



Reverend Vincent Robert Capodanno Sir Knights

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Assembly 3243 Highlights for June, 2026

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

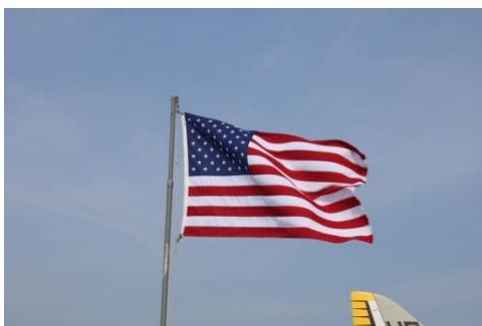
- On June 14, 2026 members of the Assembly Honor Guard and other Sir Knights performed a ceremony on the USS Yorktown to retire the American flag on the flight deck and replace it. We were joined by Sir Knights in other local assemblies. See the articles in the newsletter.
- On Friday, June 19, 2026, members of the Honor Guard participated as four transitional deacons were ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Charleston, South Carolina.
- The installation of the new fraternal year Assembly 3243 Officers took place on June 25, 2026 at Grace Hall in Christ Our King.

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

Flag Day on the USS Yorktown, June 14, 2026. Members of the Assembly 3243 Honor Guard, Sir Knights from 3243 and Sir Knight's from other local assemblies, performed Flag Day on the flight deck of the USS Yorktown for the fourteenth year in a row. This year's event consisted of powerful speeches, the singing of the National Anthem, retiring the old flag, presenting it to a Veteran of the United States Armed Services and raising a new flag. The ceremony was covered by two local news stations and segments were broadcast on the air. Many thanks need to be given for this tremendous event and here are some notable people to mention:

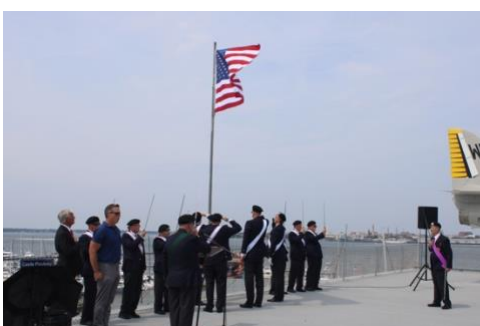
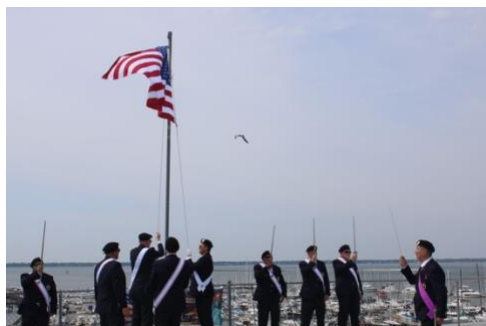
- Assembly 3243 Commander SK Robert Brennan, who organized the event.
- SK Bob Thetreault, with assistant from SK Wayne Hutzel, for the flag folding.
- District Deputy SK Matt Feltman for leading the lowering, presenting and raising of the flag.
- SK DJ Thatcher for emceeing the event and bring the audio equipment.
- SK David Hood for taking the excellent pictures of the event.
- District Marshall SK James Roche for the reading the meaning of the folds.
- Major General Mike Regner for delivering the keynote speech.





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The Meaning Behind the 13 Folds

- The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
- The 2nd fold signifies our belief in eternal life.
- The 3rd fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.
- The 4th fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.
- The 5th fold is an acknowledgement to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie, that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

- The 7th fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.
- The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
- The 9th fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
- The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.
- The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.
- The 13th fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

Upcoming Events

- The next Assembly meeting for the new Fraternal year will be on July 22, 2026 at the Beach House.
- Father Capodanno death on Sept. 4, 1967. Mass TBD.
- Veterans Day on Nov 11, 2026. Celebration with COK-SM school TBD.

Capodanno Corner

- This year's Memorial Mass for Father Vincent will take place on Thursday, 3 Sep at 1830. The Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Crypt Church, 400 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC, 20017. Archbishop Broglio will be the principal celebrant and homilist.