



Reverend Vincent Robert Capodanno Sir Knights

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Assembly 3243 Highlights for April, 2026

The Assembly remains very active in our parishes and community. Some of the highlights include:

- Ten new Sir Knights have joined Assembly 3243. We welcome and encourage them to be involved with Assembly events and to join the Honor Guard.
- Assembly 3243 has increased the number of Honor Guards to 10. The Honor Guard has served in many community and parish events during the year.
- Assembly 3243 received the Civic and Star Assembly Awards for 2024-2025.
- Our Assembly remains on track to receive the Star Assembly award for the current fraternal year.

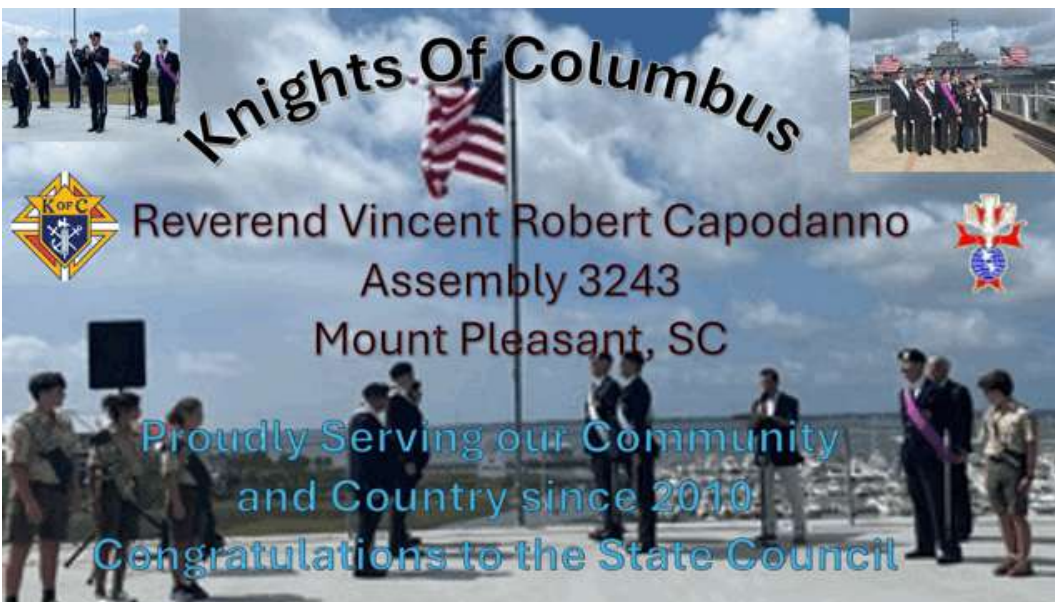
The theme for the year is **America250**. In 2026, the United States of America will commemorate the 250 Anniversary of our founding and Declaration of Independence. **America250** is a nonpartisan initiative working to engage every American in the 250th anniversary of the United States. See <https://america250.org>.

Faithful Navigator, Kurt Denner

The **105th State Convention** – was held on May 1-3, 2026 in Greenville, SC. Faith Navigator, Kurt Denner and Faith Commander, Robert Brennan attended, representing Council 9475 and Assembly 3243. State Treasurer, SK Joe Nesbitt and District 18 Deputy, SK Matt Feltman also attended.



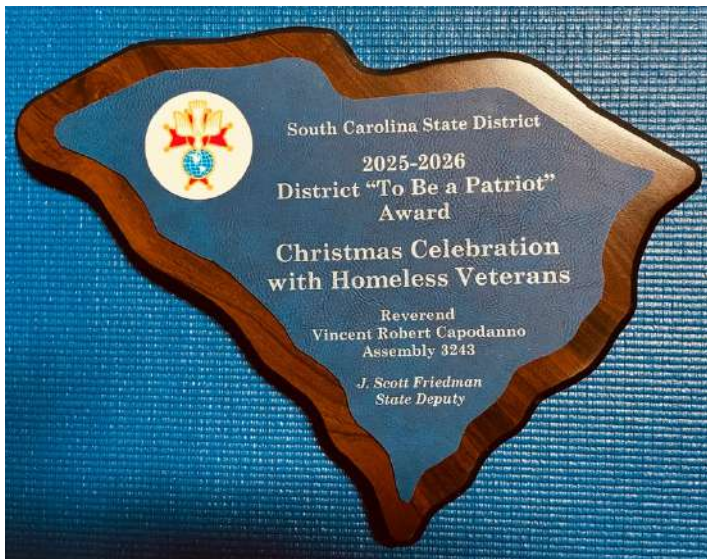
Clockwise: Assembly 3243 and Council 9475 Banners, State Table, FN Denner carried the Assembly Banner, FC Brennan carried the Council Banner, Assembly 3243 ad.





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South Carolina State District 2025-2026 "To Be a Patriot" Award winner Assembly 3243!!!

During the 2025 State Convention, Assembly 3243 was awarded the District's "To Be a Patriot" Award for the Christmas Celebration with Homeless Veterans. Additionally, Assembly 3243 has an opportunity to be nominated to Supreme for a national award.

Here is the write-up that was submitted for the Award:

On December 21, 2025, Sir Knights from the Reverend Vincent Robert Capodanno Assembly 3243, in Mount Pleasant, S.C., sponsored a Christmas celebration with homeless Veterans staying at the Lowcountry Veterans Home on James Island, S.C. After introductions were

made, a blessing was given by Sir Knight Deacon Kevin Campbell. A wonderful meal was brought to the home by the Sir Knights and their wives and served to the 15 Veterans staying at the home. The meal consisted of hand-made pasta, courtesy of Sir Knight Scott Migli, 2 cooked hams, courtesy of Sir Knight Mark McCabe, homemade mac & cheese, courtesy of Sir Knight Kurt Denner's wife Mary, green beans, bread, salad, drinks and multiple deserts.

After the delicious meal, the Sir Knights and the Veterans gathered in the large living room. Faithful Navigator Kurt Denner thanked the Veterans for their service and sacrifice to our country. He also gave a background on the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree and Reverend Capodanno's service as a Chaplain during the Vietnam War where he was killed in action and later was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Assembly 3243 Sir Knights then presented Christmas bags full of clothing items to the Veterans. The gift bags included warm jackets, sweat-pants, long-sleeved shirts, hoodies, hats, gloves, socks and underwear. The Veterans all appreciated the warm new clothing items that were in their sizes. Afterwards, the Veterans and Sir Knights mingled and got to know each other.

It was truly a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas and support some great men who have sacrificed so much for us to live in Freedom. Almost all of the food and Christmas gifts were donated

by Sir Knights of Assembly 3243. This will be a start to a long and lasting relationship between Assembly 3243 and the Lowcountry Veterans Home.

Upcoming Events

- Honor Guard at St. Benedict's confirmation with Bishop Jacques on May 12, 2026 (6:00PM).
- Cookout for Homeless Veterans at LCVH on May 23, 2026 starting at Noon.
- Assembly 3243 meeting, May 27, 2026 starting at 6:00pm with a cookout. Father Spencer will give a reflection on his Navy service.

Capodanno Corner

- In Jan. 2026, U.S. Marines assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit conducted a battlefield visit in Vietnam to the site of Operation Swift, where Father Vincent died, to honor the legacy of those who fought there.
- In Dec. 2025, a new statue of Father Vincent was unveiled at the intersection of Seaview Avenue and Father Capodanno Boulevard on Staten Island, NY.