

Christopher Columbus

The Navigator

January 2023



Venerable
Fr. Michael McGivney

Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361
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Grand Knight

Ralph Byars (PGK, PFN, PDD)
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Officers MTG
1st Tuesday - 6pm

MBRSHIP MTG
2nd Tuesday - 7pm



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Assembly MTG
3rd Tuesday - 7pm

2022-2023 Council Officers

Grand Knight:	Ralph Byars (PGK, PFN, PDD)	Recorder:	Doug Warren (PGK, PFN)
Deputy Grand Knight:	Andy Valrosa	Warden:	Jim Spoltman
Chaplain:	Fr. Chris Hoiland	Inside Guard:	Mauri Tonini (PGK)
Financial Secretary:	Dave Morgan	Outside Guard:	Bill Butler
Treasurer:	Tom Karney	1 Year Trustee (2020):	Paul Brewer (PGK)
Chancellor:	Ben Young	2 Year Trustee (2021):	Rusty Waters (PGK, PFN)
Lecturer:	Rich Mueller (PGK)	3 Year Trustee (2022):	Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)
Advocate:	Pete Rivera (PGK, PFN)		

JANUARY

Date	Day	Time	Event
3	Tuesday	6pm	Council Officers Meeting (MTG)
		7pm	Knights Club MTG
4	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
8	Sunday	n/a	The Epiphany of Our Lord (12 days of Christmas ends)
10	Tuesday	n/a	Father John E. O'Brien Memorial (1942)
		7pm	3 rd Degree Membership MTG
11	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
13	Friday	6:30pm	Fatima Prayer Knight
16	Monday	n/a	Martin Luther King Day
17	Tuesday	7pm	4 th Degree MTG
18	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
23	Monday	5pm	Agape Knight
			Cribbage Knight
25	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!



In Memoriam of Father John E. O'Brien (1869 - 1942)

Fr. John E. O'Brien became very interested in Whidbey Island. He deplored the fact there was no permanent Catholic church there. He came as often as possible from Everett to celebrate Mass at the Liberty League Hall in San de Fuca. As he approached retirement age, he convinced Bishop O'Dea to let him start a parish on Whidbey Island.

On Sunday, October 23, 1932, Mass was celebrated for the first time in the newly named St. Mary's Church.

On January 1, 1933, Father O'Brien baptized the first baby in St. Mary's Church. Previously, babies were taken to Port Townsend to be baptized.

Father O'Brien moved into the basement of the church and worked hard to keep his new parish going financially. There were few Catholic families on the island. It has been quoted as 5 families, or 8 families, or 10 families, plus a few Indians. These Indians tried to support Father O'Brien, and feed him, too. He was most popular with all who met him – even the Protestant shopkeepers who gave him credit until he could pay his bills.

In January 1938, Father O'Brien joined other Coupeville men as a charter member of the Lions Club.

In May of 1941, he united Mary Sullivan and John Vanderzicht in marriage in a warmly remembered "small family wedding," the first wedding at St. Mary's.

In June 1941, Annabelle Zylstra married "Bud" Berry in the first "big wedding" at St. Mary's Church.

Father O'Brien was a very busy man during these years. In addition to buying the Church, he built a mission church in Langley in 1939 and called it St. Hubert's. From 1936, he celebrated Mass regularly at the Jackson home in Oak Harbor. Finally, in 1939, a mission church was begun in Oak Harbor and named St. Augustine's.

While presiding at the funeral of Margaret Hughes Clark, on a cold and blustery day, Father O'Brien caught a cold, which developed into pneumonia. He never really recovered. He was transferred to Seattle in 1941 to be replaced by Rev. Robert Logan as administrator. Father O'Brien died on June 10, 1942, and Father Logan became the second pastor of St. Mary's Church.

This year, on November 26th, the John E. O'Brien Council 3361 will turn 72 years old. In 2020, to display our respect and appreciation for our Clergy, the council set forth a Resolution to change the council's namesake to "Father" John E. O'Brien. On February 22, 2022, Supreme approved the council's 2020 Resolution. Hurray!

A belated Thank You to all connected in making the council's namesake extra special.

May the soul of Father John E. O'Brien rest in Eternal Peace.



Council News



Good of the Order

Congratulations to Terry & Marye Kandzor for being selected for the Family-of-the-Month!
Congratulations to D'Arcy Morgan as the Knight of the Month!

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a safe and joyous night to start the new year. Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Did you promise that you'll do better this year than last year? Well, good luck, but do remember, prayer will help you no matter what! May you have a blessed and trouble-free New Year.

Christmas Dinner Party

Thank you to all who put the Christmas Dinner Party together. It takes a lot of planning, coordinating, and labors of love to put this event together. No matter if you were participating in the scullery, attending bar, assisting tables, or cooking, all these separate elements are a must to pull off a successful event. Additionally, thank you for your selflessness, which may have gone unnoticed, but was necessary to accomplish a successful event. Job well done!

Adopt-a-Family

Brothers Tom Hiestand and Jeremy Wilkins met with a family who are going through some extraordinary times. Some family members are dealing with health issues. Because they have special dietary restrictions, we presented them a Saars Gift Card so they could do their own shopping for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Very nice family!

New Years Fireworks Sales

For all who participated in the New Year's Fireworks Sales -- THANK YOU! If you weren't for your volunteerism, this event would have been harder for the two chairs to achieve a successful event. Your generosity in coming out to support an important fundraising event helps put dollars into council coffers that support the council's many charitable causes in our parish and community.

Fatima Prayer Knight

Will be held at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor on Friday, January 13th, at 6:30pm. Join us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Rosary. Prayers start at 6:30pm. A potluck dessert social follows. For more info, contact Walt Daspit, at alt.daspit@enterprisecs.net. Weather permitting, prayers may be held in the grotto.

Council 3361 Website

Thank to Brother Jim Spoltman has stepped-in to update our website. Already, changes have occurred and future changes are sounding good. Check it out! Go to "KofC3361.org". Thank you Jim!



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Cribbage Knight

Past Cribbage nights have been enjoyed by all who have attended. Some have mentioned it's nice to get out of the house and to socialize with others. It doesn't matter if you know how to play cribbage or not, other games of interests can be introduced... i.e., puzzles, Ship, Capt'n & Crew, Yahtzee, or whatever board games you may like to play. Come out and enjoy an evening of fun with others! The Cribbage Knight is scheduled for Monday, January 23rd.

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP)

Dear brother Knights.

I bring you Advent greetings; "Prepare the way for the Lord."

I would like to extend my gratitude to you for the support and prayers that you have always accorded to me. I have received 1,000 USD from you to help me in my seminary formation. I am thankful to you all for considering me in these unfavorable economic times. May the good Lord bless you.

Dear brothers let us continue praying for each other and strive to do God's will always, with Mary mother of God as our model. May this season of Advent remind all of us of the hope, Joy, love and peace found in Christ.

*Seminarian Derrick Tushabe Theology I
St. Paul's National Major Seminary.
Kinyamasika, Fortportal Uganda.*

May our Lady of Guadalupe continue interceding for us.

On the Funny Side



I work out religiously - Christmas and Easter.

If anyone needs an ark, I happen to
Noah guy.

How can you make God laugh?
Tell him your plans.

What is the possible chemical symbol for Holy Water?
H2Omg

What happens when you cross a Priest and a lawyer?
A Father-in-Law

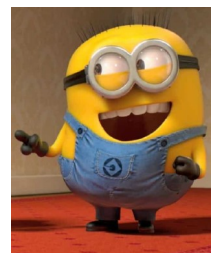
How do you get a Pikachu on Whidbey
Island Shuttle? -- You Pokémon

Church Marquee:
"Get in touch with God by knee mail."

Maybe more next month...

How does Moses make tea? He brews.

Church Marquee:
"Love your enemies; After all, You made them."





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Financial Secretary News

1. 1st Notice for Membership Billing has been mailed. Included in this mailing are the *Member Experience (Interest Survey)* and *Annual Fraternal of Fraternal Activity* forms. Please check to see if the info is correct and complete, especially name, address, email, and phone number on the membership on the invoice. Please check or include your wife's name and birthday. This info is essential for KofC communiques or in case of an emergency.
2. Honorary Life, Disability, and Active-Duty members should have received a plastic membership card in the mail. These members are exempt from paying membership dues.
3. The **Annual Fraternal of Fraternal Activity** is due to KofC Supreme on January 31st. Request all input be forwarded to the FS prior to January 15th so a fused report can be created for Supreme. This is how the Supreme receives data on council and member activity throughout the previous year.
4. The **Member Interest Survey** helps the council match members to council events. Please let us know your interests. Event Chairs may contact you for your help during event planning phases.

2023 Membership Dues

On December 15, 2022, the Financial Secretary (FS) mailed the 1st 2023 Membership Dues Notice. For those missing the 1st window, you should receive the 2nd Notice by January 15th. The FS requests us to ensure the info on the Dues Notice is correct. There are three ways to update your contact info:

1. Go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/update-contact-information.html>
2. Scan this QR code (right) with your cell phone
3. Email the FS kofc3361fs@gmail.com

There are four Dues Exemption categories: (1) Disabled; (2) Seminarians; (3) local Active Duty; and (4) local Honorary Life. Contact the FS if you believe you qualify for one of these exemptions.

If you work Bingo or are a Knights Club (KC) Board Member, the FS should have received a list of names from KC management to cover your membership dues.

For those Brothers who don't realized what your dues do. It goes to charities the council sponsors or to individuals or families in dire need of help.





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Council Name Badges and Fraternal Vests

Badges (Burgundy w/ White Lettering w/ council info) and Vests (Navy Blue w/ embroidered names and emblems) can be ordered by contacting the Financial Secretary.

Badges and Vests are free to new Knights coming into the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council 3361. The vests are not grandfathered.

Financial Secretary

Dave Morgan

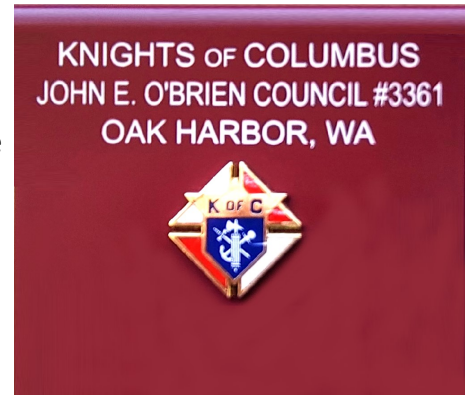
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Fr. John E. O'Brien Council #3361

Members and Family in need of Prayer

Please remember our fellow brother Knights, their family and friends who are experiencing physical and mental distress. May your daily prayers aid them in their hour of need and hasten a speedy recovery.

Member	Concern	Status
Andy Valrosa	Healing / Healing	Brother Knight
Arlene Swatosh	Healing / Healing	Widow of Brother Knight
Dale Auburg	Healing / Healing	Brother Knight
Ed Witt	Healing / Healing	Brother Knight
Fr. Larry Bailey	Healing / Healing	Priest
Jeanne Valdez	Healing / Healing	Wife of Brother Knight
Jim Brady	Healing / Healing	Brother Knight
Onee Rezabek	Healing / Healing	Wife of Brother Knight
Ric Bluhm	Healing / Healing	Brother Knight
Richard Rezabek	Healing / Healing	Brother Knight
Tom Karney	Healing / Healing	Brother Knight

Members in Memoriam

Lest we forget. Pray for our dearly departed brothers that their souls are resting in peace in His kingdom. Together we join the family survivors to offer prayers in remembering our dearly departed brothers.

Al Alcoy	16 December 2022	Brother Knight
Larry Phillips	7 December 2022	Brother Knight
Ray Bouchard	29 November 2022	Brother Knight
Phillip J Charrette	8 August 2022	Brother Knight
Juan E Ecijan	11 March 2022	Brother Knight
Albert D Bakker	8 March 2022	Brother Knight

Family Members in Memoriam

For family survivors, we join together to remember their family member who has recently passed away. We offer prayers for them and the reposed soul of their loved one.

Maria Doctor	3 December 2022	Widow of Brother Knight
Dahlia Blackburn	22 November 2022	Wife of Brother Knight
Betty Letrondo	4 September 2022	Widow of Brother Knight

2023 Council Calendar

Month	Date	Events
January	10	10 Jan 1942 - Father John E. O'Brien Commemoration
	13	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	TBD	Right-to-Life March (Bus)
	23	St. Augustine Agape Community Meal - KofC, 4 th Monday - 4pm
	23	Cribbage Knight - Monday before the 4 th Tuesday of each month - starts at 6pm

February	13	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	27	St. Augustine Agape Community Meal - KofC, 4 th Monday - 4pm
	27	Cribbage Knight - Monday before the 4 th Tuesday of each month - starts at 6pm

March	13	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	17	St Patrick's Day Parade
	TBD	St Patrick Dinner
	27	St. Augustine Agape Community Meal - KofC, 4 th Monday - 4pm
	27	Cribbage Knight - Monday before the 4 th Tuesday of each month - starts at 6pm
	29	Founder's Day - Mar 29

April	4	Delegate selection for WSC Convention / Council Officer Slate for next fraternal year
	13	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	TBD	Holland Happening
	TBD	KofC Shake-the-Can for Pennies-for-Heaven, St. Augustine
	TBD	Scholarship Committee
	24	St. Augustine Agape Community Meal - KofC, 4 th Monday - 4pm
	24	Cribbage Night - Monday before the 4 th Tuesday of each month - starts at 6pm

2023 Council Calendar (cont.)

May	9	Slate of Officers Election
	13	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	14	Mother's Day Breakfast
	22	St. Augustine Agape Community Meal - KofC, 4 th Monday - 4pm
	22	Cribbage Night - Monday before the 4 th Tuesday of each month - starts at 6pm
	TBD	Santa Cruz De Mayo
	TBD	WSC Convention

June	12	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	13	Election of Council Officers
	TBD	Rummage Sale
	TBD	Priest Appreciation Dinner
	26	St. Augustine Agape Community Meal - KofC, 4 th Monday - 4pm
	26	Cribbage Knight - Monday before the 4 th Tuesday of each month - starts at 6pm
	28	4 th of July Fireworks Sales begins (28 th to July 4 th)

July	4	4th of July Parade Fireworks Booth
	13	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	24	St. Augustine Agape Community Meal - KofC, 4 th Monday - 4pm
	24	Cribbage Night - Monday before the 4 th Tuesday of each month - starts at 6pm
	TBD	Installation of Officers
	TBD	WSC Summer Leadership Meeting
	28-30	Whidbey Summer Classic Regatta
	30	Father John E. O'Brien Birthday (1869)

2023 Council Calendar (cont.)

August	12	Birth of Fr. McGivney (1852)
	13	Founder's Feast Day
	13	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	14	Death of Fr McGivney Memoriam (1890)
	21	Cribbage Night - Monday before the 4 th Tuesday of each month - starts at 6pm
	28	St. Augustine Agape Community Meal - KofC, 4 th Monday - 4pm
	TBD	Council Picnic
	TBD	Golf Tournament

September	4	Fr. John E. O'Brien Ordination (1898)
	9	Bike MS: Deception Pass Classic
	14	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	TBD	Right to Life Dinner (Speaker)
	25	St. Augustine Agape Community Meal - KofC, 4 th Monday - 4pm
	25	Cribbage Night - Monday before the 4 th Tuesday of each month - starts at 6pm

October	13	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	23	St. Augustine Agape Community Meal - KofC, 4 th Monday - 4pm
	23	Cribbage Night - Monday before the 4 th Tuesday of each month - starts at 6pm
	TBD	KCIC Card Sales - StA/StM
	TBD	Potato Bagging
	TBD	Priest Appreciation Dinner
	TBD	Right to Life Dinner
	TBD	Rummage Sale

2023 Council Calendar (cont.)

November	7	Council Budget - Present
	13	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	27	St. Augustine Agape Community Meal - KofC, 4 th Monday - 4pm
	27	Cribbage Night - Monday before the 4 th Tuesday of each month - starts at 6pm
	TBD	Feathers Program (4th)
	TBD	KCIC Card Sales – St. Augustine / St. Mary (Coupeville)
	TBD	Adopt-a-Family

December	12	Council Budget Vote
	14	Prayer Knight - Divine Mercy & Fatima Rosary - 13 th of the month starting at 6:30pm
	22	Ordination of Fr Michael McGivney (1877)
	27-31	New Year's Fireworks Sales
	TBD	Christmas Party
	TBD	Adopt-a-Family
	TBD	Simbang Gabi

Prayers are Needed!

*For the Unborn
 For Individuals you know needing Prayers
 For our Deployed Military
 For our Country
 For our Homebound
 For those affected by Natural Disasters
 For the people of Ukraine
 ...and for those in Our Hearts*



My Lord

Please help those who are experiencing physical and mental trauma. For the prayers being offered, be answered to help them during their hour of need. May they too, receive Your grace to ease their suffering. Your will, not mine, be done. Through Jesus Christ. Amen





Hey you,  Knight!

Come and join us on
the 3rd Tuesday of
each month.

We haven't seen you
in such a long, long,
long, long, long, long
time!

