



## Good Shepherd Assembly 2604 Briefing

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Northeast Minneapolis and Northern Suburbs



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### Faithful Navigator's Report

Sir Knights & Ladies:

As we remember the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, and the many Heroes of that day, we continue to try and grasp why such an event like this would happen. I don't think that many of us would have imagined that 10 years later we would still be at War. We had an Honor Guard on Sept. 16, 2011 at Spring Lake Park High School, to honor the memory of the many that lost their lives that day. We hope and pray that very soon we can end this war and become a nation at peace once again.

I was able to attend the Exemplification in Willmar, MN the week-end of 9/24/2011. We had one new candidate Mr. Mike Lunduquam from council 9905 St. Joseph, become a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight. Our Assembly was well represented at this exemplification, with the District Master Robert Mathewson, District Marshalls Marc Peters and Rick Hirschfelt and Honor Guard participants Deputy Guard Commander Terry Meyer and Joseph George Jr.

Our October meeting is a business meeting at St. Joseph's and is important that as many Knights as possible attend. We will be starting the planning process and assigning coordinator's for the various events that will take place at next fall's exemplification, which our Assembly will sponsor. Some of the work has already been done, and I thank Sir Knight's Marc Peters and Bob Mathewson, for starting the process. This is a major undertaking for our Assembly, and each of us needs to take a role in the work that will be required, to make this a success.

I look forward to seeing you at our October business meeting.

May God bless All Sir Knights and Ladies!

Faithful Navigator  
Rick Jacobson

### Good Shepherd Assembly Business Meeting

**Monday, October 10, 2011**

7:00 pm St Joseph's Parish, Lino Lakes

Sir Knights only

### Good Shepherd Assembly Dinner Meeting

**Monday, November 14, 2011**

Sir Knights and Ladies

Church of the Immaculate Conception

Cost: \$13 per person

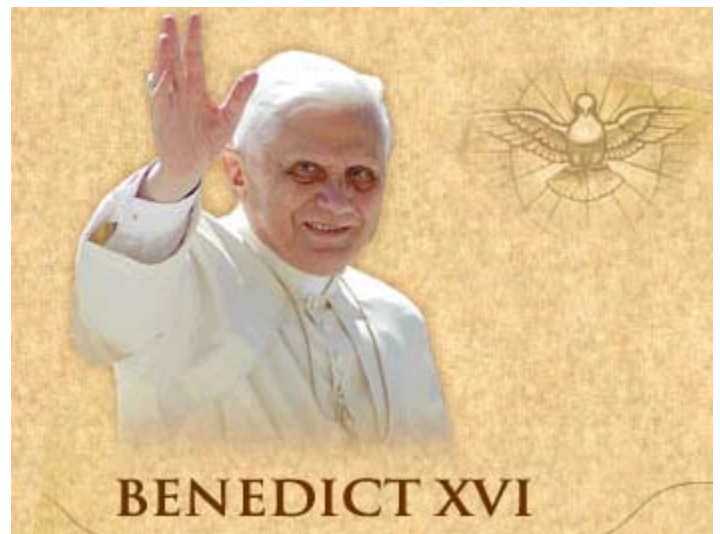
Dinner Reservations: 763-572-1403

Deadline: November 4, 2011

### WE Care

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



## Faithful Captain's Report

The 2011 - 2012 Good Shepherd Assembly year has gotten off to a splendid start. We had a good showing of Sir Knights and Ladies at our Mass on September 12.

We also had an Honor Guard and a splendid meal put on by Chef John and his Immaculate Conception volunteers.

The star of the evening was our Faithful Friar, Father Paul LaFontaine. Father was our celebrant at Mass, and he gave another excellent Homily. After dinner, he gave us a presentation of his trip to the Holy Land and Turkey.

On Monday, October 10, 2011, we will have a business meeting at 7:00 PM. It will be held at St. Joseph's of the Lakes Catholic Church, 171 Elm Street, Lino Lakes, Minnesota 55014 (men only and casual dress). Your attendance is needed because we will be planning our current year's activities. Also, we will discuss plans for next fall's exemplification which we will be sponsoring.

Our November 14, 2011 meeting is a dinner meeting. Our theme for the evening will be "patriotism", and we have another wonderful evening planned for our Sir Knights and their Ladies. Please look for more information in the October newsletter.

Faithful Captain  
SK Robert Peterson

## Faithful Admiral's Report

Sir Knights and Ladies,

There is a certain comfort in the predictable changing of the seasons, as we are now observing in the transition from summer to autumn. God is showing off His abstract painter side these days, splashing our cities and countryside alike with a riot of Fall colors which take your breath away. His providence has made it possible for farmers to confidently plant their fields way last Spring and now reap the rewards of a bountiful Fall harvest. We can launch space probes to explore the far reaches of our solar system and beyond because we can count on the strict order of the created universe to know precisely where our space crafts will be years from now. For a short daily meditation on the wonder of God's creation, I recommend NASA's Astronomy Picture of the Day

(<http://apod.nasa.gov/apod/>).

## Good Shepherd Assembly Dinner Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2011

Mass was celebrated by Fr. Paul LaFontaine. Honor Guard was present.

After dinner, Fr. LaFontaine gave a presentation on the Holy Land and Istanbul. A brief business meeting was opened at 8:26 pm.

- Income and Expense report handed out
- Following bills were approved:
  - Immaculate Conception Dinner
  - Immaculate Conception Sacristy
  - KC District Master exemplification
  - Patrick Shannon – copies/postage
- Voted on New Member application for Michael P. Lundequam - Council 9905

Of course our best laid plans don't always work out. Crops sometimes fail, violent storms destroy our homes and businesses, rockets misfire. But overall, life goes on in a fairly predictable manner and our short-term tragedies take their place in God's grand scheme of things. When we play God and intervene to abort an "untimely" pregnancy or end the life of a "pointless" older person or perform the many other acts of our culture of death, we have no understanding of the long-term consequences of our actions. This is Respect Life month, our regular time of year to reflect on God's greatest creation, the human person, and how precious each life is.

One of the great hallmarks of the Knights of Columbus is the defense of life. Another, of course, is belief in God and His relationship to human civilization. Most people throughout history have had an intuitive belief in some sort of "higher power" from cave man days down to our own. Most people understand that a baby *in utero* is a human person. It's only through convoluted mind games on the part of a very slim minority that belief in God and respect for human life have become a threat to human freedom. Unfortunately, this minority has invaded our schools and media and make it seem that abortion and atheism are valid positions. So the Church, the Knights and other people of good will have to defend the obvious and be branded as narrow-minded.

Jesus said "fear not" and Blessed John Paul II echoed the encouragement in our day. Let us move forward with faith and confidence.

Faithful Admiral  
Patrick Shannon

### **Guard Commander Report**

Thank you for your dedicated service last year for our various Honor Guard opportunities. We look forward to even greater participation in the new Assembly year.

#### **Upcoming Honor Guards:**

- Tuesday, November 14, Mass and Dinner Meeting, Immaculate Conception, 5:30pm Assembly, 6:00pm Mass. Guard Commander  
SK Stephen Frank

### **Faithful Friar's Message**

Almost every religious or political movement has a personality cult. Some one individual is looked up to as the founder, leader or hero. For Jews it's Moses. For Muslims it's Mohammed. For Communists it was Lenin. For the ancient Romans it was Caesar.

For Christians it must always and only be Jesus Christ. No one can ever really take His place. Others can act "in His Person," for example when administering the sacraments, but always the reference is back to Christ, Who is the One who acts through the sacraments.

True, we honor the saints, but they always point to and lead us back to Christ. The minute attention focuses on a particular priest, preacher, teacher or religious leader other than Christ, trouble starts. We usually stumble into this innocently, and unwittingly we develop a personality cult around some individual. It's the result of a natural desire for a leader to love and follow. But usually we end up disappointed when our hero's frailties are exposed, sometimes accompanied by great scandal.

Christ is the one Hero who will never disappoint. The only glory and "hero worship" we should seek for ourselves or anyone else is the reflected glory that comes from following and imitating Christ.

Faithful Friar  
Rev. Paul LaFontaine

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**Upcoming Events**

- **October 10, 2011 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm St. Joseph's Parish, Lino Lakes.**
- **November 14, 2011, Mass and Dinner Meeting, Immaculate Conception.**



**Good Shepherd Assembly Meeting Dates 2011-2012  
 Meetings to be held on the second Monday of the month**

| Date             | Time    | Meeting Type  | Location                           |
|------------------|---------|---|------------------------------------|
| 10-October-2011  | 7:00 pm | Business, Sir Knights only  | Church of St. Joseph<br>Lino Lakes |
| 14-November-2011 | 6:00 pm | Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies                             | Immaculate Conception              |
| 12-December-2011 | 6:00 pm | Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies                             | Immaculate Conception              |
| 9-January-2012   | 6:00 pm | Renewal of Obligations<br>Mass and Dinner, Sir Knights and Ladies   | Immaculate Conception              |
| 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<br>Sir Knights and Ladies | Immaculate Conception              |