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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas and a happy and joyous New Year!

We are given so many gifts in our lives, especially this time of year, but one that we don't always recognize is that of life. We take for granted many times that God has given us another day and squander it by not doing what he asks of us. Start each day with prayers of gratitude, and then work to make the most of the gift you were given. Life is precious and should be celebrated by doing God's will.

Speaking of the gift of life, January means that our diocese's annual pilgrimage to the national March for Life is here again. While I will have much more on this in my February report, please know of my undying gratitude to each and everyone of you and the dedication that your councils, and the Knights as a whole, have to the protection of life. Without your council's support, this would not be possible.

Early December found the district deputies at our semi annual gathering. There were the normal conversations about membership, which obviously is important in our drive to keep the knights alive, there was also a conversation about what can we do after men become knights?

This led me to the challenge I'm setting out for all the councils for the upcoming calendar year. I would love to see the implementation by each council of a new activity for the council as a whole to gather together as Catholic men of faith that doesn't involve us cooking. Some of the activities that other councils have done that seem to be successful include Bible study session, prayer sessions, service projects, social gatherings such as golf outings, and a rededication to serving our parishes. Start to think about what your council can do for its members and their families.

Vivat Jesus,
Brian Rodgers
District #8 District Deputy
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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Brother Knights,

Christ is born! What a wonderful time of the year. People are more generous to each other and with time, talent, and patience. Hopefully you and your family members were givers and receivers of this generosity and plan on keeping it going over the next year.

On December 15 we held our monthly breakfast. The breakfast was sponsored by Jensen's Roofing to help support our Seminarians through the Pennies For Vocations program. Although the Knights working the breakfast were few, it was a successful breakfast. Our next breakfast will be on January 19th to support Minot

Right to Life and Dakota Hope. Your Brother Knights look forward to working with you at the breakfast.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 2nd at 7:00p.m. at St. John's. Make a New Years Resolution to become a more active member of your council. Wishing you and your families all the best blessings in the New Year.

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight, Council 1150



Almighty God, bless this our land and nation and may we be defended by **justice**, good laws, **love** amongst ourselves and good neighborliness. **Guide, Guard** and protect us from fear, confusion, natural and man-made calamities and all wars, except the war of fighting the evil one.

May Your **peace** reign in **our land**, and may Your purposes prevail. In Your mercy, heal our **nation**, restore hope, and let righteousness and justice flow like a mighty river. Amen. I come before Your throne with a humble heart, lifting up the **United States** of America in **prayer**.



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St. Michael Council 4715

Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Council 4715 of Garrison.

Brother Knights and myself have been busy preparing for Christmas. Assisting with church decorations, moving snow, and setting up nativity stables and arranging the nativity scene in the stables.

Council 4715 did a book distribution at the weekend Masses of December 21 and 22. The book distributed is "33 days to Eucharistic Glory". I thank Fr Christy for allowing time at the end of the Masses to distribute the books. I also thank the brother Knights that helped with the book distribution.

Program activities for January are, the youth coloring contest, and culture of life poster contest. The Annual survey of fraternal activity is also on the list of projects to do.

Council 4715 is planning a knight recruitment event as a part of a Knight and Spouse appreciation dinner January 19.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Jesus is the Reason for our Joy.

Grand Knight,
Travis Klein

Intention of Pope Francis for January 2025

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BROTHER KNIGHTS,

SIR KNIGHTS and LADIES,

I hope that each and everyone of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is one of the most joyous times of the year. I pray each and everyone of you is well.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I pray all is well with everyone.

I want to thank all of you for your support of the activities that we had during the year. Thank you for all the time spent working the Breakfasts and the other events that we were asked to participate in.

Well a New Year is here and there will be events throughout the year to participate in and to support the Church as needed. The Holy Father is changing things within the Church and we need to try and keep up with them.

This year will bring new and more activities for the Council to be involved in and I ask that you will all participate in one way or another.

The Christmas Season is passed and before long Easter will be here. I would like to see more members become involved with their Parish activities and with Assembly activities.

This year's state Convention will be in Jamestown. If you haven't attended one, it is a very rewarding experience.

Please get a uniform if you don't already have one. Remember the Assembly will reimburse half of the cost of the uniform. We need more people for the Color Guard. The Color Guard participates in funerals, Conformations, Eucharistic Processions, Masses, and the Exemptions, plus other events when asked.

May God Bless each and everyone of you and keep you safe.

Remember the State Convention is in Jamestown this year. If you haven't attended one, it's a very worthwhile experience.

VIVAT JESUS
JIM WEAVER, GRAND KNIGHT
OUR LADY of GRACE COUNCIL # 4894

I want to thank everyone who participated in the numerous stands that we have had throughout the year. I also want to thank everyone for all the help at the activities.

*"In everything
both great and small,
We see the Hand of God in all."*

May God Bless each and everyone of you and continue to keep you all safe.

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Little Flower Council 9839

Hello Friends, Family, and Brother Knights,

It's a new year and we are all excited to start off on the right foot with new goals to achieve, as you move forward I encourage you not to advance alone, but with Jesus. This year go deep into prayer to keep him close in your lives, to help you work hard to achieve your new year's resolutions, and to grow more in love with your faith!

I want to first thank everyone for coming out and showing their support at our last fundraising breakfast to benefit our seminarians, we were blessed with a great crowd enjoying a hot meal and having Christmas fun!

Our next breakfast will take place January 12th and will benefit the Our Lady of Grace food Pantry, hope to see you there!

Also, I want to thank our knights who were able to do some extra fundraising over the Christmas season for local charities such as: Dakota hope, St. Vincent de Paul, and Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry, they were able to gain even more funds from the INSPIRTUS twice bless program which matched every dollar we raised and we thank everyone for their support!

This month instead of individual selections from our community, our group would like to say thank you to everyone in our church as a whole 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! Thank you to all again, Merry Christmas, And Happy New Year!

Knights of Columbus Council #9839,
Grand Knight, Luke Audet

Next breakfast January 12th to benefit Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry



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- St. Pope John Paul II

St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

As we begin 2025 let us give thanks to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit along with our Blessed Mother and all the holy Angels and Saints for a safe, successful and productive 2024.

December was a very busy month for our Council as Bryan Robertson and his team of volunteers prepared for our second annual Christmas basket giveaway. They handed out 87 bags after masses for parishioners to volunteer and fill with a list of recommended food products for needy families to prepare for their Christmas meals. In addition, parishioners could donate hams and turkeys. When all was said and done, Bryans team delivered 63 meals, including turkeys and/or hams, to local families that couldn't afford to buy groceries. All of this was made possible through a joint effort with Saint Vincent de Paul Society as they provided the names of the needy families we served. Thanks to so many generous donations, our Council also donated ten meals, including turkeys, to Community Action for needy families our council didn't have the opportunity to help.

Our Diocese has been blessed to share the second class relic of St. Pope John Paul II Monstrance to use during adoration. On January 1st through the third, St Leo's is blessed to have the relic for adoration after the noon masses. Let's all spend a little more time with our Lord and share this precious gift.

The December breakfast for the St Leo's Thursday Soup Kitchen was approximately \$1000 to help feed the needy and homeless around Minot. Thanks again to our master chefs and all the volunteers that make the soup kitchen a success.

Jim Olson reported another successful blood drive with 27

units collected with Knights from Little Flower parish also showing up. Thank you so much.

Jerry Clark and Larry Deibert had the honor of be interviewed by KMOT TV reporter, Lindsey Miller, to discuss our support of the local soup kitchen and food pantries.

The Family of the month is carried over from December, Dean and Kristi Feist. The Knight of the month is Bryan Robertson.

I pray that everyone will be blessed during this Christmas season. Let us all keep our Families, Parishes, Churches, Country and the World in our prayers during these trying times.

Vivat Jesus!

Rob Lowe
Grand Knight, Council 9906

Life: WHY WE MARCH

Jerry Clark presents, Brian Rodgers of Bishop Ryan, the proceeds from the November breakfast benefitting Bishop Ryan's pilgrimage to the National March for Life.



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