



## Good Shepherd Assembly 2604 Briefing



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### Faithful Navigator's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies:

We renew our commitment to the principles of the Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>. I would like us to call to mind our need for Sir Knights to annually step forward and to nominate officers. We nominate officers at the March 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting. As you mix and mingle these next two meetings think about those you would like to nominate or offer yourself. It's an honor to serve the Assembly.

If you have brought someone into the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree check in with him and invite him to use that tux and enjoy the fellowship we have to offer. It's important to continue to "Shepherd" them in. The life of the Assembly is somewhat hidden: meetings, organization, service, prayer. We are blessed to have Mass said for us before dinner and a speaker five times per year. Let them know that. We serve the Archbishop and all priests and add a degree of dignity and solemnity to Masses and Funeral Masses at which we serve.

Robert Peltier has been a thread holding the tapestry of our Assembly together for as long as I have been witness from 2011. We have much to thank him and his family for to make our dinner meetings come together six times yearly and as our Comptroller. Support him in this time of the passing of his dear wife Ida.

This February I begin the last module of the Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute and would like to encourage you to enroll. Men and women of all ages from across the Twin Cities gather in small group settings to discuss the Catechism of the Catholic Church, grow in their faith, pray and hear lectures. "The curriculum at the

### Good Shepherd Assembly Dinner Meeting Monday, January 16, 2017, 6:00 pm

#### Renewal of Obligations

Sir Knights only

Little Venetian Inn, Vadnais Heights  
(See Captain's Report)

Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute is based on the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and is covered in four 11-week modules over a two-year period," (cistudent.com). It can be done while being a Knight although they too meet Mondays. Up to three absences are permitted per module. It is one path of many to holiness and benefits those like myself who need its structure and deadlines. Study in the "C.I." has begun many conversations between Karen and me, since she is herself an avid reader of Catholic literature and commentary.

Faithful Navigator  
SK Michael Steen

### Faithful Admiral's Report

Sir Knights & Ladies,

We're experiencing the changing of the Seasons as I write this letter. The once decorated Christmas Tree lays lifeless awaiting recycle pick-up and Lady MaryAnne is reluctantly packing away our various Nativity Scenes which were such excellent reminders of God sending His Son for our salvation. The Deacon changed the skirting around the Tabernacle from the splendor of gold to the green of "Ordinary". Yes, we are in Ordinary Time, but need to remember and live the Christmas message throughout the year.

Lady Ida Peltier, S.K. Bob Peltier's wife of 45 years was called home to the Lord. May she rest in peace.

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## Faithful Captain's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies,

Happy New Year! Wishing all of our Brother Knights and your families a prosperous and Blessed New Year!

We finished 2016 with some extraordinary good will and generosity. At December's charity/Christmas dinner you overwhelmed me with your very generous donation to Prenatal Partners for Life and Mary Kellet. Your "passing of the chapeau" generated over \$1,000.00 which was matched by the assembly for a grand total of a \$2000.00 donation!! Mary was indeed moved by this great outpouring of love!! Thank You!

As we look forward to 2017 we will start out with our Renewal of Obligations dinner and ceremony, Sir Knights only. We take time for good food, great camaraderie and a renewed commitment to who we are as Men and Knights of Columbus. Please join us on the **3rd Monday, January 16, 2017**, at the Little Venetian Restaurant, 2900 Rice St. Little Canada MN. Social at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30pm followed by the renewal ceremony and a brief meeting. This is a formal dinner with tuxes (No regalia).

We will have a delicious pasta dinner buffet. I have reserved a double room. (They remodeled and have tripled their banquet space). This will make for a more comfortable setting for our dinner and ceremony. Cost will be \$20. We would like to see as many Sir Knights as possible to defray any room costs.

Looking ahead we will be hosting a Mass and dinner for Archbishop Hebda on April 10th. Evites will go out to the Assembly in early to mid March so that you will have an opportunity to occupy one of the 200 seats available for the dinner. ALL will be welcome at the Mass celebrated by the Bishop and concelebrated by any of the Clergy in our Assembly who wish to attend.

Once we pass the Assembly Evite deadline (probably late March) we will open the invites up to the Councils in our Assembly in hopes of attracting more 4th degree Knights.

If you are not receiving Evites...They come to you from "Don And Deb", check your blocker or spam folder. If you are not receiving emails at all from the Assembly please contact me at...  
truknightsfs@comcast.net ...or call me at 612-749-2982 so that you can be added to our email/Evite list. Emails that are kicking back are: Dave Kellner Ed Casey, Howard Rassier, and James Ordner.

Thank you once again for your generosity and devotion to the Knights and your church!

Faithful Captain  
SK Don Trudeau

## Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Minutes 19-December-2016

- 6:00 pm Mass celebrated by Faithful Friar (SK) Father Earl Simonson.
- Program: Prenatal Partners for Life presentation by Mary Kellet. Striving to curb society's trend to abort preborn babies diagnosed with disability (e.g., Downs Syndrome). Pope Benedict taught that "God has a plan for every life and each of us is necessary." Prenatal Partners for Life.org
- Business meeting conducted by Faithful Captain Don Trudeau
- Motion made, seconded and passed to match the "pass the chapeau" donations for Prenatal Partners for Life.
- Minutes from December approved by voice vote.
- Current bills presented and approved as well as report on balanced checking account.
- Four GSA members in Archbishop's Pallium Mass.
- Captain reported on January 16, 2017 date for Renewal of Obligations dinner and ceremony.
- Faithful Admiral Stephen Frank read thank you letter from Rita Ranallo for GSA participation at SK Clarence's funeral.
- Business Agent Alan Savage now servicing St. Odilia's Parish.
- March 9, 2017 Catholics at the Capitol event can be attended by all Catholics.
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
SK Patrick Shannon, pro temp.

# Happy New Year

### **Admiral (cont'd from p. 1)**

Anticipate two important events in April! First, Archbishop Hebda has agreed to be our guest speaker at our April 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Let's fill the Hall at Immaculate Conception and show him a strong Good Shepherd Assembly welcome! Second, Spring Exemplification is scheduled for an out of town destination. Each Sir Knight has the responsibility to recruit and invite Third Degree Brothers to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

Faithful Admiral  
SK Stephen Frank

### **From Pope Benedict's New Year Address, 2013**

Although the world is unfortunately still marked by "hotbeds of tension and conflict caused by growing inequalities between rich and poor, by the dominance of a selfish and individualistic mentality also expressed by an unregulated financial capitalism," as well as by various forms of terrorism and crime, I am convinced that "the many different efforts at peacemaking which abound in our world testify to mankind's innate vocation to peace. In every person the desire for peace is an essential aspiration which coincides in a certain way with the desire for a full, happy and successful human life. In other words, the desire for peace corresponds to a fundamental moral principle, namely, the duty and right to an integral social and communitarian development, which is part of God's plan for mankind. Man is made for the peace which is God's gift. All of this led me to draw inspiration for this Message from the words of Jesus Christ: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Mt 5:9). "(message, 1). This beatitude "says that peace is a messianic gift and the fruit of human effort... It is 'inner peace with oneself, and outer peace with one another and with all creation "(ibid., 2 and 3). Yes, peace is the good par excellence to be invoked as a gift from God, and at the same time, to be built with every effort.

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**EVENTS**

- January 16, 2017, Good Shepherd Assembly Renewal of Obligations Dinner Meeting, 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 Dinner, ceremony to follow. See Captain's report.



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

Date	Time	Meeting Type	Location
16-January-2017	6:00 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