



Good Shepherd Assembly 2604 Briefing



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Faithful Navigator's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies:

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we have the opportunity to reflect and ask ourselves what we have done to help our Assembly. Have we visited the sick? Have we contacted any of our senior Knights who have been unable to attend meetings? Are acts of charity part of our daily life?

Along that same line, have you invited a prospective member of the Third Degree to join our Assembly? Answering Pope Francis' call to evangelize, through our example and by extending an invitation, we can recruit, adding to the ranks of our Good Shepherd Assembly.

The next Exemplification, hosted by St. Cloud, is scheduled in April 2016. Now is the time to bring younger members up through the degrees to be eligible for the Fourth Degree. Either we grow or we stagnate! As Knights, we need to recruit!

My thanks to SK Mike Steen for a delicious dinner at our November meeting. His choice of Jean Stolpestad, Director of the Office of Family, Laity, Youth and Young Adults as guest speaker, gave us fascinating insight into some of the workings of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

On Monday, January 11, 2016, Good Shepherd Assembly will be conducting the Renewal of Obligations. As in the past, we will meet at the Little Venetian restaurant, 2900 Rice Street, Suite 240 in Little Canada. With assembly at 5:30PM and dinner at 6:00PM, the ceremony will follow at 7:00PM. Mode of attire: tuxes only!

With Advent, comes the start of the new liturgical year. The New Year brings with it, the opportunity to step back from our busy lives and reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Attending Mass, prayer, spiritual reading, and frequent reception of the sacraments give us the means to invite Jesus into our hearts.

My wish for you and your families is for a very blessed Christmas and New Year!

Faithful Navigator
SK Stephen Frank

Good Shepherd Assembly Mass and Dinner Meeting

Monday, December 14, 2015

Sir Knights and Ladies - Formal attire

Immaculate Conception, Colombia Heights

Faithful Admiral's Report

Sir Knights & Ladies

I would like to share Pope Francis' prayer for the Year of Mercy ([From News.va](#))

SK Ted Brausen

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Captain's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies,

Thank you to all who came to the November Mass, dinner and business meeting. Jean Stoplestad spoke on the family as garden of holiness and a place to reflect love. Please note that a price increase to \$15 per person for dinner meetings was approved at October's business meeting.

The next Mass and dinner is December 14th, 5:30 Assembly, 6:00pm Mass followed by dinner. This is our annual charitable match dinner meeting. NET Ministries will have a team present what they do and provide a demonstration with a skit. NET teams are effective "at igniting faith in disengaged Catholic teenagers," but are "powerless to do so unless someone helps send them forth on their missionary journey. That is why they need ministry partners, people who will join them in the effort to share their love of Christ and the Church by financially supporting them."

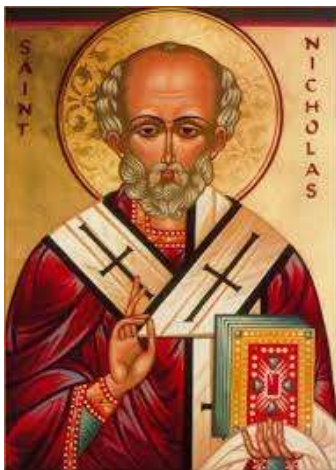
My hope is there will be a guest from the team at every dinner table to share with us their experiences on Net before their presentation. This is also an opportunity to recruit future Knights! There will be a Christmas themed basket to raffle and of course the runner-up cup! It should be a fun night for all, spread the word.

Please respond to the Evite or give me a call to reserve your meals by Tuesday December 8th.

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Faithful Captain
SK Michael Steen



Good Shepherd Assembly Dinner Meeting Minutes November 9, 2015

- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 6:00 pm, followed by dinner.
- Guest speaker Jean Stoplestad, Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life.
- Business Meeting 8:06 pm - Opening Prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes read and approved from October 12, 2015 Business Meeting
- Bills read and approved for catering, newsletter expense, and space usage at Immaculate Conception Parish.
- Purser Report: disbursements, income, and current balance presented and approved.
- Navigator Report: No new members from the Duluth Fall Exemplification, need to recruit for Spring event in St. Cloud. We are proud to have several Good Shepherd Assembly members on the Fourth Degree Team. Thanks for Guard at Les Trombley's funeral. Looking to present chalice to Deacon, then Father, Joe Zubinski at June Dinner meeting. January 11, 2016 Renewal of Obligations Dinner Meeting.
- Captain's Report: Our, next Dinner Meeting will be Monday, Dec. 14, 2015, or Christmas charitable giving event.
- Admiral Report: Gone Hunting.
- Trustees: No report.
- Guard Commander Report: Annual deceased members' memorial Mass, Immaculate Conception, 19-Nov-15.
- Charity and Homebound Committees: Tribute to SK Les Trombley.
- New business: none
- Closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Faithful Scribe Patrick Shannon

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of the Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. (USCCB)

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!



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EVENTS

- December 14, 2015, Good Shepherd Assembly Mass and Dinner Meeting, Immaculate Conception, 5:30 pm Assembly, 6:00 pm Mass, Dinner and speaker to follow.



**Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Dates 2015-2016.
 Meetings to be held on the second Monday of the month.**

Date	Time	Meeting Type	Location
14-December-2015	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
11-January-2016	7:00 pm	Renewal of Obligations, Sir Knights only	TBD
08-February-2016	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
14-March-2016	7:00 pm	Business Meeting, Sir Knights only	St. Charles Borromeo
11-April-2016	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
April 16, 2016	12:00 pm	Spring Exemplification	St. Cloud
09-May-2016	7:00 pm	Business Meeting, Sir Knights only	St. Joseph's
13-June-2016	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies, Installation of Officers	Immaculate Conception