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District 8 - District Deputy Message

Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

As we move onward through this Lenten journey, I'm reminded of something that was once told to me regarding the choices we make.

Some choices are easier than others, most would prefer to go to a concert rather than complete some mundane household chore. We would choose to spend time with family, then interact with strangers. These are simple, non-sacrificial choices.

The problem is, we tend to apply the same premise to the Lenten season. We choose to not take up the cross and suffer as Jesus said we would if we followed him, but rather chose the sacrifice that will give us some warm and fuzzy feeling. What we give up during Lent generally was something that shouldn't have been part of our lives to begin with, so what we hope to accomplish doesn't always come to fruition.

What we should do instead is not only give up something, using that time to bring ourselves closer to God, but also take on a simple prayer every morning that says you give God full permission to do what He needs of you and your actions help to lead everyone you meet that day closer to God. I believe many Knights do this every day without realizing. We choose to take on the challenges today's society puts in front of us. We choose to step up into the breach and lead our families, our parishes, and our communities closer to God. We choose to live a life of service to others every day of the year, even outside of the prescribed dates of sacrifice.

Continue on with this mission, I thank each and every one of you for all that you do for our Church. State convention is right around the corner, if possible it is something that I believe every Knight should try to take in at least once in their lifetime.

God Bless,
Brian Rodgers, District #8 Deputy
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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

I pray this note finds you and your families well.

Thank you to the members of St. John's Parish and everyone who joined us for our February breakfast that supported Real Presence Catholic Radio and the Men's Winter Refuge. This month's sponsor for the breakfast was Farroh Roof Truss Co, the Council appreciates their generous support enabling us to better support Real Presence Catholic Radio and the Men's Winter Refuge. Our next breakfast on March 15 will help support Home on the Range and North Dakota Special Olympics, we look forward to seeing you then.

On February 12 we lost Sir Knight Jerry Clark, a shining example of what a member of the Knights of Columbus should be. Please keep Cindy and the Clark family in your prayers. Brother Jerry, you will be missed. Thank you for your friendship and guidance.

It was a pleasure to work with my Brother Knights from the various local councils for Jerry Clark's brunch and the District Free Throw Championship.

I hope to see you at our next council meeting on March 3rd. If do not get a reminder text message for the meeting, please let me know so I can get you on the list.

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight

Lenten Prayer for 2026 – Preparing for Easter

Lord Jesus, As we journey through these forty days, quiet our hearts from the noise of the world.

Teach us to see Your love in the small and hidden places, to choose mercy over judgment, and to walk humbly in Your footsteps.

In our fasting, let us hunger for Your truth.

In our prayer, let us hear Your whisper of peace.

In our giving, let us reflect Your generous heart.

When Good Friday's shadow falls, keep our eyes fixed on the hope of the empty tomb.

And when Easter morning dawns, may our souls rise with You—renewed, forgiven, and overflowing with joy. Amen.

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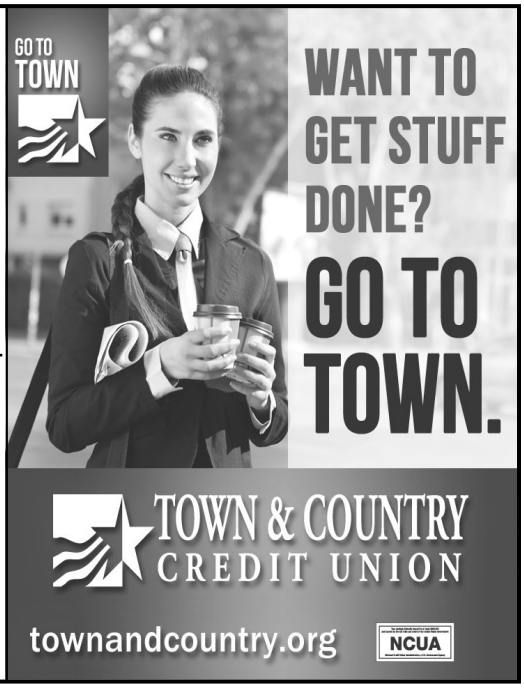

St. Michael Council 4715

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent season started a little early this year. It really caused a shortage of man hours for our Fish Supper and Knights to help with Stations of the Cross as many of my members are out of the state on vacations and adventures in warmer limates.

St Nicholas Stations of the Cross is on Friday and the Knights lead stations and provide a non meat meal following stations of the cross at St Nicholas Church. Attendance of stations and the meal following stations of the cross has grown and we hope to get more parishioners to attend stations and join in the fellowship at the meal following stations.

Altar server of March for St Nicholas Church of Garrison is Adeline Huettl. Adeline does a great job serving Mass. Adeline consistently checks to see if Altar Servers are needed when she gets to church and gladly gowns up if needed. Thank you Adeline.

Altar Servers of the month for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Max is Ryan Bingham. Ryan takes extra time to set up the altar for Mass, and be an altar sever for the Mass. Thank you Ryan. Fr Christy and the Knights of council 4715 appreciate all that Adeline Huettl and Ryan Bingham do for our parishes.

At our March meeting we will determine donations to Home on The Range, Special Olympics, and the ASAP Program (support after pregnancy). Delegates for The KofC Convention in Fargo will be decided and breakfast plans for after Psalm Sunday Mass will also be on the agenda. Council 4715 has a five hundred dollar College scholarship to review applications for and decide on the scholarship winner as well.

It is a very busy time of year and I hope all Knights and their families can find time to grow in faith and find peace this Lenten Season.

Travis Klein
Grand Knight

Pope Leo XIV's March Prayer Intention

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

BROTHER KNIGHTS,

I hope all of you are in good health and enjoying life.

I ask that you keep Jerry Clark and his family in your prayers.

The Roast Beef dinner was a success with a lot of good food and good help. After all the bills, the Council was able to donate 2100 dollars to Bishop Ryan School. Father Nelson was greatly appreciative of the donation.

The First Thursday of each month Father Eric Artz has a Spirits and Truths at Mia Mexico at 6 pm. It is a group of people who have dinner and a fellowship. Every Month there is a different Priest from the area who gives a short talk on a certain subject. If you haven't attended one you are missing out on a good time.

During Lent, there is a Soup and Sandwich after the Stations of the Cross. The Council will be doing the Soup and Sandwich on March 20. We need volunteers to help with setting up and cleaning up afterwards.

The Annual 4th Degree Fish Fry is being held on March 27 at Our Lady Of Grace. Volunteers are needed for setting up and serving and cleanup.

The Men's Group is held on the First Saturday of each Month at 7am at Our Lady of Grace dining room. It is a group of men who want to learn more about our religion. It is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about Catholicism and open your eyes to what is going on.

First Communion is being held on April 12 at 10:30am at Our Lady of Grace Church. There will be a breakfast on that day to celebrate the children receiving First Communion. Volunteers are needed for the breakfast.

The next Meeting of Council 4894 is on March 9th at 7pm.

May each of you have a Happy and Very Blessed Easter.

GLORY BE TO GOD

JIM WEAVER
GRAND KNIGHT

Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

SIR KNIGHTS AND LADIES,

I hope all is well with all of you and God is watching over you.

I ask that you pray for Jerry Clark and his family. Jerry lost his battle with cancer after a courageous battle. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

The Annual Fish Fry is coming up on March 27 at Our Lady of Grace Church. If you are willing to help, please contact me at 701-720-2754 or email me at ginajim@srt.com. We need as many people as we can get to help. The times are 5:30 to 7:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend and/or help.

The State Convention is being held in Fargo this year on April 10,11 and 12. It will be at the Holiday Inn. If you want to be a delegate let Bob Richter or myself know. The Assembly will pay for the registration and room.

I pray that everyone has a very Happy Easter.

VIVAT JESUS

JIM WEAVER
FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

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Little Flower Council 9839

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I pray that you are all doing well, keeping Jesus in your heart and part of your daily life and what better way to get closer to God then with lent. Really dive deep into your faith life by not just giving something up but maybe by adding to your life, maybe attending daily mass, signing up for weekly adoration, or as simple as getting up early and having quite prayer time in the morning. Get creative, with families you could have family prayer time or you and your spouse could tackle something together for lent. Whatever you choose do it in honor and sacrifice for our lord, for he made the ultimate sacrifice for you.

Don't forget our Knights will be serving up soup and sandwiches! During Lent our parish will be having stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 6:30 and our Knights will be serving soup and sandwiches in the gathering space of the church at 5:30 till stations begins. All are welcome to join with friends & family and enjoy a meal before attending a spiritual pilgrimage of the Stations of the Cross.

Thanks to everyone who attended our last breakfast, we had a great turn out and were blessed with all the donations, which will be benefitting the Special Olympics. Mark your calendar for March 8th which is our next fundraiser breakfast that will be benefitting the Home on the Range.

Our knights will be also making fresh donuts on March 22nd and will be available to the public from 9:00-11:30, freewill offering, we hope to see you there!

The Knights of Columbus Catholic icon is coming to our parish this month! Each year the Knights of Columbus councils from around the state sponsor this traveling icon. We are blessed to have the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus icon at our parish from March 9th through the 15th. It'll be on display at the front of the church and to the right in front of Mary and Joseph, and there will be booklets, prayer cards, and information available on the icon. We will also have some extra adoration and prayer time set up while the icon is at our parish, March 11th Wednesday, adoration will carry on till 6:00 p.m. with the Divine Mercy chaplet at the end of adoration. All are invited to join and participate in this great chance of prayer during Lent.

Server of the Month- Maizey Brunner, who is a young lady who loves serving the mass in our parish, alongside with her brother & sister and is excited and energetic about her catholic faith. Who also loves coming to and enjoying our KC events with her family.

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 & running smoothly and especially helping out with our funeral ministries along side with his wife Amy.

Family of the Month- Joseph & Jaclyn Grondin who are fairly new to our parish and fit right in. Joseph joined our KC group right away and has been a great addition, always showing up to help out with our KC events. Alongside him is his wife Jaclyn who is always showing her support for the church, bringing along their three boys who are always having fun in the church especially at our parish events. Mostly it is an absolute joy to see them together as a family in mass!

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,

St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

February has been a prayerful month indeed as we lost one of our most dedicated brothers, Jerry Clark, to cancer on February 12th. Let us pray for Jerry, Cindy and his family during Lent and ask him to pray for us. We will miss him at the Annual Fish Fry and at all of our breakfasts. He was truly an anchor for us. May God bless him on his journey home.

Our last breakfast, designated for Men's Winter Refuge, was on a pretty cold day but we still managed to make around $1000. God bless our generous St Leo's parishioners and those of our local community that stopped in to contribute to those less fortunate and also partake of the best breakfast in town (thanks in part to Jerry Clark's awesome creamy sausage gravy recipe).

Our financial secretary, Bob Richter, is still working hard to collect past and current 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.

The Annual Knights of Columbus Free throw Contest is scheduled for March 1st, Council/District, and the Regional/State for March 21st at the Bishop Ryan school gymnasium. Local Brother Knights are requested to contact Brian Rogers to volunteer or just show up to help. Free throw starts at 12:30.

Our Council, 9906, will be holding a church drive in conjunction with our March 22nd breakfast. Our Brothers will serve at every mass as well as preparing and serving breakfast. It will take all Brother Knights that are available to make a good showing for this event.

Our Knight of the month (posthumous) for March is Jerry Clark. He was truly an anchor for our council as well as Msgr. Raith 4th Degree Assembly, including the district and the state programs. The Family of the month is Bryan and Mary Robertson. Bryan led the Christmas food drive along with Mary. They both serve as Ushers and Bryan is a Lector while Mary serves as a Sacristan. In addition they belong to the local Saint Vincent de Paul society as well as the Serra Club. The Altar Server of the Month is Evan Tollefsen.

Especially during Lent, let us all keep our Families, Parishes, Churches, Country and the World in our prayers and continue to pray for Pope Leo XIV, our brother Knights and their families as well as a special request to pray for Jerry Clark on his journey home.

Vivat Jesus!

Rob Lowe
Grand Knight

Prayer for a deceased Brother Knight

We thank You for the life and service of our beloved Brother Knight, Jerry Clark,
who walked faithfully in the path of charity, unity, and fraternity.
Grant him eternal rest in the light of Your presence, where there is no pain, no sorrow, only peace and joy.
Bless his family and loved ones with comfort and strength, and let his example of faith and service inspire us to live with the same dedication to You and to others.
May we, too, remain steadfast in our mission, until the day we are reunited in Your heavenly kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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