



## Good Shepherd Assembly 2604 Briefing

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Northeast Metro



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### Faithful Navigator's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies:

Happy Winter To All,

Due to the weather our November Meeting was cancelled! I would like to thank SK Captain Stephen Frank for his efforts. It's one thing to plan a great dinner and get a guest speaker, but to have to cancel it as well, WOW! Thankfully the communication among all was very good, so thank you as well for that!

I have made a visit to a 3rd Degree Knight as requested from one of our Sir Knights. It was one of the best things I have done in a long time. I was there about 30 minutes. We talked about his life as well as his life in the Knights of Columbus. He stated that this is the first time in 5 years that he has heard from the Knights. At the end of my stay he stated that he wished he would've taken the time to become a 4th Degree SK. I told him if they would allow him to leave safely, I would help him to the Spring Exemplification. I wish I would have brought more of us to meet with him, as it was one of the most rewarding things I have done as a Sir Knight!

Hope to see you all at our December Dinner and Guest, followed by our Meeting!

Faithful Navigator

SK Ted Brausen

### Thoughts on Advent from St. John Paul the Great

The invitation to joy has a definite motive: *"the Lord is at hand"* (Phil 4,5). It is a truth known to the pious Israelite, and from it he drew confidence and consolation; it is a truth that has in Christ its perfected foundation. *"In him, in fact, God has drawn near to everyone: He is the Messiah, the "Emmanuel", "God with us" (cf. Is 7,14; Mt 1,23). Joy is the heart of the Gospel of Christmas.*

### Good Shepherd Assembly Dinner Meeting Monday, December 1, 2014

5:30 Assembly, 6:00 pm Mass, Dinner and  
Speaker to follow Sir Knights and Ladies  
Immaculate Conception, Columbia Heights

As an expert Mother, the Church knows better than any other institution the difficulties and sufferings that are part of the human condition. She knows well that in the life of many peoples and persons sadness prevails over joy, anxiety over hope.

It is particularly *to these men and women that the Christmas message is proclaimed in a preferential way* because "[Christ] brought the good news of salvation to the poor, to prisoners freedom, and to those in sorrow joy" (Fourth *Eucharistic Prayer*). He is the *genuine liberator of the human person*, sent by God to redeem him from the power of evil and death. *The joy* that Christ gives to his friends derives from this deep and integral liberation. It is a joy that, like *his peace*, is different from that of the world (cf. Jn 14,27) which is superficial and fleeting.

The serious problems surrounding human life sometimes make it difficult to recognize the gifts of Christ. The mission of the Church, that is coached by the Holy Spirit, is precisely that of making his gifts visible and of witnessing to their presence. Today humanity yearns especially for the gifts of joy and peace. It is our mission as believers, with the *eloquence of love expressed in deeds*, to become every day the prophetic ferment of a world reconciled by love and animated by divine joy.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we honour as the "Cause of our joy" help us to be faithful to this mission. Who more than she experienced the closeness of the Lord, source of joy and peace? We now entrust ourselves to her maternal protection in order to be at all times, but especially now, credible witnesses of the joy of Christ.

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## Captain's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies,

Our December meeting will be at Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 1, 2014 (a week early due to the Holy Day on December 8), with Mass at 6:00pm and dinner to follow. The Honor Guard will assemble at 5:30pm. Anne Marie Hanson, founder, owner and Director of Gianna Homes will be our guest speaker. Ms. Hanson has established homes with a Catholic environment to serve people suffering with memory loss. She will bring a Christmas message of hope and love as she introduces us to a new and creative way to care. Just a reminder: this will be our charity meeting, please be prepared as we pass the chapeau.

The previously announced dinner with Bp. Piche will need to be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict.

The January Renewal of Obligations, Sir Knights only dinner will be January 9, 2015, 5:30 pm, at the Little Venetian Inn, as last year. More information to follow.

Faithful Captain  
SK Stephen Frank

## "Waiting"

The question is: Is the humanity of our time still waiting for a Savior? One has the feeling that many consider God as foreign to their own interests. Apparently, they do not need him. They live as though he did not exist and, worse still, as though he were an "obstacle" to remove in order to fulfill themselves. Even among believers—we are sure of it—some let themselves be attracted by enticing dreams and distracted by misleading doctrines that suggest deceptive shortcuts to happiness. Yet, despite its contradictions, worries and tragedies, and perhaps precisely because of them, humanity today seeks a path of renewal, of salvation, it seeks a Savior and awaits, sometimes unconsciously, the coming of the Savior who renews the world and our life, the coming of Christ, the one true Redeemer of man and of the whole of man.

---Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience  
December 20, 2006

## Good Shepherd Assembly Dinner Meeting Minutes

10-November-2014

The November Dinner meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

Respectfully submitted  
SK Sean Welch, Faithful Scribe

## Faithful Friar Fr. Earl Simonson

As you may recall, Faithful Friar Fr. Earl Simonson was inducted into the Minnesota State Fourth Degree Hall of Fame at the Spring, 2014 Exemplification. Father was unable to attend the meeting held in Bemidji, due to his pastoral weekend obligations at St. Clement's Parish. His award was formally presented by SK Phil Harter, Past State Deputy, at our 2014-2015 Installation of Officers dinner meeting last June.



Fr. Simonson receives the Fourth Degree Hall of Fame Award, presented by PSD Phil Harter.



Fr. Simonson takes the opportunity to share a few words with the Assembly.

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## Hall of Fame

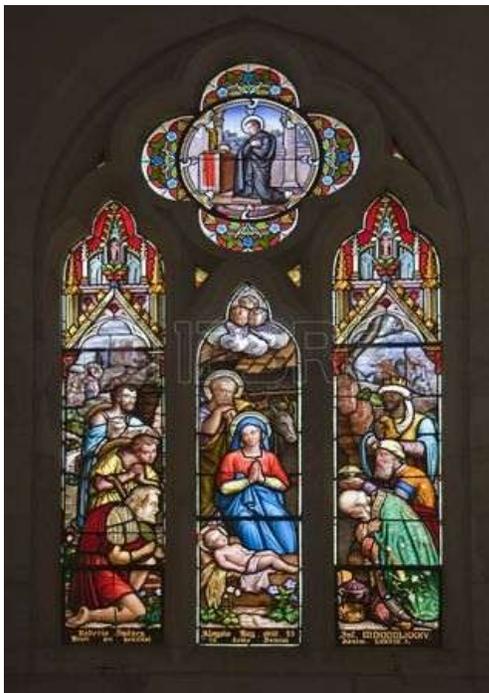
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The Hall of Fame Award is given in recognition for outstanding service in the Fourth Degree. Fr. Simonson's award for his many years as Faithful Friar is the Good Shepherd Assembly's second honoree, with Past Faithful Navigator John Bachand having received the award a few years ago.

The nomination submitted by the Assembly cited Father's generous service not only to the Knights of Columbus, but to the community at large in his care for the poor, his ecumenical efforts in the Northeast Ministerial Association, and his patriotic witness to service men and women, living and dead.

In his ever-present humility, Fr. Simonson tries to deflect praise by claiming that his service was just his job as a priest. Of course, he regularly goes out of his way, above and beyond the "call of duty" in demonstrating the KC principle of Charity.

We are most proud of Fr. Simonson's long career as parish priest, community leader, and, especially, as Faithful Friar of the Good Shepherd Assembly.



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**EVENTS**

- **December 1, 2014, Assembly Mass and Dinner, 5:30 Assembly, 6:00 pm Mass, Dinner and Speaker to follow, Sir Knights and Ladies, Immaculate Conception, Columbia Heights**
- **December 25, 2014, 9:30 am assembly, 10:00 am Mass, Immaculate Conception. Contact Bob Peltier, 763-789-8362.**



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

Date	Time	Meeting Type	Location
01-December-2014	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
12-January-2015	5:30 pm	Renewal of Obligations Dinner, Sir Knights	Little Venetian Inn
09-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	TBD