

Cardinal Spellman Assembly 3486 Newsletter

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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE:

Worthy Sir Knights, as I write this last newsletter many thoughts and emotions come to mind: what a wonderful group of Catholic gentlemen to be associated with; what a patriotic, active and trailblazing assembly we have; and finally, what a humbling and gratifying experience it has been to be your Faithful Navigator these past two years. I thank all of you for all the help, guidance, and support you have provided to make our assembly thrive. I ask that you provide the same help and support to our Faithful Navigator SK Mark Borytsky who will be formally installed on 14 July. We are fortunate to have SK Mark to guide our Assembly as he brings extensive experience and leadership, having previously served in the positions of Grand Knight, District Deputy, State Deputy, and District Master. I also ask that you welcome and support him with all the energy our Assembly can muster.

Pope Leo's monthly intention this month is for the respect and protection for human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God. Let us pray for this intention today and every day.

This is the anniversary of our Nation's 250th birthday. What a privilege we have living in this great country. May we honor, respect and celebrate on the 4th of July and every day. Fly the flag proudly!

Finally, please note that our 14 July meeting to install the newly elected officers **will take place at the St. Matthew Parish Hall.** Refreshments will be served at the meeting, and wives and family members are invited to attend.

Honor Guard Activity

Sir Knights from our assembly took part in the Corpus Christi procession at and around the St. Matthew's parish campus after the 1700 Vigil Mass on Saturday 6 June in honor of the feast. And then Sir Knights from our assembly took part and carried the flags the next day, 7 June, in the Corpus Christi procession from Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Peter's in Omaha. The following SK's took part in one or both: Mark Bortysky, Mark Borytsky, Jr., Dale Bauermeister, Pat Brennan, David McGath, and Dick Harrington.

Assembly Officers

Faithful Friar	SK Fr. John Comiskey
Faithful Navigator	SK Mark Borytsky
Faithful Captain	SK James Goetz
Faithful Pilot	SK Mark Borytsky, Jr.
Faithful Comptroller	SK Ray Guggenberger
Faithful Scribe	SK Ray Romero, Sr.
Faithful Purser	SK John Halliday
Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK Bob Brandriff
Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK Dale Bauermeister
Faithful Admiral	SK Dick Harrington
Faithful Trustee 3rd Yr.	SK Bob Hasiak
Faithful Trustee 2nd Yr.	SK Bob Cote
Faithful Trustee 1st Yr.	SK Butch Songcuan

Final Salute Society



On 11 June, nineteen members of our Final Salute Society took part in our monthly remembrance of the 93 Veterans interred at ONC during the month of May. The following Sir Knights took part in the ceremony to honor, pray for, and salute these Veterans:

Ray Romero (read names), Rich Lomax, Mike Garman, Deacon Tim Koziel (led prayer/gave blessing), Charles Obermeier, Dave Linbrunner (read names), Mike Fowler (read names), Bob Lampert (read names), Dale Sorge (read names), Denny Haun (read names), Kevin Schmidt, Richard Doolittle (read names), Thad Wolfe

(read names), Chip Stuart, Drew McGiffin, Jim Walker, Joe Norman (read names), Jim Harvey, and Dick Harrington (read intro).

Assembly Activity

On the 4th of July, a large number of our Sir Knights along with some family members put up 53 American flags at the Bellevue cemetery at 0700, and then took them down and stowed them away before dusk. Terrific job and great show of patriotism! Many thanks to all who took part in this effort.



Upcoming Events

- Annual clergy picnic dinner at Mt. Michael on 3 August.
- Monthly remembrance and honor ceremony at 1500 on 13 August at ONC.

The 4th principle of our Order is Patriotism. As such, we are proud of our devotion to God and country. Fly the flag of our country proudly on Independence Day, 4 July!

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Harrington

Past Faithful Navigator

FAITHFUL FRIAR'S MESSAGE:

This July we celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our country. We celebrate freedom and also our co-responsibility for the welfare of one another. We respect the individual and also our community bonds. “Ex Pluribus Unum” - One from Many is our motto. We may not have always lived up to our values and expectations. Disregarding and exploiting the poor, slavery, religious, ethnic, racial and sexual discrimination have at various times sullied the image of our nation. The true patriot does not say “My country right or wrong “ but rather seeks the common good. We grow from our mistakes and promote the rights of one and all. God Bless America!

Fr. John Comiskey

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT:

Our Assembly currently has 142 members. There is always room for our Assembly to grow. What does it take to bring a Br. Knight into our 4th Degree ranks? Simple as it seems, you only need to ask a Third Degree Knight.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Please continue to pray for the well-being of our Sir Knights and their families, and for the comfort and health of any other SK's in our Assembly who are ailing.

ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES:

14 July 2026 – Assembly Meeting, St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

11 August 2026 – Assembly Meeting, Columban Fathers Social Room, 7:00 p.m.

8 September 2026 – Assembly Meeting, Columban Fathers Social Room, 7:00 p.m.

HONOR GUARD REQUESTS: TBD

FINAL SALUTE SOCIETY:

13 August 2026 – Honor and remembrance ceremony, 1500 at ONC