Cardinal Spellman Assembly 3486 Newsletter

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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE:

Worthy Sir Knights…
I know a majority of you in our Assembly have proudly served. Veterans Day and remembrance all year round gives all Americans a special opportunity to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have proudly served in our Armed Forces.

You have shielded your fellow citizens from danger, defended the principles of our nation, and championed the rights of the downtrodden. You have brought hope and mercy to dark places and served as a powerful force for good throughout the world.

Thank you for standing in defense of our freedom! Your courage, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication to protecting our nation will forever be cherished.

May all veterans feel the profound respect, gratitude, and recognition they so richly deserve today and every day.

God bless our veterans, God bless you, and God bless America!

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Final Salute Society (FSS)

On 8 October, 23 FSS members took part in the monthly remembrance of the 57 Veterans interred at Omaha National Cemetery (ONC) during the month of September. The following Sir Knights (SKs) took part in the ceremony to honor, pray for, and salute these Veterans: Greg Stoiber, Ray Romero (read intro), Deacon Tim Koziel (led prayer/gave blessing), Mike Lukasina, Bobby Adam, Thad Wolfe (read names), Bob Lampert, Dick Lewis, Ken Hurt (read names), Dale Bauermeister, Dale Sorge (read names), Tim Fricke (read names), Mike Garman, Rich Lomax (read names), Mike Schaeffer, Chip Stuart (read names), Joe Norman, John Perez (read names), Chuck Meader, Kevin Schmidt, Bob Hasiak (read names), Jim Harvey, and Dick Harrington.

On 23 October, seven of our FSS members took part in a special Final Salute Tribute Ceremony at Bellevue Memorial Chapel to bid farewell and salute Brother Knight Esteban (Steve) Garcia at his memorial service conducted by Fr. Leo Rigatuso. The following SK's honored our Brother Esteban at his memorial service: Mike Lukasina, Dick Lewis, Dale Bauermeister, Paul Delgado, Rich Lomax, Tim Fricke, and Deacon Ed Bevan.

Honor Guard

On 7 October, the following seven Sir Knights from our Assembly took part in the honor guard during Mass at St. Matthew's and the subsequent procession around the St. Matthew campus in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary: David McGath, Russ Rolfzen, Mike Lukasina, Bob Hasiak, Ray Romero, Dick Harrington, and Dale Bauermeister.

Sir Knight Dale Bauermeister from our Assembly took part in the Archbishop's Mass for the Catholic Daughters of America at St Cecelia's Cathedral. On 18 October There were six other SK's from various assemblies in the archdiocese who also took part in the honor guard.

On 2 November, Sir Knights Mike Lukasina, Dale Bauermeister and Dick Harrington from our Assembly took part in the honor guard for the Memento Mori Mass at Christ the King Church in Omaha, honoring Brother Knights and Sir Knights who passed away in the past year. There were 16 other SK's from various assemblies in the archdiocese who also took part in the honor guard.

Assembly Dues

With 2026 drawing to a close, it is time to start collecting dues for the 2027 calendar year. I am trying to save the assembly some postage money by making this the first request for your dues. The dues for our Assembly are $25.00 per year. Honorary Member dues are $10.00. An Honorary Member is a Sir Knight who has been a member for 25 consecutive years as a 4th degree and is 65 years old. An Honorary Life Member does not pay dues…An Honorary Life Member is a Sir Knight who has been a member for 25 consecutive years as a 4th degree and is 70 years old. Please send your dues to the Faithful Comptroller, Ray Guggenberger, 3101 Washington St, #7, Bellevue NE 68005. Membership cards will be issued after the first of the year.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Borytsky
Faithful Navigator

FAITHFUL FRIAR'S MESSAGE:

This month we face Thanksgiving, the Feast of Christ the King and the start of the Advent season. The themes are Gratitude, Fulfillment and Hope; each of which are based on God's Love for us. We are thankful for God's gift of love for us as it continues throughout our lives. Christ is King because of giving his life for us out of love. In Advent we look forward in Hope to commemorating the first coming of Jesus among us and anticipating his second coming. He came and will come again because he loves us. This challenges us to love one another.

Fr. John Comiskey

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT:

Our Assembly currently has 143 members. There is always room for our Assembly to grow. All you need to do is simply ask a 3rd Degree Knight to join and bring them into our 4th Degree ranks!

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:

10 November 2026 – Assembly Meeting, Columban Fathers Social Room, 7:00 p.m.
8 December 2026 – Assembly Meeting, Columban Fathers Social Room, 7:00 p.m.
12 January 2027 – Assembly Meeting, Columban Fathers Social Room, 7:00 p.m.

HONOR GUARD REQUESTS: TBD

6 December 2026 – Annual St. Vincent De Paul Mass at St. Mary's with Archbishop McGovern presiding.

FINAL SALUTE SOCIETY:

12 November 2026 – Monthly Honor and Remembrance Ceremony, 1500 at ONC