



Reverend Vincent Robert Capodanno Sir Knights

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Faithful Navigator Column

Dear Sir Knights: We held our third Assembly Meeting of the fraternal year on Wednesday, September 23. We had good attendance with 14 Sir Knights in attendance. However, we always have room for additional Sir Knights. Mark Rutledge, a local physical therapist, gave a great presentation regarding how seniors can improve their standard of living by remaining active.

After the presentation, Sir Knight Joe Scheirman presented a retired flag from the USS Yorktown in lieu of the flag that Mark never received after the death of his father who was a Captain during the Vietnam War. It was clear that Mark was both surprised and touched by the presentation. Thank you, Sir Knight Joe Scheirman, for arranging this presentation. If you would like to recommend any speakers for future meetings, please let me know.

Just prior to the meeting, we were notified of 3 exciting events which are coming up soon. There will be an Exemplification of Patriotism on Saturday, October 31 at All Saints Church in Lake Wylie. If you are aware of any third degree Knights who are interested in making the move to the fourth degree, please let me know.

There is an open call for Sir Knights to march in the New York City Columbus Day Parade on October 12, 2026. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for anyone who would like to participate. If are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

Lastly, there is a new event being held locally on October 8th, 9th, and 10th at the Marriott Hotel in North Charleston. The Catholic Family Life Association is putting on a conference that will be attended by local leaders as well as national leaders. The Knights of Columbus will have a promotional table at the event. Additionally, Father McGivney's relic will be present and on display for everyone to see. They are looking for Sir Knights to stand guard for the relic on all three days. If you are interested, please let me know.

We will hold the next meeting at the Beach House on Wednesday, October 28. We will have dinner at 6:00 P.M., and we will start the meeting at 6:30 P.M. I am hoping to have pizza delivered for dinner. We will continue with casual attire until further notice. During that meeting I hope to provide information regarding a new Lowcountry Program for homeless veterans. Please consider wearing your Council or Assembly shirts to the meetings.

I look forward to seeing many of you at these events and at future meetings. If you have any questions at all, please free to reach out to me any time at HeyTate@aol.com.

Fraternally Yours,

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

October 7, 2026	Flag Retirement Ceremony – Saint Benedict Catholic Church
October 8-10, 2026	Catholic Family Life Association Conference – Marriott – North Charleston
October 12, 2026	NYC Columbus Day Parade – New York City
October 28, 2026	September Assembly Meeting – Christ our King Beach House
October 31, 2026	Exemplification of Patriotism – All Saints Catholic Church – Lake Wylie
November 2026	Veterans Day Mass – Date to be Determined - Stella Maris School
November 18, 2026	November Assembly Meeting – Christ Our King Beach House



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Prayer for Beatification or Canonization or intercession

Almighty and merciful God, look with Love on those who plead for Your help.

Through the intercession of your servant, Father Vincent Capodanno, missionary and Catholic Navy Chaplain, grant the favor I earnestly seek (*mention the request*).

May Vincent, who died bringing consolation to the Marines he was privileged to serve on the field of battle, intercede in my need as I pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



On September 8, 2026, Sir Knights Bob Fintak, Don Campbell, Bob Thetreat, and Bill Shoemaker provided dinner at Fisher House for the families of veterans being treated in the local area. Despite an unexpected snafu regarding the grill at Fisher House, Don Campbell was able to make his world-famous BBQ Pork Chops for the families. A good time was had by all.



On Wednesday, September 23, 2026, Sir Knight, Joe Scheirman, presented a retired American Flag from the USS Yorktown to physical therapist Mark Rutledge. Prior to the flag presentation, Mark made a presentation to the Assembly regarding the four secrets for maintaining an active lifestyle in retirement.