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Msgr. Francis L. Sampson Assembly
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From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights:

As I edit this newsletter the calendar reminds me that in November, two events are celebrating milestone anniversaries. The first is solemn and probably etched in many of our memories; the death of Sir Knight and President John F. Kennedy on 11/22/1963, now 50 years ago. Who can forget those horrible four days when our nation's leader was killed, honored and then laid to rest? Our country has recovered from that tragedy and I pray will never experience it again.

The second event is the 150th anniversary of the famous Gettysburg address. Four months after the great battle, the State of Pennsylvania wished to establish a military cemetery to honor the many dead who were hastily buried there. Many dignitaries and a famous orator were invited to edify the dedication. A late invitation was extended to President Lincoln to make a few remarks. After this short speech many in the press were initially unimpressed. But to reread these words with purpose and savor their meaning, it is easy to understand why this is one of the greatest speeches ever written in American history.

ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE DEDICATION OF THE CEMETERY AT GETTYSBURG. November 19. 1863

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

May we be resolved in our duty to honor those who have fought to keep us a country governed of, for and by the people. While we know that our work is always unfinished, let us rededicate ourselves to the ideals of equality and freedom that this nation gave so much to preserve.

Fraternally,

Nick Volk, FN

Chalice Dinner/Memorial Mass

On Sunday, November 10, the Assembly will join with Bowen and Gallagher Assemblies to hold the annual Memorial Mass and Chalice Dinner. This year's event will be held at St. Patrick's, Cedar Rapids at the Noon Mass. This is a formal event and those in regalia are encouraged to attend. The dinner will be catered as usual at \$12.50 per person and you may pay at the door. Please give the Faithful Navigator your reservations by Nov 5th. We wish to remember our departed Sir Knights: Father Tom Schwinn; John Graff and Leo Morrissey at this time. Eternal Rest, O Lord!

Veteran's Day Activities

On Veteran's Day, November 11, the local assemblies will have a memorial service at Veteran's Coliseum, Cedar Rapids at Noon. If you have the holiday off, please help us remember our Veteran's for an hour of your time. This is to also remind members of our commitment to tend the flags at St Joseph's Cemetery on certain holidays. A group has agreed to raise and retire the colors for the weekend of 11-8/11-11. Thank you, Sir Knights for your dedication!

Exemplification

The District Master has confirmed a request to hold a 4th Degree Exemplification this spring in Cedar Rapids on Saturday, March 15 at St. Pius X Parish. We need to begin recruitment to add to our ranks. Our Assembly goal is eight new members so let's get to work and make this happen. If you need new application forms, please contact the Faithful Navigator or Pilot. The fee is still \$70 and this Assembly does not require any further dues payment for the balance of the year joined.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

SUN	Nov 10	Chalice Mass and Dinner, St Patrick's – Cedar Rapids @ Noon
MON	Nov 11	Veteran's Day Celebration, Veterans Coliseum, Cedar Rapids @ Noon
TUES	Nov 12	Council #11942 Business Meeting 7PM @ John XXIII
WED	Nov 13	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
THU	Nov 28	Thanksgiving
TUES	Dec 10	Council #11942 Business Meeting 7PM @ John XXIII
WED	Dec 11	Council #5544 Business Meeting @ 7PM, St. Jude
WED	Dec 25	Christmas Day



*Lincoln Speech
Memorial at
National Cemetery,
Gettysburg, PA*