



**Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
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From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights,

I have written previously about the origin and meaning of Veteran's Day; so will try to minimize duplication. As the 4th Degree Principle is dedicated to Patriotism and Veteran's Day is fast approaching, it seems fitting to address the obvious connection. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month 1918, an armistice was declared between the Allied Nations and Germany, and ultimately the end of World War I. Following World War II, it became known as Veteran's Day, a holiday dedicated to American Veterans of all wars (living and dead); contrasting Memorial Day which is dedicated to our war dead.

We 4th Degree Knights have personified this principle in many ways and let us recount just some of those profound moments: We have had the honor of presenting the Flag in the Saint Patrick Day parade; have provided honor guards for St. John XXIII Pumpkin Festival, St. Jude Sweet Corn Festival, and Pound the Ground races at Xavier High School, attended the Special Olympics, flown the flags and stood guard during Memorial Day mass at St. Patrick and St. Joseph Cemeteries, and participated in Veteran's Day festivities at the Veterans Coliseum . We have joined in welcoming our war heroes returning from Honor Flights...it is absolutely beyond compare to look into the individual faces of American History and accept their heartfelt appreciation.

Let me conclude by presenting some varied patriotic quotations:

*"If we ever forget that we are 'One Nation under God', then we will become a nation gone under..."
Ronald Reagan, U.S. President and son of 4th Degree Knight*

*"It was my duty to shoot the enemy, and I don't regret it. My regrets are for the people I couldn't save: Marines, Soldiers, and buddies. I'm not naïve and don't romanticize war. The worst moments of my life have come as a Navy SEAL; but I can stand before God with a clear conscience about doing my job..."
Chris Kyle, Navy SEAL – The American Sniper*

*"Let every nation know whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, and oppose any foe; to assure the survival and success of liberty..."
John F. Kennedy, U.S. President and 4th Degree Knight.*

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America,

Gene Tang, FN



Chalice Dinner/Memorial Mass

On Sunday, November 1, the Assembly joined with Bowen and Gallagher Assemblies to hold our annual Memorial Mass and Chalice Dinner. This year's event was held at St. Pius X, Cedar Rapids at the 11:00 Mass. We recognized our recent departed Sir Knight Ken Selzer with a Chalice as per his wishes. We also remember our other departed Sir Knights: Father Tom Schwinn; John Graff, Leo Morrissey, WeNanneman. Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord!



Presenting to Mary Cathrine Selzer, widow of Sir Knight Ken Selzer, is Faithful Navigator Gene Tang.

Membership/Recruitment

Faithful Comptroller Russ Stocker will begin sending dues notices for 2016 during the month of December. Please try to remit you payment in a timely manner. You are again reminded that your 4th Degree membership is contingent upon being in good standing with your Council dues as well. We have been requested by the new District Master to host an Exemplification possibly March of 2016. More details to come.

Holy Days Party

We are in the planning stages for a Christmas season party for the Assembly. We will give you the details as soon as things are finalized.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

TUE	Nov 10	Council #11942 Business Meeting 7PM @ St. John XXIII
WED	Nov 11	Veteran's Day & Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM St. Jude
THU	Nov 26	Thanksgiving
TUE	Dec 8	Council #11942 Business Meeting 7PM @ St. John XXIII
WED	Dec 9	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
FRI	Dec 25	Christmas Day

***PLEASE NOTE! NO MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER, 2015
DUE TO THE HOLIDAY SEASONS!***