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### *District 8 - District Deputy Message*



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

Happy Easter Season! As we draw closer to Pentecost, may we all be made stronger in the knowledge that the Church, founded by Jesus 2000 years ago, produced countless saints for us to emulate, and has given the world so many blessings, continues to be guided by the same Holy Spirit promised by Christ.

However, as the Church continues to grow, we must grow with Her. Obviously, the first thing we think of when we hear of growth is recruitment and that is important to our order's future, I want to focus on our growth as Catholic men. We must constantly prepare and be ready like those in the Upper Room for the descent of the Holy Spirit. This means a well formed prayer life, frequent reception of the Sacraments, and being the strong Catholic men our church needs.

That being said, there are many opportunities that we don't necessarily take advantage of in our lives. We are entering into our summer season where we may push the Knights to the back burner for a few months as we do not have breakfasts, and get busy with the many other callings in our life. I challenge everyone to seek out opportunities for spiritual growth. Whether that be a Bible study amongst a small group, one on one time in adoration, or even family prayer in the evening. Each of these, or something similar, will allow us to be more receptive to what God is calling to us in our lives. Have a blessed remaining Easter season, know of my continued prayers for you and your families, and be watching for opportunities in your life for spiritual growth.

Vivat Jesus,  
Brian Rodgers  
DD #8

# St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

I pray this note finds you and your families doing well. It was an honor to represent Council 1150 and St. John's Parish at the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North Dakota Knights of Columbus in Fargo. There were over 267 Knights in attendance to represent 90 councils and 13,400 Brother Knights in North Dakota. Over the past year the ND KofC councils have donated over \$1.7 million and 397,000 hours, I always find this impressive.

Please be aware, we are working to changing the name of our Council. The resolution was read at the Meeting in April per the Laws and Rules of the order. Below is that resolution.

## Resolution to Change the Name of Church of the Little Flower Council No. 1150

WHEREAS, the members of Church of the Little Flower Council No. 1150, Knights of Columbus, located in Minot, ND, desire to adopt a new name that more fully reflects the identity, heritage, and mission of the council; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new name, "St. John the Apostle Council," has been prayerfully considered and is believed to be fitting and appropriate for the council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Church of the Little Flower Council No. 1150 hereby requests approval from the State Deputy of the North Dakota State Council to officially change its name to "St. John the Apostle Council"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon approval by the State Deputy, this resolution shall be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus for final approval and recording.

Adopted by vote of the council on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, following proper notice and readings in accordance with the Laws and Rules of the Order.

If you wish to have a vote or say in the resolution or name change, please attend the meeting to be held on May 5th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church.

Our prayers are with the farmers and gardeners as they prepare their respective plantings. I will see you soon.

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald  
Grand Knight,

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# St. Michael Council 4715

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Knights of Columbus State Convention in Fargo on the weekend of April 10-12, was a great time for Knights and the families to celebrate the accomplishments of the work we do across the great state of ND. As a Grand Knight it gives me a chance to celebrate what our council has done well and reflect on what our council could do better. The accomplishments of other councils give witness and examples of how to do better as a Grand Knight and a Council.

The news of State Chaplain Fr Chad Wilhelm's Duodenal cancer surgery gives all of us an opportunity to give back to Fr. Chad Wilhelm what he has given us for his past 20 plus years as State Chaplain, Prayers and support.

As the weather continues to warm the outside activities continue to fill our evenings and weekends. Parish and cemetery cleanup is on the calendar. Farmers are actively planting crops. Ranchers are nurturing the new born


livestock and mending fences. High School and College Graduations are the focus for students and parents of graduating children. Please take time to thank God for all the blessings in our lives as the days grow longer and busier.

StMichael council's Altar Server for the month of April for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Max is Gabe Scheresky. The Altar Server of the month of April for St. Nicholas Church of Garrison is Owen Trautman. We thank them for the service to their parishes and mentoring to other youth of their parishes.

Council 4715 will be conducting our nomination of officers and service personnel for the 2026-2027 fraternal year. We will also be accomplishing some unfinished business as well before the end of the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!

Travis Klein,  
Grand Knight



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## Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

BROTHER KNIGHTS,

I pray all is well with each of you. I ask that you pray for Father Chad Wilhelm who is having surgery for cancer. He is the State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. Please keep him in your prayers.

I want to thank everyone for your help with the First Communion celebration. Also thank you for your help with Easter Sunday services. Everyone greatly appreciates everything that you as Knights do for the Parish.

The election of new officers is coming up in June and I would

like for all of you to think about nominations for the positions. My term as Grand Knight is coming to a close and I would like to thank all of you for the support you have given me. I hope you will give the next Grand Knight the same support. It was an honor for me to serve as Grand Knight and work with all of you on accomplishing some projects that the Council has undertaken. I will continue to work and support the Council as needed.

MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS BE WITH ALL OF YOU.

JIM WEAVER  
GRAND KNIGHT

## Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

SIR KNIGHTS and LADIES,

I pray that everything is well with all of you. I pray that God bestows his many blessings on each and everyone of you. I want to thank all the Sir Knights for all the support you have given the Assembly throughout the year.

I ask that you keep Father Wilhelm in your prayers. He is having surgery for cancer. He is the State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.

One of our brother knights passed away recently and I ask that you keep Dave Baker's family in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for a new Bishop for our Diocese.

MAY THE GRACE OF THE LORD BE WITH ALL OF YOU.

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JIM WEAVER  
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# Little Flower Council 9839

Family, Friends, and Brother Knights,

I pray that you are all doing well and having a blessed spring so far!

I want to first thank everyone who came out for our last fundraising breakfast this past month. We were truly blessed with all the donations that came in, and more importantly enjoying fun and fellowship with family and friends.

Our knights are making muffins for moms again! On May 10th we will have a variety of muffins to give away for Mother's Day following the 8:30 mass until about 11:30. You can come and grab some to go or sit and enjoy with some juice and coffee. Hope to see you there!



This past month our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program ended with a great ice cream party, where the parents got to come see their children do their works and enjoy a tasty treat afterwards! We want to thank Dion, Paula, Sam, Lisa, Patty, Kathy, Kelsy, and all the other ladies of our Parish who helped make this possible for all the children growing in their faith.

Server of the month, Joseph Minter, who just started serving in our parish and is excited and enthusiastic about his faith and in serving the Mass!

Knight of the month, Bruce Bartholomew, who attended and represented our council at the state KC convention this year. He joined our council just a couple years ago and has been a great addition. He has been a Grand Knight in the past for other councils and brings great wisdom and advice to our group and it is a lot of fun to have around when we are having our KC events and meetings!

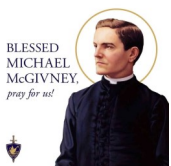
Family of the month, Stephen & Rebecca Young, who have been part of our parish family for several years now. Stephen is actually the Deacon of our parish and is a great part of our Knights council. He's always helping out with the mass and around the parish, alongside his loving and supporting wife Rebecca and who is a great mom of six children! You will see a few of their kids still hanging around the parish and serving in the Mass. It is an absolute joy having the young family in our parish and are truly blessed!

Our knights want to thank those for all that they do and are truly blessed that they are part of our Parish family and we will be praying for them.

Thank you, God bless!

Luke Audet  
Grand Knight

## PRAYER FOR HEALING THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF BLESSED FATHER MCGIVNEY



*Blessed Father McGivney, With faith in God's mercy, We turn to you.*

You who cared for the sick and comforted the suffering, pray for **Knights of Columbus State Chaplain Fr. Chad Wilhelm** who is facing the heavy burden of cancer.



*Father Chad*

Ask our Lord to grant strength in body, peace in mind, and healing according to His holy will. May hope never fade, and may God's love be their constant light. Amen.

# St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights, Thank you Brother Knights for all of your support and prayers for my safe trip to the State Convention and my safe return. Although I was recovering from pneumonia, your prayers got me through. The 4th Degree stands this year were tremendous with over 60 Worthy 4th Degree Brothers participating. The two biggest announcements this year were: Father Chad Wilhelm, with over 30 years service as our State Chaplain, and his assistant Father Shannon Lucht, with over 14 years of service as Assistant State Chaplain, will no longer be serving after this year; the second is, our country is consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this year and everyone should obtain a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, prominently displaying it in their homes.

Since the State Convention, we learned that Fr Wilhelm underwent surgery for Duodenal cancer. Please keep him, his family and his parish in your prayers.

The April breakfast, designated for OLOG Food Pantry, collected a little over \$1000. God bless our generous St Leo's parishioners and local members of our community that stopped in to contribute to those less fortunate and to also enjoy the best breakfast in town.

Bob Richter, financial secretary, 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 Knight of the Month for May is Tom Hanson. He has stepped up to volunteer for every council breakfast and soup kitchen and participates at all of our council meetings. Tom is truly a model for our younger Brother Knights.

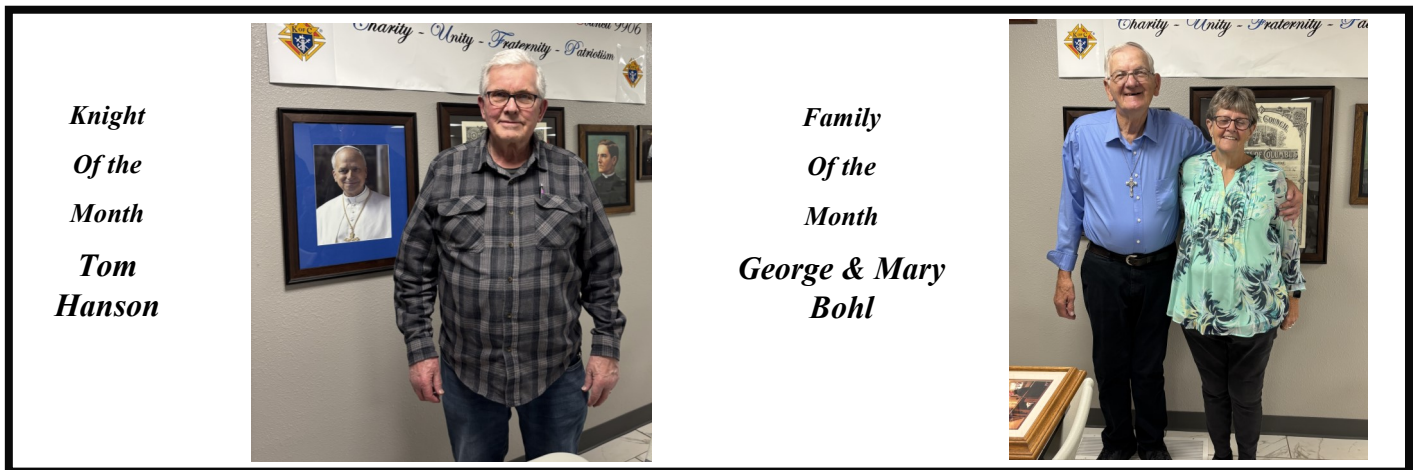
The Family of the Month is George and Mary Ann Bohl. George serves as Usher and Mary Ann serves as lector. George volunteers at all of our breakfasts and soup kitchens and participates in all our council meetings. George brought his grandson, Steven, into the Knights of Columbus where he currently serves as our Recording Secretary.

The Altar Server of the Month is Jose Castaneda Jr.

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. Please continue to pray for Jerry Clark's family and for his journey home to be with our Lord.

Vivat Jesus!

Rob Lowe  
Grand Knight



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