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Newsletter Changes

Beginning with this newsletter, the frequency of its issuance will be changed from monthly to bi-monthly. We have initiated this change due to our ability to transmit information by other media methods. First of all, a great amount of time and effort has been spent developing a website for this Assembly. In it you will find a calendar of events, pictorials of activities, etc. Care is being taken to keep the website as up to date as possible. If you have not visited the website yet, please do so at your earliest convenience at www.sampson3179.org. In addition, fifty-three of our sixty-eight members currently receive the newsletter and are available to be updated by email. Obviously this allows us some flexibility in publishing the newsletter with a longer look ahead and still be able rapidly report information to our members when the need arises. We hope this will meet your approval and expectations.

Valentine's Day Social

A total of 24 Sir Knights, along with their spouses, friends and guests enjoyed an early evening of fun, food, and fraternity at our second Valentine's Day Dinner at the Ced-Rel Supper Club on February 13. Faithful Admiral Jim Nieman acted as the MC for the Marriage Game with prizes awarded for the most honest or "unique" responses to the randomly drawn questions. A total of 49 attended this fun activity. We were joined by four prospective members at this social whom were warmly welcomed by the Assembly Sir Knights and Ladies



The Assembly has tentatively booked the same venue for next year's celebration on Sunday, February 12, 2012. Mark your calendar now and join in on the fun.

Membership

Faithful Comptroller Russ Stocker still has a few members who have not remitted their 2011 dues. 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 the Financial Secretary of your Council and take care of this.

State Convention

At the business meeting held January 25th the following Sir Knights were elected as delegates to the District Convention in Coralville April 8th: Jay Fields and Dave Fry with John McGinness and Nick Volk elected as Alternates. A 4th Degree Exemplification honoring Bishop Amos of the Davenport Diocese will also be held on Friday, April 8th. At the present time we have five signed applications for admission and need about that many more. Please make an effort to recruit more new members to the 4th Degree. As there will not be an Assembly social in April, please use the banquet to be held on the 8th as our social. There is an attachment with this letter to order tickets for the Banquet/Dance. It's a short drive to Coralville and a great opportunity to welcome our new members as well the rest of the new class.

Color Corps

The Commander reports that are two requests for Color Guard coming up. One will be for will the St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 17th and the other for a Mass for the Unborn on the eve of the Annunciation, March 24th at St. Wenceslaus, Cedar Rapids. Watch the website and your email for more specific information about time and places. Please contact the Commander if you have obtained regalia and wish to be a part of the Corps.

The next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22 at John XXIII at 7PM.

Rosary will begin at 6:40. Agenda items shall include recruitment for the 4th Degree Exemplification. We will also go over some of the individual drill instructions for Honor Guard. A light luncheon and cards will follow the conclusion of the meeting.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

WED	March 9	Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)
THU	March 10	Council #11942 Meeting/St. Patrick, Fairfax @ 7:30PM
THU	March 17	St. Patrick's Day Parade, Cedar Rapids, assemble 12:30PM
SUN	March 20	2nd & 3rd Degree @ Council #909, Cedar Rapids, 1PM
TUE	March 22	Business Meeting/John XXIII @ 7PM
THU	March 24	Honor Guard/Mass for the Unborn/St. Wenc, assemble 6:30PM
FRI	April 8	District Convention/4th Degree Exemplification/Banquet – Coralville
WED	April 13	Council #5544 Meeting @ 7PM
THU	April 14	Council #11942 Meeting/St. Patrick, Fairfax @ 7:30PM
SUN	April 24	Easter (Alleluia, He Is Risen!)