



## Good Shepherd Assembly 2604 Briefing



Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus  
Northeast Metro

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### Faithful Navigator's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies:

As a Catholic, as well as a Knight of Columbus, it has been a rough couple of years with all the reports of abuse and now our Archdiocese filing for bankruptcy. It would be easy for us to walk away, as we have seen many do in our own churches.

It is up to us as Sir Knights to step up and do what we have to do to protect our churches and our priests. I know there have been some horrible things happen to people of our faith. I recognize this, but we need to stand behind all of our Great Priests, Deacons and our Archdiocese.

Next time someone speaks against our Churches, Priests and/or our Archdiocese, we need to stand proud and tell them what is so great about our Catholic faith, the Knights of Columbus, and our Parishes. Remind them it is a small percentage of offending clergy, while we have thousands of GREAT men in the Priesthood whom we will continue to support and stand behind! IT IS GREAT TO BE A CATHOLIC PERSON OF FAITH, EVEN IN TODAYS TIMES!

Faithful Navigator  
SK Ted Brausen



Knights of Columbus  
**F O U R T H**  
**D E G R E E**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

**Mass and Dinner Meeting**  
**Monday, February 2, 2015**  
**5:30 pm Assembly, 6:00 pm Mass, Dinner**  
and speaker to follow.  
Sir Knights and Ladies  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
Dinner Reservations: 651-636-0600  
Deadline: January 30, 2015

### Faithful Admiral's Report

Sir Knights & Ladies

The clock is ticking; 60 days and counting. Everyone knows of the brother knight that should and ought to belong to the Fourth Degree and our Assembly. Application forms were passed out last month. NOW is the time to get them filled out and returned. Exemplification is the 18th of April. Our forms need to be in to the Master by April 1st.(FYI: Our April meeting is the 13th so we can't wait till then; it will be too late.)

It all starts with one: one call, one connection, one suggestion, one application.

Faithful Admiral  
SK Marc Peters

## Captain's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies,

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will host our February meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015. Mass will be at 6:00PM and dinner to follow. The Honor Guard will assemble at 5:30 PM. Lady Christine Shannon will be the speaker for this Valentine Dinner.

Evites have already been sent for the February 2 Meeting. If you do not have e-mail or haven't received your Evite, please call me at 651-636-0600 so that I can update your contact information.

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.

I couldn't convince our officers to change the venue for our March Business Meeting to Florida, so we will once again conduct that meeting at St. Joseph's in Lino Lakes. Because we will be nominating officers for the coming year at this Business Meeting, we need all members on board. Our past officers have set a high standard for those of us who follow. The Meeting begins at 7:00. Come in casual attire, with 4<sup>th</sup> degree shirts ~ officers will wear their jewels. A light lunch will be available after the Meeting. I will be sending an Evite invitation as a reminder.

Faithful Captain  
SK Stephen Frank

## Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Minutes

12-January-2015

Annual Renewal of Obligations Dinner, held at the Little Venetian Inn, Little Canada.

- Prayers were requested for the speedy recovery of SK Jack Hunt, who has been hospitalized.
- Following the Italian buffet dinner, the Renewal of Obligations ceremony was conducted by Past Master Robert Mathewson and SK Rick Hirschfelt
- Minutes were read from the December meeting and approved.
- Current bills were read and current status of accounts, approved.
- Captain's report: SK Stephen Frank thanked the Assembly for their generous financial support of Gianna Homes, the topic of the December meeting. The February meeting will be **February 2, 2015 at Immaculate Conception Parish, the first Monday of the month** due to a conflict with other parish activities. February 19, 2015 will be the annual Vocations Mass with Fridley Council 4381, 5:30 pm Assembly, 6:00 pm Mass, dinner and program to follow. March 9, 2015 will be a Sir Knights only business meeting at St Joseph's Parish, Lino Lakes.
- Navigator's report: SK Ted Brausen recognized new Sir Knights Les Trombley and Isaac Steen. Recommendation to buy four Minnesota Knights Foundation statewide raffle tickets by each 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member as an easy fundraiser for the Assembly as 50% is returned to the Assembly. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree prayer books available for funeral and other occasional distribution.
- Admiral's report: SK Marc Peters noted a recent Pioneer Press article reporting closing of some American Legion posts and similar organizations due to aging membership and lack of new incoming

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- membership. Similarly, Minnesota Knights are down 215 from one year ago. Recruitment is imperative. April 1, 2015 is the deadline for the April 18, Spring Exemplification. Be on it! A gift of \$100 was proposed and approved for past Faithful Friar Rev. Paul La Fontaine on his recent retirement as Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish.
- Guard Commander report: SK Terry Meyer reported on the January 6, 2015 Ordination of Fr. Sharbel Maroun as Chorbishop in the Maronite Rite, at which a small Honor Guard was in attendance at St. Maron's Parish. A spectacular event, followed by a wonderful meal.

Respectfully submitted  
SK Patrick Shannon , Faithful Scribe, pro tempore

**Guard Commander's Report**

Upcoming Honor Guards

- Assembly Dinner Meeting, Monday, February 2, 2015, Assembly 5:30 pm. Mass 6:00 pm. Dinner to follow. Immaculate Conception Parish.
- Annual Vocations Mass and Dinner with Fridley Counsel 4381. February 19, 2015. Assembly 5:30 pm. Mass 6:00 pm. Dinner and Program to follow. Immaculate Conception Parish.



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**EVENTS**

- **February 2, 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**
- **February 19, 2015 – Annual Vocations Mass and Dinner – see Captain’s report**



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

Date	Time	Meeting Type	Location
02-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