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### District 8 - District Deputy Message



Brian Rodgers

Brother Knights,

Welcome to a new fraternal year! While this doesn't give us the same feelings as our calendar renewal or the Church's new year it does have significance to the Knights.

Traditionally it means we have new officers being elected and installed, paperwork to be completed, and preparations are being made to start off the year on the right foot. While this may sound eerily similar to new year resolutions I want to again challenge all the councils to make it a reality that is in place and practice months from now. Get out into our parish community and communities as a whole, taking Jesus to the masses to hopefully draw them to closer to Jesus.

With that being said, yes summer is a quiet time for the Knights but that is also a wonderful time for us to remember to stay close to Jesus and use this time to prepare ourselves for the work ahead. Mass and the Sacraments are a must but adding in additional (daily?) time for prayer will never hurt and better put us into position to serve. We cannot be the right arm of the Church if we are not ourselves strong enough to defend what we believe in and strength comes from exercise, in this case a spiritual exercise.

With that being said, a new year also brings along a lot of new challenges. First, please make sure your dues are in and up to date. We cannot be the fraternal organization that we are without our dues. Each council pays for every member to state and Supreme for further our order's goals and without our dues it puts a financial burden on every council. The other challenge, and one that I cannot stress enough, is the fact that of our five councils in our district only two were safe environment compliant last year. This is something that must be taken seriously and care of by the end of August. I will be traveling to the various council meetings over the next couple of months and we will discuss this absolutely important component of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus council. We must have this in place before we start up breakfasts, dinners, or any public events that the Knights are a part of this fall.

As you read this, the District Deputies will be a few days from gathering for our bi-annual meeting. If there is anything that you would liked asked or answered please reach out to me ASAP. Know of my continued prayers for our order, councils, and you and your family.

God Bless,

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

Brother Knights,

I pray this note find you and your families well. I'm currently traveling and visiting with family, this is a wonderful way to spend some vacation time.

Unfortunately being out of the area means I missed the Big Smoke and the Eucharistic Procession at St. Jerome's in Mohall. I'm sure there was a lot of good food to be had at the Big Smoke and the fellowship, I'm sure, was outstanding. In Mohall, Fr. Lukger and Sir Knight Paul Smetana have been working hard to bring the Knight of Columbus to the Lansford-Mohall-Sherwood Parish. The presence of the Fourth Degree made strong impression on the Parish and community. For all of the Northern Knights, Thank you for all you do for your Parish.

Last month your Council made a donation to the Dakota Hope Clinic as a sign of appreciation for all they do and to help them continue support young mothers and families.

As a reminder, there will not be a Council meeting on July 3. Use the time to enjoy your family and friends.

Vivat Jesus!!

Dan Heald  
Grand Knight

## Eucharistic Procession at St. Jerome's in Mohall



*Knight Paul Smetana and Sir Knight Jim Redding providing the Honor Guard for the Eucharistic Procession in Mohall.*

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# St. Michael Council 4715

Vivat Jesus Madam and Gentleman,

St Michael Council of Garrison council 4715 has had a busy end to the month of June. June 17 we had three Catholic gentlemen join our council at an Exemplification at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Bismarck.

Welcome to Kris Hesken, Steve Ruhland, and Dayan Ruhland.

Sunday June 22, Corpus Christy Sunday, we had a 4th Degree Stand and a procession around St. Nicholas Church in Garrison.

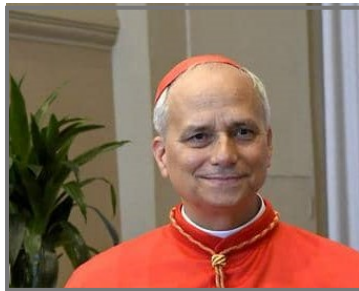
Also on June 22 Garrison Council entered a team in the

Big Smoke in Minot ND. Despite our best efforts we were not able to place in the winner's circle. A good time was had by all and it was a good fundraiser for Seminar-ians and others called to the religious life.

The last days of the month have been spent wrapping up unfinished business and completing forms and getting new members assigned to Council 4715 of Garrison. Happy Fourth of July to all.

Travis Klein  
Grand Knight

## Pope Leo XIV's July Prayer Intention



### For Formation In Discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

## Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

*O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Leo, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



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## Our Lady of Grace Council 4894

Brother Knights,

I hope that all is well with each and everyone of you. We look forward to another year to help the Church and fellow Parishioners in any way we can.

I want to congratulate the new Officers of the Council and hope that God will guide them in their duties as leaders of the Council.

I would like to welcome Deacon Colton Steiner and Seminarian Griffin Schaeffer to our Parish. They will be here for the summer to get to know the Parishioners, so make them feel welcomed.

Construction is moving right along on the Parish Center and Food Pantry. Updates are given in the church bulletin. Thank you goes out to all that helped move the Office out to the trailer.

Have a safe and wonderful summer and may God's blessings be with each and everyone of you.

Jesus I surrender myself to you.

Jim Weaver  
Grand Knight

## Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly 787

Sir Knights and Ladies,

I pray all is well with each of you. Each day is a wonderful day to be living.

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for their support during the year. Hopefully you will continue to support the Assembly the next coming year.

I want to congratulate the new officers of the Assembly and hope that God guides them during the year.

A reminder that the Knights of Columbus State Convention is going to be in Fargo next April. So mark your calendars.

Have a safe and joyous summer.

May God's blessings be with all of you always.

VIVAT JESUS

Jim Weaver  
Faithful Navigator



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## *Little Flower Council 9839*

Friend, Family, & Brother Knights

I hope and pray that you are all well, enjoying the summer months, while keeping Jesus close to our hearts with a daily prayer life that can bring one a peace of mind. We get so busy with everything going on during our summer break, trying to catch all the events such as the fair and 4<sup>th</sup> of July, to getting as many projects done around the house. It can be overwhelming with so much going on, but we can turn to our Lord in silence and prayer, where he can give you peace in your everyday life.

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Big Smoke completion was this past month and it was so great to see all the parish families and parishioners come out to enjoy delicious BBQ and support our Serra Club. It is great to see all the parishes and brother knights come together to help out and make up the teams for the event and enjoy each other's company and fellowship while having a friendly competition. Even the St. Mary Sisters came up to join the competition and even taking second place in the judges choice awards, so props to Mother Mary Joseph and her

sisters showing us Knights how it's done. We want to especially thank our Serra Club members for organizing such a great event, we know it's a lot of work and know we greatly appreciate everything you do for us and our vocations.

Lastly the Knights of Columbus fraternal year is coming to an end and with the start of a new year we are excited and ready to start off the new year with new members on our council board and ideas for KC events. We look back on our past year and we're truly blessed with all the volunteering and fundraising we did and want to let everyone know that the guys and I thank everyone you showed there support in council and know we are looking forward to another year!

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



## **Freedom Prayer for Independence Day**

Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

# St. Leo the Great Council 9906

Brother Knights,

Summer is finally upon us and the gardens are in full bloom thanks be to God. As you all know, I am currently recovering from a total knee replacement surgery and I am so thankful for all of your thoughts and prayers. A special thanks to Bob and Randy for stepping up when I most need them.

We finally have chosen new officers for the coming year. I am really counting on all of you to step up and help with everything that has to be done to make sure our council is able to stay active. There is no doubt about how our council has helped our parish and our community in the past years due to our dedicated Knights that help out when we have special fund raisers, but if we can't have dedicated officers that attend meetings and help with the requirements of the officer positions, the council will eventually fail to meet all requirements of an active council. T

The main thing that has to be addressed without delay is to make sure members pay dues. To help with this, Father has agreed to allow members to pay dues by dropping them in the collection in an envelope marked Knights of Columbus.

The next immediate issue we have to take care of is installation of officers. For the past two years I have had a BBQ at my house but for obvious reasons, I won't be able to do that this year. I am counting on someone to

step up and take over the installation BBQ in lieu of our July meeting.

Thanks to Jason Seymour our council was represented at The Big Smoke on June 22nd at the State Fair Flickertail Gardens put on by the Serra Club to benefit all of the seminarians and religious in our diocese.

Don't forget, we will also have a float again this year in the State Fair Parade on July 19th. Please step up and help if you can. Our 4th degree members will be in full regalia as they represent our local Knights of Columbus.

Put July 13th on your calendars to support the Hot Tots baseball team for a night at the ball park. We will need at least 4 volunteers to help out. Proceeds will go to St Vincent de Paul and also to the OLOG Food Pantry. Contact Jim Olson if you want to volunteer.

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  
Grand Knight

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