



## Good Shepherd Assembly 2604 Briefing

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Northeast Minneapolis and Northern Suburbs



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### Faithful Navigator's Report

Sir Knights & Ladies:

The Wikipedia free encyclopedia describes: "Christmas, literally "Christ's Mass" is an annual commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ. This feast is central to the Christian Liturgical year, and closes the Advent season and initiates the twelve days of Christmastide. Christmas is a civil holiday in many of the world's nations, and is celebrated by an increasing number of non-Christians, and is an integral part of the Christmas and holiday season. Celebrating the coming of God into the world in the form of man to atone for the sins of humanity is considered to be the primary meaning of Christmas."

Sometimes with the Controversy and Criticism we hear in today's society, we as Christians need to continue to up hold the true meaning of Christmas, and continue to teach our children and families the reason for the celebration.

I hope you and your Families had a joyous Christmas and will experience God's blessings throughout the new year!

I look forward to seeing you at our January meeting.

May God bless All Sir Knights and Ladies!

Faithful Navigator  
Rick Jacobson

### Good Shepherd Assembly Dinner Meeting Monday, January 9, 2012 Renewal of Obligations

Sir Knights and Ladies  
Church of the Immaculate Conception  
Cost: \$15 per person  
Dinner Reservations: 651-690-3708  
Deadline: December 30, 2011

### Faithful Admiral's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies,

The hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season has been a little easier this year with the lack of snow. The stripes were evident in the mall parking lots, avoiding the chaos of last year, and the clear roads made for much safer holiday gatherings. In a strange way, the lessening of driving tension may have contributed to a more relaxed and spiritually oriented Advent and Christmastide.

Now we set about making all those New Year's resolutions for weight loss, organizing those pesky areas of the house, getting in touch with old friends, etc., which mysteriously fade from consciousness by late January.

But there's one area we can work on which can really stick. However our spiritual lives are structured, they can be improved upon. Perhaps cutting the time between Confessions in half. Maybe taking on an extra hour of Adoration. You can formalize more of your prayer life with the Liturgy of the Hours (just think, saying the same prayers as Pope Benedict!).

Of course, between Sacred Scripture, the lives of the Saints, and the great spiritual writers throughout the ages, we could keep ourselves busy full time practically. But let's not go overboard,  
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## Captain's Report

The Holiday Spirit was alive and well at our December Dinner Meeting. Thank-you to all the Knights and Ladies for their generous support for the South Anoka Community Food Shelf. Our January meeting is always extra special because we Knights renew our Obligations and enjoy a delicious dinner together. This year, we have asked our Ladies to join us for the evening. After attending Mass, the Knights will renew their obligations; and, the Ladies will enjoy a presentation from Sister Catherine Steffens CSJ. The title of her presentation is: A Healthy Earth Legacy for the Next Generation. Sr. Catherine Steffens, CSJ has been a Sister of St. Joseph for almost 50 years. After teaching children ages 5 to 14, she began working with adults interested in spirituality. Sr. Catherine was campus minister at St. Catherine University and is now working again with adult spirituality as retreat presenter and spiritual director. Her recent sabbatical study of ecology and spirituality continues to influence her life and what she shares with others. After the Knights and Ladies programs, we will enjoy another one of Chef John's meals served by the Immaculate Conception Lady Volunteers. This January meal will be a Prime Rib Buffet, and the price will be \$15.00. This \$15.00 price is only for the month of January. The date for this special meeting is Monday January 9th, and Mass will be at 6:00 PM. The deadline for reservations is noon December 30, 2011. Let's all make an effort to call in our reservations by this deadline. It is ten days before the dinner event and is necessary to allow the staff enough time to order the food and arrange for the evenings volunteers.

SK Robert Peterson  
Faithful Captain

## Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Minutes

12-December-2011

Mass was celebrated at 6:00pm by Fr. Paul LaFontaine - Honor guard was present

After dinner, our Faithful Captain Bob Peterson introduced our guest speaker - SACA Board Member Rick Johnson. Rick spoke of the History and what they do differently at the Anoka County Food Shelf. The members and Assembly will be donating \$1200.00 to this cause.

November Minutes approved

1. Faithful Comptroller - Robert Peltier:
  - Newsletter Mailing Expense approved
  - Dinner Bill approved
  - Raffle tickets will mailed with dues
2. Faithful Purser Stephen Frank
  - Reserve funds reviewed and approved
  - Checkbook funds reviewed and approved
3. Faithful Captain - Robert Peterson
  - Renewal of Obligation - January 9, 2012
  - 10 day notice is very important - PLEASE call by 30 December-2011
4. Faithful Navigator - Richard Jacobson
  - Directory pictures and list still under consideration
  - Copy of membership and emails available to members if needed.
  - Planning Meeting to be schedule to work on Fall Exemplification: October 20th at St. Joseph's
  - April 20-21, 2012 Spring Exemplification in St. Cloud. We'll be there to promote our Fall Exemplification.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Ted Brausen  
Faithful Scribe

## Guard Commander's Report

Upcoming Honor Guards

The next Honor Guard will be January 9, 2012 Mass and Dinner meeting at Immaculate Conception Parish. 5:30 pm Assembly, 6:00 pm Mass. Members of the Honor Guard will also participate in the annual Renewal of Obligations ceremony following Mass. This is an especially moving event which reminds us of the honor and obligations of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree.

Thank you to those Sir Knights who participated in the reviewal Honor Guard and Funeral Mass for SK Richard "Dick" Hunt, December 26-27, 2011.

### WE Care

We ask the charity of your prayers for the repose of the soul of SK Dick Hunt.

Also keep in your prayers ill Sir Knights Rev. Bernard Reiser, Charles Glander, Clarence Ranallo and Charles Bias.

If anyone knows of a Sir Knight or Lady who is ill or injured, please call Jack Hunt at 612-788-2189.

SK Jack Hunt

### Admiral's Report *(cont'd. from page 1)*

and take on so much that we wind up with a list of good intentions but nothing done. If we add one thing for the New Year and get it firmly in place by Lent, then we can take on something else and get it in place by Easter. Fortunately, there's no end of our spiritual growth, and we can begin a new list in 2013. Happy New Year.

Faithful Admiral  
Patrick Shannon



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**EVENTS**

- **January 09, 2012, Mass and Dinner Meeting, Immaculate Conception. Renewal of Obligations.**



**Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Dates 2011-2012**  
**Meetings to be held on the second Monday of the month**

Date	Time	Meeting Type	Location
9-January-2012	6:00 pm	Renewal of Obligations Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
13-February-2012	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
12-March-2012	7:00 pm	Business, Sir Knights only	Church of St. Joseph
9-April-2012	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
14-May-2012	7:00 pm	Business, Officers Election, Sir Knights only	Church of St. Joseph
11-June-2012	6:00 pm	Installation of Officers, Mass and Dinner Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception