



Knights of Columbus
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Patriotic degree of the Order.

Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
MARCH - APRIL, 2016

FROM THE NAVIGATOR

Sir Knights,

Approximately two weeks ago, we held the Valentine Day Social at the new St. Jude Parish Center. This was a joint celebration consisting of the Sampson, Gallagher and Bowen assemblies and it provided a great opportunity to honor and express our collective love and appreciation for the ladies that light our lives. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and entertainment.

Upon reflection, we conduct so many projects throughout the fraternal year; it can be easy to overlook or minimize the contributions of “our valentines”. They have provided unlimited support, great insight, and much physical labor in the execution of our projects; though perhaps their collective patience is their greatest virtue. To add personal insight, having just conducted the three separate Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships; the registration and scoring results were handled expertly by Paula Street (widow of Richard), Gloria Kouri (wife of Mauri), Bonnie Yount (wife of Russell), and Rhonda Tang (wife of yours truly). By no means discounting the contributions of several brother Knights; this program would not have succeeded without these “valentines”...thank you ladies!

The Order and we as individual Sir Knights are grateful for “OUR VALENTINES”.

Gene Tang

Faithful Navigator

Exemplification

There will be two 4th Degree Exemplifications this spring. The first will be in Davenport on Saturday March 12 [previously sent flyer] and the second at the State Convention in Des Moines on Friday, April 15. At the present time we have one applied candidate for our Assembly. The fee is still \$70 and this Assembly does not require any further dues payment for the balance of the year joined.

Honor Guards

Members of the Assembly Color Corps have opportunities to participate in Honor Guards over the next two months. We have been asked to participate in the St. Patrick’s Day parade, Eastern Iowa Special Olympics opening ceremonies, Honor Flight return welcoming as well as Liturgical celebrations as they occur. Members were present for the Confirmation held at St. Jude Parish on Friday, January 22.

Valentine's Day Social



Our third jointly held Valentine's Day Party was held on Sunday, February 14th at the new Parish Center at St. Jude. Couples enjoyed fellowship, refreshments, a dinner catered by Ruzicka's and musical entertainment by the Mike Lasack Band. This is always a fun time and it is our intent to provide a pleasant evening for all our special couples. These joint events renew old friendships and encourage fresh ones. We are always anxious to see you. Make plans to attend next year along with our other non

formal socials that are held throughout the year.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

TUE Mar 8	Council #11942 Business Meeting 7PM @ St. John XXIII
WED Mar 9	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
SAT Mar 12	4th Degree Exemplification in Davenport @ 1PM
THU Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day Parade, Cedar Rapids @ 1PM
TUE Mar 29	Business Meeting @ 7PM @ St. John XXIII
SAT Apr 9	East Central Iowa Special Olympics, Coe College @ 9AM
TUE Apr 12	Council #11942 Business Meeting 7PM @ St. John XXIII
WED Apr 13	Council #5544 Business Meeting 7PM @ St. Jude
FRI Apr 15	Exemplification at State Convention, Des Moines Marriott @ 1PM
MON Apr 18	Honor Flight, Eastern Iowa Airport, TBA

