



EAST COOPER KNIGHTS

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT -

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

Let me start by saying a special thank you to last year's Worthy Grand Knight, Bob Brennan and the Officer and Director Team who served with him. Brother Bob led Council 9475 by his example of being a faithful Catholic and Knight of Columbus. Our council won Star Council again and we added 17 new brothers to our roster. Our fundraisers were highly successful, and we were able to donation to numerous organizations. Thank you, Brother Bob, and wear your Past Grand Knight polo shirt proudly!

I am very excited to be the new Grand Knight for this coming year.

We have a tremendous Knight Of Columbus Council and do so many wonderful things for our parishes, communities and those in need.

But our work as faithful Knights continues... St. Paul reminds us, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up".

Our theme for this coming year will be, "Growing Our Good Works"

These four pillars will be the foundation of our efforts;

First, to lead and grow our Council with good men of faith who believe in the Knight of Columbus virtues and to mentor our new brothers, so they become fully engaged with Council activities.

Second, to work on increasing the involvement of the men in the Council so that we have a high rate of participation and involvement. This will enable the Council to do more for our Parishes, Communities and for those in need.

Third, to continue improving our meetings, processes, and technology to enable our growth and to stay current and relevant.

Lastly, to grow in our faith so that we as Brother Knights set the right examples of living virtuous lives for our families, friends and follow parishioners.

I humbly ask for your support and prayers for Council 9475, so that in Brotherhood, we will have another fruitful and successful year.

Thank you and God Bless.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS **JULY 2026**

Nocturnal Adoration	02
Stella Maris—8 PM Thur. to 8 AM Fri.	
Officers Meeting	02
COK—Life Center —6:00 PM	
Independence Day	04
Pro-Life/Rosary	04
COK—7:30 AM	
Ultreya Meeting	07
COK Grace Hall —7:00 PM Cancelled this Month, because of 4th July.	
Regular Business Meeting	16
St. Benedict's Parish Hall	
950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466	
Rosary: 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 6:30 PM	
Meeting: 7:15 PM	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility	18
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM	
(Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.)	
1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	



**Guest Speaker Kathy Raven
with the
Pink and Blue Gala Volunteers
for St. Clare's Home**

Kathy Raven gave the Knights a very informational talk on what the St. Clare's Home offers: A safe loving atmosphere in a home-like setting, where pregnant mothers are offered classes on pregnancy, childbirth, and life skills such as parenting, financial management, and nutrition.

**Kathy and the other Pink and Blue Gala Volunteers
raise funds to support St. Clare's Home.**

The following are ideals of things they can use that Kathy mentioned, you can bring to our next Regular Meeting and Kathy's husband Brother Greg Raven will be glad to collect them:

1. If you have a get away beach house to donate a few days.
2. If you have a boat and would be willing to take a couple out for a ride for a couple hours.
3. If you have extra bottles of wine around the house you are willing to donate.
4. If you have bottles of booze that you are willing to donate.
5. If you have any art crafts you would like to donate.

The above items are things that would make good fund raising donations. Kathy thanks us in advance.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our next scheduled Regular Meeting is July 16, 2026.



Above are left to right our Worth Grand Knight Bob Brennan, Kathy Raven, and her husband Brother Greg Raven who supports Kathy in all her adventures.



**Retiring of the US Flag
On
The USS Yorktown Museum in Mt. Pleasant SC
Honoring America's 250th Anniversary**

On Sunday June 14, 2026, the Knights of Columbus Rev Vincent Robert Capodanno - Assembly #3243 held its annual Flag Day ceremony aboard the USS Yorktown Museum in Mt. Pleasant, SC. The Assembly yearly retires the US flag to protect our nation's symbol from displaying significant weather damage and deterioration. This marks the 14th year that the Assembly has ensured that our flag will fly brightly and boldly over the Charleston SC harbor.



Left the flag ceremony consists of the K of C honor guard proceeding in formation to properly lower and fold the flag. During the folding, the meaning behind each of the 13 folds is read out loud to the attendees. Once retired, the flag is then presented to a yearly honoree who has demonstrated a firm acceptance and appreciation for our nation's colors.



Left the retired flag was presented by Matt Feltman District Deputy to William "Pete" Peterson, Operations Manager of Lowcountry Veterans Home. Selected as this year's honoree, Peterson's personal journey reflects the values of perseverance, service, and commitment to others that the ceremony seeks to celebrate.



Retired U.S. Marine Corps Major General Michael R. Regner delivered keynote remarks during the ceremony. A combat veteran with service in Bosnia, Macedonia, Somalia, Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan, General Regner retired after a distinguished 40-year military career and later served as a Senior Mentor to the U.S. Armed Forces.



Above the honor guard is saluting the new flag.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL 9475 OFFICERS

Following are the 2026 — 2027 Council Officers

Grand Knight	Kurt Denner
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Veraldi
Chancellor	Scott Migli
Treasurer	Jim Welsch
Advocate	Ben Wyse
Recorder	Derek McCoy
Warden	Mark McCabe
Inside Guard	Carter Brand
Outside Guard	Steve Fallon
3rd Year Trustee	Bob Brennan
2nd Year Trustee	Deacon Kevin Campbell
1st Year Trustee	Don Campbell

Appointed Officers:

Chaplain	Rev. Libin Augustine
Lecture	Mark McCabe
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski



Retiring Grand Knight Bob Brennan at the podium is opening the installation, and turning the gavel over to District Deputy Matt Feltman, in maroon jacket next to Father Libin, to install the new officers.



Father Libin is saying the opening prayer and District Deputy Matt Feltman is standing to the right.

Installation Council 9475 continues



Father Libin is blessing the jewels on the table that will be presented to the installed officers.



Father Libin receiving his jewel from District Deputy Matt Feltman.



Our new Grand Knight Kurt Denner is receiving his jewel from his wife Mary. Both have great smiles of honor.



New officers being sworn in, with their right hand raised, by District Deputy Matt Feltman standing at podium.

Installation Council 9475 continues



Above are the new officers standing in shape of the cross after receiving their jewel. The shape of the cross is to show their dedication to God.



Our new Grand Knight Kurt Denner giving a few remarks thanking the outgoing officers for a great job they did and made a few comments on the plans for the coming year.



INSTALLATION OF ASSEMBLY 3243 OFFICERS

Following are the 2026 —2027 Assembly Officers

For Faithful Navigator_____	SK Bob Thetreault
For Faithful Captain_____	SK Cass Casimiro
For Faithful Pilot_____	SK Wayne Hutzel
For Faithful Admiral_____	SK Kurt Denner
For Faithful Scribe_____	SK Derek McCoy
For Faithful Purser_____	SK Bill Graves
For Faithful Comptroller_____	SK John Myers
For Faithful Inner Sentinel_____	SK Joe Scheirman
For Faithful Outer Sentinel_____	SK Bill Shoemaker
For Faithful First Year Trustee_____	SK Bob Brennan
For Faithful Second Year Trustee_____	SK Joe Nesbitt
For Faithful Third Year Trustee_____	SK Matt Feltman
For Faithful Commander_____	SK Bob Brennan

Assembly 3243 Installation continues



Faithful Navigator Kurt Denner standing at podium opens installation and is turning gavel over to the District Master James Roche. Faithful Friar Libin Augustine is sitting in chair.



Faithful Friar Libin Augustine standing at podium saying opening prayer as District Master James Roche stands beside him.



District Master James Roche is instructing the new Faithful Navigator Robert Thetreat of his responsibilities as Faithful Navigator, as he did all the officers.



New officers standing with their right hand raised being sworn in by District Master James Roche standing at podium.

Assembly 3243 and Council 9475 Installation continues



Our new Faithful Navigator Robert Thetreault is receiving his jewel from his wife Denise she is placing it around his neck.



Faithful Friar Libin Augustine standing at podium saying the closing prayer.



Our new Faithful Navigator Robert Thetreault is thanking outgoing officers before closing Installation.



It is now dinner time and we had lots of good food to choose from.

Assembly 3243 Installation continues



Desserts were outstanding and plentiful. Thank you to the ladies that brought desserts and side dishes with short notice. As always you have our backs. Thanks again!!



We had a nice turnout for the installation. At this table left to right Fran Franzone, next to Fran is Marion and Doris Wright, Debbie and Jeff Pulaski, Frank Sherman, Carolann and Jim Veraldi. The plate full of food would be mine Tom Franzone taking picture.



During the Installation banquet our new Grand Knight standing left Kurt Denner presented our outgoing Grand Knight Bob Brennan with a Knights shirt.

**Knight of the Year
June 2026
Marion Wright**

Marion was born in Charleston in 1943, and attended Murray Vocational High School. He met his wife Doris here in Charleston and two years later in 1965 they were married in St. Peter's Church in Columbia, SC. As newlyweds, they spent their first two years living in North Charleston where Marion worked for General Asbestos Rubber Co. They then moved to Mt. Pleasant where Marion joined the police force, serving for seven years under Police Chief Chuck Dawley. In 1973, he entered the food and beverage industry by opening The Mouse Trap. The night life got old, and after five years he left to work on the waterfront for the International Longshoremen Assoc. (ILA), where he worked for 28 years from 1978 to 2006. Marion also owned a diner on Hwy 41 at the Wando Bridge for 18 years, which was very successful thanks to customers/brother knights like Tom Franzone, Jerry Barnett and Ron Davis.

Marion and Doris have two children and five grandchildren--son Quenton works for SPAWAR in North Charleston, and daughter Gwendolyn lives in Naperville, IL.

Marion joined the Knights in 1987, as a Charter Member helping to establish Council 9475 under Rev. Herbert Conner S.J. He is a 4th degree Knight.

Marion attends Christ Our King parish, where he serves as a greeter, gift bearer, usher, helps with the annual parish picnic, parish dinner, school picnic, and ice cream social. Marion is also one of the founders of Boy Scout Troop 470 at Christ Our King.

Congratulations Marion!!!



At the banquet New Grand Knight Kurt Denner recognized Marion Wright as Knight of the Year and presented him with a Knight of the Year certificate in Marion's hands.

**Family of the Year
June 2026
Scott and Rachel Migli**

The Migli family moved to Isle of Palms in 2020 from Northern Virginia. We are members of Christ Our King, where Rachel and I both serve with the Youth Ministry. I also serve as an altar server and both of us did our Cursillo weekend and attend our Cursillo Group each week. I am a 4th degree Knight and have really loved getting to know you all!

After meeting in college while playing soccer, Rachel and I were married three weeks after we graduated. Just last week, on May 14, we celebrated our 32nd anniversary!

Rachel started her career as Medical Technologist, and managing a lab in Lancaster PA. After being at home with the kids when they were small, Rachel became a Middle School teacher in Northern Virginia. Rachel now volunteers her time as a member of the Turtle Team on Isle of Palms ensuring the turtles eggs are counted and protected for the DNR. She also is an amateur photographer, especially of birds...a very expensive hobby!

Most of you know my background. I am the owner of Battlefield Strategies, and a partner in Riverfront Strategy Group, both advocacy and communications firms. Most of our work is focused on providing parents with school choice options throughout the country.

Both of us played soccer for Gannon University, with Rachel being the captain of the women's team, and I was the captain of the men's team which reached the NCAA Final Four in 1989-1990 season. I spent one year playing for Bayer Leverkusen's academy in Leverkusen, Germany.

(See balance of write-up on next page.)



At the banquet New Grand Knight Kurt Denner recognized Scott and Rachel Migli as Family of the Year and presented them with a Family of the Year certificate held by Rachel.

Scott and Rachel's write-up continues:

We have two children.

Our son, Captain Nicholas Migli, 27, a US Army officer and Blackhawk pilot will be returning home TOMORROW after almost two years in South Korea, his second tour there. He finished first in his flight class and we now know why he worked so hard to be able to go back to Korea after flight school...he is marrying Jiyeon Lee, a South Korean national on July 11 here at Christ Our King. After Captains school Nicholas will be stationed at Ft Belvoir in Northern Virginia until summer of 2028 when he will begin his transition and schooling into becoming a Foreign Affairs Officer.

Our daughter, Olivia, 24, is a marketing specialist for the Charleston Battery where she started her work career after graduating from Duke University and later from UNC with her Masters certificate in Leadership. Olivia was a Top 25 recruit nationally and has played for the US Women's Youth national teams at the u14, u16, u18, and u20 levels. After starting all four years at Duke, due to an injury Olivia transferred for her fifth year of eligibility to UNC where she won a National Championship....beating her former teammates in the Final Four 3-0. Needless to say that did not necessarily go over very well! She recently took a job on the marketing team with the Professional Women's Hockey League and will be moving to the Big Apple in July!

Thank you all for the honor, we love being a part of the Knights and Christ Our King.

Congratulations Scott and Rachel!!!

Present at the installation banquet the Missing Man Table



Missing Man Table

The table that stands before you is a place of honor.

In setting this table, we acknowledge those missing from our celebrations and we remember them.

The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.

The single red rose, in a vase, is there as a reminder of the lives of each of the missing.

The red ribbon tied around the vase shows our continued determination to account for the missing.

A slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured.

A pinch of salt represents the tears shed for the fallen and those who mourn their loss.

The flame of the candle represents the hope that we have for their safe return home

or for the repose of their souls.

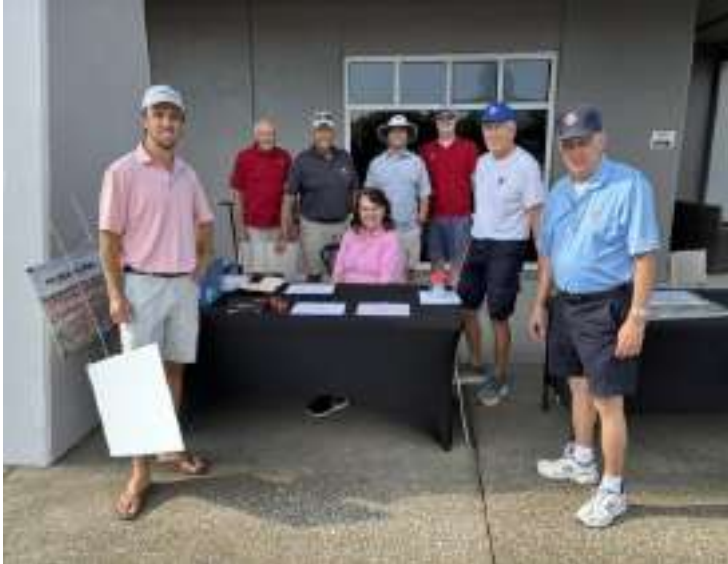
The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to those lost from our country, which was founded as "One Nation Under God." A phrase to which our great Order successfully lobbied President Dwight D. Eisenhower to add to our Pledge of Allegiance in 1954.

An inverted glass symbolizes their inability to share in the day's toast.

The chair stands empty to express their absence.

WE honor those missing and those who await their return. We honor those who have fallen and those who mourn their loss. We honor those who served our Order and our great Nations.

**Brother Knights
Our 17th Annual Golf Tournament
June 29, 2026 to benefit
Lowcountry Pregnancy Center**



Here we have the early helpers left to right Nick Monroe, Joe Harkins, Jack Czarnecki, sitting at table Sue Fintak, then behind her is Carter Brand, Bob Thetreat, Bob Fintak and Jim Welsch.



Above I was taking picture of all the great donor signs and caught Joe Harkins left in red shirt with Jeff Pulaski looking like they are on a mission. Sitting at blue table are folks from Lowcountry Pregnancy Center. In the back by double doors is Bob Thetreat drinking water it was a warm morning. On the move in pink shirt is Debbie Pulaski, sitting at the mulligan table is Sue Fintak supervising her husband Bob in white shirt and Jim Welsch working on signs.



In picture above we have left to right Bill Kunder and Jamel Kadri at the putting contest area. Looks like they won a case of refreshments for being closest to the pin.



The golfers are on their way. The shotgun send off has started.

Golfing tournament continues



Players are coming in and turning their score card in to the golf pro who is checking scores and logging them in.



Players are at the banquet tables ready for their meal and hear who are the winners.

Golf Tournament Thank You from Chairman Bob Fintak

I want to thank you for all the great work you put in to help make our Knights tournament a huge success. While we were just a little short on golfers, we had some great sponsors, large donations with the long drive pro and lots of mulligan money. Jim indicated that we may beat last year's total of 22,000 after all accounting of expenses is finalized.

We had good weather and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Thanks again!

Bob

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*James and Jessica Buzzelli
Anthony and Alma Certa
Daniel and Kim Clerici
Carl and Maureen Counasse
John Jr. and Deborah Danko
John and Laura Dunne
Matt and Cindy Feltman
Thomas M. and Regina Franzone
Jeffrey and Natalie Garrett
Wilson and Julie Gautreaux
Destry and Jean Jeter
Keith and Donna Keohane
Christopher and Patty Litts
Tim and Meghan Lynch
Michael and Petra McAuliffe
David and Lora McLaughlin
James and Joanna Melville
Michael and Mary Sottle Regner
Joey and Amy Seymour
John and JoAnn Stadtmueller
Richard and Carol Williams*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Gerald Bresnihan
William Brown
Thomas Brown
Marion Bull
Brian Byrne
Kevin M. Campbell
John Czarnecki
Kurt Denner
Terrence Dunne
Adrian Serge Evangelista
Anthony Francin
Thomas A. Franzone
James Gatto
Matthew Kiefer
Thomas Knisley, Jr.
Todd Kravchuk
William Kunder, Jr.
Melvin Lands
Eugene Lesinski
John Maize, Sr.
Mike McGinty
Nicholas Monroe
James Morini
Paul O'Rourke
Frank Osage
Paul Salemi
Joey Seymour
Donald Thatcher
Ernie Torres
Michael Vasko
Henry Wolf
Timothy Yoder*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
AUGUST 2026

Pro-Life/Rosary_____	01
COK — 7:30 AM	
Ultrya Meeting_____	04
COK Grace Hall — 7:00 PM	
Nocturnal Adoration_____	06
Stella Maris — 8 PM Thur. to 8 AM. Fri.	
Officers Meeting_____	06
COK—Life Center —6:30 PM	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament_____	07
COK —After 7:00 AM Mass to 6:00PM ending with Benediction.	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary _____	15
Holy Day of Obligation	
Prayer Vigil at Abortion Facility_____	15
West Ashley Abortion Facility 8:00 AM (Corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler Rd.) 1312 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29407	
Regular Business Meeting_____	20
St. Benedict's Parish Hall 950 Darrell Creek Trail 29466 Rosary: 6:00PM Dinner: 6:30PM Meeting: 7:15PM	

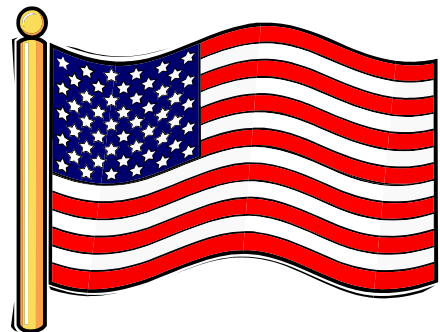
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Chancellor	Scott Migli	202-329-5579
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski	843-813-1732
Recorder	Derek McCoy	719-200-3041
Warden	Mark McCabe	914-216-2031
Treasurer	Jim Welsch	843-849-1979
Lecturer	Mark McCabe	914-216-2031
Advocate	Ben Wyse	214-616-3260
Inside Guard	Carter Brand	843-468-0050
Outside Guard	Steve Fallon	401-266-1695
3 Yr. Trustee	Bob Brennan	315-729-8652
2 Yr. Trustee	Deacon Kevin Campbell	843-729-5602
1 Yr. Trustee	Don Campbell	843-471-1085
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Knights of Columbus



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charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism**



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Monthly Meditation July, 2026

Faith and Freedom: Serving God and Country

Brother Knights,

The month of July holds a special place in our hearts as Americans. As we celebrate 250th Independence Day, we give thanks to God for the blessings of freedom, democracy, and the many opportunities we enjoy in this nation. Freedom is one of God's greatest gifts, but it is never meant to lead us only to personal comfort. True freedom calls us to live responsibly, to serve others, and to seek what is good and just.

As Catholics and Knights of Columbus, we are invited this month to pray in a special way for our country, its leaders, and all who serve and protect our freedoms, especially members of the military, law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders. May God guide our nation in wisdom, justice, and peace, and may we always use our freedoms to build a culture of life, faith, and charity.

July also presents us with beautiful examples of holiness through the saints.

On **July 3**, we celebrate **St. Thomas the Apostle**. Though remembered for his doubts, Thomas teaches us that sincere questions can lead to deeper faith. His beautiful profession, "My Lord and my God," should become our own daily prayer.

On **July 11**, the Church honors **St. Benedict**, the father of Western monasticism. His motto, *Ora et Labora* - "Pray and Work"- reminds us that holiness is found in balancing prayer, family life, and service. As Knights, we are called to build strong spiritual foundations through prayer and faithful action.

On **July 22**, we celebrate **St. Mary Magdalene**, the first witness of the Resurrection and the "Apostle to the Apostles." Her encounter with the risen Lord reminds us that every disciple is called to proclaim the Good News with joy and courage.

On **July 25**, we honor **St. James the Greater**, one of Jesus' closest disciples. He left everything to follow Christ and ultimately gave his life as a martyr. His example challenges us to be courageous witnesses to our faith in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

Finally, on **July 26**, we celebrate **Sts. Joachim and Anne**, the grandparents of Jesus. They remind us of the sacred role of parents and grandparents in passing on the faith. Let us thank God for the elders who have taught us to pray and inspired us by their example.

Brother Knights, may this month renew our gratitude for our country and deepen our commitment to Christ. Let us be faithful citizens and faithful disciples, using our freedom to serve God, our families, and our neighbors.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and of our Order, intercede for us.



Vivat Jesus!

Rev Libin Augustine CMI

Parochial Vicar, Christ Our King Catholic Church



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 Hutzell, 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.





Reverend Vincent Robert Capodanno Sir Knights

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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.