



**Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly**  
**Cedar Rapids, Iowa**  
**JANUARY 2010**

**Membership**

Faithful Comptroller Russ Stocker has mailed out the 2010 dues notices last month. Please make payment as soon as you can. A reminder to all gentlemen Sir Knights; that payment of your 4<sup>th</sup> Degree dues is a conditional membership provided your 3<sup>d</sup> Degree Council dues are current. Please remit your Council dues timely to the Financial Secretary of your Council and take care of this.

**Exemplification Planning**

The local Assemblies of Cedar Rapids/Marion are planning a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification at St Jude on Saturday, April 10 at 1PM. All Sir Knights are asked to attend a planning meeting next Tuesday night, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Council #909. The purpose of the meeting is to meet with other members of the local Assemblies and the District Master to plan this Exemplification. If you cannot make this meeting, please make a sincere effort to recruit a candidate. As mentioned last month, if you need a Form 1(Blue) application, you can contact the Faithful Pilot and he'll get you some. Have the candidate complete the form and return to the Pilot. That way we can get the candidate through the Admission Committee and to the appropriate Financial Secretary for certification as soon as possible. This will help with our planning for numbers. The exemplification fee is currently set at \$70 but they can wait until April 1 to pay. Remember that this Assembly waives all further dues for the remainder of the year that a new Sir Knight comes in.

**Social Holiday Party**

The Assemblies' first After Christmas party was held January 10, 2010 at St Jude and attended by twenty Sir Knights and wives. A great time was had by those in attendance with some quality Hearts playing. Gifts were shared as well as some great laughs. Please plan on taking part in the fun next year! Special thanks to Jerry Mackey, Gene Tang and of course their wives for co-chairing the event this year.

**Valentine's Day Social**

Plans have been finalized for the Assemblies' Valentine's Day social. This year's event will be held on Sunday, February 14 at the Ced-Rel Supper Club on Hwy #30. The private part will begin with a social hour at 12:30PM. Dinner will be served around the 1:15PM. The attire will be formal or coat & tie. Menu will be salad, relish tray, potato, green beans, fruit salad, ham and roast beef, dinner roll and home-made pie. Cost will be \$17 per person with a cash bar. ***Sir Knights, this is great opportunity to take your ladies out for dinner on this special date.*** Reservations are needed by Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> by contacting Nick Volk at 846-2633 or 551-9455.

**The next business meeting will be held on Monday, January 25th 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 Color Guard for St. Patrick's Day, delegates to the District (State) Convention and local 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification. Please bring your ideas and suggestions. A light luncheon and cards will follow the conclusion of the meeting.

**Support the Troops**

The Assembly is conducting a drive to provide support to our troops deployed overseas, specifically a National Guard Transportation unit of about 100 soldiers from Waterloo serving in Iraq, including Erin Hughes, a youth minister from St. Jude Parish. Suggested items include: jerky, dried fruits, trail mix, peanuts, non-chocolate candy, paperback books, Sudoku, crossword and other puzzle books, lip balm, sun screen and gallon size zip lock bags (to store clothing items). All food items should be in sealed bags. We plan to send the shipment the week of Feb. 1 in hopes they receive it by Valentine's Day. The appeal is also going out in the bulletins of St. Jude, John XXIII and St. Patrick-Fairfax parish bulletins. Contact Jim Neiman or Nick Volk for help with pick up or deliver to the parish offices.

**UPCOMING CALENDAR**

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| <b>TUE</b> | <b>January 19</b>  | <b>Exemplification Planning Meeting</b>              |
| <b>MON</b> | <b>January 25</b>  | <b>Business Meeting/John XXIII @ 7PM</b>             |
| <b>SUN</b> | <b>February 14</b> | <b>Valentine's Day/Social @ Ced-Rel 12:30-3:30PM</b> |