and plays piano. Mary also leads our parish Respect Life committee.

The Knight of the month is Jeremy Finley. Jeremy and his sons are a big help at our breakfasts. Jeremy is also a greeter at our parish. Jeremy is a cook for Sonshine Camp held annually at Bottineau.

The Klein family are our altar servers of the month. Kimberly, Kaitlyn, Kourtney, and Kaydence Klein all help serve. Their brother Carter was Jesus for our Living Stations of the Cross performances.

God Bless
Ricky Aberle
Grand Knight

Intention of Pope Francis for May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

I pray this note finds you and your families well. May is the month to honor our mothers and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Take the time to pray a rosary, or two, with intentions to all mothers through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Watching the news lately I see our country being torn apart by those unwilling to listen and the respect the view of others. I will not breakout my soapbox here, but I will ask you to please pray for our nation! *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from*

their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14. We need to bring God back into our society.

I will miss you at the meeting on May 4th at 7:00 pm but I'm sure Brother Andrew will have a lot of good information from this year's annual convention.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150



Loving God,
You have loved us with an everlasting love (Jer 31:3)
You have loved us even more as a mother loved her child.
Today, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of mothers.

We pray for the mothers-to-be,
who are just beginning to be the bearers of new life in them,
may they welcome their forthcoming child with loving anticipation and joy.

We pray for the young mothers,
may they cherish their child with tender care and unconditional love.

We especially pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us,
Their sacrifices and care gave us a glimpse of the extent of your love for us.
Grant health, blessings, and well-being for those our mothers who are still alive.

We also remember those mothers who are no longer with us.
While they live forever in our hearts and memory grant them eternal rest and reward of their labors.
Amen.

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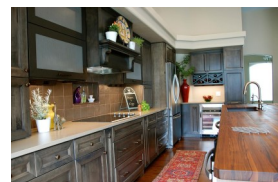
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