



Good Shepherd Assembly 2604 Briefing



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Faithful Navigator's Report

Sir Knights & Ladies:

Well, here we are already half way through our Assembly year, and I guess the old clichés, “time flies when you’re having fun” or “time goes faster the older you get,” apply here!! Perhaps that isn’t the case for the Faithful Captain, when he is hauling all those bins and boxes in and out, but it sure is for me. I’m sure he appreciates any help you can give him.

With the passing of our past Faithful Friar, Fr. Bernard Reiser, we as an Assembly were honored to be the lead 4th Degree Assembly at the Honor Guard. Our Faithful Guard Commander Stephen Frank and Faithful Captain Robert Peterson stepped forward and helped arrange the “Honor Guard”, together with the Faithful Marshal Rick Hirschfeld and the Faithful Master Robert Mathewson. This was probably the most impressive Honor Guard I have been part of, with approximately 40 members throughout the Twin Cities present. Many also rotated guard at the casket throughout the night, some with no sleep. I know Fr. Reiser’s family appreciated what the Knights of Columbus did, but it was our honor to be just a small part of this celebration of Fr. Reiser’s life. Thanks to all the Knights of the “Good Shepherd Assembly” who were able to make this part of their New Year’s contribution!

With the passing of Sir Knights Richard Hunt, Fr. Bernard Reiser, Don Sparks and Eugene Wills in 2011, we are now at 97 members in the Good Shepherd Assembly. We need to continue to recruit for our April 21, 2012 exemplification, and especially for our fall exemplification on Oct. 20, 2012, which we are responsible for coordinating at St. Josephs’ in Lino Lakes.

Now is the time to be looking for Foursomes for our Golf Tournament in June and I’ll be looking for Names and Teams starting at our February meeting!!

I look forward to seeing you in February.

Faithful Navigator
Rick Jacobson

Good Shepherd Assembly Dinner Meeting Monday, February 13, 2012

Sir Knights and Ladies
Church of the Immaculate Conception
Cost: \$13 per person
Dinner Reservations: 651-690-3708
Deadline: February 3, 2012

Faithful Admiral's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies,

Apparently it’s game on, and it’s not going to be pretty. On the national scene the gauntlet has been dropped to force Catholic institutions – parishes, hospitals, and charities – to provide health insurance coverage for contraception (including abortifacients) and sterilization to their employees, and the services themselves to clients and patients. This of course in direct violation of Church teaching and the freedom of conscience for all people of good will. The Holy Father and the Catholic Bishops have responded back strongly, communicating down to the parish level. This is serious business. Visit <http://usccb.org/> to learn how you can voice your conscience to our elected representatives.

Then there’s our own problem here in Minnesota over the protection of marriage as the life-long committed union of one man and one woman. Contraception and no-fault divorce has been the one-two punch that has left heterosexual marriage in virtual shambles, even within the Church. Now the challenge from radical homosexuality to redefine the whole concept of marriage presents a grave threat. Simplistic one liners about bigotry and hate will require considerable effort to refute in charity, so we all need to do our homework.

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Captain's Report

Our January Good Shepherd Assembly meeting is always special. Besides the Mass, we participated in the Renewal of Obligations Ceremony and enjoyed a wonderful meal together.

This January meeting was even more special because we were joined by our Ladies for the Mass and meal. While we attended the special ceremony for Renewal of Obligations, our Ladies had their own speaker. Sister Catherine Steffens, CSJ. gave an interesting presentation titled "A Healthy Earth Legacy for the Next Generation." After her talk, Sister stayed for conversation and our special Prime Rib buffet.

We are now looking forward to our next Dinner Meeting on February 13, 2012. This will be a Ladies night, and we will have a Mass with a full Honor Guard followed by another one of Chef John's outstanding buffet dinners. The dinner will be served by the Immaculate Conception lady volunteers. The meal price is again \$13.00 per person which is a great value for the quality and quantity of the food that we receive.

Since we are close to Valentine's Day, we will again have a special treat for our Ladies. Our speakers for the evening are the delightful couple - Orlin and Doris Wicks. I am sure that after this presentation, we will all know much more about Orlin and Doris and about the formation of the Good Shepherd Assembly.

I want to personally thank all of you for calling in your dinner reservations by the deadline. Without an accurate count, Chef John cannot adequately plan the wonderful meal for us. Also, Vicky cannot arrange for the serving staff that she will need.

Finally, a special Thank-You to Gay Jacobson for providing and selling the raffle tickets for the theme gift baskets. The proceeds from this raffle has helped us balance the budget for meals. As a result, we have not had to charge the Knights who cancel their meal reservations after the deadline.

Please remember to call in your reservation by noon on February 3, 2012 for the February 13th Dinner Meeting.

SK Robert Peterson
Faithful Captain

Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Minutes

09-December-2012

Mass was celebrated at 6:00pm by Fr. Paul LaFontaine - Honor Guard was present
Renewal of Obligations was led by District Master Bob Mathewson, while the Ladies received a presentation by Sister Catherine Steffens.
After dinner, a brief business meeting opened at 8:10 pm:

- December Minutes approved
- Faithful Comptroller - Robert Peltier presented bills for the dinner, a donation for Sister Catherine, and chalice engraving expense. Approved.
- Faithful Purser - Stephen Frank reviewed amounts in the Assembly reserve fund and checking account. Report approved.
- Faithful Pilot - Marc Peters presented an update on the Fall 2012 Exemplification planning. SK Joe Schmidt discussed preliminary plans for dinner plans.
- Faithful Master Bob Mathewson reviewed the details of the Spring Exemplification in St. Cloud. Faithful Captain Bob Peterson will coordinate our hospitality room which will serve to promote the Fall Exemplification.
- District Marshall Rick Hirschfelt presented a brief history of the Good Shepherd Assembly as background for a proposal to rename the Assembly after Fr. Bernard Reiser. No vote taken, awaiting this publication and further discussion at the February meeting. Paperwork and various permissions would be required.
- Faithful Navigator - Richard Jacobson reminded members that dues should be sent in along with the State KC raffle tickets
- District Master Bob Mathewson added humorous comments about a Little Falls KC event.

Next Meeting is February 13th, 2012 - Dinner Meeting, Assembly 5:30, Mass @ 6:00pm
Meeting Adjourned @ 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted
Ted Brausen
Faithful Scribe

Guard Commander's Report

Upcoming Honor Guards

The next Honor Guard will be February 13, 2012 Mass and Dinner meeting at Immaculate Conception Parish. 5:30 pm Assembly, 6:00 pm Mass.

Thank you to those Sir Knights who participated in the reviewal Honor Guard and Funeral Mass for Fr. Bernard Reiser, December 30-31, 2011. We were the host Assembly, joined by Sir Knights from around the Twin Cities. There were close to forty members in the Funeral Honor Guard. Our Assembly was responsible for the 8 pm-12 midnight reviewal, December 30, and the 7:30-10:30 am reviewal prior to the Mass, December 31. Thank you all.

WE Care

We ask the charity of your prayers for the repose of the souls of SK Dick Hunt and Fr. Bernard Reiser.

Also keep in your prayers ill Sir Knights 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)*

Each parish should be organizing educational committees on the purpose and meaning of human marriage as ordained by God. This is right up our ally as faithful Knights of Columbus, so we must all get involved over the next months leading up to the November election.

This also calls for prayer and fasting as powerful resources to seek God's guidance and consolation in this difficult work ahead.

Faithful Admiral
Patrick Shannon

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- **February 13, 2012, Mass and Dinner Meeting, Immaculate Conception.**



Date	Time	Meeting Type	Location
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