

Cardinal Spellman Assembly 3486 Newsletter



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE:

Worthy Sir Knights, there is a lot going on this month. May is the month of Our Lady, and during the month we remember, venerate and praise Mary, our Blessed Mother. We have several Honor Guard requests this month for confirmations at our parishes and for the Memorial Day Mass at St. John's Cemetery in partnership with Assembly 1854.

As a reminder we will conduct elections at this month's Assembly meeting. Any Assembly member can run for any of the assembly offices. And speaking of elections, congratulations to SK Mike Schaeffer, a founding member of our assembly, on his election for a second year as State Deputy at last month's State Knight's convention!

Final note, **our assembly meeting on Tuesday evening 12 May will now start at 1930.** We will be delaying the start of the meeting by one half hour to allow Honor Guard members to attend the Visitation and Vigil for Sir Knight John Leonovicz.

Final Salute Society

- On 9 April 2026 members (new record!) of our Final Salute Society took part in our monthly remembrance of Veterans interred at Omaha National Cemetery (ONC) during the previous month. The following SK's attended to honor, pray for, and salute the 44 Veterans interred during April:
 - Thad Wolfe (read names), Deacon Tim Koziel (led prayer/gave blessing), Ray Romero (read intro), Greg Stoiber, Dave Linbrunner, Ken Hurt (read names), Bob Hasiak, Bobby Adam, Pat Brennan (read names), Rick Cline, Dick Lewis, Rich Lomax, Mike Daspit, Richard Doolittle, Mike Fowler, Tim Fricke, Bob Lampert, Mike Lukasina, Joe Norman (read names), Charles Obermeier, John Perez (read names), Al Thibault, Jim Walker, Mike Schaeffer (read names), Drew McGiffin, and Dick Harrington.
- District Master SK Mark Borytsky provided an overview and strong words of support for the Final Salute Society at the State Convention in Kearney.
- On 5 May, the following Sir Knights read the names and received the flag in honor of the eight unaccompanied Veterans that were laid to rest at ONC in the past year.
 - Greg Stoiber (read names), Tim Koziel, Mike Lukasina, Drew McGiffin, Joe Norman (received flag), Kevin Schmidt, Jim Walker, and Thad Wolfe.

Assembly Officers

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

Honor Guard Activity

Honor Guard Commander SK Dale Bauermeister reported that we were busy during the month with honor guards supporting the following events:

- Holy Thursday, 2 April at St. Matthew's...SK's David McGath, Mike Lukasina, Dale Bauermeister, Greg Stoiber, Ray Romero, Dick Lewis, Mark Borytsky, Jr., Roger Shaw, Pat Brennan, Paul Delgado Dave Linbrunner, and Dick Harrington.
- Visitation for SK Robert C. McFarland on 17 April...Only two SK's from our assembly, Mike Lukasina and Dick Harrington. Note, we can do better than this to honor one of our own SK's from our Assembly! Fortunately, we also had SK's Joe Wilcox, Gerry Duran, and Jim Harvey from Assembly 594 and Richard Doolittle from Assembly 3606 that took part.



- Confirmation at St. Mary's on 2 May...SK's Dale Bauermeister, Ray Romero, Mike Lukasina, David McGath, and Dick Harrington from our Assembly; Jim Harvey from Assembly 594 also participated.
- Confirmation at St. Matthew's on 9 May...SK's Dale Bauermeister, Mark Borytsky, Jr., Ray Romero, David McGath, Mike Lukasina, and Dick Harrington from our Assembly as well as SK Jim Harvey from Assembly 594.
- Confirmation at Our Lady of Peace on 10 May...SK's Dale Bauermeister, Mark Borytsky, Jr., Ray Romero, David McGath, and Dick Harrington from Assembly 3486, and SK Jim Harvey from Assembly 594.

Upcoming Events

- Honor Guard for Visitation and funeral Mass for SK John Leonovicz, 12/13 May 2026.
- Final Salute Society honor and remembrance ceremony at 1500 on 14 May at Omaha National Cemetery.
- Honor Guard for the Memorial Day Mass at St. John's Cemetery at 1000 on 25 May.

The 4th principle of our Order is Patriotism. As such, we are proud of our devotion to God and country. Fly the flag this Memorial Day, and please remember and pray for those service members who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in the defense and service of our country!

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Harrington

Faithful Navigator

FAITHFUL FRIAR'S MESSAGE:

The Second Vatican Council in its document on the Church speaks of Mary as the “Mother of the Church.” By her open agreement to become the mother of Jesus, by her raising with St Joseph of that Child, by her presence during his public ministry, by her witnessing his suffering, death, and resurrection, by her being with the Apostles when the Holy Spirit came, Mary helped to bring forth the Church, the new People of God. By our prayer, participation in the sacraments and living out our Christian responsibilities particularly to the poor, we too may share with Mary in bringing forth the Good News of God’s love.

Fr. John Comiskey

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT:

At present our Assembly has 142 members. There is a lot of room for our Assembly to grow. What does it take to bring a Br. Knight into our 4th Degree ranks? Simple as it seems, we only need to ask a Third Degree Knight. We are closing in on the number of new SK’s needed to be eligible for a Star Assembly award – please recruit one!

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Please continue to pray for the well-being of our Sir Knights and their families. Memento Mori: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sir Knight John Leonovicz from our Assembly, his Visitation is from 1600 -1830 on 12 May at Korisko Larson Staskiewicz Funeral Home, 5108 “F” St., Omaha, 68117. His funeral Mass is at 1000 on 13 May at St. Mary’s in Bellevue. We also pray for continued healing for SK Ray Guggenberger, healing for SK Dick Lewis as he recovers from his surgery, and for the comfort and health of any other SK’s in our Assembly who are ailing.

ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES:

12 May 2026 – **Assembly meeting, Columban Fathers Social Room, 7:30 p.m.**

(note change in time)

9 June 2026 – Assembly Meeting, Columban Fathers Social Room, 7:00 p.m.

14 July 2026 – Assembly Meeting, Columban Fathers Social Room, 7:00 p.m.

HONOR GUARD REQUESTS:

2 May 2026 – Confirmation Mass at St. Mary’s

9 May 2026 – Confirmation Mass at St. Matthew’s

10 May 2026 – Confirmation Mass at Our Lady of Peace

12/13 May 2026 – Visitation and funeral Mass for SK John Leonovicz

25 May 2026 – Memorial Day Mass at St. John’s Cemetery at 1000

FINAL SALUTE SOCIETY:

14 May 2026 – Honor and remembrance ceremony, 1500 at ONC