



Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2015

*From the Faithful Navigator*

Sir Knights:

The year 2015 is upon us and our fraternal year is half way over. While we have had a busy first half there is more that awaits us. Our next social event will be our Valentine's Day dinner which is usually great fun. We will be holding the State Convention in Coralville this April so this will be a great chance to recruit new members to the Fourth Degree. I am sure that there will also be opportunities to form Honor Guards for liturgical celebrations, civic/patriotic activities, and unfortunately wakes and funerals. I am always grateful for all the service that you give to this Assembly and the Order in general.

Speaking of gratitude, I am very grateful to God for giving the Church two great leaders, Pope Francis and Archbishop Jackels. Both of these men are genuine, sincere, warm-hearted, prayerful, inviting, leaders of the local and universal Church. (Did I use enough adjectives?) It is easy to listen and reflect on their words, challenging us to make the world and our local communities more Christ like. May we eagerly respond to their leadership and accept that challenge.

Fraternally,

Nick Volk, FN

**Membership**

Faithful Comptroller Russ Stocker has mailed out the 2015 dues notices a few weeks back. Please make payment as soon as you can. A reminder to all gentlemen Sir Knights; that payment of your Fourth Degree dues is a conditional membership **provided your 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Council dues are current**. Please remit your Council dues timely to your Financial Secretary and take care of this.



Members of Honor Guard at Confirmation/St. Jude Parish, January 18, 2015.

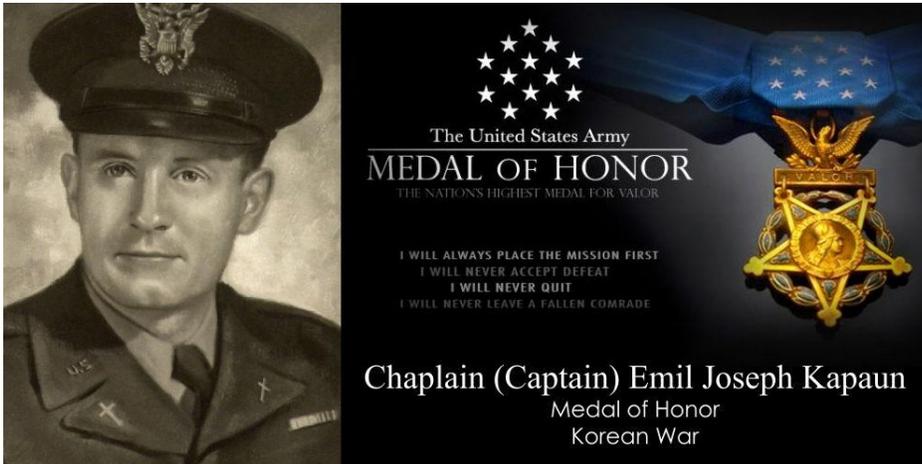
## Valentine's Day Social

Members are reminded that the next **formal** social will be our Valentine's Day Party to be held on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at KC Council #909 social starting at 4:00PM (Dinner is at 5 PM). This is a joint event with the other two local Assemblies. The final menu will be prime rib or chicken breast, potato, vegetable, salad, roll and dessert for \$18.00. This is a great chance for Sir Knights to treat your ladies to a very nice dinner. Please also invite any prospective 4<sup>th</sup> Degree candidate and spouse to join us that day.

## Exemplification

There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification this spring in Coralville on Friday, April 10 at State Convention. [See attached flyer]. We need to begin 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 Pilot. The fee is still \$70 and this Assembly does not require any further dues payment for the balance of the year joined.

## Father Emil Kapaun



We the members of this Assembly are proud to be named in honor of Msgr. Sampson in light of his service to both God and country. It has come to my attention the life of another Catholic chaplain whose cause for canonization is being considered. Father Emil Kapaun, a Kansas native, while a Chaplain with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup>

Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division was captured in the Battle of Unsan during the Korean War. There is not enough room to summarize all of his selfless acts of bravery along with his priestly duties. Father Kapaun died while a POW on 5/23/1951. He was declared a Servant of God by Pope John Paul II in 1993 and awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously by President Obama on 4/11/2013. We will be discussing Father Kapaun during the "Good of Order" part of our next meeting

## **UPCOMING CALENDAR**

<b>TUES Jan 13</b>	<b>Council #11942 Business Meeting 7PM @ St. John XXIII</b>
<b>WED Jan 14</b>	<b>Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude</b>
<b>TUES Jan 27</b>	<b>Business Meeting @ 7PM @ St. John XXIII</b>
<b>TUES Feb 10</b>	<b>Council #11942 Business Meeting 7PM @ St. John XXIII</b>
<b>WED Feb 11</b>	<b>Council #5544 Business Meeting 7PM @St. Jude</b>
<b>SUN Feb 14</b>	<b>Valentine's Day Dinner Social 4 PM @ Council #909 Hall</b>

