



Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly Cedar Rapids, Iowa JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2013

Social Holiday Party

The Assembly will hold its annual Holiday Party on Sunday, January 6 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 Beverages will be provided. This has been one of our most fun social events so try to make it this year!

Membership

Faithful Comptroller Russ Stocker has mailed out the 2013 dues notices last week. 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 18th, three deceased members of our local Assemblies were honored at the annual Chalice Presentation Memorial Mass and Social held at St. Pius X Church, Cedar Rapids. Honored members from our Assembly were Sir Knights John Graff and David (Leo) Morrissey. Pictured above receiving Mass Travel Kits from Faithful Navigator John McGinness assisted by Faithful Captain/CCC Jay Fields, are Mary Graff, widow (left photo) and Karen Funk daughter of Leo Morrissey (right photo). 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.

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 10th at the Ced-Rel Supper Club starting at 4PM. Cost will be \$20 per person and reservations are due by Feb. 6th. This is a great chance for Sir Knights to treat your ladies to a very nice dinner. Please also invite any prospective 4rd Degree candidate and spouse to join us that day.

Reminders

Members are asked to help recruit new Sir Knights to this Assembly. The next local Exemplification will be on **Friday, April 26th at the State Convention in Coralville**. We have set a goal of **eight** new members for this year and we need everyone's help. *Supreme Council has announced that the six month waiting period for new members has been waived until further notice.* If you know someone who you think would be a good candidate please let the Membership Committee know as soon as possible.

Assembly Project

Sampson Assembly has taken over the responsibility of raising the flag of our country at St. Josephs Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Sir Knight John Graff (deceased) planned the layout of the flags on the grounds. Your Assembly has donated \$550 toward new flags and poles. Additional funds have been raised from local Councils and individual Knights. Although the flags are only up for a few days at a time, the wind can do a lot of damage. It is our commitment that Sampson Assembly will conduct itself with honor in raising, lowering and care of these 21 flags at the cemetery in the best traditions of the 4th Degree.



The next business meeting will be held on Monday, January 28 at John XXIII at 7PM.

Rosary will begin at 6:40. Agenda items shall include delegates to the District (State) Convention and the 4th Degree Exemplification. A light luncheon and cards will follow the conclusion of the meeting.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

SUN	Jan 6	Holiday Party @ St. Jude 5PM (Casual attire)
MON	Jan 28	Business Meeting/John XXIII @ 7PM
SUN	Feb 10	Valentine's Day Dinner Social at Ced-Rel @ 4:00PM
WED	Feb 13	Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)