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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

We are on a journey. It is one that is lifelong, it is one that we don't always understand, and it definitely is one that is not easy but it is a journey nonetheless.

We are not meant to be alone, in fact, in Genesis the one time we see God say during creation it is not good was when he said it is not good we are alone. The

Knights are meant to be a group that allows us not be alone in our life and faith. We serve God by serving those around us, we serve each other as we journey together in our service.

This month is not going to be a message of recruitment but rather activity. We have many members in our councils but if we were to sit down and think about who are active in our councils I would dare say the numbers would be much, much less. We are active in our lives, in our jobs, in our work, and in our families, this needs to carry over to our dedication to the Knights of Columbus as well. It also means that the officers and directors need to reach out to their members and invite them to our breakfasts and other opportunities to serve. I challenge each council to become more active and be asking for help to work or implement some sort of service project.

As said earlier, we are on a life-long journey. By asking for help and bringing in Brother Knights to work we are fulfilling our mission. Being a fraternal organization meant to work together to serve our God by

serving our parishes. We have Knights who have been members for essentially their entire lives. These are men who have taken to heart the idea that a life lived is a life of servitude. These men are also ready to step aside and for others to take up the reigns. If time and life allow, please step up and take on responsibilities beyond just being a member. God cannot be outgiving, so any sacrifice we make we will be rewarded in a much greater manner.

Things of note: First, on September 11th St. John's is hosting their annual Blue Mass. What better way than celebrating Mass to pray and thank those who serve others by their sacrifice. Also, on Friday, September 12th at about 5:30 at the Our Lady of Grace parking lot, there will be a float decoration gathering to prepare for Saturday, September 13th which will be MSU's annual parade. The parade gathering will be downtown Minot at 9:30 am. Please know that you are all welcome to any and all of these events, let's show Minot and the surrounding communities how the Knights support each other and our parishes.

Please let me know if you have any questions using the information below. Know of my continued prayers for you and your families.

Vivat Jesus,

Brian Rodgers
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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

I pray this note finds you and your families well. Children and teachers are back to school and Labor Day has just slipped past; where do the summer months go?

Council 1150, to include our Roundtable Chapter, and Garrison Council 4715 are holding our Fourth Annual Pantry 2 Pantry food drive. The collection trailers were located East of Garrison Dairy Queen, Rice Lake, and Mouse River Park. A collection table was setup inside St John's, for the non-camper who wish to contribute. Strawberry Lake will host their Pantry 2 Pantry September 6 & 7. All the food collected will be donated to the respective food pantries at Garrison, Sherwood, and in Minot the Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry. I'm looking forward to see how generous folks were this year.

Please join us on September 11 for our 3rd Annual Blue Mass at St. John's at 6:00pm. This is a wonderful time for us to come together to pray for and celebrate all of first responders. The Honor Guard from Assembly 787 will be present.

I pray families found time to slow down over the summer and enjoyed their time together. Hard to believe but harvest time is closing in on us so quickly. Please pray for farmers and farming families that they are safe and share in bountiful harvests.

I'll see you at our next meeting on September 4 at 7:00pm in St. John's.

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight

Blue Mass

TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th - 6:00 P.M.
ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

The "Blue Mass" is a tradition where the Police, Fire and EMS Responder personnel gather for a special celebration and blessing for their work on behalf of the community.

HISTORY OF THE BLUE MASS: In 1934, a Catholic Priest by the name of Thomas Dade from Baltimore initiated the Catholic Police and Firemen's Society while stationed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. About 1,100 police and firemen dressed in blue uniforms marched into St. Patrick's Catholic Church for the celebration of the first "Blue Mass" on September 29, 1934. Since then, the "Blue Mass" has become a tradition in which the local community gathers to celebrate and thank those who serve their community as policemen and women, firefighters, and EMS responders as well as to offer prayers to God for their continued protection.

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St. Michael Council 4715

Brother Knights,

August has passed and council activity has begun. The Semi Annual Financial Report has been completed. As Grand Knight, I presented ten blessed EMT Prayer visor clips for the ambulance and vehicles of Garrison/Max EMT departments. I also presented ten blessed (St Florian) blessed visor clips to fire departments of Max and Makoti ND for the fire department vehicles.

The fifth annual Pantry 2 Pantry is being carried out again in Garrison with one drop off location. No report on foods collected as of this writing because it is the day before Labor Day. Food collected will be tallied and taken to Garrison food pantry on Wednesday 9/3.

A new event that fellow Knight Randy Schwan participated in was a Motorcycle Rosary Ride. Riders rode to five different communities and did a decade of the

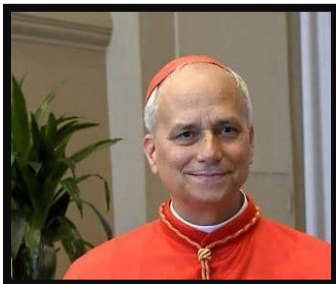
Rosary at each community. Randy is planning on a 2026 Rosary Ride with Garrison and Minot Councils.

Fall Supper season is in full swing and Garrison St. Nicholas Church is having theirs October 19th. Council 4715 will prepare Roast Beef and Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, a vegetable, and dinner roll. St. Ann Women's group will provide many delicious deserts. The meal is: Adult \$15 a plate, children 6-12 \$6 a plate, and 5 and under eat free.

So many things to pray for, so take time each day to pray for someone and thank God for the blessings we have received.

Vivat Jesus!

Travis Klein
Grand Knight



Pope Leo XIV's September Prayer Intention

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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Brothers,

I hope everything is looking favorably for each of you. It's the beginning of the school year so please pray for the Teachers and Students.

I went on a Pilgrimage to the Cathedral and other churches in the Bismarck area with some other parishioners. It was a good time for all and the churches we visited were beautiful. Thanks to Father Maus for setting this Pilgrimage up.

The breakfasts have started up again and volunteers are needed to help serve and cleanup. Please make yourselves available to help with them.

Congratulations goes out to:

Bill Mosser for Knight of the Month

Dave and Ruth Zaback for Family of the Month

Madison Fricke for Altar server of the Month

We will be having a Knights Mass once a quarter at the 5:30 Mass. Knights will be doing the ministries during that Mass. Keep an eye on the Bulletin for more information.

If you haven't been exemplified, please contact Gerry Cushing so we can set up an exemplification.

Remember the Council meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the Month at 7pm at Our Lady of Grace.

May the Blessings of the Lord be with all of you.

VIVAT JESUS

Jim Weaver

Grand Knight

Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

SIR KNIGHTS and LADIES,

I pray that all of you are in good health and the good Lord has you in his blessings.

I want to thank you all for your help with events that have been put on by the Assembly. Hopefully your support will continue.

Please pray for those in need of your Prayers. Those who have had devastating injuries and trauma and for those that have lost loved ones.

Life is short and it should not be taken for granted.

The Meetings of the Assembly are held on the 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Homesteader's Restaurant at 6 pm. Meetings are open to members and spouses or special friends.

May God's Blessings be with you all.

VIVAT JESUS

Jim Weaver

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Little Flower Council 9839

Family, Friends, & Brother Knights

I pray that you are all doing well and I'm wondering where did summer go for all of us. It seems that we were just getting ready for summer fun and activities and now with school back in session we are already gearing up for fall. Life gets busy for us and can fly by so fast causing stress and anxiety but if there is one thing a person can find peace in all of this is turning to our Lord. Even in everyday busy life if you set aside time devoted to Jesus and the Saints, in prayer and time in silence you will find that you will be able to balance out everything in life and find true peace and happiness by keeping Jesus and the Saints close to our hearts.

We are excited to be hosting our first fundraiser breakfast of the season, September 14th from 8:30-12:00. We will be serving a delicious meal of French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, muffins, fruit, coffee, and juice. The proceeds from the breakfast will be benefitting The Dakota Hope Clinic and we hope to see you there!

Just a reminder to our parish Knights that our meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month, we start with rosary at 6:30 in the church then the meeting to follow in the gathering space at 7:00 with food, drinks, and fellowship to follow afterwards, and any catholic gentlemen interested in our Knights of Columbus group you are more than welcome to join.

Server of the Month- David White, a young bright boy who is enthusiastic and joyful when serving the mass and is excited in learning more and growing in his faith.

Knight of the Month-Clarence Aberle, is a dedicated knight in our council and in our parish. He always helps out and shows his support at our KC events, but aside from that he is always keeping busy around the parish, helping out during the mass, keeping the church grounds organized and especially helping out with our funeral ministries along side with his wife Amy.

Family of the Month- Randy & Jaimie Brunner Family, who are a faithful and loving family in our church. Randy is always helping out in our parish with his wife Jaimie alongside, both helping out serving in the mass to just doing odds and ends around the church. You will also see their lovely children around the parish either serving the mass or enjoying themselves at a parish activity such as a KC breakfast or parish picnic. Randy and his family are always showing their support in our church and truly blessed to have them in our parish.

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 Godbless!

Luke Audet
Grand Knight,

Breakfast at Little Flower

**Sunday, September 14th
8:30 a.m. to Noon**

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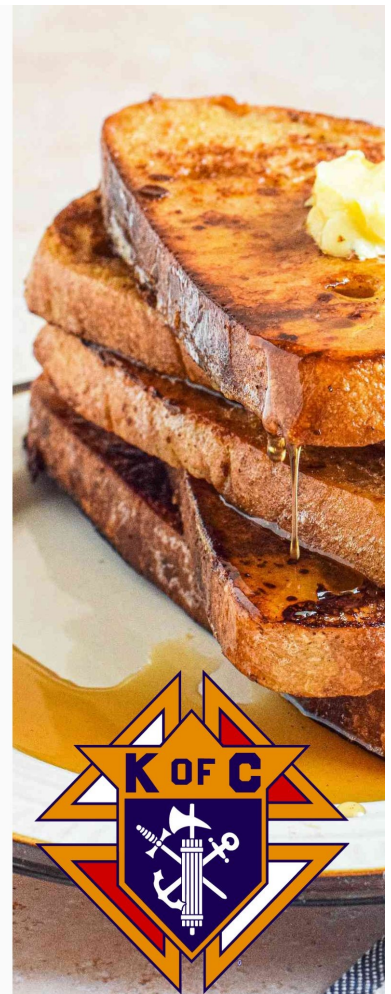
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St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

It feels good to be back after the knee surgery. Thanks for all the thoughts and prayers. We have an awesome year ahead to excel as a council.

Our first breakfast was August 21st with outstanding support from many of our active Brother Knights. All of our parishioners and community made for a successful first breakfast. Proceeds go for St. Gianna and Pietro Molla Mertinity Home.

The main thing that has to be addressed without delay is to make sure members pay dues. To help with this, Father has agreed to allow members to pay dues by dropping them in the collection in an envelope marked Knights of Columbus. Bob Richter hasn't had much luck collecting dues and is begging Brother Knights to stay active and get their dues paid.

Father Kreitinger reported that the new office project will begin soon as the bid openings are set for the afternoon of the 26th and volunteers will be needed to clear out the basement and first floor of the old school and existing office. Our Brother Knights and some of the students from Bishop Ryan are standing by and ready to get to work.

The highlight of our meeting was the exemplification of our newest member, Layne Korgel. We are looking forward to his participation when he finishes Wahpeton's vehicle mechanic school. As a council, we will pray for

his success in school.

The MSU parade is September 13th and we will have a float. Decoration of the float will be the evening of September 12th. All Brother Knights are invited to decorate and participate on the float. A 4th Degree Stand will count for all 4th Degree Brother Knights that participate.

Our new Knight of the month is Steven Fred. He participates in all our functions, in addition to volunteering as our new Recording Secretary, in addition to ushering on Sundays at St Leo's masses. The Family of the month is George and Mary Ann Bohl. Mary Ann volunteers for collection counting and Lectionary at St Leo's. George volunteers at all of our functions and serves as Usher at St Leo's.

Our September breakfast is scheduled for the 28th. Proceeds will go for Home on the Range.

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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