



Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly Cedar Rapids, Iowa FEBRUARY 2010

Membership

Faithful Comptroller Russ Stocker has reported that twelve members have still not paid their 2010 dues. Please make payment as soon as you can. Second notices will be going out with payment due by March 31, 2010. Failure to remit payment will cause your 4th Degree membership to be suspended unless other arrangements are made.

Exemplification Update

The local Assemblies of Cedar Rapids/Marion will be holding a 4th Degree Exemplification at St Jude on Saturday, April 10 at 1PM. The exemplification fee is currently set at \$70. Sampson Assembly currently has five candidates with a signed Form 4 which is a good start. This is about 1/3 of our goal to recruit from our two Councils. Attached is an announcement regarding the Exemplification. Please note that the banquet that evening will be the April Social by all three Assemblies. Price for the dinner is \$15.00 catered by Ruziicka's with a dance to follow in the St. Jude parish center. This should be a nice evening out with your ladies and a great way to welcome our new Sir Knights. Also be advised that there is a challenge between the three Assemblies to see who can bring in the most new members each fraternal year. Let's be the inaugural winner of this challenge!

Patriotic Program



The Assembly's project to help support the troops was amazingly successful. Faithful Navigator Jim Nieman reported that close to *155 pounds* of items were donated by members of our three parishes. We were pleasantly surprised to learn that Erin Hughes was home on leave from Iraq shortly before the shipment was to go out. Erin was able to look at what we were shipping and graciously thanked us personally on behalf of her unit. The Assembly also learned from Erin of other items that would be appreciated especially Catholic devotionals and religious items. We may

focus more on that in future collections. Thanks to all who helped with this worthwhile project.

Color Corps Activities

The Commander reports that Sir Knights John McGinness, Nick Volk, Jay Fields and Craig Brooks took part in the rededication of new parish facilities at All Saints Church, Cedar Rapids on Sunday, January 24th. All three assemblies took part in the ceremonies presided by Archbishop Hanus. The Honor Guard had a total of seventeen Sir Knights.



The next planned Color and Honor Guard will be jointly provided by all three Assemblies for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cedar Rapids on March 17th. Please contact the Commander John McGinness if you will be available to take part. **Erin go Bragh!**

Valentine's Day Social

Forty Sir Knights, ladies and several guests attended the St. Valentine's Day social held at the Ced-Rel Supper Club on February 14th. Guest included three of our parish priests including Faithful Friar Phil Thompson and Fathers Mark Reasoner and Don Hertges of St. Jude Parish. After a good meal and great conversation, a Marriage game was played by the participants. We are hopeful of even a bigger turnout next year. Keep this on your calendar, Sirs. You will not want to miss it! *[Chair officers and Faithful Friar Father Thompson are shown with the Assembly charter newly framed and matted for display]*



The next business meeting will be held on Monday, March 22 at John XXIII at 7PM.

Rosary will begin at 6:40. Agenda items shall include further updates from the By-laws subcommittee; Chalice Committee and Membership Committee. Discussion will be held regarding a Delegates to the District (State) Convention and local 4th Degree Exemplification. Please bring your ideas and suggestions. A light luncheon and cards will follow the conclusion of the meeting.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

WED	February 17	Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)
WED	March 17	St. Patrick's Day
MON	March 22	Business Meeting/John XXIII @ 7PM
SUN	March 28	Holy Week Begins
SUN	April 4	Easter (He Is Risen)
SAT	April 10	4th Degree Exemplification and Banquet