

Christopher Columbus

The Navigator

December 2023

Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361

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Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2023-2024

Grand Knight:	Rich Mueller (PGK)	Recorder:	Trevion Syalla
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:	<i>not assigned</i>	1 Year Trustee (2020):	Rusty Waters (PGK, PFN)
Advocate:	Dan Olvera (PGK, PFN)		

Officers MTG - 1st Tuesday - 6pm | **Council MTG** - 2nd Tuesday - 7pm | **Assembly MTG** - 3rd Tuesday - 7pm

December			
Date	Day	Time	Event
3	Sunday	All Day	Avent Begins!
5	Tuesday	6pm	Knights Club Meeting
		7pm	Council Officers Meeting
6	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
9	Saturday	5pm	Council Christmas Party
12	Tuesday	7pm	3 rd Degree Council Meeting
13	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
14	Thursday	6:30pm	Fatima Prayer Knight
19	Tuesday	n/a	4 th Degree Meeting (<i>cancelled</i>)
24	Sunday	All Day	Christmas Eve
25	Monday	All Day	CHRISTMAS Day (Advent Ends)
26	Tuesday	12pm	New Years Fireworks Sales
27	Wednesday	12pm	New Years Fireworks Sales
28	Thursday	12pm	New Years Fireworks Sales
29	Friday	12pm	New Years Fireworks Sales
30	Saturday	12pm	New Years Fireworks Sales
31	Sunday	12pm	New Years Fireworks Sales

Advent Season

Starts this Sunday, December 3rd and ends on Christmas Day.



Faith Enrichment

Advent Silent Retreat

St. Augustine will hold an Advent Silent Retreat with Prayer, Advent Scripture Readings, Reflection & Journal. This is a time to take life at a slower pace & focus on what we need to do to allow God to enter our hearts more fully & to deepen our relationship with God.

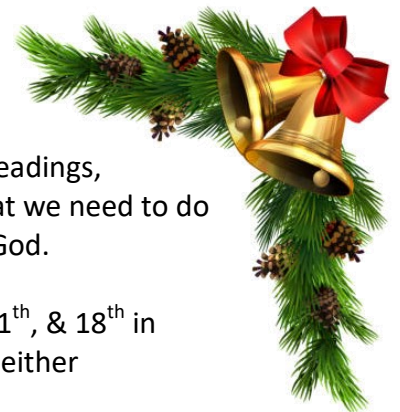
The Advent Silent Retreat will meet on Mondays, 10-11:30am, December 4th, 11th, & 18th in classrooms 1&2 in the parish hall. To register, please contact Mary E. Waters at either dultff@staugustineoh.org or call 360.675.2303/ext. 32.

Adoration

Adoration for everyone in the Holy Land will be held on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:00 to 8:00pm in St. Augustine church.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation when all the faithful are expected to attend Mass. Masses will be held Friday, December 8th starting at 12 noon at St. Mary and 6pm at St. Augustine.





3rd Degree News



From the Grand Knight

May the joy of the Christmas season be with you all! We have had a very busy November and are now faced with all the stress and joy that the holiday season brings. Often, we put far too much stress on us during this time of the year. "We're having guest, clean the house!" "What to wear for the big office Christmas party." "I wore that last year, what will the boss think?" And worst yet, we drive ourselves to ruin trying to find that perfect gift. Well just STOP! All of us just stop and take a breath and focus on the gift we have already received. On that first Christmas when God gave us his only Son!

This is the time of giving, let every heart be full of the joy of genuine charity, which is the first principle of our order by the way. And, when it comes to giving reflection on the Gospel of St. Matthew Chapter 6, verses 1 thru 4:

"TAKE heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them : otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

² Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do no sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

³ But when thou doest alms, let not the left hand know what thy right hand doest.

⁴ That thine alms may be in secret : and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly."

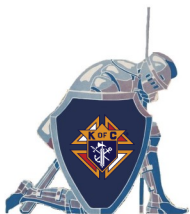
May you and you families rejoice in the joy of God's love,

Rich Mueller, GK

From the District Deputy

An Insurance Benefit Night is planned for Tuesday, January 30th, at St. Mary Church in Anacortes at 1900 (7pm). Micheal Schwab, our insurance agent, and a lawyer will speak on items (i.e., bank accounts, Transfer on Death Deed, Living Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Power of Attorney for Healthcare, and Last Will and Testament, etc.) that need to be collected for end-of-life expenses including funeral arrangements and any remaining medical or legal expenses that will need to be settled by your beneficiary. This information should get you thinking about alleviating a lot of heartache for those that have to finalize your affairs when you do pass.





Good of the Order



Knight of the Month



GK Rich Mueller, presents Knight of the Month Award to DD Ralph Byars

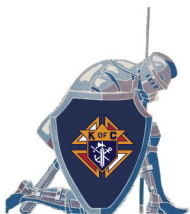
Ralph Byars, Past Grand Knight, has been selected as the Father John E O'Brien Council 3361 Knight of the Month. He is the District Deputy for District 19 and oversees three councils (St. Treunet, Anacortes; St. Hubert, Langley; and Fr. John E. O'Brien). Also, serves as the Knights Club groundskeeper, assistant club manager, CRE Board Treasurer, and is the 4th Degree Comptroller.

When something needs to be done, Ralph is the first to volunteer. This past month, Ralph was very instrumental in his efforts of a very successful Priest Appreciation Dinner... one of our best! He can be found around the club house daily where he keeps the council home immaculate. Ralph is everywhere! He provided firewood to Knights member and spouses of Knights, provides help with St. Augustine's

First Sunday Pancake Breakfast; was present to bag potatoes during the council's Potato Bagging event and was active for the dispersal of bagged potatoes to the North Whidbey Help House (Oak Harbor) and Gifts from the Heart (Coupeville) and helped with St. Mary, Anacortes Oktoberfest.

Ralph represents the true meaning of being a Knight within the Knights of Columbus.





Good of the Order



Family of the Month



Theresa and Dave Frazer are active members of St. Augustine Parish and have been for years. Theresa and Dave have been married for 54 years and are proud parents of three children.

Theresa is the “Pie Lady”. During pie season, she leads other “Pie Ladies” in preparing, cooking, and selling pies. This is no small task, she organizes efforts and spends countless hours baking delicious berry, pecan, and pumpkin pies to sell after weekend Saturday/Sunday Masses. The pie proceeds go to help the church. And, Dave, on several occasions, has been seen helping the “Pie Ladies” with pie sales. This year alone 551 pies were sold!

Both are active at church and in community. During weekend Masses, Theresa volunteers as a Eucharistic Minister and/or Lector at Sunday Mass. She is also a talented vocalist in the church choir. Theresa, a member of the Catholic Daughters Association, has supported Knights of Columbus events with her delightful, yummy desserts. She is also the Board Treasurer at the Whidbey Playhouse.

Dave volunteers with the church’s exterior maintenance and has been seen riding a lawn tractor mowing the lawn. He is a very active member of the Whidbey Playhouse. Dave is on the Whidbey Playhouse “Education Committee Chair” for theatrical plays. Dave has directed several theatre plays.

Congratulations to Theresa and Dave Frazer for being selected as Fr. John E. O’Brien Council’s “Family of the Month”!

P.S. Theresa and Dave were awarded the “Family of the Month” at the recent Priest Appreciation Dinner, but unfortunately, Dave couldn’t attend as he was directing “Arsenic and Old Lace” at the Whidbey Playhouse.



GK Rich Mueller presented Dave & Theresa Frazer with the Family of the Month Award. Also pictured, PGK Doug Warren.





3rd Degree News



The Council Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 9th. Social hour begins at 5pm with dinner being served at 6pm. Menu: Barron of Beef, Roast Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing and Green Bean Casserole. We will be collecting non-perishable food, conducting raffles, a 50/50 drawing and a White Elephant Gift Exchange following dinner.

No tickets sales at the door. No takeouts. Ticket sales will end on the December 4th or when we sell out. For tickets, contact either:

Rich Mueller	360-929-1066
Dan Olvera	360-216-5905
Francis Bagarella	360-320-7893
Doug Warren	360-929-5763
Ralph Byars	360-969-0149
Rusty Waters	360-969-4009

Fatima Monthly Rosary

Devine Mercy Chaplet (6:30pm) and Rosary (7:00pm) to be held at the Knights Club on Thursday, December 14th. All Knights, families, and friends are welcomed. A dessert social follows. Please bring a dessert or goodies to share.

Keep Christ in Christmas Cards

KCIC Cards will go on sale after St. Augustine and St. Mary (Coupeville) Saturday/Sunday Masses.

Sales to occur during December 2nd/3rd, 9th/10th, and 16th/17th weekends. Any questions, contact either KCIC Chair, Kevin Butler (kevinbutler02179@gmail.com) or Rusty Waters (360-969-4009).

New Year's Fireworks Sales

Fireworks Sales will start on Wednesday, December 27th and runs through Sunday, December 31st. Opens each day at noon and stays open until midnight or as long as there are customers. Volunteers will be needed. Please provide your time and talent.



Sales Booth will be located at *The Mill at The Kastel*.

Depending on the weather, it might be a good idea to dawn long johns, coat, hat and maybe gloves when you come out. Any questions, contact either Rich Mueller (360.929.8376) or Doug Warren (360.929.5763).

Adopt-a-Family Program

Progress report submitted by Brother Knight Tom Hiestand on the council's Adopt-a-Family program.

Jeremy (Wilkins) and I delivered a turkey dinner and got the "wish list" from our family on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We delivered a living Christmas tree to them today, so they could decorate. We are scheduled to bring their gifts and Christmas dinner on Dec 22nd.

Both dinners are compliments of the Rich & Onee Rezabek (thank you both, once again)!

No Santa needed this year as the only child is 14.

Merry early Christmas!

God bless, Tom





3rd Degree News



Brother Knights,

Please consider writing a letter or sending a card to encourage the two seminarians that we support in Mount Angel Seminary. The council sends them a Christmas card and sends them a check every year. If you Facebook, they are frequently in the Seattle Vocations FB posts.

Patrick Gitau Mbuiyu

MOUNT ANGEL SEMINARY, COLLEGE III



The first of two children in his family, Patrick was born and raised in the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya. He was initiated into the Catholic faith at a young age and went on to lovingly serve the youth of his parish and the Pontifical

Missionary Children of the Archdiocese of Nairobi as their chairperson and advocate respectively. Due to his interest in music, he also served in the music ministry and was later appointed to represent the youth in the church council. In his free time, if he is not singing, he is playing soccer.

Mail to:

Mount Angel Seminary
1 Abbey Dr.
St. Benedict, OR 97373

Maximiliano Muñoz

MOUNT ANGEL SEMINARY, THEOLOGY I



Max was born and raised in Chile. He completed a Philosophy degree and worked as a high school teacher of Philosophy and Religious Studies, while discerning a diocesan and missionary vocation to the priesthood. Deeply touched by the charism of

Bl. Charles de Foucault, a providential meeting in Santiago de Chile with Fr. Ronald Belisle concluded with him inviting Max to come to the Archdiocese of Seattle, aware of the fast-increasing number of Hispanic populations in Western Washington. Trying to follow the apostolic example of leaving all for the Kingdom of God, Max has made Seattle his new home. Max enjoys reading philosophy and theology and feels challenged to learn new languages for the service of the Church. He is also an amateur organ player. God willing, Max wants to be a priest close to the people, strengthening parish communities and empowering the leadership of laity. He asks for prayers and gives thanks for the support given by the people throughout the Archdiocese.

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3rd Degree News



Priest Appreciation Dinner Wrap-up

Thank you (top left to right) Fr. Mel Strazicich (St. Mary, Anacortes Pastor), Fr. Larry Bailey (Retired Military Chaplain), and Fr. Chris Hoiland (St. Augustine Pastor) for attending the council's Priest Appreciation Dinner. Also, we welcomed Deacon Lyle Kendall (right) from St. Mary Church, Anacortes.

Thank you for all for your support in making this event a huge success! We feed nearly 130 patrons. This would not have been accomplished if it were not for a special group of Knights. Thank you to Francis Bagarella (Event Chair) and his entourage of Brother Knights especially Ralph Byars (District Deputy), Trevion Sylla, Rusty Waters, Doug Warren, Dan Olvera, Kurt Bauch, Bill Butler, and Steve Boneau. Additionally, thanks to the Catholic Daughters for stepping in creating scrumptious desserts.

If anyone went home hungry or did not get their fill it's their fault. A lot of to-go boxes were passed out due to the size of the Lasagna serving.



Merry Christmas



3rd Degree News



THANK YOU!

KofC News Sharers,

I thank the Knights for accepting me into the KofC community and keeping me informed about all your activities to which I have been welcomed with open hearts and arms! I'm so impressed with every one of the Knights and their unstinting, unselfish efforts.

I'd never had occasion to witness the Knights before and it's been an amazing experience! God bless every one of you and your spouses for your generosity.

Love in Christ, Patti Ruple

Football!

Thank you to the guys who are coming out to enjoy Monday, Thursday, and Sunday football 🏈 and the comradery it brings. Even had the St. Treunet GK join us during one game. We share lots of great laughs while watching the games. Bring a dish to share, but normally we'll have chili and dogs as a main staple. We have a great lounge to enjoy watching football, playing darts or pool and hope you can find time to join us. Blitz has joined our football festivities.

Doug Warren PGK
Family Director



THANKS
FOR ALL
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Dear Knights - Thank you for all you do for our Catholic faith and the support you share.

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Membership Dues

The FS is preparing for the Dec 15th mailing of the 1st 2024 Membership Due notifications. Here are some of the items to be accomplished:

- (1) Active-Duty member verification. Active-Duty members' dues have been waived by this council. If you are active-duty and receive a membership bill, let the FS know.
- (2) Verify / Update contact info for all members
- (3) Honorary Members' dues have increased to \$15.50
- (4) Collect individual fraternal activity for the council's annual Fraternal Activity Report
- (5) Received dues payments will not be processed until after January 1st

Fr. John E. O'Brien Website

Looking for more information about Fr. John E. O'Brien Council or Knights Club of Oak Harbor happenings, checkout this website <https://kofc3361.org/>

Online Form Submission

When an event has occurred, the chair is required report it! Go to Fraternal Programs, enter your membership number and last name. A link to fill out the form will be sent.

Go to : <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=10784C.02> or use this QR code.



New Member?

Have you asked or know someone that is interested in becoming a Knight? Pass following link to the interested party:

Go to: <https://kofc3361.org/Join-Form.php>

Update Member Contact Info

Update your contact info.

Go to: <https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/knights-in-action-news.html> or use this QR code.



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4th Degree News



4th Degree Assembly Officers (2023-2024)

Faithful Navigator:	Francis Bagarella (PGK, PFN)	Faithful Scribe:	Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)
Faithful Comptroller:	Ralph Byars (DD, FDD, PGK, PFN)	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)		

4th Degree Social

Last month, the Assembly #2276 held a social at Freeland's China City Restaurant. About 23 assembly members and their spouses from St. Hubert and Fr. John E. O'Brien Councils gathered together for a night of comradery and to eat China City's delicious cuisine. And, thank you to the FN Francis Bagarella for driving the Knights Club bus to haul us to this event.





4th Degree News



4th Degree Social (cont.)



Some of the Attendees

Top row (left to right): Marrisa & Jeff Motto; Marty & Junita Robinett; Denise & Ben Young

Middle row (left to right): Doug & Erlinda Warren; Rick Egge; Donna Lawrence & Ralph Byars

Bottom row (left to right): Nellie & Pete Caldwell; Kim & Ben Robinett; Erlinda Warren & Phyllis Lund

Other News

Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

The Women of St. Mary will be hosting a Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00am to 2:00pm and after Sunday Mass on Sunday December 3rd.

Please support this bazaar as proceeds will help the Women of St. Mary support local charitable organizations. Cash donations are gladly accepted!

For more info, contact Janet Rojas at 360-969-1609.

St. Augustine Pro-Life Ministry

A Pro-Life Peaceful Vigil will be held on Friday, December 1st at the intersection of Highway 20 and Pioneer Way from 3:45 to 4:45pm to help end "ALL" abortions.

St. Augustine Pancake Breakfast

The next St. Augustine Pancake Breakfast will be held on December 3rd after the 8am Mass. What a good way to start the Advent Season! Bring the family and join us in the Parish Hall for pancakes and sausage. Donations are most welcome!

St. Augustine Evening Confessions

Wednesdays during Advent, December 6, December 13, and December 20 at 6:00 pm in the church.

St. Hubert Council #11357

St. Hubert Council, Langley, would like to talk to any Whidbey Island Knight about joining their council, especially to previous members of the now defunct Bud Dorr Council, here's an opportunity to join/transfer to the St. Hubert Council to increase council membership.

If interested, contact the St. Hubert Council's Grand Knight Jeff Motto (jjmotto@gmail.com).

Rick Egge, St. Hubert Council #11357, can get the \$500.00 application fee waived to Gonzaga University for those desiring to attend. If interested or require more info, contact either Rick Egge (425-269-9252, 360-730-3650 or email at rcegge22@comcast.net) or Grand Knight, Jeff Motto (jjmotto@gmail.com).



Fr. Treunet Council 3611, Anacortes

- ⇒ Christmas Party and Council Meeting, Tuesday, 12 December
- ⇒ Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, 7 January 2024
- ⇒ St. Patrick's Day Event, Saturday, 16 March 2024 after the 5pm Mass

The Miracle Prayer

Lord Jesus, I come before you just as I am. I am sorry for my sins, I repent of my sins please forgive me. In your name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce satan, the evil spirits and all their works. I give you my entire self. Lord Jesus, now and forever, I invite you into my life Jesus, I accept you as my Lord, God and Savior. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit.

Come Lord Jesus, cover me with your precious blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit, I Love You Lord Jesus. I Praise You Jesus. I Thank You Jesus. I shall follow you every day of my life. Amen.

Mary my mother, Queen of Peace, all the Angels and Saints please help me. Amen.

