



Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly Cedar Rapids, Iowa JULY-AUGUST 2011

Election of Officers

The following Sir Knights were duly elected on May 24 to their office for the Fraternal Year 2011-2012: Faithful Navigator – John McGinness; Faithful Captain – Nick Volk; Faithful Admiral – Jim Nieman; Faithful Comptroller – Russ Stocker; Faithful Pilot – Jay Fields; Faithful Purser – David Olberding; Faithful Scribe – David Fry; Faithful Outer Sentinel – Mike Toczykowski; Faithful Inner Sentinel - Gene Tang; Faithful Trustee (3 Yr) – Tim Tompas. *[Faithful Trustees Tom Auterman and Stan Scheiding have remaining years to their current term]*. Father Brian Dellaert has also graciously agreed to serve another year as our Faithful Friar. Good luck gentlemen in your new term of office. There will be an official Installation of Officers on Sunday, August 28 in the St. Jude Parish Center at 5PM. We are expecting either District Master Patrick O'Keefe or one of his Assistants to officiate. This will be a formal event and dinner social just as we have done in the past. We will send reminders next month to get your reservations when we know for sure the cost and the menu.



Color Corps Activities

The Assembly Color Corp was active during the past two months with participation in the Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery where nine Sir Knights were present. The Guard was also present for the Corpus Christi Mass and Eucharistic Procession at Blessed John XXIII Parish, St. Patrick's Church in Fairfax on Sunday June 26th where twelve Sir Knights reported. There are two requests for Honor Guards for the next few months. First will be the Opening Ceremonies and Presentation of Colors for the St. Jude Fun Run on August 13th. The second event will be the final

Mass at St. Patrick Church, Fairfax on Saturday, August 27th at the 4PM Mass. Archbishop Hanus will be the main celebrant.

Future Events

Please mark your calendars regarding a few events that are either confirmed or in the planning stages. The first event that is confirmed is the Assembly family BBQ which will be held on Sunday, July 31st at the Fairfax Park Pavilion at 5PM. The Assembly will provide the meat of either an Iowa Chop or a chicken breast. We will also have hot dogs for children and grandchildren. Please bring a dish to share along with your own beverage. In case of a storm we will move St. Patrick's Auditorium.

Future Events (Continued)

The next event that is still in the planning stage is the annual Chalice Presentation Mass and Social. This event is held jointly with the other two Assemblies in the area and our Assembly is the host this year. We have tentatively set the date for Sunday, November 7th at the 12 Noon Mass at St. Pius X Church, Cedar Rapids. The presentation ceremony and dinner will follow in the Parish Center. This will be a catered meal and a very fitting occasion to remember our departed Brother Sir Knights.

We have also been asked by the District Master to host a 4th Degree Exemplification next spring in Cedar Rapids. We will be working with the other two local Assemblies on this as well. As the State Convention is in Sioux City next year, this will be an opportune time to recruit additional deserving men into the Patriotic Degree. We will have more to report on this at a later date.

Declaration of Independence

On Independence Day, Americans celebrated their freedom with parades, parties and fireworks. We should pause to honor and remember the many "Founding Fathers" who made it possible. We all know the stories of the most famous leaders of that momentous era - Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, and John Adams will be remembered for time immemorial. Yet the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence in the summer of 1776 could not have known just how successful their effort would be. Rather, all they knew was that they



had committed High Treason against Great Britain and their sovereign, King George III, by signing their name to a document that renounced their allegiance to their mother country. "*We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor*" is Jefferson's final sentence; for over 20 of the signers, that pledge would take on a woeful meaning in the years after 1776. Nine signers paid the ultimate sacrifice - their lives - for the cause of Independence. Seventeen (almost 1 for every 3 who signed) lost every penny they had and every piece of property they owned. Yet not a single one reneged on their pledge to stand "for the support of this Declaration". We sometimes need to pause and reflect on if we sacrifice adequately to preserve what those founders gave us.

The next business meeting will be held on Monday, September 26th at John XXIII at 7PM.

Rosary will begin at 6:40. Please note that, because of the two summer socials, the next business meeting won't be until this fall. Also note that the meeting night has returned to Mondays due to facilities scheduling. A calendar will be made available on our website: www.sampson3179.org

UPCOMING CALENDAR

MON July 4	Independence Day
WED July 13	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
THU July 14	Council #11942 Business Meeting @ 7:30PM, Fairfax
SUN July 31	Family BBQ at Fairfax Park Pavilion @ 5PM
THU Aug 11	Council #11942 Business Meeting @ 7:30PM, Fairfax
FRI-SUN Aug 12-14	St. Jude Sweet Corn Festival
SUN Aug 28	Installation of Officers/Social @ 5PM, St. Jude