



**Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
MAY - JUNE, 2016**

From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights,

With Memorial Day behind us and as Flag Day approaches, we proudly fly our flags at the cemetery and at home. We should give pause to honor the ultimate sacrifice of those brave men and women who died in defense of our country and to reflect on the timeline of that grand old flag:

May 1776 – Betsy Ross reports sewing the 1st American Flag (her major design contribution = choice of 5 point star vs. 6 point star suggested by committee)

June 14, 1777 – Continental Congress adopts resolution that the U.S. Flag consist of 13 alternating red/white stripes and 13 white stars appearing on a blue field. As states were added, stars were reconfigured to a rectangular pattern in 1818 (20 stars), 1912 (48 stars) and 1960 (50 stars)

September 14, 1814 – Francis Scott Key writes “The Star Spangled Banner” during the U.S. vs. British battle at Fort McHenry Maryland (becomes National Anthem in 1931)

December 28, 1846 – Iowa becomes the 29th star

July 20, 1969 – The flag is planted on the moon by Neil Armstrong

September 11, 2001 – World Trade Center Flag survives and becomes a symbol of sacrifice in service, loss, and determination

2010 – U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declares “Under God” in “Pledge of Allegiance” is constitutional and serves to unite our nation

Gene Tang

Faithful Navigator

Membership

Msgr. Sampson Assembly is proud to welcome a new member who was conferred honors of the Fourth Degree at an Exemplification in Des Moines on April 15. New Sir Knight Steve Fuller is a member of Council #11942. Congratulations and we are honored to have you be part of our Assembly!



Honor Guards

Members of the Assembly were busy during the past month serving as Honor Guards at a number of activities. These include the following: Eastern Iowa Airport Honor Flight (May 18) Nick Volk, Gene Tang and Jim Neiman; Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Aaron Junge (May 29) John McGinness, Gene Tang, Nick Volk, Jay Fields, Chris Zaugg, and Bob Dahlgren; Memorial Day Mass(May 31) @ St. Patrick's Fairfax: John McGinness, Nick Volk, Dave McNamara, Roy VanDorston, Roger Henley, Rick Zettler and Steve Fuller. Members also participated at the Memorial Day Mass at St. Jude.

Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the Assembly has proposed the following members for election to offices for the next Fraternal Year. They are: Faithful Navigator – Gene Tang; Faithful Captain – Roger Henley; Faithful Pilot – Chris Zaugg; Faithful Scribe – Jeff Hanson; Faithful Purser – Duane Panos; Faithful Comptroller – Russ Stocker; Faithful Inner Sentinel – Rick Zettler; Faithful Outer Sentinel – Dave Olberding; Faithful Admiral – Nick Volk; and Faithful Trustee – Jim Nieman. The election for these officers will be held at the next meeting, June 28. Additional nominations may be made at the meeting.

Summer Activities

Please keep the Assembly and our summer activities on your list of things to do. The Assembly will be hosting the joint Installation of Officers/Social with the other two local Assemblies in July. Once we get confirmation from the District Master we will alert you. We are also planning a summer BBQ probably in late August after the Sweet Corn Festival is completed. This will be a casual event and open to prospective members of our Councils. Remember that there are plans underway to have a 4th Degree Exemplification in Marion in October. We need to recruit new members now!

The next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28 at John XXIII at 7PM.

Rosary will begin at 6:40. Agenda items shall include election of Officers for the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year. Also on the agenda will be discussion of our summer activities.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

WED	June 8	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
TUE	June 14	Council #11942 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. John XXIII
TUE	June 14	Flag Day
TUE	June 28	Business Meeting/St. John XXIII @ 7PM (Election of Officers)
MON	July 4	Independence Day
TUE	July 12	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
WED	July 13	Council #11942 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. John XXIII
SUN	July 17	Installation of Officers/Social (Tentative) 5PM @ St. Jude