



Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly Cedar Rapids, Iowa MAY-JUNE 2013

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 2013-2014. The candidates to be nominated are as follows: 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].* Any additional nominations for these offices will be taken from the floor at this meeting.

Color Corps Activities

The Assembly Color Corp was active during the past two months with participation in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Cedar Rapids, Mass for the Unborn on April 8, and the Special Olympics Opening Ceremony on April 20. Sixteen Sir Knights from all three Assemblies were also at the Honor Flight return at the Eastern Iowa Airport on April 23 greeting the WWII and Korean War veterans. Finally, requests for Honor Guard have been made for Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery and St. Patrick Cemetery, Fairfax on May 27 both at 9 AM. There is another Honor Flight taking place on May 21 and a Corpus Christi Mass and Eucharistic Procession at Immaculate Conception Parish, Cedar Rapids on Sunday June 2nd at 9AM Mass.



The History of Arlington Cemetery

As Memorial Day nears, the following is a brief early history about our country's best known cemetery.

Arlington National Cemetery is located on Confederate General Robert E. Lee's confiscated estate. Days after resigning from the U.S. Army on April 20, 1861, to take command of Virginian forces in the Civil War, Robert E. Lee left the Arlington estate where he had married Mary Lee and lived for 30 years. He would never return. After Virginia seceded from the Union on May 23, 1861, Union troops crossed the Potomac River from the national capital and occupied the 200-acre property and house that been built by George Washington Parke Custis, Mary's father and the step-grandson of George Washington. After Mary Lee, confined to a wheelchair, sent a representative instead of appearing personally to pay a \$92.07 tax bill, the government seized the property in 1864. With the nation's capitol teeming with dead soldiers



and out of burial space, Quartermaster General Montgomery C. Meigs formally proposed Arlington as the location of a new military cemetery. On May 13, 1864, the first soldier was buried at Arlington. To ensure the house would forever be uninhabitable for the Lees, Meigs directed graves to be placed as close to the mansion as possible, and in 1866 he ordered the remains of 2,111 unknown Civil War soldiers killed on battlefields near Washington, D.C., to be placed inside a vault in the Lees' rose garden.

New Sir Knights

Two new members to our Assembly were knighted at the Exemplification held during the State Convention April 26 in Coralville. They are shown from L-R Roger Henley (& Judy) from Council #11942 Fairfax; and Justin Norris (& Tamara) from Council #5544, Cedar Rapids. Congratulations, Sir Knights and Ladies!



The next business meeting will be held on Monday, May 27 at John XXIII at 7PM.

Rosary will begin at 6:40. Agenda items shall include election of Officers for the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year. This meeting will be brief as we will retire the colors at St. Joseph's Cemetery at dusk.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

SUN May 12	Mass with Honor Guard for Abp Jerome Hanus, St. Pius X Church @ 12 Noon
TUE May 21	Honor Flight Eastern Iowa Airport
MON May 27	Memorial Day Masses with Honor Guard, St. Joe's & St. Pat's Cemeteries @ 9AM
MON May 27	Business Meeting/Election of Officers/John XXIII @ 7PM
WED June 12	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
THU June 13	Council #11942 Business Meeting @ 7:30PM, Fairfax
FRI June 14	Flag Day
TUE June 24	Business Meeting/John XXIII @ 7PM

