



## Good Shepherd Assembly 2604 Briefing



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Northeast Metro

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### Faithful Navigator's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies:

I hope everyone is having blessed Advent as the Church and the Spirit pray: "Come, Lord Jesus," Rev 22:17, 20. He is the light of the world.

I thought about this newsletter as I plowed snow at a Lutheran church listening to the Vikings win. Their Christmas tree was lit and the interior decorated. I'm glad I am Catholic now and that I have time to get ready in this year, the longest possible Advent season in the Church calendar. Sometimes we work, sometimes we pray and sometimes we celebrate. As Catholics we want to bring Jesus into all these parts of our lives. He wants to come into all our lives. Christmastime is illuminated by Christ come into our lives in the darkest corners of our lives where he wants to dispel darkness and evil. The good works, charitable deeds and donations of the Knights spread the light of God's love into the world. I would encourage us to be fervent in prayer, generous in giving of self and to remember to come to our Assembly's January 9<sup>th</sup> Renewal of Obligations.

I wish you all a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas. If you wish anyone held up in prayer by your brother Knights at our December meeting (19-Dec-15), please call or email (763) 434-4965 or 5416/ [mksteen@mac.com](mailto:mksteen@mac.com).

Faithful Navigator  
SK Michael Steen

**Good Shepherd Assembly Dinner Meeting**  
**Monday, December 19, 2016, 6:00 pm Mass**  
**7:00 pm Dinner**  
Sir Knights and Ladies  
Church of the Immaculate Conception

### Faithful Admiral's Report

Sir Knights & Ladies,

We have many and sometimes conflicting obligations in these days leading up to Christmas. I would add taking the time to visit friends or relatives in nursing homes or other care facilities, especially if a visit is long overdue.

As some of our Brother Knights, in particular, have transferred from personal home to nursing home, we should maintain fraternal support. Members who no longer make regular meetings can feel a real sense of still belonging to their Council or Assembly by our visits.

Let's make this our New Year's resolution.  
Merry Christmas.

Faithful Admiral  
SK Stephen Frank



## Faithful Captain's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies,

With the anticipated birthday of our Lord and Savior, let me wish you all a Very Merry Christmas!

Our Christmas Mass/Dinner/Meeting will be one week later this December due a scheduling conflict with Immaculate Conception Church.

Evites have been sent and if you did not receive one please email me back so that I can get you on the list.

The details are as follows...Mon. Dec 19th...Mass at 6pm, followed by dinner and program. Our speaker this month is Mary Kellet from Prenatal Partners for Life. Mary is married to Don Kellet, a field agent with the Knights of Columbus. Please join us for an evening of devotion and good cheer.

God Bless you all in this most wondrous season!!

Faithful Captain  
SK Don Trudeau



## Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Minutes 14-November-2016

- 6:00 pm prayer/Communion Service led by SK Terry Meyer
- 7:30 pm Program presented by Minnesota State Deputy Robert Penas
- The virtues of the Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree are to keep the precepts of the Church, including evangelization through service, to be better husbands, fathers, and men.
- Our goal is 1150 new members statewide in the new year.
- We are experiencing 80-90 deaths per month of KC members in Minnesota.
- Review of various KC programs.
- Need to correct the PC anti-Christopher Columbus in social and educational environments.
- 8:00 Business Meeting
  - Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
  - Voice vote approval of published minutes from October business meeting.
  - Purser's report of expenditures, receipts, and balances approved. Current bills approved to be paid.
  - Navigator's report: Thank you from Rita Ranallo for Fourth degree presence and rosary for recently deceased SK and PGK Clarence Ranallo.
  - Captain's report: Continuing need to promote dinner meetings.
  - Admiral's report: Next Exemplification in Mankato, need to push recruitment for Spring Exemplification in Twin Cities.
  - Trustees' report: Shirts and Badges available. Need push for Spring Exemplification. Perhaps 2604 hosting for Fall 2017 Emplification.
  - Guard Commander Report: Training in January TBA.
  - Next Meeting moved to 19-December-16 moved from 12- Dec-16 due to Guadalupe observance at IC.

Respectfully submitted,  
SK Patrick Shannon, pro temp.

## MEDITATION FOR CHRISTMAS TIME

*with Saint Thomas Aquinas*

### The Circumstances of Christ's Birth

**Christ willed to be born at Bethlehem because of two reasons:**

*First, because "He was made ... of the seed of David according to the flesh, to whom also a special promise was made concerning Christ."*

(Rom. I, 3.) Hence, He willed to be born at **Bethlehem**, where David was born, in order that by the very birthplace, the promise made to David might be fulfilled. The Evangelist points this out by saying, "Because He was of the house and of the family of David."

*Secondly, because as Gregory says, "Bethlehem is interpreted 'the house of bread'." It is Christ Himself, Who said, "I am the living Bread which came down from heaven" (Jn 41, 51).*

**Christ wished to be born when the light of day begins to increase in length, so as to show that He came in order that man might come nearer to the Divine Light**, according to Luke I, 79: "To enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

In like manner, **He chose to be born in the rough winter season, that He might begin from then to suffer in body for us.** (3 a. q. 35 a. V and VIII.)

(From: *Saint Thomas Meditations for every day*, by Fr E.C. McEnery O.P., Columbus [Ohio], Long's College book company, 1951)

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**EVENTS**

- o December 19, 2016, Good Shepherd Assembly Dinner Meeting, 5:30 pm Assembly, 6:00 pm Mass, Dinner to follow



**Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Dates 2016-2017.  
 Meetings to be held on the second Monday of the month.**

Date	Time	Meeting Type	Location
19-December-2016	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner Meeting Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
9-January-2017	7:00 pm	Renewal of Obligations Dinner, Sir Knights only	Little Venetian Inn
13-February-2017	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner Meeting Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
13-March-2017	7:00 pm	Business Meeting, Sir Knights only	St. Joseph's Lino Lakes
10-April-2017	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner Meeting Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
8-May-2017	7:00 pm	Business Meeting, Sir Knights only	St. Joseph's Lino Lakes
12-June-2017	6:00 pm	Installation of Officers Mass and Dinner Meeting, Sir Knights and Ladies	St. Joseph's Lino Lakes