

Christopher Columbus

The Navigator

July 2025

Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361
3259 Old Goldie Rd., Oak Harbor



Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney

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2025 - 2026 Council Officers

Grand Knight: Ben Young
Deputy Grand Knight: Heath Garcia
Chaplain: Fr. Chris Hoiland
Financial Secretary: Dave Morgan
Treasurer: Tom Karney
Chancellor: *vacant*
Lecturer: *unassigned*
Advocate: Dan Olvera (PGK, PFN)

Recorder: Rusty Waters (PGK, FN, PFN)
Warden: Joe Pfeffer
Inside Guard: Mauri Tonini (PGK)
Outside Guard: Paul Brewer (PGK)
1 Year Trustee: Kurt Bauch
2 Year Trustee: Steve Boneau
3 Year Trustee: Rich Mueller (PGK)

Officers' Business Meeting

1st Tuesday - 6pm

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday - 7pm

Assembly Meeting

3rd Tuesday - 6pm

4th of July Fireworks Sales

The Council's Fireworks Sales is in full swing. The booth opens at 9am till Closing. As this is the council's largest, most profitable fundraiser, we can use your help! If you have some time to volunteer to be present during 9am - 1pm, 1-5pm, or 5pm to closing. Training provided. So, please, pick a timeframe or a portion of one to help at the booth. We all benefit from the work put into this endeavor!

Camaraderie abounds!



Independence Day

For more information of Oak Harbor's
4th of July events go to:

<https://www.oakharborchamber.com/community-events/>



Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

I wanted to begin my first newsletter message by thanking the Worthy District Deputy, the Worthy Immediate Past Grand Knight, all of the other Worthy Past Grand Knights, the officers of the Council, and all of the Brother Knights for the energy and the dedication that they have devoted to everything that our Council does. It is only because of everybody's contributing ideas, communicating with each other, and working together that our Council is able to do what it does.



Congratulations to all of the Brothers in our Council for being recognized as a Star Council; from what I have been told, it was many years ago when our Council last achieved that superlative distinction. During my term in office, I would like to make a short-term objective of earning Star Council recognition again. And I would like to make a long-term objective of paving the way for our Council to become a perennial Star Council.

At this you may be asking "And how does he expect us to do that?" I would reply that the foundation for our success has already been established; our Council is a vibrant organization that conducts many activities throughout the year. We simply need to participate in these activities, and most important, to have fun while participating. If other Brother Knights, and men who are not Knights, see us serving our families, our parish, and our community with smiles on our faces, they will want to get involved. And if anybody has an idea for an activity that they would like our Council to do, feel free to suggest it. If it is feasible, let's do it.

And speaking of activities, selling fireworks at the booth in front of The Mill at The Kasteel restaurant, 33505 State Route 20, Oak Harbor has begun. This is our Council's predominant fundraiser during the year. If you have some free time, come out and help sell fireworks and bond with your Brothers.

On the Fourth of July, there will be a parade through downtown Oak Harbor; please come out, show your spirit, and have some fun. There are three activities to participate in: carrying one of the fifty state flags, marching with the Divine Mercy float, or riding with the St. Augustine parishioners in the Knight's Club of Oak Harbor bus. Come out and join the fun.

And on Sunday, July 20th, the St. Augustine parish will be hosting a parish picnic and car show at the St. Augustine Church in Oak Harbor. Your Brothers from our Council will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs at this event. Enjoy some grilled treats and choose your favorite ride.

With thanks to all of you who made our past year a success and to those who will step up in the future,

Benjamin Young, GK

Pro-Life Vigil

On Friday, July 4th, St. Augustine's Pro-Life Ministry will hold its next Pro-Life Vigil at the intersection of SE Pioneer Way and State Route 20 between 3:45 and 4:45pm.

Prayers and Signs will be provided. Contact Mike or Barb Thelen at thelenmike.assoc@gmail.com or (360)661-0311 or (360)320-3959.



Columbiettes' Rummage Sale Wash

The rummage sale was a GREAT turnout! The Columbiettes made nearly \$1900.00.



Thank you Knights, Ralph Byars, Doug Warren, Paul Brewer, Dan Olvera, Pete Caldwell, Dave Yakubchak, Kurt Bauch, and Jose Sanabria for your instrumental labors on moving boxed items to and from the sales floor.



Looks like one our Knights acquired a new toy for his toolbox. Got water?



July Knights

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Happy Birthday to You!

Ben Young
Marty Robinett
Pete Caldwell
Dallas Bunny
Rusty Waters
Donald Schmude
Ed Schoeler
Ben Manuel
Ken Manni
John Joynt

From the Financial Secretary

Twice a year during the "New Fraternal Year" and "Membership Billing", my focus is to ensure our council has the most up-to-date contact information for its members. This ensures billing invoices, email notices, phone trees, and Columbia magazines are received promptly.

Please take a few minutes to check and/or provide the following info:

- * Cell number
- * Home number
- * Mailing address
- * Email address



You can update your contact info using either of following methods:

- * Scan QR Code (right)
- * Visit (<https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/update-contact-information.html>) to update contact info
- * Email details to kofc3361fs@gmail.com
- * Mail info to 3259 Old Goldie Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Financial Secretary.



Never too Late!

With the recent council regime change, cleaning house is sometimes in order. Throughout the year, there are times awards are not presented due to personnel not being available. The outgoing Grand Knight, Rich Mueller, was able to present the following awards to Knights at his last meeting (pictured from top to bottom).

Family of the Month for January 2025
Tom & Debbie Karney

Knight of the Month for April 2025
Jose Sanabria

Family of the Month for April 2025
Heath & Valarie Garcia



Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

The monthly "Our Lady of Fatima Rosary" and "Divine Mercy Chaplet" are now scheduled every second Monday of the month, this month on July 14th.



Divine Mercy Chaplet starts at 6:30pm followed by Our Lady of Fatima Rosary at 7:00pm. A dessert social follows. Please bring a dessert to share.

All Knight members, members' families, and friends are welcome to attend. Please join us as we gather to pray for our council and family members, peace in



Senior Scholarship Night

Last month, the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council's Grand Knight, Rich Mueller, and prospective Grand Knight, Ben Young, attended Senior Scholarship Night to present awardees of three council scholarships.

Communications

Dear Knights of Columbus,

On behalf of our entire school community, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of our graduating seniors. Your scholarship contribution makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our students, helping to ease the financial burden of higher education and opening doors to new opportunities.

Thanks to your support, we were able to celebrate an inspiring and joyful Senior Scholarship Night. The event was a true highlight of the year—filled with pride, applause, and genuine appreciation for the incredible accomplishments of the Class of 2025. It was deeply moving to see our students recognized not just for their academic efforts, but also for their character, potential, and commitment to their futures—qualities you so clearly believe in and champion through your generosity.



Your involvement in their journey sends a powerful message of encouragement and belief—one they will carry with them as they take the next steps in their education and beyond. Thank you for making that possible.

We are grateful for your continued partnership and support of our school and students. You are helping shape the future in the most meaningful way.

Christy Kellison

College & Career Counselor
School Counselor
AP Coordinator
CWU CIHS Coordinator
Oak Harbor High School



****** Thank You Note ******

"Dear funders of the Knights of Columbus Don Goodwin Scholarship,

I am writing to sincerely thank you for awarding me this scholarship. I'm truly grateful for your generosity and support. Education is a significant investment, and this scholarship will allow me to focus more deeply on my academic and career goals without the added stress of financial strain.

I will be attending Washington State University in the fall and I'll be majoring in Mechanical Engineering, with plans to eventually pursue a master's in Aerospace Engineering. My dream is to become an astronaut one day. In high school, I was heavily involved in my school's robotics team, which sparked my love for building, problem-solving, and designing. In college, I'm excited to keep developing hands-on skills like welding and 3D printing, and to work on projects that turn creative ideas into real-world innovations. I also engaged in community service and leadership roles, both of which helped shape how I show up for others and the kind of student I want to be.

This fall, I'll be working on campus as a Peer Health Educator, where I'll help promote wellness and support fellow students. I'm also looking forward to joining clubs, sports, and other campus organizations—anything that will help me stay involved, meet new people, and keep growing outside the classroom. Thanks to this scholarship, I can say yes to these opportunities without hesitation, knowing I have the support I need to make the most of my college experience.

I would describe myself as curious, driven, and optimistic. As I continue on this path, I want to grow into someone who not only tackles challenges head-on, but also gives back, uplifts others, and helps build a strong, supportive community wherever I go. Your support encourages me to keep aiming higher and to pursue those goals with purpose and gratitude.

Receiving this scholarship is not only a financial gift, but also a personal motivation. Knowing that someone believes in my potential encourages me to keep pushing forward, work harder, and make the most of every opportunity. I am truly excited for the road ahead and deeply thankful for your support.

With sincere appreciation, Haley"



SCHOLARSHIPS



Aah, the joys of summer in the pacific northwest. Long days and sunshine. Before too long we will be back into the damp, dark winter... so enjoy it now!

The council is preparing for those colder temps by kicking off our 2025-2026 "Coats for Kids" Drive. Last year we did a great job and were able to distribute over 300 warm winter coats to kids in need.

Please consider sponsoring a case of coats. The cost per case is \$250.00. If that is out of reach, you can still help by donating any dollar amount. Just reach out to our event Co-Chairs, Ralph Byars and/or Rich Mueller. They will help you with your Tax-Deductible donation.

Oh yes, we will take cash, checks, Venmo and/or credit cards.

Let's have a banner year!

Rich Mueller, PGK
Community Chair



WA State Council Links

WA State Council
<https://kofc-wa.org/>

Form 10784 Online Submission
<https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=10784C>

Submit Knights in Action Form
<https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/knights-in-action-news.html>

Fraternal Operations
<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/fraternal-operations.html?icon-tabs=2>

Update Member Contact Info
<https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/update-contact-information.html>

4th Degree Form 4
<https://knights-of-columbus-form-4.pdfFiller.com/>

Degree Apparel
<https://knightsgear.com/>

4th Degree Uniform Packages
<https://www.kofcuniform.com/uniform-packages/package/knights-of-columbus-executive-fit-uniform-package-uniform-package/>

3361 Council Links

Incoming Picture Album
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Sx7yv16dLnVXvX1X6>

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

Join Us Email
joinus@kofc3361.org

The CRE Rifle Raffle



Golden Boy .22 S/L/LR

The Fr. John E. O'Brien Charitable, Religious, Educational (CRE) Fund Organization are selling raffle tickets for a .22 caliber Henry Golden Boy rifle with related sundries. Tickets are \$20.00. Drawing will be conducted on Columbus Day, October 13th at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor.

You do not have to be present to win; although, individuals purchasing tickets must be 18 or older and must pass a background check IAW RCW 9.41.113 (<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=9.41.113>).

Knights Club Bingo

Have some time? Wednesday night Bingo needs your help as callers, verifiers, and/or kitchen help. Bingo starts at 6pm and ends around 9pm. Please consider volunteering one week out of the month.

75th Diamond Jubilee
November 26, 2025
Fr. John E. O'Brien Council



A formal banquet being planned for the Council's Jubilee year. More info to come!

1st Annual Island County Chaunsert (Concert)

For more Chaunsert info, go to:

<https://oakharborchamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/1st-annual-island-county-chaunsert-20010>

INFORMATION

RAFFLE TICKETS AND CAMPING:
 JOHN (660) 353-9060
 PATRICK (360) 970-2055

VENDOR TABLES:
 TAMMY (660) 353-9975
 JASMINE (360) 632-8378



LIVE MUSIC

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS

WET T-SHIRT CONTEST
 (WINNER GETS \$200)

RAFFLE BIKE TICKETS
 (TO BE RAFFLED AT OYSTER RUN)

BIKE SHOW

CAMPING:
3 DAYS \$50
1 DAY \$20

FOOD VENDERS



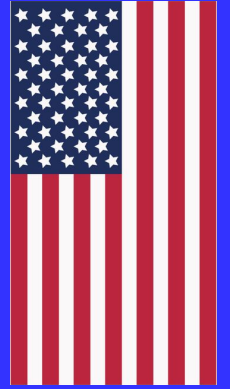
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Assembly 2276 Digest

Homeport: 3259 Old Goldie Rd. Oak Harbor



Whidbey - Fidalgo Assembly 2276 Meetings - 3rd Tuesday - 6pm

Fr. Gustave Treunet Council 3611, Anacortes | Fr. John E. O'Brien Council 3361, Oak Harbor | St. Hubert Council 11357, Langley

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR - ingodwetrust2@comcast.net / (360) 969-4009

2024 - 2025 Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator:	Rusty Waters (FN/PFN/PGK)	Faithful Admiral:	Francis Bagarella (PFN/PGK)
Faithful Friar:	<i>Unassigned</i>	Faithfull Inner Sentinel:	Joe Pfeffer
Faithful Captain:	Rich Mueller (PGK)	Faithful Outer Sentinel:	Luie Ferrer
Faithful Pilot:	Dave Morgan	Trustee	Tom Kingman
Faithful Comptroller:	Ralph Byars (PFN/DD/FDD/PGK)	Trustee	D'Arcy Morgan
Faithful Scribe:	Ben Young	Trustee	Micheal Ptacek
Faithful Purser:	Dan Olvera (PGK)		

4th Degree Uniform Raffel

The Assembly will start selling uniform raffle tickets at the door prior to 4th Degree meetings and/or at 4th Degree socials. Tickets will cost \$20 each. Raffle Drawing will be done at the last meeting in June during each fraternal year. If the response is better than is expected, then a uniform raffle will be drawn in December. Tickets go on sale in August.

The Official 4th Degree Uniform package costs approximately \$475.00 which includes the Blue Blazer with 4th Degree Crest and Emblem of the Order Buttons, Gray Trousers, Hand Embroidered Necktie, and Black Beret with 4th Degree Badge. This does not include *Optional Package Add-Ons* i.e., leather oxford dress shoes, white gloves, U.S Service Baldric nor a white shirt (no Oxford type shirt) and black socks.

Not included in the raffle, is if a SK purchases an official 4th Degree uniform package, then the SK should turn in his receipt and the assembly will return him \$100.00 for his efforts.



4th Degree Nametags

For our new SKs, I'm holding nametags for Charles Childs (11357) and Sean Clancy (3611). Come to a meeting to pick up your nametag. NOTE: Luie, a new nametag will be ordered for you as the first one holds a spelling error.



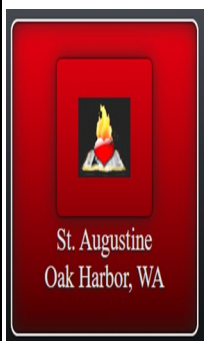
On Sunday, July 20th, from Noon to 4pm, St. A's Church will host a *Parish Picnic and Car Show!*

All *WI Family of Churches* parishioners, family and friends are cordially invited!

KofC are cooking hamburgers and hotdogs, and providing cotton candy, snow cones, and popcorn for this event. Knights are request to volunteer to help in these efforts.

Parishioners are asked to bring a potluck item (A-M: desserts, N-Z: side dishes).

Anyone who owns a hotrod, rat rod, muscle car, hootie, turner, vintage, tuff truck, jeep, bike or anything classy, snazzy, or otherwise amusing, please bring it to the car show at the picnic.



Faith on Fire! - Catholic Conference

Don't Forget to Register!

Faith on Fire is a dynamic celebration that draws individuals and families and faithful from across our Archdiocese. The event has become a beloved tradition—bringing together Catholics of all ages to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and celebrate the richness of our Catholic heritage.

To Register, visit: <https://www.tinyurl.com/4bd7fft6>

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"

It marked the first time that humans landed on the Moon. CDR Neil Armstrong and Lunar Module pilot Buzz Aldrin landed the Lunar Module Eagle on July 20, 1969, at 20:17



Universal Time Coordinated (UTC), and Armstrong became the first person to step onto the Moon's surface six hours and 39 minutes later, on July 21 at 02:56 UTC.

Korean War Armistice

On July 27, 1953, the Korean War officially ended with the signing of an armistice agreement at Panmunjom.

This agreement, signed by the United Nations Command, North Korea, and China, brought an end to active hostilities but did not formally end the war with a peace treaty. The Armistice established a demilitarized zone (DMZ) along the 38th parallel, effectively dividing the Korean peninsula.





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Fraternal Benefit Night

Each Wednesday of the month, an online event is available for your viewing in both English and Spanish. The Spanish event is available any day of the week.

Fraternal Benefit Night - English - <https://kofcpacific.com/fbn>

Fraternal Benefit Night - Spanish - <https://kofcpacific.com/fbne>

For your council to receive credit, each member will need to fill out a survey at the end of the event:
<https://kofcpacific.com/survey>

We currently do not have a survey in Spanish (only English), but we will be adding that during the next fraternal year. Please have your Spanish speaking members fill out as much of the survey as possible. All surveys automatically get sent to GA Cicero Seisdedos and the appropriate FA. Once the surveys are completed, an online report form will need to be submitted for credit. Supreme is no longer accepting report documents-here is the link to the online report: <https://www.fbn-form.com/>

Once this report is received by Supreme, it is sent to Cicero for his approval. He will then cross reference the surveys to verify the attendance on the report and submit it. At that point, we can't verify the credit so please reach out to your regular channels for verification.

To sign up a new member, please use the following link <https://www.kofc.org/join> and **Agent Referral Code "MSCHWAB"** for a FREE membership. We will be notified of the new member and help to welcome him to the council.

Lisa Schwab
Administrative Assistant

<https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/update-contact-information.html>





Book Time with me

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<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/insurance/index.html>



July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Fireworks Sales 9am to Closing 	2 Fireworks Sales 9am to Closing 	3 Fireworks Sales 9am to Closing 	4 Fireworks Sales 9am to Closing 	
6	7	8 Council MTG 7pm	9 BINGO 5pm	10	11	12
13	14 Prayer Knight 6:30pm	15 Assembly MTG 6pm	16 BINGO 5pm	17	18	19
20 "One Small Step for Man, One Giant Step for Mankind" - 1969	21	22	23 BINGO 5pm	24	25	26
27 Koren War Armistice - 1953	28 Agape Dinner 5pm	29	30 Fr. John E. O'Brien Birthday - 1869 BINGO 5pm	31		