



Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly Cedar Rapids, Iowa NOVEMBER 2010

Sir Knights:

The month of November is a time to remember and to pray for our beloved dead. Numerous opportunities abound for us as Catholic gentlemen and Knights of Columbus to do just that. Please make a special effort to attend your parish Masses of Remembrance as well as Memorial Masses for your respective Council's. The annual Chalice Presentation Mass held by the three local Assemblies will be held this Sunday, November 7 at Immaculate Conception following the 5:30 Mass.

Right: Faithful Captain Nick Volk & Faithful Navigator John McGinness pay respects at the grave of Sir Knight Father Thomas J. Schwinn



Sir Knights are also reminded of Veteran's Day celebrations and activities. While many of us can use the day off work to get some last minute fall clean up chores done, let us all try to make Mass that day to remember all of our Veterans. We need to pray for the safety of our service men and women in harm's way; the comfort and good health of veterans in the twilight years of their life; and the final peace of those you gave the last full measure of their devotion to our Country.

Get Connected!

Faithful Pilot Jay Fields with immense assistance from Fred Wilcox of Council #5544 have put the finishing touches on a web site for our Assembly. The address is www.sampson3179.org and you should bookmark this as one of your favorites. The assembly plan is to keep the site current with calendar of events, newsletters, photos and reminders. If you feel that you have missed an email alert or a newsletter, go to the site and get informed. We will also have links to the websites of both our local Councils, parishes and State and Supreme sites. We think you will be impressed with the content and design. Great job gentlemen!

There is no business meeting for either November or December, due to the Chalice Presentation Social and other Holiday activities. The Assembly has tentatively set the "Christmas" party for January 9th at St. Jude at 5PM. Sir Knights Jerry Mackey and Gene Tang have graciously accepted an "invitation" to plan this event. It was great fun last year and please plan to attend!

Meeting Notes

The Assembly agreed to sponsor the KofC Youth Essay program on Responsible Citizenship in Today's Society. The essay for this year will be in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Inaugural address of Sir Knight President John F. Kennedy. Funding for the prizes will be in the form of (5) \$100 E-Bonds for the winners of the five age groups selected from essays submitted from high school students of our participating parishes. A maximum of \$250 has been approved to cover this commitment by vote of the members present.



Also approved was a donation toward the cost of the Incarnation Dome at the basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. The Order committed \$1 million to the dome and had asked Fourth Degree Assemblies to raise half the amount. The vote of the members was to donation \$3 per member as of the 6/30/10 roster or \$210.00.

Left: Sir Knight John McGinness took this picture of the Dome while attending the Supreme Convention as a delegate for the State of Iowa this past summer.

Finally, Faithful Captain Nick Volk presented a discussion topic at the October meeting centering on the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. A lively and informed discussion was held by the members and all agreed that it was worthwhile. We will continue with the same format on another topic at the January and March meetings, 2011.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

SUN	November 7	Chalice Presentation Mass and Social 5:00 PM @ Immaculate Conception, after Mass
THUR	November 11	Veterans Day
SUN	November 21	Second & Third Degree at #5390 @ 1PM
THUR	November 25	Thanksgiving

