



## Good Shepherd Assembly 2604 Briefing



Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus  
Northeast Metro

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### Faithful Navigator's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies:

It is a good time of year, with Christmas behind us and the New Year ahead of us, to remember just how important it is to stay active in our local councils! It is our responsibility to make sure our local councils are ACTIVE and GROWING! A great example of this would be Sir Knight Joe George. Joe is in charge of the State Initiative for Wheel Chairs, he is a past Grand Knight, VERY active in his council, and very involved in Boy Scouts, all while raising five Great kids, 4 of them 16 and under! Yes we are all very busy, but it's so inspiring to see this level of commitment to family and society. The point I am trying to make is that we, as 4th Degree Knights, have a responsibility to lead all 3rd Degree Knights into the 4th Degree! It is easy to sit back and watch, so for the New Year let us ALL do a little more for our Councils and the Assembly. Let's make it all our resolution to make the MN Knights of Columbus the best we can be, and show our pride in being both Catholic and Knights!

Faithful Navigator  
SK Ted Brausen



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH  
DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

### Renewal of Obligations Dinner Meeting Monday, January 12, 2015

5:30 pm Dinner

Sir Knights only

See Captain's report

Dinner Reservations: 651-636-0600

Deadline: January 9, 2015

### Faithful Admiral's Report

Sir Knights & Ladies

New Year's Resolution; I will ask a brother knight to join our Assembly and the Fourth Degree. There are about 100 days before the next exemplification. The time to ask is now. It takes time to get a tux, do the paperwork, and reserve the weekend. The time to ask is now.

Faithful Admiral  
SK Marc Peters



## Captain's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies,

I hope that you have had a blessed Christmas and wish you a happy New Year! Reminiscing on the past year, we have been blessed with an Assembly invigorated with new members, good attendance and fellowship and growth at our meetings. I wish to extend a special thank you for your most generous support and contributions to Gianna Homes at our last meeting. It is comforting to know that caring and compassionate service can be provided by people of faith as we age and experience frailties of both mind and body.

Our January meeting on Monday, January 12 is for Sir Knights only as we renew our Obligations as members of the Fourth Degree. We will meet at the Little Venetian Restaurant located at 2900 Rice Street in Little Canada, MN. We will assemble promptly at 5:30PM. Because this is a formal event, it requires tuxedo and jewels. An E-Vite was sent out, but those who do not have E-mail, please RSVP to me by calling 651-636-0600. I need the final count of those attending by Friday, January 9, 2015. Cost of the dinner meeting is \$20.00 payable to the Good Shepherd Assembly and can be remitted at that evening. I hope to see a good showing of our members.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will host our February meeting on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be at 6:00PM and dinner to follow. The Honor Guard will assemble at 5:30 PM. We're waiting to hear back from an exciting speaker for this Valentine Dinner, so stay tuned!

A special evening to promote vocations is being planned jointly with the Serra Club of North-Minneapolis and the Fridley 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Council on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Seminarians from St. Paul Seminary will be honored at this event. An Honor Guard to assemble at 5:30PM has been requested for the Mass at 6:00PM. Dinner and a program will follow. SK Linus Ulfig (651-636-2382) is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree contact person. Cost for the dinner will be collected that evening.

Just a reminder, that your Captain and Lady MaryAnne are planning a winter getaway for a little sunshine in Florida in February. We will be in communication to all via phone and Email. Before I pack up, I will have most of the planning completed for those events held in my absence. Many thanks to those who will be covering for your faithful Captain!

Faithful Captain  
SK Stephen Frank

## Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Minutes

01-December-2014

The Sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated by Faithful Friar Fr. Earl Simonson at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner.

The guest speaker was Ann Marie Hanson, Executive Director of Gianna Homes. She described the small model care format at Gianna Homes for patients suffering from memory loss. With individualized care, music therapy, and other personalized alternative approaches to dementia care, medications are often reduced. A collection was taken up, matched by the Assembly Charity Fund.

The Business Meeting followed:

- Minutes read from the October meeting (November meeting canceled due to snow), approved.
- Motion made, seconded, passed to match the collection for Gianna Homes.
- SK Ted Brausen delivered the Navigator report, noting receipt of the Seminarian donation plaque from Supreme, as well as acknowledgement of Good Shepherd Assembly completion of all required paperwork. He stressed the continuation of efforts to reach out to inactive Fourth Degree members.
- Motion made, seconded, and passed to pay current bills and approve comptroller report.
- Religious Freedom Meeting announced for January 16, 2015.
- Honor Guard request for Immaculate Conception Parish Christmas Day 9:00 am Mass.
- Dinner with Bp. Piché postponed, TBA.
- SK Steven Frank delivered the Captain's report, thanking members for support of Gianna Homes, noting Renewal of Obligations dinner for January 12, 2015 at the Little Venetian Inn, 5:30 pm, and reporting that there was no catering charge for the November meeting snow-out.
- Prayer books for funeral distribution and other occasions have been reprinted.

Respectfully submitted  
SK Patrick Shannon , Faithful Scribe, pro tempore

## **Guard Commander's Report**

Upcoming Honor Guards

- Assembly Dinner Meeting, Monday, February 9, 2015, Assembly 5:30 pm. Mass 6:00 pm. Dinner to follow. Immaculate Conception Parish.

### **From the Homily for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 2013 – Pope Benedict**

The Gospel account of Jesus' baptism ... according to St Luke's account shows the path of abasement and humility that the Son of God freely chose in order to adhere to the plan of the Father, to be obedient to His loving will for mankind in all things, even to the sacrifice on the Cross. Having reached adulthood, Jesus begins His public ministry by going to the River Jordan to receive from John the baptism of repentance and conversion. What happens may appear paradoxical to our eyes. Does Jesus need repentance and conversion? Of course not. Yet He Who is without sin is placed among the sinners to be baptized, to fulfil this act of repentance; the Holy One of God joins those who recognize in themselves the need for forgiveness and ask God for the gift of conversion – that is, the grace to turn to Him with their whole heart, to be totally His. Jesus wills to put Himself on the side of sinners, by being in solidarity with them, expressing the nearness of God. Jesus shows solidarity with us, with our effort to convert, to leave behind our selfishness, to detach ourselves from our sins, saying to us that if we accept Him into our lives, He is able to raise us up and lead us the heights of God the Father. And this solidarity of Jesus is not, so to speak, a mere exercise of the mind and will. Jesus was really immersed in our human condition; He lived it to the utmost – although without sin – and in such a way that He understands weakness and fragility. Therefore He is moved to compassion; He chooses to “suffer with” men, to be penitent together with us. This is the work of God that Jesus wishes to accomplish: the divine mission to heal those who are wounded and to cure those who are sick, to take upon Himself the sin of the world.

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**EVENTS**

- **January 12, 2015, Renewal of Obligations Dinner, 5:30 pm – see Captains Report.**
- **February 9, 2015, Assembly Mass and Dinner, 5:30 Assembly, 6:00 pm Mass, Dinner and Speaker to follow, Sir Knights and Ladies, Immaculate Conception, Columbia Heights**



**Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Dates 2014-2015**  
**Meetings to be held on the second Monday of the month**

Date	Time	Meeting Type	Location
12-January-2015	5:30 pm	Renewal of Obligations Dinner Sir Knights only	Little Venetian Inn
09-February-2015	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
09-March-2015	7:00 pm	Business, Sir Knights only	Church of St. Joseph
13-April-2015	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
18-April-2015		SPRING EXEMPLIFICATION	Brooklyn Park, MN
11-May-2015	7:00 pm	Business, Officers Election, Sir Knights only	Church of St. Joseph
8-June-2015	6:00 pm	Installation of Officers, Mass and Dinner Sir Knights and Ladies	Church of St. Joseph