



City of Cambridge

9.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 3, 1999

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: This day the City Council honors a departed son of Cambridge, Francis P. Cunningham; and

WHEREAS: Francis was born on February 3, 1925 to Clarence and Margaret (Munster) Cunningham; he was baptized "Francis Edward," but at his confirmation, his paternal grandmother asked him to change Edward to Patrick, and so he became Francis Patrick for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS: Francis served his country during World War II in 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS: On November 10, 1951 Francis was married to the love of his life, Mary J. Avery, by the Reverend Aloyious R. Finn at the Blessed Sacrament Church; and

WHEREAS: The marriage of Francis and Mary was blessed by four wonderful children, Janet Elizabeth (Cunningham) Mahoney, Edward Joseph Cunningham, Jean Marie Cunningham and Francis Patrick Cunningham, Jr.; and

WHEREAS: Over time, as these children grew and started families of their own, Francis and Mary became the proud grandparents of Stephen Richard, Jessica Anne and Erin Elizabeth Mahoney, Brandon Edward Cunningham and Edward Raymond Vigeant; and

WHEREAS: Francis was a dedicated employee of the City of Cambridge Department of Public Works for forty-two years until his retirement in 1987; he spoke often of his experiences with the DPW, particularly his work as a dispatcher directing personnel and vehicles to their destinations during the famous Blizzard of 1978; and

WHEREAS: Francis was an active participant in his community; he was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8818, the Massachusetts Elks Association and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 74, in which he served as a Grand Knight and financial secretary; and

WHEREAS: Francis had many interests and hobbies; he collected baseball cards, stamps and coins; he loved reading, working cross word puzzles, calling bingo and playing cards; and

WHEREAS: Francis loved his family, his community and his country, and all three benefited from his service and dedication; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby names the corner of Erie Street and Pearl Street **Francis P. Cunningham Square** in his honor; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Cunningham family at the dedication ceremony on Sunday, September 26, 1999 on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 3, 1999.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

5/3/99

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W/A Over time, ^{as} these children grew and started families of their own, Francis and Mary

became the proud grandparents of Stephen Richard, Jessica Anne and Erin Elizabeth Mahoney, Brandon Edward Cunningham and Edward Raymond Vigant; and

W/A Francis was a dedicated employee of the City of Cambridge Department of Public Works for 42 years until his retirement in 1982; he spoke often of his experiences with the DPW, particularly his work as a dispatcher directing personnel and vehicles to their destinations during the ^{January} Blizzard of 1978; and

W/A Francis was an active participant in his community; ~~among them~~ he was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8818, the Massachusetts Elks Association and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 74, ⁱⁿ which he served as a Grand Knight and financial secretary; and

W/A Francis ~~also~~ had many interests and hobbies; he collected baseball cards, stamps and coins; he loved reading, ^{working} crossword puzzles, calling Bingo and playing cards; and

W/A Francis loved his family, his community and his country, and all three benefited from his

services and dedication, now therefore be it

Resolved: That the City Council hereby names the corner of Erie Street and Pearl Street Francis P. Connerlynn Square in his honor; and be it further

Resolved: SEC yn presentation at the dedication ceremony on Sunday, September 26, 1999

9/26/99.

617-492-7225

Mrs. Mary Cunningham

Francis Cunningham was born on February 3, 1925
in Boston to Clarence and Margaret (Munster) Cunningham.

At Baptism, he was given the name
Francis Edward Cunningham, when he made the
Sacrament of Confirmation, his paternal Grandmother
asked ^{him} to take the name Patrick and to drop the
name Edward and so he went through life known
as Francis Patrick Cunningham.

To her Mom and Dad and Sister ^{Margaret} he was known
and called "Brother" and to his friends and colleagues
he was known as "Fran".

Francis married Mary J. Avery on November 10, ¹⁹⁵¹
at Blessed Sacrament Church by the
Rev. Aloysius R. Finn, who was pastor at
the time.

He was the proud father of four children

Janet Elizabeth (Cunningham) Mahoney

Edward Joseph Cunningham

Jean Marie Cunningham
Francis Patrick Cunningham, jr

His Grandchildren are five

Stephen Richard

Jessica Anne

and Erin Elizabeth Mahoney

Brandon Edward Cunningham

Edward Raymond Vigant

His Son-in-law Steve Mahoney and
daughter-in-law Maureen Scannell

Military Service

Francis enlisted in the United States
Army on May 4, 1943 in Boston

Records are enclosed.

He was employed by the City of Cambridge
Public Works Division. He retired from the

in 1987 after 42 yrs of ^{dedicated} service. He was given the title of Stone Letter when he first began working for the Department of Public Works. He became a Civil Service foreman (date I do not remember) for the City of Cambridge. He also moon-lighted and drove truck for the N.A. Sullivan trucking Company. He particularly enjoyed the opportunity of dispatcher who directed men and vehicles to their destinations during the famous Blizzard of 1978.

He belonged to various organizations, he was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign War 8818 Huron Ave The Massachusetts Elks Association of which he was a member - ^{also} Retired Mens Club of Arlington

The Knights of Columbus #74 - ^{Council} He was a Grand Knight and at the time of his passing he was Financial Secretary.

Hobbies included Collecting Baseball cards - Stamp collector. Coin collector.

Reading, working cross word puzzles, watching a good mystery - Calling Bingo, playing Cards & traveling to Las Vegas and Atlantic City.



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RESOLVED: That the corner of Pearl and Erie Streets be named the "**Francis P. Cunningham Square;**" and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

DATE:

4/29/99

(9)

TIME:

11:12 a m

COUNCILLOR:

Sullivan

BIRTHDAY:

BIRTH:

DEATH:

MARRIAGE:

ANNIVERSARY:

BACKGROUND IN

NEWSPAPER

NAME:

Dedication to name the corner of Pearl and Erie Streets as Francis P. Cunningham Sq.

Message taken by:

Doris



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Consent Order #9

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Councillor Sullivan re: dedicate the
corner of Pearl and Erie Streets the
"Francis P. Cunningham Square."

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ORDER ADOPTED