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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

I'm going to deviate a bit from maybe a normal message to talk for a moment on a struggle that many of our councils are going through today.

While many of the councils in our district have done well and are recruiting new members I'm seeing a struggle to follow up with that recruitment in members participation in our charitable works.

We know that the Knights are an organization that gives generously and frequently to many charitable organizations, many having a direct connection to our Church. These monies do not just appear because we want to write a check, but rather come about through many of our public, and private works of charity. Arguably the most well-known would be our breakfasts that we run from fall until spring. These are not easy undertakings, often involving hours of prep of the food, advertising, and calling for help for each month's breakfast. From these breakfasts and our efforts however, the vast majority of our monies that we give is received and are of the utmost importance to our future donations.

Here is where we must take a hard look in the mirror and ask ourselves, "What can I do to help?" For the most part many of our

council breakfasts rely on the same few men to work each, and often every, month. When we became Knights, we took on the responsibility of being there for our Church's needs, I'm asking my brother Knights to now step forward, not wait to be asked, but to say "What can I do to help?"

More and more there is a need in Minot for charitable works. The soup kitchen at St. Leo's is serving 160+ people a week, the food pantry at Our Lady of Grace would not be expanding if there wasn't a need for it, and everybody's resources are stretched thin. I understand that giving some of the valuable few hours that we have on the weekends is a sacrifice, but if we want to continue our works and give to what is needed, we need to step up now and help each other reach this goal. Every council is large enough that if half of our members worked one breakfast we would have every breakfast covered between now and next Spring. I beg of you to prayerfully discern what you can do to help and reach out to your Grand Knight asking where the help is needed most.

Once again, thank you for all that you do, as long as the Church has a need, the Knights will be there.

God Bless,
Brian Rodgers
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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

I pray this message finds you and your family well. With the Children back in school I see all the local councils are busy again.

Over Labor Day Weekend we held our 4th Annual Pantry 2 Pantry Food Drive for the food pantry in Lansford and the Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry. We were able to collect over 350lbs of food and \$100 in cash. We didn't do as well as we have in the past, but we are confident this is a worthwhile program. Please join us at our monthly meeting so we can hear your ideas on how to make this a more successful program for our community.



On September 11, St. John the Apostle Catholic church held the 3rd Annual Blue Mass to recognize all active, retired, and deceased First Responders. Thank you to all of those that chose to join us in prayer and support to First Responders and to Assembly 787 for providing the Honor Guard. Special thanks to Fr. Dave, Fr. Todd Kreitinger, and Deacon Lloyd Kruger for leading the celebration.

Our first breakfast for the season will be on October 19 with the proceeds going to the Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry and the Society of St. Vincent DePaul. Please join us for pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, milk juice, coffee, and wonderful conversation.

Please keep each other and our Country in your prayers. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight

Blue Mass



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St. Michael Council 4715

Greetings from Council 4715 in Garrison ND,

Fall has arrived. The temperatures don't reflect that but the tree leaves are a visible sign of the season. On September 17 members of Sacred Heart Parish, Immaculate Conception Parish, and St Nicholas Parish made a Pilgrimage to Bismarck ND. We visited the University of Mary, St Mary Catholic Church, Corpus Christy Catholic Church, and finished our Pilgrimage at Spirit of Life Cathedral to attend the Jubilee Mass (Pilgrims of Hope). The Pilgrimage was planned by Brother Knights Mathew Reichert, Matt Moendedick, and Chaplain Fr Christy. It was well attended by our tri parish members and very informative. We learned some history of how the Benedictine Sisters came to Bismarck and built the Catholic University of University of Mary. We also learned some history of the start of the Bismarck Diocese. I understand that there is still two Jubilee Masses available scheduled before the end of Jubilee year.

The St Ann's ladies and Council 4715 Knights are planning and preparing for the St Nicholas Fall Super on Sunday, October 19. The menu is Roast Beef, Roast Pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, vegetable, and dessert. \$20 a plate for adults, \$5 for youth 6-12yrs, and children 6 and younger eat free.

One last event worth mentioning is the St Nicholas Woman's Retreat. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 25. The Woman's Retreat will be for woman ages 9 and up and the St Mary Sisters (nuns) will be helping with the event. More information to come so look for a flier when you attend the St Nicholas Fall Super.

Vivat Jesus,
Travis Klein
Grand Knight



Pope Leo XIV's October Prayer Intention

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might work together to defend and promote peace,
justice, and human fraternity.



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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Brother Knights,

Welcome to Autumn. It's the time that God puts on a beautiful display for all of us to enjoy. The trees are changing color and the air is crisp. It's Football season for most of us.

Thank you to all that participated in the Monthly Breakfast. It was the first one of the year and we had a good turnout.

There are a few members that haven't been inducted into the Council. If you know of anyone that hasn't been inducted please let them know to contact Gerry Cushing.

Please reach out to Catholic men to become members. Get them involved with the Council.

Thank you to all that participated in the Knight's Mass. the plans are to hold a Knight's Mass once a quarter.

Please pray for the people who have been affected by the events that have been going on in the World. Please pray for Peace in the World.

May God Protect All Of You.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Weaver
Grand Knight

Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

Sir Knights and Ladies,

I hope all is well with all of you. Autumn is here and all the trees are changing color. It's a beautiful time of year.

The Month of September was a very sad month for a lot of people with all the shootings. Please keep in your prayers all that have been affected by the shootings.

More young people are coming back to the Church after the events in September. Please welcome them with open arms and open hearts.

I want to thank St. John's Church for holding the Blue

Mass and also all the Sir Knights that participated in the Honor Guard for it.

I pray that we get more participation at the Monthly meetings for the Assembly. The meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Homesteader's Restaurant at 6 pm. The next meeting will be Oct.28,2025. Any questions call or text me at 701 720 -2754.

May God keep you all in his Blessings and protect you.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Weaver



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Little Flower Council 9839

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I pray that you are all doing well, and we should be extra excited this month on October 1st for the 100th anniversary of the canonization of patroness Saint, St. Therese of Lisieux. There will be mass that day at 5:30 in the evening and refreshments to follow in the activities center where we can enjoy each other's fellowship in celebration of our St. Therese. She is also known for St. Therese of the little flower which is our parish of course or of the little way. She believed that even the smallest things could be done with such great love for the glory of our lord Jesus Christ. Even though her life was not as glamorous as other saints that she compared herself to, she became one of the most famous saints by having a strong, but child like love for God!

I want to thank everyone who came out to our first fundraising breakfast last month, it was very busy and everyone was so excited to see the knights serving breakfast again in our parish. We were very blessed with all the donations that came in that will be going towards our local Dakota Hope Clinic. Our next breakfast will be October 12th from 8:30-12:00, that will be benefitting the St. Vincent de Paul Society, hope to see you there!



The leaves are falling as we are into the beautiful fall season and have our first holiday of All Hallows Eve coming up, and feast days of All Saints & All Souls day to follow. During that time our knights will be putting out in the gathering space of the church our saints display kiosk. Available to everyone, we will have prayer cards, medals, and other devotional items available, so if you're around the parish, please feel free to take a devotional item that will help you in your faith life.

Server of the Month- Hannah Schaefer, for love and dedication in serving the mass, it is a joy to see her with her brother in sister helping in serving the mass and look forward to Hannah in our parish as she grows more in her faith.

Knight of the Month- Dan Christen, is a long time member of our Knights council and parish, he is great at our meetings giving the guys great input and wisdom. He always helps out around the parish working on projects and with our KC events. Especially with our breakfasts where likely you will see him in the back washing dishes and making sure everything is ship shape and keeping the guys inline, we enjoy having Dan in our group and are grateful for all he does.

Family of the Month- Curt & Michelle Saari. Even when they are busy with so much going on they both still make time for the church. Curt is always helping out with any project that is going on in the parish, especially if it deals with electrical and his wife Michelle you will see helping out with the Mass and parish events. Curt is a great part of our KC group and can count on him for needing help and advice alongside his wife showing support for our knights. It is a joy to see them together in mass and at our KC events and are truly blessed to have them in our parish family!

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 & Godbless

Luke Audet
Grand Knight

St. Michael Prayer for Peace

Archangel Michael,
Defender of truth and justice,
We ask for your mighty shield to guard the nations,
Breaking the chains of hatred, violence, and division.
Bring courage to leaders and strength to the weary,
So peace may reign in every heart and land.



St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

What a beautiful September and praying for a continuation in October, thanks be to God.

October 10th is the Feast Day of St Leo the Great. Fr. Kreitinger wants to have a 5:30 Mass followed by a pot luck. He is requesting a Knight's mass with Brother Knights as lectors, servers, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers as well as an Honor Guard of 4th Degrees.

Our September breakfast Was a little slow. I think folks were taking advantage of the beautiful weather. It was still a success and the boys and girls at Home on the Range will definitely benefit from all the generous donations from parishioners throughout Minot, but especially from St Leo's.

Our financial secretary, Bob Richter, it still working hard to collect past due membership fees. Please support his efforts and contact him or drop your dues in the collection at all the masses. Simply insert in an envelope and mark it **KC Dues**.

Past Grand Knight Kevin Sebastian helped Fr Kreitinger present the new office project to as many parishioners as were interested by providing a walk through and discussion of the new office project at the school next to the parish after all masses the last weekend in September.

We continue to recruit new members to our council and plan an exemplification ceremony for them before our meeting on October 16. Families are invited and encouraged to attend.

In spite of the weather, the KC float was a success at the MSU parade. Next year we hope to have better attendance from Brother Knights in all councils in Minot.

The perpetual Rosary for our council will be October 13 and 14. All members are encouraged to pray the Rosary many times during those two days.

Our new Knight of the month is Thomas Keeling. He recently stepped up for the Treasurer position. The Family of the month is Larry and Shirley Deibert. Without Larry and Shirley, our Soup Kitchen and monthly breakfast wouldn't be the same. They spends many hours prepping for these events. In addition, Larry volunteers at all council events. We are starting Altar Server of the Month with Logan Braunberger. He rarely misses a mass and always anticipates what is required during mass.

Our October breakfast is scheduled for the 26th. Proceeds will go for Dakota Hope.

Let us all keep our Families, Parishes, Churches, Country and the World in our prayers during these trying times and continue to pray for our brother Knights and their families and also for our new Pope Leo XIV. Please continue to pray for Jerry Clark and family as he undergoes treatment for cancer. It is a very trying time for him, his family and for our Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Rob Lowe
Grand Knight

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