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Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
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From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights:

Things have been a little bit busy lately and with spring (hopefully) just around the corner things will continue to stay active. We have just completed a couple of events this past month. Please be sure to not only recruit new members but attend the 4th Degree Exemplification coming up this month. There are more details later in the newsletter.

There will be more opportunities for Color Guard and Honor Guards. There will be parades and confirmations coming up. Please consider joining the Color Corps and get your regalia. If you have any questions in that regard, please feel free to contact myself or the Commander Jay Fields.

I can never say this enough. I am grateful for your participation and support to this Assembly.

Fraternally,

Nick Volk, FN

Seminarian Scholarship Fund For Military Chaplains

The Assembly held a Pancake Breakfast Benefit for the above cause on Sunday, February 16 at St. Jude Parish Center from 8AM – Noon. We had a good turnout and raised \$1,293.50 in gross proceeds. After the expenses were paid, the Assembly voted to donate an even \$1,000 to the District Master for this purpose. Special thanks to the workers that morning: Sir Knights Kurt Kinnion, John McGinness, Justin Norris, Chris Zaugg, Ed Faber, Mike Whitson, Russ Stocker, Josh Stocker, Harry Holland, Jeff Hanson, Jerry Mackey, John Fosdick and Nick Volk. Also helping was Curtis Schulz from Council #11942. Thanks to those of you who attended the breakfast and/or made financial donations. It was very successful and we should be proud of our efforts.

Membership

Faithful Comptroller Russ Stocker has mailed out the 2014 dues 2nd 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.



Valentine's Day Social

Our first jointly held Valentine's Day Party was held on Friday, February 14th at KC Council #5677. The weather was quite chilly that evening but a good time and a great meal was enjoyed by 56 Sir Knights and ladies. The program was a "Not So Newly-Wed" game which was quite

entertaining. We will try to hold a few other joint Assembly socials in the coming year.

Exemplification

The District Master has confirmed a request to hold a 4th Degree Exemplification this spring in Cedar Rapids on Saturday, March 15 at St. Pius X Parish. We need to finalize recruitment to add to our ranks. Our Assembly goal is eight new members so let's get to work and make this happen. If you need new application forms, please contact the Faithful Navigator or Admiral. The fee is still \$70 and this Assembly does not require any further dues payment for the balance of the year joined.

Business Meeting Notes

At the business meeting held February 25 the following Sir Knights were elected as delegates to the District Convention in Des Moines May 2: John McGinness and Gene Tang with Roger Henley and Ed Faber elected as Alternates. We also have two confirmed candidates for admission to our Assembly.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- TUES MARCH 11** *Council #11942 Business Meeting 7PM @ John XXIII*
- WED MARCH 12** *Council #5544 Business Meeting 7PM @ St. Jude*
- SAT MARCH 15** *Fourth Degree Exemplification/Social 2PM-6PM @ St. Pius X*
- MON MARCH 17** *St. Patrick's Day Parade @ 11AM*
- TUES APRIL 8** *Council #11942 Business Meeting @ John XXIII*
- WED APRIL 9** *Council #5544 Business Meeting 7PM @ St. Jude*
- SUN APRIL 20** *Easter (He Is Risen!)*
- TUES APRIL 22** *Assembly Business Meeting 7PM @ John XXIII/Honor Flight EIA*
- FRI MAY 2** *District Convention/Fourth Degree Exemplification Des Moines Marriott*

