



Knights of Columbus
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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

Sir Knights:

This will be my last message to you acting as your Faithful Navigator. It has been my privilege to serve such a great group of men. It has been a sad year for our Assembly with the passing of Sir Knights Dave Fry, Rob Stallman, James Nanneman and Ken Selzer. However our spirit and fraternity remains as strong as ever. Please continue to support this Assembly and your brother Sir Knights and families.

Please note that we will be electing new officers in May for the upcoming Fraternal Year. I have asked John McGinness, Gene Tang and Jeff Hanson to act as a Nominating Committee. If you have a desire to fill any the offices, please contact them. We will post the proposed slate for nomination 10 days prior to the election which will be May 25. Nomination will also be accepted at the meeting.

Finally, it has been my practice as Navigator to instill a commitment of the membership to be vigilant and engaged citizens of this great country. With that purpose I am reminded of a story. During the Constitutional Convention of 1787, citizens in Philadelphia were concerned about what government was being proposed by the delegation assembled. When a woman asked Benjamin Franklin what kind of government we would have he replied, "*A republic, if you can keep it.*"

The very definition of a republic is "a state where the Supreme power to govern rests in the body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by representatives chosen directly by them. Our government is supposed to represent the people's wishes and values, not those of the highest bidder. Our founders were insightful in that a true republic will take a concerted effort to maintain its highest purposes. Let us Sir Knights, be determined to "KEEP IT" and not let it be purchased!

Fraternally,

Nick Volk, FN

Membership

Msgr. Sampson Assembly is proud to welcome a new member who was conferred honors of the Fourth Degree at an Exemplification in Coralville on April 10. New Sir Knight Josh Phinney is a member of Council #5544. Congratulations and we are honored to have you be part of our Assembly!

Rest in Peace



The Assembly was saddened with the death of a faithful Sir Knight, Ken Selzer who went to his reward on April 16. Ken was an Honorary Life member of the Knights of Columbus and a strong and active member of both Council and Assembly. He was generous with both his treasure and his time for the Knights even when his health started to decline. In previous years, Sir Knight Ken was an active member of the Honor Guard and was proud to stand in full regalia. The Assembly expresses its deepest sympathy to his dear wife Mary Catherine and their three children. Eternal Rest Grant unto Him, O Lord and Your Perpetual

Light Shine Upon Him!

Patriotic Article

Be sure and take time to read the article in the May 2015 issue of Columbia. It has a really good article titled 'Brother Serving Brother' dealing with Catholic priests and sisters serving during the Civil War. The Knights can trace some of its roots to men who served in that conflict. The first Supreme Knight, James Mullen was a member of the 9th Connecticut Infantry mustered in from New Haven in the fall of 1861. Please take note of the photo on the cover. It is a picture of Fr. Thomas Mooney celebrating Sunday Mass for members of the 69th New York Infantry in camp. Notice a lady, probably an officer's wife, seated in the photo. This same photo was shown in our Assembly newsletter of Nov-Dec 2011.

The next business meeting will be held on Monday, May 25 at John XXIII at 7PM.

Rosary will begin at 6:40. Agenda items shall include election of Officers for the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year. This meeting will be brief as we will retire the colors at St. Joseph's Cemetery at dusk.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

TUE	May 12	Council #11942 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. John XXIII
WED	May 13	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
TUE	May 19	Honor Flight Eastern Iowa Airport @ 9PM
MON	May 25	Memorial Day Masses/Honor Guard, St. Joe's & St. Pat's Cemeteries @ 9AM
MON	May 25	Business Meeting/Election of Officers/St. John XXIII @ 7PM
TUE	June 9	Council #11942 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. John XXIII
WED	June 10	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
SUN	June 14	Flag Day
TUE	June 23	Business Meeting/St. John XXIII @ 7PM

