

Christopher Columbus

The Navigator

August 2023



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Business MTG - 1st Tuesday - 6pm | Membership MTG - 2nd Tuesday - 7pm



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Assembly MTG - 3rd Tuesday - 7pm

2023-2024 Council Officers

Grand Knight:	Rich Mueller (PGK)	Recorder:	Caleb Hutchinson
Deputy Grand Knight:	Francis Bagarella (PGK, PFN)	Warden:	Jim Spoltman
Chaplain:	Fr. Chris Hoiland	Inside Guard:	Mauri Tonini (PGK)
Financial Secretary:	Dave Morgan	Outside Guard:	Bill Butler
Treasurer:	Tom Karney	3 Year Trustee (2022):	Andy Valrosa
Chancellor:	Ben Young	2 Year Trustee (2021):	Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)
Lecturer:	not assigned	1 Year Trustee (2020):	Rusty Waters (PGK, PFN)
Advocate:	Dan Olvera (PGK, PFN)		

August

Date	Day	Time	Event
1	Tuesday	6pm	Council Officers Meeting (MTG)
		7pm	Knights Club MTG
2	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
3	Thursday	6pm	Council Audit
8	Tuesday	7pm	3 rd Degree Membership MTG
9	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
13	Sunday	6:30pm	Fatima Prayer Knight
15	Tuesday	7pm	4 th Degree MTG
16	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
21	Monday	6pm	Game Knight
23	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
27	Sunday	11:30am	KofC Family & St. Augustine Parish Picnic
28	Monday	3pm	Agape Dinner
30	Wednesday	5:30pm	Knights Club BINGO

This edition covers June to August



Grand Knight Message



Brothers,

Here we are in the dog days of summer. I trust all of you have had a chance to get out and enjoy our beautiful summer. I know I have kept myself very busy and I am ready for a breather.

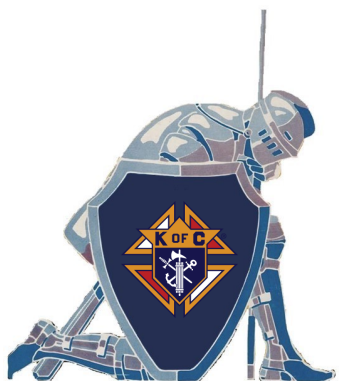
As I settle in for a new fraternal year, I want to take time and thank all last year's officers for their service and dedication. For this year's officers, I am very excited about where we are going to lead our council. We have all been called to action and action we shall have. We will be active in our COMMUNITY. We will be active in the Christian LIFE! We will be active in our FAMILY and last but not least we will be active in our FAITH. Together brother's we will lift our Catholic Community and share the joy of Christ's Love with each other.

Keep an eye on the calendar and plan on being involved in as many of the events we have scheduled as you can.

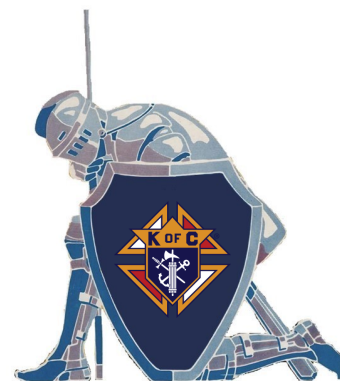
I look forward to seeing you all.

Rich Mueller, GK





Good of the Order



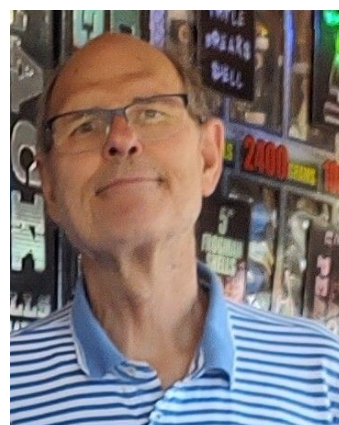
Knight of the Month ***Congratulations to***

April: Ben Young



Knight of the Month ***Congratulations to***

May: Udo Poos



Knight of the Month ***Congratulations to***

June: D'Arcy Morgan



Family of the Month ***Congratulations to***

June: Dan & Monique Olvera





3rd Degree News



Mother's Day Breakfast Wrap-Up by GK Ralph Byars

Brother Knights,

I hope you all had a glorious day with your wives, kids, mothers, grandchildren, etc. God truly did make it a beautiful day for the Mother's Day Breakfast. We served 92 folks with pancakes, sausage, ham, and scrambled eggs, and handed out beautiful flowers to all mothers. This could not have been done without the help of Francis, Caleb, Bill, Trevion, Doug, and Rusty. Thank you, brothers, and to all our fellow brothers who brought their families out to join in the Mother's Day celebration.

Washington State Convention Wrap-Up by GK Ralph Byars

The Grand Knight, Ralph Byars, and Doug Warren attended the Washington State Knight of Columbus convention event. Go to <http://www.kofc-wa.org/bulletins/2023/jun.pdf> for full event info.

Rummage Sale Wrap-Up by PGK Doug Warren

Rummage Sale of the year netted nearly \$1100. As always, thank you to the Event Chair Doug Warren and the cadre of volunteers who made this event successful.

A ***BIG THANK YOU*** to the Ladies of the Knights Erlinda Warren, Tess Lorica, Sally Morgan, Lota Bauch, Mary Brady, Phyllis Lund, and Nellie Caldwell who organized the tables and managed the sales. Also, this event couldn't have happened without the backs of Brother Knights Ben Lorica, Dave Morgan, Kurt Bauch, Jim Brady, Udo Poos, Bill Knight, Andy Valrosa, Paul Brewer, Ralph Byars and Caleb Hutchinson.

Special Note: Doug says this is his last Rummage Sale as Chair...it's someone else's turn to step-up. Says he's returning to his sandbox!



If interested to chair, contact WGK Rich Mueller.



3rd Degree News



Fireworks Sale Wrap-Up by PGK Doug Warren
The 4th of July Fireworks Sales went very well. Good weather, good help, and good food helped to make this a successful fundraising event.

Many thanks to all who provided booth support! Thank you to the Grand Knight Rich Mueller, Doug & Linda Warren and their grandkids, Isaak Kirkwood, Emma & Maisen Warren, Dave & Sally Morgan, Ben & Tess Lorica, Pete & Nellie Caldwell, Tom Hiestand, Odo Poos, Fel Cataby, Tom Karney, Bill Schoentrup, Mauri Tonini, Kevin Butler, Pat, Heather & Tabitha Rivera, Don La Brie, and Paul Bloch and especially to our Chaplain, Fr. Chris Hoiland (St. Augustine Pastor) during this 7-day event. As always, a huge thank you to Doug Warren and Rich Mueller who continue to orchestrate this event.





3rd Degree News



An Anonymous Special Mention

A special shoutout to Udo Poos during the 4th of July Fireworks Sales. Udo, to me, was a mainstay at the fireworks booth. His unwavering attitude and willingness was displayed as he was always stocking and reorganizing shelves, and attending customers during this event. These attributes and his kindness, stood out above others who volunteered their time to support this event. Udo is a pure doer and I admire a person like him. He never makes excuses, he just does it! Thank you Udo.

4th of July Parade Wrap-Up by Andy Valrosa

The parade went well and bystanders gave thumbs up and cheers along the parade route.





3rd Degree News



Timber!

Trees were felled at St. Augustine Church. Roots had caused damage to the driveway making walking and driving very treacherous and to prevent a further recipe for future disasters. Now the immense task of cleanup and who to do this task? Why yes, the Knights! By stepping in, the Knights saved St. Augustine time and money!

Thank you to Brother Knights Francis Bagarella, D' Arcy Morgan, Paul Brewer, Joe Blackburn, Dan Olvera, Ralph Byars (and Donna Martin), Caleb Hutchinson, Brian Saganski, Brent Jeanquart, and Paul Bloch for volunteering. Even our Counsel Chaplain, Fr. Chris Hoiland (St. Augustine Pastor) got into the mix!



Summer Family BBQ

The Fr. John E. O'Brien Council will be hosting a combine the Summer Family Picnic with St. Augustine Parish on Sunday, August 27th at the Knights Club. Social Hour begins at 11:30 am with food being served at Noon. Contact PGK Jeremy Wilkins for more details.



3rd Degree News



Fatima Monthly Rosary by Walt Daspit

Brother Knights and families, the monthly Rosary will be held at the Knights Hall this month on Sunday, August 13th. The Devine Mercy Chaplet starts at 6:30pm followed by the Rosary at 7pm. All Knights, families, and friends are welcome to attend. Please join us as we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and personal intentions. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 6:30pm followed by the Rosary at 7:00pm followed by a dessert social. All are welcome to bring desserts or goodies to share. If weather permits, we may hold the prayer group outside at the grotto, but only if ALL are in accord with the outdoor venue. A light jacket or long-sleeved clothing may be advisable.

Game Knight

Scheduled for Monday, August 21st. Doors open at 5pm. Come and play Darts, Pool, Cribbage, Yahtzee, Scrabble, etc. Bring your favorite hor devours or dessert to share. This event is open to all Knights, families, and friends.

RIP Tom Sundown, by Walt Daspit

When I joined the council, Tom Sundown ran the Knights' Golf Tournament in Oak Harbor for several years and it was very successful. I think we should find a way to memorialize his heritage, and his membership with the KofC.



Council Name Badges

There are several of you that need to retrieve your name badge from the Financial Secretary. He has been carrying these unclaimed name badges for quite some time. It would be helpful if you would attend a Membership meeting to retrieve your name badge. New and transferred members, into this council, will receive their first name badge at no cost. If not, notify the FS by sending an email to kofc3361fs@gmail.com.

Council Vests

New and transferred members, to this council, will receive a council vest, at no cost, within one year. Contact the FS or come to a membership meeting to try one on for size. Vests are Navy Blue w/ embroidered names and emblems.

3rd Degree Exemplification

An online 3rd Degree Exemplification video is available for those that wish to further advance in the Knights of Columbus. https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1359367&tp_key=9eb24b3a45

This is roughly a 30-minute video. Invite your family to watch it with you. The video explains how the Order came to be, and who the Knights of Columbus are and what they do. If you would like to attend a meeting and be advanced, contact either Membership Director (Jim Spoltman / jimsp@whidbey.net) and/or Financial Secretary (Dave Morgan / kofc3361fs@gmail.com). They can schedule a viewing of the video before or after a regularly scheduled Membership Meeting. It's that easy!



3rd Degree News



Join for Free!

Your support is much needed! The Knights are looking for men 18yrs or older to join the Knights of Columbus fraternal group of men. Pass along the website and/ or the QR code (right) to them. Using these avenues are real simple for men looking for a change in their life. <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>



Knights in Action!

The following website and QR code (right) provides an avenue for you to submit your Knights in Action News report. <https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/knights-in-action-news.html>



To make a report, briefly describe the council, assembly or Squires project. Use the following questions to put your report together. Then use the website or the QR code to make a report:

- What took place?
- Where did it occur?
- When was the project held?
- How much money was raised?
- How many hours of time were volunteered?
- Who was the beneficiary of the project?

Give the full name of the council, assembly or circle. Make sure all places and organizations are identified by their full and proper names and location.

Please note reporting any event has to have happened. Knights in Action cannot report on or publicize any future events.

Washington State Council Website

Check out the KofC Washington State Council website (www.kofc-wa.org) for information on council program directors.



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Prayers are Needed



Members and Family in need of Prayer

We join our brother knights in remembering and praying for the members, family members and friends.
We offer our prayers for these intentions.

Name	Illness/ Surgery/ Recovery	Brother Knight/ Family/ Friend of
Dale Auburg	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Diane Young	Health / Healing	Wife of Brother Knight
Fr. Larry Bailey	Health / Healing	Priest
Jeanne Valdez	Health / Healing	Wife of Brother Knight
Jim Brady	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Bea Butler	Health / Healing	Brother Knight & wife
Ric Bluhm	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Rich & Onee Rezabek	Health / Healing	Brother Knight & wife
Ruth Abrea	Health / Healing	Wife of Brother Knight
Udo Poos	Health / Healing	Brother Knight

Members in Memoriam

We join the survivors in remembering the following members who recently died. We offer our prayers for them and their families. May their souls rest in peace.

Reynaldo "Rey" Parungao	6-Jun-23	Brother Knight
Rodolfo Gelacio	15-Jan-23	Brother Knight
Anecito Alcoy	16-Dec-22	Brother Knight
Larry Phillips	7-Dec-22	Brother Knight
Clint Copeland	9-Nov-22	Brother Knight
Raymond Bouchard	29-Oct-22	Brother Knight
Phillip J Charrette	8-Aug-22	Brother Knight

Family Members in Memoriam

We join the survivors in remembering the following family members who recently died. We offer our prayers for them and their families. May their souls rest in peace.

Ana Laguana	16-Dec-22	Widow of Brother Knight
Maria Doctor	03-Dec-22	Widow of Brother Knight
Dahlia Blackburn	22-Nov-22	Wife of Brother Knight
Betty Letrondo	04-Sep-22	Widow of Brother Knight



4th Degree News



2023-2024 4th Degree Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator:	Francis Bagarella (PGK, PFN)	Faithful Scribe:	Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)
Faithful Comptroller:	Ralph Byars (DD, PFN, PGK, PDD)	Inner Sentinel:	Mauri Tonini (PGK)
Faithful Friar:	Fr. Chris Hoiland	Outer Sentinel:	Kevin Butler
Faithful Captain:	Don La Brie	3 Year Trustee (2022):	Ben Young
Faithful Admiral:	Terry Kandzor	2 Year Trustee (2021):	Tom Kingman
Faithful Purser:	Doug Warren (PGK, PFN)	1 Year Trustee (2020):	Rich Mueller (GK, PGK)
Faithful Pilot:	Paul Brewer (PGK)		



On Sunday, June 4th, Fr. Chris Hoiland was presented a 4th Degree Certificate and Pin during an impromptu ceremony. Presenting the certificate and pin was the 4th Degree Faithful Navigator, Francis Bagarella. Other Brother Knights in attendance were Ed Witt, Dave Morgan, Dan Olvera, and Mike Horvath.

Thank you Phyllis Lund for the photo to let it be known!

Sir Knights,

I have two concerns to address:

- 4th Degree Participation
- 4th Degree Obligations



4th Degree News



4th Degree Participation

As brothers in Christ, we are compelled to lead by example for our fellow Catholic men or Christian's if you prefer. As you may be aware or not aware, our faith is under attack every day, in every place. I'm not ashamed to profess my faith or believe in Jesus Christ. Our society and country are losing its moral compass and further away from Catholic teachings. More importantly, we are moving away from Jesus Christ teachings. This is not acceptable to me personally.

As practicing Catholic men of faith, it is our duty and responsibility to show the way for others. I challenge each brother Knight to be more active in our local church and community. When we assemble at Mass, be proud to be a Knight, wear the Council Nametag and Vest, stay after Mass to ask a fellow catholic man to join the Knights, volunteer to help at our fundraisers, cook for Agape Dinners (4th Monday of every week), volunteer at weekly Bingo at the Knights Club. I guarantee you will have fun working side by side with your brothers. These activities show what Knights stand for in Faith, Family and Christ!

This past year I've attempted to hold both meetings and socials to promote our 4th Degree. Many times, I've requested input, response to dinner reservations, etc. Most of the time, it's just hearing crickets to my requests.

The most recent, as an example, was the social night at Ciao's Restaurant in Coupeville. We had about 15 people show up for the dinner and fellowship. We were supposed to have the election of officers approved at our dinner/informal meeting. This was not accomplished because of the lack of participation. So, I made an executive decision. Attached is the list of 4th Degree officers for this coming year. Please take a few minutes to review the listing and see if you were chosen to help support our 4th Degree program.

The harsh truth is that our younger generation were not brought up to join, participate in organizations, clubs, and social gatherings. Sadly, technology has replaced human contact, friendship, or simple conversation (debate). Many don't practice our faith and sadly, religion has become a thing of the past (It's what your parents did, go to Mass every week as a family, the children normally kicking and screaming, asking why must we attend church services?). The role as a parent is to guide our children into our faith, explain to them the importance of believing in Jesus!

I'd like to thank the Sir Knights that have come forward to help me this year. It is very much appreciated. Gentlemen, we need everyone to reach out to our brothers and ask them to participate and support our programs. It's vital to our existence.

I know we all live busy lives and face daily challenges. We need to get our younger members more involved in our activities! Many simply go through the motion of accepting the 4th Degree or 3rd Degree but never participate once they obtain these degrees.

The simple fact is many of us are getting older. So, we need our younger Knights to carry on our faith, practice, and teachings. For if we fail to instill in them the importance of participating in Knights of Columbus with it's activities and functions our organization will no longer exist.

Wishing you all a joyous Summer! Be safe, Keep the faith!



4th Degree News



4th Degree Obligations

This is a very serious situation that needs to be addressed and it concerns our obligations to our fellow Knights! It's with a very heavy heart that I write this.

Recently, I had to inform a Brother Knight's family that we, the assembly, will not be able to fulfill their request for an "Honor Guard" at his funeral service.

This leaves a bitter taste in my mouth to be sure! I personally feel that I've failed this family in honoring their husband, father, brother and most important our obligation as Knights to honor his service to our council and KofC organization. This is the second obligation declined in a month!

The time has come for us, as Sir Knights, to move on with the business of having the official uniform to conduct these services. Whatever, your opinion regarding the uniform shift, we must either purchase the new uniform so that we may honor our fallen brothers properly, or YOU must step down as a 4th Degree member. I know this is not an easy decision, but we must prevail to do the right thing.

YOU agreed at the time of your transition from 3rd Degree to 4th Degree to abide by the rules, by-laws and regulations governing this degree. If you are unwilling to participate fully, then again, I ask that you step down.

For those 3rd Degree members desiring to become a 4th Degree member, I ask that you read and understand your obligation in obtaining this final degree. One reason is simple, our assembly membership is decreasing with each passing member. We are not getting the men to step-up within our program.

I'm asking for your support and understanding, that we have an obligation, and that obligation should be taken seriously and most importantly to support our Sir Knights and Brother Knights' families.

WE OWE THAT TO THEM!

P. S. We know not when our end time comes, but rest assure, I'm praying there will be a contingent of Sir Knights to honor me at my funeral Mass. Maybe you should take time to contemplate your passing. Will we still have an assembly or even a council?

Vivat Jesus,
Francis Bagarella
Faithful Navigator



Uniform Package



- Navy blue blazer festooned with 4th Degree crest and emblem buttons
- Dark gray trousers
- Embordered necktie
- Black beret with 4th Degree metal badge

NOT INCLUDED: Plain white dress shirt w/button cuff (no French cuffs or button down collared shirts)

NOT INCLUDED: Black socks, plain black shoes, official 4th Degree lapel pin, incumbent medal of office, past and former miniatures (worn above left pocket), sword, baldrick, and gloves.

The garments of the official dress are produced in Italy. The fabric used for both blazers and pants is woven in Italy specifically for the KofC from a high quality super 130 wool, which denotes wool being new and pure and the numbers correspond to the thickness of the wool fibers. Best for people who do not use their suit as often or will be wearing during summer months. This fabric is perfect who care more about comfort, durability and warmth.

The blazer buttons are made in Italy. The KofC blazer patches are completely hand embroidered. The tie is Italian silk, but made in the USA.

The new uniform is worn as you would a business suit.

The beret is worn with the 4th Degree pin placed directly above left eye w/ right side of beret folding down towards right ear.

Size Guidelines. If you are:

- 5'5" - 5'8" order a Short jacket and trousers
- 5'9" - 6' order a Regular jacket and trousers
- 6'1" - 6'4" order a Tall jacket and trousers
- 6'5" - 6'8" order an Extra Tall (XT) jacket and trousers

Once you receive the uniform package, trousers will need to be hemmed.

Basic Official Uniform costs \$449.00, but adding Options like a U.S. Service Baldric (\$28.50), Leather Oxford Dress Shoes (\$98), White Gloves (\$6), Beret Patch (\$2.50) for FN & PFNs will certainly add to the overall cost.



PURPOSE of the 4th DEGREE COLOR CORPS

When knighthood was in flower, Knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry.

Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions. Hence, the primary purpose of the 4th Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

Color Corps members exemplify all principles of the Order:

- **Charity** - by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;
- **Unity** -by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;
- **Fraternity** - by expressing an “Esprit de Corps,” sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and
- **Patriotism** - by performing precision drill as a salute to God and country, visually exhibiting a love for both.

The public appearance of 4th Degree Knights, as a Color Corps, at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. Their uniforms add dignity and the pride of the Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations, their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.

CRE News

Boat Raffle

The Charitable, Religious, & Educational (CRE) Fund is now able to hold raffles after gaining its approval for a gaming license!

The first CRE Raffle is raffling off a 1991 21ft Seaswirl Sabre with a galvanized Calkins Easy Loader trailer, which was donated to the CRE by an anonymous doner. Tickets were made available on 1 July. The cost per ticket is \$20. Drawing will be held on September 11th. For Tickets see any CRE member.



Knights Club News

Lounge Grand Reopening & Cinco de Mayo Wrap-Up by PGK Doug Warren

I thank all who came out for the Cinco de Mayo celebration and the Knights Club Lounge grand reopening. I was told we had roughly 78 people in attendance. The food and atmosphere were great! It was awesome to catch up with friends who haven't been out in a long time.

Thank you, Ralph Byars, Dan and Monique, our great bar tender Trevion Sylla, Rich Mueller for the use of the Jockey Box and Nacho dispensers and beautiful decorations. The fajitas, tacos, nachos and cheese and the many different dishes made other Cinco de Mayo celebration celebrators go hungry. To my wife, Erlinda, others who I didn't get a chance to thank personally and for all who brought a dish created an outstanding feast!

Thank you to the Knights Club Board for giving us an opportunity to turn this space into a great place to socialize and have fun. Lots of great social events are being planned for the coming months. So, I hope you and yours will come out for those future events.

Other Events



FAITH ON FIRE CATHOLIC FAMILY WEEKEND

Faith on Fire is the signature Catholic event of the Pacific Northwest, a spiritually transformative celebration of Catholic fellowship, family, prayer, and vocations celebrating the joy and beauty of

our Catholic Christian faith and facilitating authentic encounter with Jesus Christ for mission in the 21st century. This event typically draws all ages, from young children through senior citizens, from the Northwest and British Columbia. A celebration for the whole family at St. Mary's Catholic Church (Anacortes, WA) during August 11-13, 2023. Featuring Keynote Speaker: Sarah Swafford.

For more info: <https://stmaryanacortes.org/Faith-Formation/Faith-On-Fire-Sparks-of-Faith>

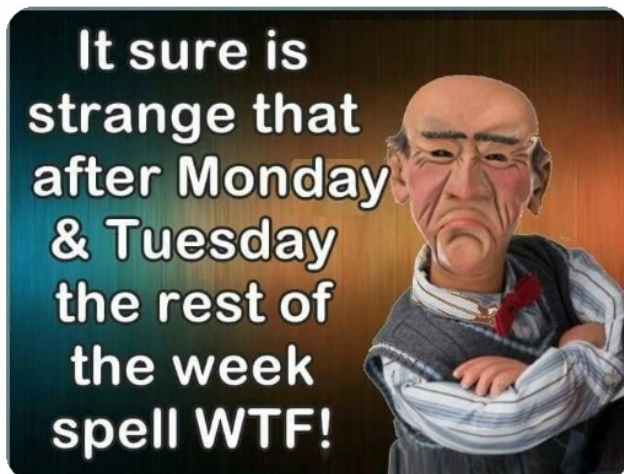
Navy Reenlistment

On June 2nd, Caleb Hutchinson, a fellow 3rd Knight, and currently serving as our Counsel Recorder, relisted in Navy for another six years by his retired Army Ranger Warrant Officer with mother looking on. Congratulations Caleb! Thank you, Caleb, for continuing to serve.





On the Lighter Side



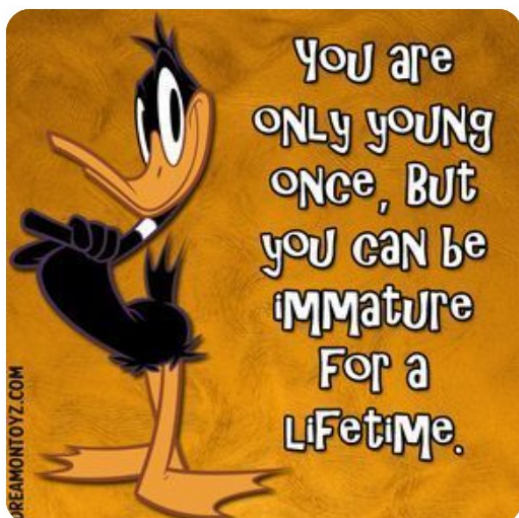
A group of dolphins is called a pod.
A group of falcons is called a cast.
So if you're ever watch the Miami Dolphins play the Atlanta Falcons, technically, you're watching a podcast.



I got a book titled, 'A Guide to Surgical Procedures'.
I opened it up and the appendix was missing.



I missed the World Hairdressing Championships on TV last night.
Does anyone know if they're showing any highlights?



When my father dies,
he wants his ashes
pressed into a record.
It's his vinyl request.

