



Knights of Columbus
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Patriotic degree of the Order.

Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
JULY-AUGUST 2013

Election of Officers

On May 27th, the following Sir Knights were duly elected to their respective offices for the Fraternal Year 2013-2014. They are Faithful Navigator – Nick Volk; Faithful Captain – Jay Fields; Faithful Admiral – John McGinness; Faithful Comptroller – Russ Stocker; Faithful Pilot – Gene Tang; Faithful Purser – David Holland; Faithful Scribe – David Fry; Faithful Inner Sentinel – Kurt Kinion; Faithful Outer Sentinel - Chris Zaugg; Faithful Trustee (3 Yr) – Jim Nieman. *[Faithful Trustees Tom Auterman and Stan Scheiding have remaining years to their current term]*. The new Faithful Navigator is pleased to announce that Fr. Mark Reasoner has agreed to serve as our Faithful Friar for the year.

From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights:

I am truly honored to accept the office of Faithful Navigator for this Assembly for the Fraternal Year 2013-14. I take great comfort in knowing that the Assembly has been nobly and expertly lead by Sir Knight John McGinness these past three years. His outstanding leadership makes my assignment much easier and I am thankful of that.

The term Navigator is defined in Webster dictionary as someone who has the responsibility or is qualified to steer a course through a medium. Many times the meaning is to traverse, to find a route or a way. I think about this and am even more humbled by the responsibility.

My pledge to you Sir Knights is this; I will steer the Assembly to the best of my ability. I will strive at all times to follow the best traditions of the Patriotic Degree and to instill pride in each member of his civic duty to be informed and active citizens of our great nation.

Fraternally,

Nick Volk, FN

Independence Day

This July 4th marks the 237th anniversary of the birthday of our nation. It is day many in this country take for granted as another holiday. It is not. Speech writers and politicians called the American experience a “noble experiment”. As is usually the case, we are not perfect and we may not be done with the experimental part of our democracy. Let us all resolve to keep working to make this country as Abraham Lincoln once quipped “the last best hope on earth”. And above all, do it nobly!

Color Corps Activities

The Assembly Color Corp has had an active presence starting with farewell Mass for Archbishop Hanus on Sunday May 12 at St. Pius X. Color Guards were present at both Memorial Day Masses at St. Patrick's and Blessed John XXIII Churches. Finally, a total of fifteen Sir Knights from the three Assemblies participated at the Corpus Christi Mass and Eucharistic Procession at Immaculate Conception Parish, Cedar Rapids on Sunday June 2nd.



Summer Activities

The Assembly will have two summer activities beginning with the Family BBQ at the new Fairfax Complex Pavilion on Sunday, July 28 at 5PM. Meat will be provided so bring a dish to share. In August, our installation of officers will be held on Sunday the 25 at the St. Jude Parish Center at 5PM. The meal will be catered as in the past and is formal attire. This is the 5th installation of our Assembly so let's try to celebrate with a great turn out!

The next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at John XXIII at 7PM.

Rosary will begin at 6:40. Please note a couple of items. First it is several months away due to our two summer socials planned for July and August. The second is the change in day of the week. We will be going back to the 4th Tuesday. This is to coincide with the other two local assemblies meeting nights. This will allow us the opportunity to plan either joint meetings or activities without finessing each other calendars too much.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

THUR July 4	Independence Day
WED July 10	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
THUR July 11	Council #11942 Installation of Officers @ 6:00PM, @ John XXIII
SUN July 28	Assembly Family BBQ at Fairfax Complex Pavilion @ 5PM
FRI-SUN Aug 16-18	St. Jude Sweet Corn Festival
SUN Aug 25	Assembly Installation of Officers/Social, @ 5PM, St Jude

