



## Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly Cedar Rapids, Iowa JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2012

### Social Holiday Party

The Assembly will hold its annual Holiday Party on Sunday, January 8 at St Jude Parish Center. The event is again planned and directed by Gene & Rhonda Tang and Jerry & Maurnee Mackey .A gift exchange (not to exceed \$15/per participant), along with snacks, treats and games will be the entertainment This is one of two **informal** social gatherings that your Assembly holds along with the summer BBQ. Our hope is that you will find these socials a fulfilling part of your 4<sup>th</sup> Degree membership. We hope to see you there!

### Valentine's Day Social

Members are reminded that the next **formal** social will be our Valentine's Day Party to be held on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Ced-Rel Supper Club starting a 4PM. Cost will be \$20 per person and reservations are by Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a great chance for Sir Knights to treat your ladies to a very nice dinner. Please also invite any prospective 4<sup>rd</sup> Degree candidate and spouse to join us that day.

### Membership

Faithful Comptroller Russ Stocker has mailed out the 2012 dues notices last month. Please make payment as soon as you can. A reminder to all gentlemen Sir Knights; that payment of your 4th Degree dues is a conditional membership **provided your 3rd Degree Council dues are current.** Please remit your Council dues timely to your Financial Secretary and take care of this.

### Chalice Presentation Dinner

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, five deceased members of our local Assemblies were honored at the annual Chalice Presentation Memorial Mass and Social. There were three Honorees from Bowen General Assembly and two from Msgr. John Gallagher Assembly. In addition, Sir Knight Bill Hebl from Bowen Assembly was given a memorial plaque to honor his recently deceased spouse. As a reminder to all members of our Assembly, \$5 of your annual dues goes into a Chalice memorial fund. These funds are expressly held to provide a tangible memorial in the name of the deceased Sir Knight. At the present time the choices of memorials are: Chalice, Ciborium, Mass Travel Kit, a Communion Pyx, or a \$300 cash donation to the Xavier High School Chapel. Each member is responsible for designating which memorial is desired. As of this date only a handful of members have responded. We haven't figured out a way to ask you after you are gone, **so please let the Faithful Navigator know of your wishes soon.** *"Tempus Fugit, Momento Mori"*



## **Rest in Peace**

Brother Sir Knights were saddened by the death of John Graff on December 28. John was a charter member of Sampson Assembly and was very supportive of our new beginning. He was a frequent attendee at business meetings and socials with his dear wife, Mary. He further was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force and was instrumental in the placing of the flag poles at St. Joseph's Cemetery a few years ago. He will be missed and we were honored to call him Brother.



## **Reminders**

Members are asked to help recruit new Sir Knights to this Assembly.

The next Exemplification in the area will be on ***Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Jude.*** Attached is a flyer giving the details of this Exemplification. We have set a goal of **ten** new members for this year and we need everyone's' help. If you know someone who you think would be a good candidate please let the Membership Committee know as soon as possible. The Dinner after the 4PM Mass will also serve as our spring formal social. We need a real good turnout, similar to what we had two years ago. Please clear your calendars to attend this event and welcome your new Brother Sir Knights!

## **Color Corps**

There were a number of Color Corps events as reported by the Commander. In addition to the Chalice Presentation Mass on November 13, Sir Knights John McGinness, Nick Volk, Gene Tang, Jay Fields and James Nieman were at the Vigil and Rosary for Michelle Tangeman (wife of FN Roy Tangeman, Gallagher Assembly) on November 25. The following Sir Knights stood for Rosary, Vigil or Funeral Mass for our Brother Sir Knight John Graff: Jim Nieman, John McGinness, Blaine Miller, Gene Tang, Chris Zaugg, Jay Fields, Kurt Kinion, Ken Selzer, Nick Gaetta, Bob Heims, Richard Ward and Fr. Brian Delleart.

## **The next business meeting will be held on Monday, January 23 at John XXIII at 7PM.**

Rosary will begin at 6:40. Agenda items shall include delegates to the District (State) Convention and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification. The topic of discussion will be a sizeable donation to the new Military Chaplain Scholarship Program. A light luncheon and cards will follow the conclusion of the meeting.

## **UPCOMING CALENDAR**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>Holiday Party @ St. Jude 5PM (Casual attire)</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>Jan 23</b>	<b>Business Meeting/John XXIII @ 7PM</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Valentine's Day Dinner Social (Formal) at Ced-Rel @ 4:00PM</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)</b>