



Good Shepherd Assembly 2604 Briefing



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Faithful Navigator's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies:

Our Assembly hosted the third annual "Shoot and Supper" in early September as a fundraiser for charity. The weather was perfect, the rain held off until the event was over, and we didn't have to fight with the mosquitoes. With 20-some shooters and 30-some in attendance for a delicious dinner, we enjoyed a successful evening of sport and camaraderie. A special thanks to Masters of the Grill, SK Joe Schmidt, SK Marc Peters, Lady Sharon Peters and SK Kelly Sommerville for their outstanding effort in providing and preparing a steak dinner with all the trimmings. A special thanks, as well, to Alan Savage, Sr. for the use of Bald Eagle Shooting Range and the planning committee: SK Alan Savage, Jr., SK Ted Brausen, SK Bob Peterson, SK Rick Jacobson. Each year this event has grown and recently, I've found new interest outside of our Assembly. We have a year to plan the next event and make it bigger and better!

The Fall Exemplification for 2015 is being hosted in Duluth on October 30 and 31st. We need to be inviting our Third Degree Knights to take the next step and join the Fourth Degree ranks! A vibrant and active Assembly is one that keeps on growing! Our Assembly is strong, peopled by men who are involved in their parishes and communities. We need to promote it with pride ~ this is the work of every Knight. St. Cloud will host the 2016 Spring Exemplification. I challenge each member to bring in one new member.

One of my goals as Navigator is to emphasize continued visits to Sir Knights who are sick or no longer able to attend meetings. Our Charity Committee is comprised of SK Bob

Business Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2015, 7:00 pm

Sir Knights only

St. Joseph's Parish, Lino Lakes

Peterson, SK Ted Brausen and myself, however, I encourage all Knights to take a moment to practice a Corporal Work of Mercy and visit our Knights who are now inactive. Many of these Knights were leaders of our Assembly in their time and deserve our respect and admiration. If you know of a Knight who might need a visit, please let me or any committee member know so that we can maintain regular contact with them. I have Sir Knight Statues and prayer books that can be left after our visit. Let me know if you are interested in joining this committee.

It is edifying to know that when there is a need or conflict that might arise, a Knight will step in to fill the gap. SK Mark Johnson, our scribe, had to resign his commitment as he is attending the Archbishop Harry Flynn Catechetical Institute. SK Patrick Shannon accepted nomination and was voted in as scribe for the remainder of the year. Thank you both for your service!

Faithful Navigator

SK Stephen Frank



Captain's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies,

Our September speaker, Naomi Hard, gave a heart-felt account of her missionary work in Kakata, Liberia. I found her presentation to be very educational and hope you did as well.

The 3rd Annual Shoot and Supper at Bald Eagle Sportsman's Range in Hugo was a mosquito-free success by all accounts. Nobody went away hungry with the size of those steaks! Next year even if you don't shoot come for the fellowship and dinner.

Our October business meeting is Monday, October 12th 7 pm at St. Joseph of the Lakes, Lino Lakes. This is a Sir Knights only meeting, no formal attire. Please wear your 4th degree polo or oxford. An email response to the Evite is requested for the purpose of providing a light lunch and refreshments. You may also call in your RSVP to me at 763.434.5416. See you Monday.

Faithful Captain
SK Mike Steen

Guard Commander's Report

Upcoming Honor Guards

- **Sunday, October 11, 2015.** Dedication of the St. Charles Council 14832 Memorial to the Unborn. Assembly 9:30 am, Mass 10:00 am followed by Memorial dedication. St Charles Borromeo Parish.
- **Sunday, October 18, 2015.** Installation of Fr. Troy Przybilla as Pastor of St. Charles Parish. 9:30 am Assembly, 10:00 am Mass, KC pancake breakfast to follow.

Faithful Guard Commander
SK Terry Meyer

Good Shepherd Dinner Meeting Minutes

14-September-2015

- Mass celebrated by Faithful Friar Fr. Earl Simonson, 6:00pm.
- Dinner presentation by Naomi Hard on her Liberian missionary work at Kakata.
- Brief Business Meeting including:
 - Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

- Past meeting minutes read
- Encouragement of recruitment of and attendance at Fall Exemplification, Duluth, 31-Oct-2015.
- Announcement of Wheel Chair Initiative Dinner, St. Joseph's Parish 26-27 Sep-2015
- Motion and approval of Assembly donation to Naomi Hard

The Pope and I

by Patrick G. Shannon

Sometimes I find myself scratching my head at some of Pope Francis' comments. I did with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI too, but because they presented some deep phenomenological or theological insight that took several readings just to begin to grasp. My problem with Pope Francis is linguistic, cultural, and an "I told you so" attitude in the media who want to get rid of most Church teaching. I know he's never said anything contrary to Church teaching, the media notwithstanding, and his comments on subjects not on my priority list shouldn't bother me. As I say, it's my problem, not his.

Pope Francis' U.S. tour helped me a lot. I was unable to watch his presentations in New York and Washington because we (the pilgrimage group from the Archdiocese) were busy at the World Meeting of Families Congress in Philadelphia. And actually, due to the pressing crowds at the Papal reception and Mass the weekend after the conference, I didn't hear Pope Francis' remarks then either. So how did he help me?

The one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church was on grand display all week long. The opening liturgy on Tuesday began with a 20-30 minute entrance procession of priests, bishops, and cardinals who led in celebrant Archbishop Charles Chaput, the Philadelphia host for the gathering. The hall at the convention center was filled with over 12,000 Mass attendees from around the world. The universality of the Church, led by Pope Francis who was not really very far away in New York, created a sense of peace at a time when the Faith seems under assault internationally, nationally, and locally.

That spirit of strong unity was pervasive at each daily liturgy and, even more importantly, at each keynote address and breakout conference. The attendance grew each day, with estimates of over twenty thousand present. Let's just say that moving around the Philadelphia Convention Center was at

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times challenging. Two powerhouse keynote addresses each day by the likes of Bishop Robert Barron, Helen Alvaré, and Philippine Luis Antonio Cardinal Taglia (did I hear someone say “next Pope”?) filled the main room, only to sift the crowd into the twenty or so “smaller” breakout sessions before they embarked on a tight schedule.

The breakout presenters would have been keynotes at any other conference: Scott Hahn, Robert George, Gianna Molla (daughter of St. Gianna), just to name a few. It was like the Wedding Feast at Cana or the Loaves and Fishes, with such an over-abundance of rich talent. Similarly, the huge Exhibitor Hall was filled with over three hundred vendors and non-profit organizations, demonstrating the breadth of Catholicism throughout the country.

While orthodox presenters ruled the day, the conference was not without some controversy. Remember, where two or three Catholics are gathered, there will be arguments. A group of self-identified women priests leafleted outside the Center every day and spoke up at Q&A opportunities at relevant presentations. A man dressed in a rainbow cape and sash made his thoughts known as well, very politely, however. Supporters of heterodox positions had their chance to cheer on these occasional contrary positions.

It was maintained that the Papal visit itself was the most intense security operation in history. Homeland Security perhaps overdid it, resulting in four to five hour crushing waiting lines pushing through airport-like checkpoint stations. Jumbotrons were about as close as most people got to the Holy Father. But even with this disappointing conclusion to the week, there was a very positive atmosphere among the crowd. The city was overjoyed to host the event. The local morning and nightly newscasts were almost exclusively focused on the conference and the visit. You wouldn't know anything else was happening in the world.

So, after many months of heart-breaking Church news, particularly in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the visit by Pope Francis and the World Meeting of Families were especially refreshing. The Church is very large, very beautiful, and full of Truth. I feel better now.

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EVENTS

- **October 12, 2015, Assembly Business Meeting, St. Joseph's Lino Lakes**
- **October 31, 2015 12, Fall Exemplification, Duluth**
- **November 09, 2015, Mass and Dinner, 5:30 pm Assembly, 6:00 pm Mass, Dinner and Speaker to follow, Immaculate Conception**
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Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Dates 2015-2016
Meetings to be held on the second Monday of the month

Date	Time	Meeting Type	Location
12-October-2015	7:00 pm	Business, Sir Knights only	Church of St. Joseph
31-October-2015	12:00	Fall Exemplification	Duluth
09-November-2015	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
09-December-2015	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
11-January-2016	7:00 pm	Renewal of Obligations, Sir Knights only	TBD
08-February-2016	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
14-March-2016	7:00 pm	Business, Sir Knights only	St. Charles Borromeo
11-April-2016	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies	Immaculate Conception
April 16, 2016	12:00	Spring Exemplification	St. Cloud
09-May-2016	7:00 pm	Business, Sir Knights only	Church of St. Joseph
13-June-2016	6:00 pm	Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies Installation of Officers	Immaculate Conception