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District 8 - District Deputy Message

Brother Knights,



Brian Rodgers

Happy new year to you and your family. May God's blessings be upon you for this upcoming year!

As we step into this new calendar year, the year may now end in a six, but God's call to the Knights remains the same. We need to make sure we continue to be the men we are called to be. Fathers, brothers, leaders, these are all attributes that we must continue to exemplify each and every day.

I want to thank each and every council for stepping up over the last year and many different ways, we had a great service year, the Garrison Council once again proved that they are the best of the best in becoming star council for the second year in a row, and we were able to give not only of our times at breakfasts, fish fries, and dinners, but also from a financial standpoint as thousands of dollars were given to seminarians, Dakota Hope, Special Olympics, and numerous other worthwhile charitable

organizations.

Please know of my continued prayers for you and your family and I ask in a special way prayers for the thousands of pilgrims that will soon be on the road heading to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. Including hundreds from our very own Diocese.

Finally, we are going to have our district meeting on Tuesday, January 13th, at Little Flower parish. We will start with rosary at 6 o'clock and the meeting to begin at approximately 6:30. Snack foods and drinks will be available, grand knights, and financial secretaries please make sure you are there, all other knights are also more than welcome to come visit with our state deputy.

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

Merry Christmas Brother Knight,

I hope you and your families had a blessed Christmas.

When you see Matt Meyer, congratulate him on completing his exemplification and welcome Jaxon Dodds into our brotherhood. Your council is growing but there is always room for more Knights, please invite your family and friends to join us.

Thank you to the Brother Knights and Parish members who helped with our last breakfast on December 21st to support our Seminarians. We look forward to seeing and serving you at our next breakfast on January 18th.

Keep the Bishop Ryan students and chaperones in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for their trip to Washington DC to participate in the National March for Life. We look forward to hearing their stories from this adventure.

I look forward to seeing my Brother Knights at our next meeting on January 8th. Wishing you and your families a very blessed New Year.

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight



The **2026 March for Life** theme is "**Life is a Gift**," which emphasizes the importance of life and its protection.

This theme reflects the prolife movement's commitment to defending human dignity and the sanctity of life.

The event is scheduled for **January 23, 2026**, in Washington, D.C., and will include various activities and speakers focused on the pro-life mission.

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St. Michael Council 4715

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New year from Garrison council 4715. As we celebrate the birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we have an opportunity to start the new year with renewed Hope and purpose.

Thank you to all the Knights of Columbus members. All the service ministry work you performed at the Christmas Masses don't go unnoticed. You are an example to your family and your fellow parishioners. You all give your parish priest the support he needs to serve the parishes under their care.

Garrison Council 4715 will have our third annual Knight and Spouse Appreciation Supper on Sunday, January 18 2026. As Grand Knight, I find it is a great opportunity to reflect on council accomplishments and thank my brother knights for their yes to the call to be a servant to our parishes. It also

provides an opportunity for our Knights of Columbus insurance agent, Don Willey, to present a fraternal benefit event.

Council 4715's January Altar Server of the month for St Nicholas Church in Garrison is John Tesch. John has stepped up to alter serve consecutive weekends in a row when needed. John does a great job and we appreciate his willingness to serve. The January altar server for Immaculate Conception of Max is Amanda Bingham. Amanda is carrying on a long tradition of the Bingham family, serving the needs of their parish in Max. Thank you to Amanda for altar serving and singing in the choir for Immaculate Conception. Fr Christy and the Knights appreciate the service of John and Amanda to their parishes.

Happy New year,

Travis Klein
Grand Knight,



Pope Leo XIV's January Prayer Intention

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Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

DEAR BROTHERS,

I trust each of you had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we start a new year, I pray that each of you have God's Blessings through out the year.

I want to thank all of you for your support of the Council during the past year and hope that you will continue supporting it. We have had great support helping with the monthly breakfasts. We have had 2 Knights of Columbus Masses last year and hopefully we will continue to have them quarterly.

We supplied the bags of candy for the children's Christmas Party. Santa gave out 74 bags to the children.

We now have windows installed in the Parish Center.

Now construction will be moving along inside the building. The new Food Pantry Building also has windows and construction will continue inside of it as well. It will take time but all the disruption during construction will be worth it.

May the Peace of the Lord be with all of you during the upcoming year.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Jim Weaver
Grand Knight

Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

SIR KNIGHTS and LADIES,

I pray that each of you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. These Holidays always bring families closer together with all the love and good food. I wish that this feeling lasts throughout the year.

I want to thank everyone for their support of the Assembly throughout the year. We have had numerous Stands for different events and we wouldn't have had them without your support.

The Holy Father has been busy naming new Bishops

countrywide. Hopefully he will name a new Bishop for our Bismarck Diocese. Please pray for Bishop Kagan in his retirement.

Thank you again for all the support and I pray that each of you have God's Blessings in the coming year.

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

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Jim Weaver
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Little Flower Council 9839

Family, Friends, & Brother Knights

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I Hope everyone had a great and joyous season, enjoying time with family & friends with Christmas traditions and more importantly, celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we head into the New Year we are all excited to start off on the right foot and have new resolutions that we want to take on and accomplish, but it seems that after a few weeks we tend to fail and give up. I pray that you don't take on these challenges alone, keep Jesus and the saints in your heart and mind, with deep faith and daily prayer and you will realize that you can achieve your news goals while you grow in your faith!

I want to thank everyone who trekked through the snow and cold to join us and show their support for the Our Lady of Grace food pantry at our last breakfast, everyone had such Christmas fun with good food, fellowship, and Christmas goodies and treats that our knights gave away. Our first fundraiser breakfast of the year will be benefitting our seminarians on January 11th from 8:30-11:00 and will be serving French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, muffins, juice, and coffee. We hope to see you there!

Also we want to give big thanks to all our knights who participated at the St. Leos blood drive this past month and thanks to Jim Olson at our St. Leo's KC council for putting it together. It was a great joy to see all our brother knights come together and show their support at other KC council events.

This month instead of individual selections from our parish, our group would like to say thank you to everyone in our church as a whole this past year and recognize the great parish family we have. We are truly blessed for all the support we have from our families, knights group, and all others who help out in our everyday parish life. Know that we will be praying for all of you and hope that this year is full of blessings!

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, Merry Christmas, & Happy New Year!

Luke Audet
Grand Knight

BREAKFAST AT LITTLE FLOWER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2026
SERVING FROM 8:30 A.M. TO NOON

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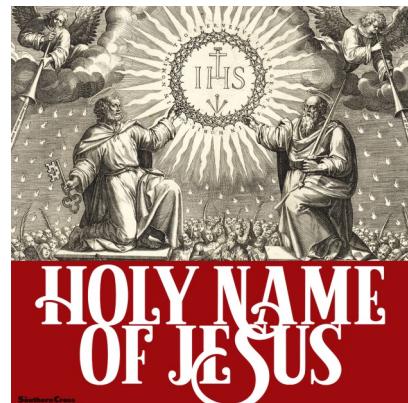
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dedicated to the
Holy Name of Jesus



The Jesus Prayer

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

Wow, 2026 already. I pray that everyone had a great Christmas and the new year will be awesome for everyone.

The highlight of our Christmas season was collection and distribution of Christmas food baskets/ bags for the needy families in our community. Thanks to all of the hard work of our brother Knights and several spouses together with St Vincent de Paul, Bryan Robertson's team was able to prepare and distribute approximately 2400 pounds of food, including turkeys and hams, to around 80 families. Any extra food was donated to Our Lady of Grace food pantry for distribution to needy families.



Preparing Christmas food baskets for the needy

Instead of having a breakfast on our normally scheduled fourth weekend of the month, we prepared, baked and sold caramel rolls for take out after every mass in support of

Special Olympics of North Dakota and Second Story Social Club. The rolls were a huge success and we collected approximately \$1400 for donations.

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 council voted to give all of the Servers of the Month a \$25 gift card purchased from Bishop Ryan School.

Our new Knight of the month is Jason Seymour. Jason serves as Sacristan, reader, usher, EMHC and volunteers at all of the council events. The Family of the month is Sondra Burckhard, Shirley Deibert and Mary Robertson. They volunteered countless hours to make sure all the needy families on Bryan's list were able to get Christmas food. The Altar Server of the Month is Archer Bice.

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^{SEP}
Grand Knight

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