



Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly Cedar Rapids, Iowa MAY-JUNE 2011

Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee has been working on a slate of officers to be elected at the May business meeting for the Fraternal Year 2011-2012. The candidates to be nominated are as follows: 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]*. Any additional nominations for these offices will be taken from the floor at this meeting.

New Sir Knights

Six new members to our Assembly were knighted at the exemplification held during the State Convention April 8 in Coralville. They are Jack Devones and Josh Stocker from Council #11942 Fairfax; Fred Wilcox, Justin Roberts and Paul Swanson from Council #5544, Cedar Rapids and Jim Zachar from Council #14952 also of Cedar Rapids.



Color Corps Activities

The Assembly Color Corp was active during the past two months with participation in the St. Patrick and St. Joseph's Day parades in Cedar Rapids and the Mass for the Unborn on the eve of the Annunciation on March 24. Twenty-one Sir Knights from all three Assemblies were also at the Honor Flight return at the Eastern Iowa Airport on April 26 greeting the WWII veterans. Finally, requests for Honor Guard have been made for Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery at 9AM on May 30 and for the Corpus Christi

Mass and Eucharistic Procession at Blessed John XXIII Parish, St. Patrick's Church in Fairfax on Sunday June 26th at 10AM.

The History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, it was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead.

Shirt Orders

Several Sir Knights have again asked about purchasing a shirt from the Assembly. In case you haven't seen it, here is a look. These polos come from Land's End and can be purchased for \$30. We can also get long sleeved sports twill shirts for the same price. We would like to take advantage of pricing breaks with the difference going into the Assemblies General Account. We will be taking orders over the next few months and will place the order when advantageous to us. You will pay for the shirt when you pick it up. Please contact Nick Volk with your size and we'll get a shirt ordered for you.



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

Rosary will begin at 6:40. Agenda items shall include election of Officers for the 2011-2012 Fraternal Year, Memorial Day observances and other summer activities. Please bring your ideas and suggestions. A light luncheon and cards will follow the conclusion of the meeting.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

TUE May 24	Business Meeting/Election of Officers/John XXIII @ 7PM
MON May 30	Memorial Day Mass with Honor Guard, St. Joseph Cemetery
WED June 8	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
THU June 9	Council #11942 Business Meeting @ 7:30PM, Fairfax
TUE June 14	Flag Day
SUN June 26	Corpus Christi Mass/Procession 10 AM St. Patrick Green - Fairfax
TUE June 28	Business Meeting/John XXIII @ 7PM