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District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope each of you and your families are doing well. As we begin our new Knights of Columbus fraternal year, which officially started on July 1, I wanted to take a few moments to reach out and share how excited I am for what lies ahead. A new fraternal year always brings a fresh opportunity to build on the successes of the past year, set new goals, and continue making a positive

difference in our parishes and communities.

First, I want to thank each of you for everything you do for your councils and for the Order. Whether you serve as an officer, lead a committee, volunteer at events, or simply show up whenever help is needed, your dedication is what keeps our councils strong. I truly appreciate the time and commitment that each of you gives in service to others.

I am especially excited this year because we have three new Grand Knights leading councils in our district. Stepping into that role is a big responsibility, but it's also a tremendous opportunity to make a lasting impact. I know these new leaders will do a great job, and I ask each of you to support them throughout the year. A Grand Knight is only as successful as the brothers who stand beside him, and I know our district is filled with men who are always willing to lend a helping hand.

Over the next few weeks, I'll be sending out an email with information about our first district meeting of the new fraternal year. I hope every council will make plans to have representatives attend. These meetings are a great opportunity for us to share ideas, learn from one another, discuss upcoming programs, and make sure we're all moving in the same direction. More importantly, they're a chance for us to strengthen the friendships and fraternity that make the Knights of Columbus such a special organization.

As we move forward this year, I encourage every council to keep focusing on membership, faith, family, and service. Every program you host, every family you support, every charitable act you perform, and every new member you welcome helps strengthen not only your council but also our entire district. Working together, I know we can accomplish great things.

Before I close, I want to recognize an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to Council 9839 on being recognized as a Star Council in North Dakota for this past fraternal year! This honor reflects the hard work, dedication, and teamwork of the entire council. You have set a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when brothers work together toward a common goal. Thank you for representing our district so well, and congratulations on a job well done.

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St. John the Apostle Council 1150

Brother Knights,

I pray this note finds you and your families well. July was a quiet month for our council. Our only event was participation in the North Dakota State Parade for the State Fair. It was an honor and a privilege to be in the parade again with my Brother Knights.

At our last meeting, in June, we revised the resolution to

change the name of Council 1150. The revised resolution is below and will be voted on at our next meeting:

I look forward to seeing you at our next Council meeting on August 4th at 7:00.

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald
Grand Knight,

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, "Church of St. John the Apostle Council 1150," 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 "Church of St. John the Apostle Council 1150"; 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 4 day of August, 2026, following proper notice and readings in accordance with the Laws and Rules of the Order.

Daniel J. Heald Grand Knight, Church of the Little Flower Council No. 1150

James L. Redding Recorder, Church of the Little Flower Council No. 1150

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St. Michael Council 4715

Worthy Brother Knights,

Greetings from Garrison Council 4715. It has been a hot and busy July. Heat generates thunderstorms and thunderstorms cause power outages and power linemen get called to restore power, it has been busy.

Saturday, July 18, I was able to participate in the State Fair Parade in Minot on the Knights of Columbus Float. I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus members that lined everything up and decorated the float. Also a Thank You to the Knights and the young men that handed out tootsie rolls along the parade route.

Now for some council updates. This fraternal year St Michael Council 4715 will move our monthly meeting to the second Tuesday of the month. We won't meeting

until September but we will be participating in the perpetual Rosary for Vocations August 10 and 11.

As Grand Knight I was sent a link to a recording of an online meeting with State Deputy Brian Dukart and other Grand Knights of ND Councils. The meeting was a discussion about a new State Program, Lemonade 4 Life. Lemonade 4 Life is a way for local councils and the State Council to generate income. August should be a good time to sell some lemonade.

Wishing all a blessed August and thank you for all you do as knights of your councils.

Travis Klein,
Grand Knight



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Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

SIR KNIGHTS and LADIES,

I hope all of you are enjoying the Summer and I pray that all is well with each of you.

Thank you to all the Sir Knights for participating in the stands and funerals that the Assembly has had recently. Without your support, these would have never happened.

As many of you know, Bob Richter has stepped down from being Faithful Comptroller and Travis Klein has stepped up to take the position. I want to thank Travis for stepping up and I gratefully thank Bob for his numerous years as Faithful Comptroller. He has given so much to the Assembly over the years. Because of this change, there will be a new address to send your annual dues too. As soon as I find out what it is, I will let people know.

When you see Bob, thank him for his commitment to the Assembly and to the Knights of Columbus in general. He has done a great job in guiding the Assembly and will continue to guide the Honor Guard as Color Corp Commander.

The meetings for the Assembly are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at Homesteader's Restaurant at 7pm. I hope that if you haven't attended one that you consider it and come and enjoy the good food and your fellow Sir Knights.

God Bless everyone of you and may he keep you in his graces.

VIVAT JESUS

JIM WEAVER

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR



August Prayer: "Heavenly Father, I pray for a strengthening of my faith this August. Help me to trust in Your promises and to rely on Your faithfulness. In moments of doubt, remind me of Your past faithfulness and the hope I have in You. Increase my faith and help me to walk by faith, not by sight."



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Little Flower Council 9839

Greetings everyone and brother Knights,

I pray that you have been enjoying god's gift of summer time fun and as we head into the new fraternal year with high hopes and expectations, I would like to tell you about the Knights of Columbus and the greatness of this group of men.

To some it may seem that the Knights is just a group of men who have long uneventful meetings and make breakfast every other Sunday to raise a little money for a local charity in the area, and may be losing its true meaning in our day and age. I hopefully can tell you in this letter that what our Knights group truly is and the great joy and grace one can receive in joining the Knights of Columbus.

First off I want to tell you a little on how the Knights of Columbus got started and what it's truly built on. Our founder Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, felt there should be some way to strengthen religious faith in our church and at the same time provide help and financial need to families in need. So he created the Knights of Columbus on the principles of Unity, Charity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Each of these ideals plays major role in this group that Fr. McGivney started, and urged each parish in his day to recruit members and create their own KC council to share its practices in their area.

Today we must be reminded of this and encourage the men of our catholic faith to join the Knights of Columbus, to help out those in need and build up their catholic faith at the same time.

Like I said before we are not just a group of men coming together for meetings and making pancakes, our KC group is more than that.

I personally can say that joining the Knights of Columbus and being part of a great group of faithful men, has benefitted me greatly in my life and has made me more in love with my catholic faith. Filling my life with complete love and joy by coming together with the men of our group and helping out where and when needed while at the same time enjoying the fellowship and friendship with everyone greatly, and more importantly coming together as men in prayer.

We come together every month on the first Tuesday for our meetings. Starting off with prayer together in the church then our meeting follows in the gathering space where we do talk about how we can help out our church and community. It's more than just a long drawn out meeting but we come together as the men of our church and catholic faith and enjoy each other's company and fellowship over food and drinks, talking

about faith, family, and fun. If you're looking to help out in the church and volunteer we do host fundraiser breakfasts and events and are always willing and lending a helping hand to those who are in great need in our church and in the community. If you are looking to deepen yourself in the catholic faith and want to be part of something that truly helps out those in need and our catholic faith please bring to prayer the Knights of Columbus.

Thank You & Godbless

Luke Audet
Grand Knight

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Thank you again for everything you do for the Knights of Columbus. I am honored to serve as your District Deputy, and I look forward to working alongside each of you throughout the coming year. Let's make this another successful fraternal year by supporting one another, growing our councils, and continuing to serve our Church and our communities with pride.

Vivat Jesus,
Brian Rodgers District Deputy



If I could also add to my letter, thank you to all the Knights who participated in the state fair parade. It was an amazing time with lots of smiles.

St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

Wow! Has it ever been hot. Please stay safe from the heat, hydrate and enjoy the rest of this crazy summer. I ask the Blessed Mother to cover us all with her holy mantle of love and protection.

During our July meeting we discussed having a breakfast event on July 9th. The breakfast benefits will be for the Seminarian RSVP program. Please make room on your calendars to support this worthy cause.

The State Parade (renamed from the State Fair Parade) float for the Knights of Columbus was a huge success. Even my great grandson stepped up and walked the entire parade route handing out tootsie rolls. We had 13 total Brother Knights from all of our local councils participate in the parade. The next parade will be September 19th for the MSU Homecoming. Hope to see you all there.

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 next KC Blood Drive is August 17th at St Leo's church. Contact Jim Olson at 701-837-6200 to make an appointment.

Our new Grand Knight, Bryan Robertson will plan an event for our next meeting in August.

Please stay cool, hydrated and have a great Summer. 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.

Vivat Jesus!

Rob Lowe
Past Grand Knight

State Parade



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