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Patriotic degree of the Order.

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

Worthy Sir Knights,

As I embark on a "tour of duty" as the Sampson Assembly Faithful Navigator, let me share some reflections from a brother Sir Knight's perspective. I enjoy being a member of the 4th Degree and specifically the Sampson Assembly for a myriad of reasons; and here are a few functions in no particular order.

The honor to demonstrate our principle of "PATRIOTISM" by our presence at numerous events, such as flag disposals, St. Patrick Day Parade Color Guard, Veterans Day Ceremonies, and being requested to present the Colors at Special Olympics, Pound the Ground, and Sweet Corn Fun Run. To the public we are the most visible members of the Knights of Columbus. We also serve at various liturgies for the Archbishop and our respective Pastors; post the cemetery flags on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day; venerate our fallen Sir Knights and support their families through visitation rosaries and funerals; salute our WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, and Middle East war heroes by greeting the Honor Flight returns: (talk about "touching the face of History!"); and share in the fun and revelry at our socials and family events.

I shall endeavor to follow in the footsteps of my esteemed predecessors.

Vivat Jesus,

Gene Tang
Faithful Navigator

Election of Officers 2015-16

On May 25th, the Assembly elected the following as Officers for the coming fraternal year: Faithful Navigator – Gene Tang; Faithful Admiral – Nick Volk; Faithful Captain – Jay Fields; Faithful Pilot – Roger Henley; Faithful Scribe – Jeff Hanson; Faithful Purser – Duane Panos; Faithful Comptroller – Russ Stocker; Faithful Inter Sentinel - Chris Zaugg; Faithful Outer Sentinel – Justin Norris and Faithful 3 YR Trustee – John McGinness. Faithful Trustees Bob Dahlgren and Jim Nieman have terms remaining. We are hopeful that Fr. Reasoner will continue as our Faithful Friar.

Tangible Memorial

As every member should know \$5.00 of your annual dues are held in a separate Chalice Memorial Fund to provide a tangible memorial upon your death. This is provided for by the Assembly stated in the by-laws adopted on April 26, 2010, under Article X, Section 2, Paragraph 2.

At the last monthly business meeting, the Chalice Committee reported that the costs of the usual tangible memorials of Chalice or Ciborium were costing around \$325-350 each. A Mass Travel Kit has been another memorial item to choose from. However, the cost of this item is approaching \$500. In order to provide some equity in the distribution of Chalice funds, the Committee has recommended that this option be eliminated from consideration.

As these are your funds, the Assembly has decided to defer until the September meeting for further discussion and a vote from the membership. If you have questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact any of the Chair officers (Navigator, Captain, Pilot or Admiral).

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

Rosary will begin at 6:40. This is several months away due to our two summer socials planned for July and August. .

UPCOMING CALENDAR

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| SAT July 4 | Independence Day |
| WED July 8 | Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7:00PM, St. Jude |
| TUE July 14 | Council #11942 Business Meeting @ 7:00PM, St. John XXIII |
| TUE Aug 11 | Council #11942 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. John XXIII |
| WED Aug 12 | Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7:00PM, St. Jude |
| FRI-SUN Aug 7-9 | St. Jude Sweet Corn Festival |
| SUN Aug 16 | Assembly Installation of Officers/Social, @ 6PM, St. Jude |

