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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brother Knights,

Once again, I'm gonna deviate a bit from my normal article and take this time to thank you all once again for your support of our Bishop Ryan March for Life pilgrimage.

Every year that I've come to our councils, they have stepped up and supported the pilgrimage, both financially, but more importantly prayerfully. Ten years ago when I started directing this pilgrimage, we were very small in numbers, but enthusiastic in our desire to show to the world that we support life at all stages. Our pilgrimage continues to grow and the Knights have been with us every step of the way. Know that in our yearly travels, I've also taken the Knights with me, carrying my Knights of Columbus rosary to every pilgrimage and

praying for our order, our councils, our members, and our Church every chance I get.

Your support has allowed around 300 pilgrims a chance to experience this life-changing pilgrimage. Don't believe me? Here are some excerpts from their reflections...



"...I would like to thank all the people who made this opportunity possible for me for many years. Their sacrifice has not only helped me grow spiritually but as a person. I will forever be grateful for this opportunity and will pray for these benefactors..." - Bishop Ryan Senior

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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

I hope this note finds you and your families well. The Twice Blessed Campaign allowed the Council to be doubly generous with our donations in January. Thank you to everyone who helped us be so generous to our Minot community.

Our January breakfast was sponsored by Kevin's Plumbing and Heating to support Dakota Hope and Minot Right to Life. Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy our breakfast and a big thank you to our Brother Knights who helped make this a success. Make plans to join us on February 15 to join us for our next breakfast to benefit Real Presence Catholic Radio and the Minot Men's Winter Refuge.

We are already making plans to sponsor some St. John's

children to the Summer Youth Camp. The dates are as follows: Camp Metigoshe first session is July 15 – 19, the second session is July 20 – August 2, and Camp of the Cross at Garrison is July 22 – 26. Watch for more information in the St. John's bulletin.

Keep on the look out for men to join our ranks. We need their inputs and support to make a strong council that can support our Parish. It would be nice to hear from of our Brother Knights we haven't heard from in a while also.

Keep praying for our Parish and our community.

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill our hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so we can listen.

We pray that our only desire and our one choice is to choose what better leads to the deepening of God's life in us.

Fasting During the Lenten Season

As we begin the Lenten Season lets pause and reflect on where we want to be in 40 days In the words of Pope Francis: Let us pray that as we begin the season of lent we embrace the opportunity to:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

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St. Michael Council 4715

Brother Knights and Spouses,

The first month of the new Year comes to its end. I thank Grand Knight Luke Audet for hosting the District Deputy meeting January 13th at Little Flower. Job well done Luke! I thank District Deputy Brian Rogers for giving the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries an opportunity to visit with our State Deputy Mike Bannach. Mike is an amazing Representative of our State officers. He came to Minot from Fargo ND and went back to Fargo to work the next day. Mike is a shining example of service to others.

We are in ordinary time for a short time this year. Lent will begin February 18th this year. In 2027 I am thinking we will go from Christmas to Lent in January. I don't understand the change but here we are preparing for Lent.

St. Michael's council of Garrison will be planning a fish Supper for February 20th, the first Friday of Lent. St. Michelle's council of Garrison will also be scheduling in a free throw competition and deciding what to donate to Home On The Range and Special Olympics.

The Altar Servers of the Month for Immaculate Conception of Max, ND will be Alex and Adon Heer. Twin brothers that are always willing to step up and help Fr. Christy with the Mass. The Altar Server of February for St. Nicholas Church is Alex Schatz. Alex has taken an interest in serving and has stepped up for the Saturday evening Masses and as needed for Sunday morning Masses. I thank them for their service.

Travis Klein
Grand Knight



Pope Leo XIV's February Prayer Intention

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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Brother Knights,

I hope all is well with each of you. I ask that each of you pray everyday. Prayer is a wonderful thing.

I want to thank all of you who have helped at the breakfasts. It's a joy seeing you all there and a pleasure working with you. For those of you who haven't helped, take the step and contact Jeff Schmidt to offer your help.

The Knight's Mass that is held once a quarter will be held on April 18th at 5:30 pm. Brother Knights will fill all the ministries except for Altar Servers. If you are interested in participating, contact me at 701-720-2754.

First Communion is on April 12th. We put on a breakfast for them every year. The council also gives out rosaries to each of the children.

Easter is on April 5th this year. Help will be needed for the masses. If you are able to, please volunteer your time to help the Church. Easter is a special time in our religion. The Lord died and rose again on Easter so that we can enter into the Kingdom of God. Please make it your duty to attend one of the Masses that are offered.

God bless each and everyone of you.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Weaver
Grand Knight



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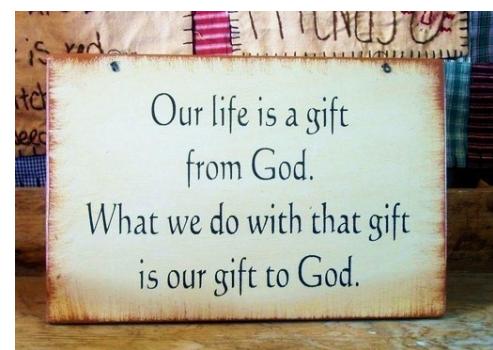
Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering.

Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.

Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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I pray that you are all doing well and keeping Jesus close to your heart and everyday lives with prayer. I also hope you are keeping warm during this cold season but don't worry an important date is coming up, not Groundhog's Day but the Presentation of the Lord also called Candlemas Day, which is where groundhog's Day came from. This traditionally ends the Christmas season and the Vatican officially takes down its Christmas tree and Nativity set on this day. And it was tradition that if the Sun shined brighter than the brightness of a candle on Candlemas day there was more winter to come, but if the light of a candle on Candlemas day was brighter than a cloudy gloomy day the end of winter was near. So don't forget to get your candles blessed!

Lent is around the corner already and our Knights will be serving up soup and sandwiches again! 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 and family and enjoy a meal before attending a spiritual pilgrimage of the Stations of the Cross.

I want to thank all our local councils for coming together at our local district meeting we had this past month. It was great having everybody at our church and getting to enjoy each other's company and fellowship and discussing future plans for our Knights of Columbus here in our community.



*This past month,
Little Flower
Council 9838
hosted the
district 8 meeting.
State Deputy
Mike Bannach
presented and
discussed future
plans for the
Knights of
Columbus in
our area.*

Also a huge thank you to everyone who attended our last fundraiser breakfast, our knights were very busy and truly blessed with all the support towards our seminarians. We hope to see you on February 8th which is our next breakfast which will be benefiting the Special Olympics. We will be serving from 8:30 till 12:00, eggs, sausage, french toast, biscuits & gravy, muffins, juice and coffee. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship.



Server of the Month- Calvin Olson, for all the dedication he has is serving the mass and enjoying it with his brother and sister, we are proud of him and hope that he grows more in his faith life and love in the Mass.

Knight of the Month- Jeff Murtaugh, is a past Grand night in our group and a dedicated member in our council. He's always helping out whenever is needed at our KC events and making sure our meetings are running smoothly. You will also find him helping out in the parish greeting parishioners and serving in the Mass.

Family of the Month- Jason and Delray Goetz, who is a fairly new family to our parish along with their children Jordy, Reed, and Hazel. It is an absolute joy to see them as a family together in mass and especially the two boys who are in our catechesis program. And they are always supporting our Knights of Columbus events especially at our breakfast where it is a ton of fun to see their children running around in the gym playing with the other children of 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

St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

I pray that everyone is enjoying a new year full of God's grace and our Lord's Divine Mercy. I know that not everyone has been blessed with perfect health and I especially pray for those of you and your families that have special struggles at this time that our Blessed Mother will cover you with her Holy Mantle of love and protection.

Our caramel roll weekend was a huge success thanks to all of our faithful parishioners. Because of your support we were able to donate \$500 to Second Story under the Twice Blessed program so they received \$1000. We also donated \$500 to Special Olympics of North Dakota. God bless all that participated and enjoyed wonderfully baked fresh caramel rolls.

Our last breakfast designated for SVDP was unfortunately one of our coldest days in January. Thanks to your generous contributions, we still made a little of \$800. God bless our generous parishioners that wanted to help SVDP better serve the less fortunate in our community.

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.

Knight of the month
Jim Olson



Family of the month
Sue and Tim Greenheck



Altar Servers of the Month
Claire and Isabel Morales



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Please pray for Jerry Clark and his family. He is currently fighting cancer at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester MN. Our council voted to donate \$1000 to Jerry and his family to help cover expenses.

Our Knight of the month for February is Jim Olson. Jim manages and schedules the parish Sacristans. He also volunteers many hours at all of the council events. The Family of the month, Sue and Tim Greenheck volunteer countless hours as facilitators of the parish FOCCUS program. They guide couples wishing to enter the sacrament of marriage to receive the proper coaching and necessary counseling to ensure a lasting marriage relationship. The Altar Servers of the Month are Claire and Isabel Morales.

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. And a special request 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^[L]
Grand Knight

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I pray that everyone is well and staying warm. As we start the new year, I ask that each and everyone of you take time to pray each day. Prayer is a beautiful way to get closer to God.

The annual Fish Fry is on March 28th at Our Lady of Grace Church serving from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Please put this on your calendar. Help is needed for this event.

With that being said, please keep Brother Jerry Clark in your prayers. He is having a tough time with his health.

St. Valentine's Day is coming up already. Please remember your significant others on this day.

Fr. Arts is continuing with 'Spirits and Truths.' It is held on the first Thursday of the month at Mia Mexico at 6:00 pm.. Everyone is invited to attend for some good information and fellowship. He has different Priests

come in and give a short talk and answer questions about our religion. I hope to see you there.

The Men's Group Meets at Our Lady of Grace Church on the first Saturday of the month at 7:00 am. It's a group of men that talk and ask questions about our religion as a whole. It is open to all Catholic Men and if interested you are invited to attend. It is an informal group that gather for fellowship.

Please pray for our priests and those that are in need of prayer,

God bless each and everyone of you

Vivat Jesus

Jim Weaver
Faithful Navigator.

Pope Leo XIV Encouragement to Pray

He has called upon believers to lift their hearts in prayer, stating, "God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail!" This quote reflects his belief in the power of prayer to combat despair and promote hope among the faithful.

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"Thank you, benefactors, for helping us be able to go to the March for Life. This is my second time going to the March for life and it has taught me a lot. Seeing all the monuments was amazing and I'm grateful I get a chance to see them when I'm there, but most of all I'm grateful for being able to march for those that can't. When we march for life, and I see all the people there it makes me realize that we are affecting the world. It also makes me realize the horrors of abortion and that we have a chance to make abortion illegal and to stop the murdering of innocent babes in the womb. Once again Thank you for giving us the opportunity to March for Life." - Bishop Ryan sophomore

"The March (was) one of the most spiritual feelings I've ever had... the grace of marching in the nation's capital for the victims who were aborted, gave me a sense of pride, a spiritual peace. Now coming back from the trip,

I wished that we could stay there a little longer, this experience will be a spiritual highlight of my year. I would also like to say thank you to those who arranged the march this year. First, I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus and the other benefactors who helped us raise money so that we could go..."

Bishop Ryan sophomore

I plan on trying to get a few of our pilgrims to come to the next couple council meetings to be able to share their experiences with us in person, but please understand that your efforts have made a huge impact on the next generation of Catholics that are soon stepping out into the world. Once again, thank you so very much.

Vivat Jesus,
Brian Rodgers
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