



Christopher Columbus

The Navigator

March 2025

Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361

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Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney

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2024 - 2025 Council Officers

Grand Knight:	Rich Mueller (PGK)
Deputy Grand Knight:	Ben Young
Chaplain:	Fr. Chris Hoiland
Financial Secretary:	Dave Morgan
Treasurer:	Tom Karney
Chancellor:	Jim Spoltman
Lecturer:	unassigned
Advocate:	Dan Olvera (PGK, PFN)

Recorder:	Rusty Waters (PGK, FN, PFN)
Warden:	vacant
Inside Guard:	vacant
Outside Guard:	D'Arcy Morgan
1 Year Trustee (2024):	Doug Warren (PGK, PFN)
2 Year Trustee (2024):	Kurt Bauch
3 Year Trustee (2024):	Steve Boneau

Officers' Business Meeting

1st Tuesday - 6pm

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday - 7pm

Assembly Meeting

3rd Tuesday - 7pm

Grand Knight's Message



Wow, that was fast! February just flew by. We were busy doing the many things that made this council great.

I asked that when we do a project, we ensure we capture our work on the form 10784 and you responded in spades. As for writing this, we have posted 13 10784's in the system. Good work, keep it up!

Membership, I asked for your help and some have gotten the message. Thank you Fel Catabay, you are a leader in the requirement arena. The work is not done, and we still have a way to go. Let's share the joy of brotherhood with another and soon.

Looking ahead, as the days get longer our calendar gets even more full. Please check out the list of events we have planned this next month and get

involved. I think we have an event for everyone from Mardi Gras to St. Patty's Day and Lenten Suppers at St. Augustine church and an awesome family night. Whew, I am getting excited just thinking about it.

And now a little bit about service to the council.

I will be assigning appointments to the nominating committee in the next few weeks. They will be responsible for filling in the Slate of Officers to be elected to guide us for the next fraternal year. Please consider making the commitment to be a leader. It is easy when you have a good team behind you (like I have been blessed with).

The State Convention is approaching and is scheduled for May 2nd thru the 4th. We will be electing our Delegates and Alternates for this event at our next meeting. If you are interested, please let me know in advance about the next council meeting.

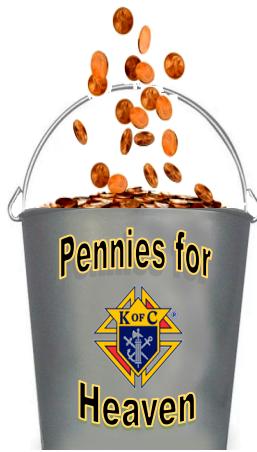
Until next month...



Council News

Shaking the Cans Wash

The Knights of the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council 3361 express their appreciation to all parishioners of St. Augustine and St. Mary (Coupeville) churches for their generous donations during the Knights of Columbus "Shaking the Can" collections for "Pennies for Heaven" which helps support the Refund Vocations Support Program (RSVP). The Pennies for Heaven collections totaled \$1893.61, which will go to support Dioceses of Washington State seminarians.



KofC Family Knight

On Friday, March 28th, the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council will hold its monthly Family Knight. Come out and join the Knights for fun and games. Since it's Lent, the council is having Friday Fish Fry! Donations are accepted. Doors open at 6pm.

St. Paddy's Day Dinner

On Saturday, March 15th, the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council is having a St. Patty's Day Dinner at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor. Traditional menu items of Corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, and Irish soda bread. Soda, water, coffee and tea and adult beverages.

Tickets are on sale at a cost is \$20.00 each and can be purchased from either:

Rich Mueller (360) 929-1066

Ralph Byars (360) 969-0149

Ben Young (240) 572-4084

Rusty Waters (360) 969-4009

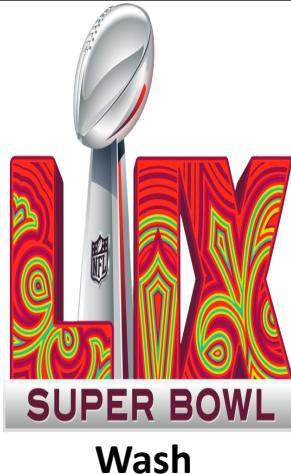


Doors open at 5:30pm.



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The Super Bowl LIX bash entertained 35 attendees. All enjoyed the comradery and bantering between Eagle and Chief fans.



There was a lot of food! If you went home hungry, you definitely missed out.

Thank you to Kurt & Lota Bauch, Doug Warren, Dan & Monique Olvera, Steve Boneau, Paul & Flo Brewer, Francis Bagarella, Joe Pfeffer, and Rusty Waters for helping to setup, cook and cleanup for this successful event!

Mardi Gras

On Tuesday, March 4th, the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council will hold a Mardi Gras in place of its monthly Officers' Business Meeting. Bring your best Cajun or Creole recipe to share. Doors open at 6pm.



Oh yes, don't forget your beads!



KofC Lenten Friday Fish Fry

On Friday, April 11th, the Knights will be hosting a Friday Fish Fry on at St. Augustine Fellowship Hall. Doors WILL open after Stations of the Cross (5pm). No takeout meals.



Good of the Order

Knight of the Month

Brother Jeremy Wilkins selected as Fr. John E. O'Brien Council Knight of the Month for January 2025.

Congratulations Jeremy!

Family of the Month

Brother Tom & wife Debbie Karney selected as Fr. John E. O'Brien Council Family of the Month for January 2025.

Congratulations Tom and Debbie!



March Knights

Born on Date

	<u>Happy Birthday to You!</u>
1	Victor Valencia
5	Christopher Davis
5	Arturo Quizmundo
7	Elren Apuyan
12	David Manny
13	William Schoentrup
14	Theodore Merrill
15	Brian Heva
16	Logan Keeney
19	Martin Witt
20	Barry Madsen
23	Terrance Kandzor
25	Joseph Santos
26	Ben Robinett
26	Aron Sanchez Velasco
27	Mike Horvath
28	Palmer Pinckney
30	Paul Lafranshise

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Walt Daspit, Event Chair



Brother Knights and families,

The Fatima monthly Rosary will be held at the Knights Club on Thursday, March 13th. All 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 Ukraine, the Holy Land, and other petitions.

Divine Mercy Chaplet (6:30pm), Rosary (7:00pm) and a dessert Social follows. All are welcome to bring a dessert, side dish, or goodies to share.

Lenten Season

5 March to 17 April



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The Columbiettes

The next Columbiettes meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13th, at the Knights Club at 6pm.

A Columbiettes initiation will be held at the Knights Club on Saturday, March 22nd, at 6pm.



Welcome Aboard

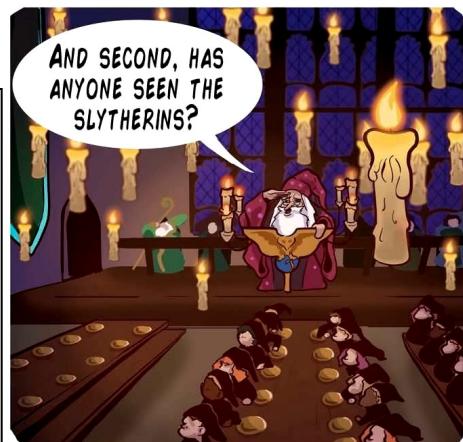
Hello to Ryan Clark (left), Arnold Javelo (center), and Jose Sanabria (right) our newest Fr. John E. O'Brien Council members.



Mass - Tips & Etiquette

Nothing is more irreverent than a phone going off during Mass. Do you really need to bring your phone into the church during Mass? If so, either turn off the sound, put in vibrate mode or put in airplane mode. If you have noticed, Father will stop praying until the individual stops making phone noise. Be respectful, mindful, and most importantly...

Be REVERENT!



Links of Interest

KofC

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>

Council

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

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

Join Us Email - joinus@kofc3361.org



From the FS Desk

Out of Area Council Members

- ◊ Council letter will be sent to members who have transferred out of the Oak Harbor area
- ◊ Locate a council by visiting <https://www.kofc.org/en/get-involved/find-a-council.html> and entering your zip code
- ◊ Nearby councils will be listed, if interested, contact a council to request info about transferring into that council

Membership Dues

- ◊ Council still has 10 members in arrears, totaling \$400.00
- ◊ Retention Team will be calling these members to discuss how to resolve this issue

Name Badges

- ◊ Hear ye, Hear ye, Brothers Brenden Flaherty, Gavin Karski, John Elsbree, Brian Burley, Steven Cox, Heath Garcia, Alan Haske, Daniel Janowski, Joel Kossman, Evan Lallensack, Ray Martell, Palmer Pinckney, Rex Lukinich, Francis Miller, and Jake Szigethy have badges waiting to be picked up.
- ◊ Come by the Knights Club to pick your name badge up or contact the FS, Dave Morgan, to obtain your name badge
- ◊ If you are a new member within the last 3 to 4 months, please contact the FS to ensure your name badge has been ordered

Washington State Convention (WSC)

- ◊ WSC will be held at St. Martin's University at 5300 Pacific Ave SE in Lacey
- ◊ Scheduled for the weekend of May 2-4
- ◊ WSC commences at noon on Friday, May 2nd, and adjourns on Sunday at noon
- ◊ Two Delegates and two Alternates are required to attend the WSC
- ◊ Council budgets for the two Delegates to attend the WSC; wives are strongly encouraged to attend; and, wives' activities are normally scheduled
- ◊ If interested in being a delegate or an alternate, please contact GK or the FS

Upcoming Officer and Program Director Elections

- ◊ In May, a Slate of Officers will be formed
- ◊ A Slate of Officers will be elected in June
- ◊ Newly elected council officers begin the new fraternal year on 1 July
- ◊ *Elected Positions* - Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside and Outside Guards
- ◊ *Appointed Positions* - Financial Secretary, Chaplain, and Lecturer
- ◊ *Service Program Positions* - Program Director, Faith Director, Vocations Director, Community Director, Life Director, Health Service, Public Relations, Family Director, Membership Director, Recruitment Committee members, Retention Chair, Insurance Promotion
- ◊ If interested in any of these positions, please contact a council officer for more info



Assembly News

Whidbey - Fidalgo Assembly #2276

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

2024 - 2025 Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator:	Rusty Waters (PGK/PFN)	Faithful Admiral:	Francis Bagarella (PGK/PFN)
Faithful Friar:	Fr. Chris Hoiland	Inner Sentinel:	Dave Morgan
Faithful Captain:	Dan Olvera (PGK)	Outer Sentinel:	Ben Young
Faithful Pilot:	Paul Brewer (PGK)	3 Year Trustee	Terry Kandzor
Faithful Comptroller:	Ralph Byars (DD/FDD/PGK/PFN)	2 Year Trustee	Tom Kingman
Faithful Scribe:	Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)	1 Year Trustee	Edwin (Bob) Spitzer
Faithful Purser:	Doug Warren (PGK/PFN)		

Exemplification of Patriotism

Reminder for those who have stepped up to the next level, the Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at St. Mark Catholic Church in Shoreline. A Whidbey SEATAC Shuttle (thank you D'Arcy Morgan, Whidbey SEATAC Shuttle President) will be available for all Sir Knights, candidates and their families. The bus will depart the Knights Club at 10:30am. Do not be late if you plan on riding the shuttle!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:30 - 1:30pm	- Registration
2:00pm	- Exemplification
4:00pm	- Mass
5:30pm	- Reception
6:00pm	- Banquet

CANDIDATE AND OBSERVER DRESS CODE

Dark Blue, Grey or Black business suit (Slacks and sport coats are not acceptable), white dress shirt with laydown collar (no collar buttons); dark tie and socks; dress shoes; or official Fourth Degree Uniform Regalia.

You have questions or need more info, call the FN, Rusty Waters, at (360) 969-4009 or the Faithful Comptroller, Ralph Byars, at (360) 969-0149.

Assembly Meetings and/or Socials

Social - On Tuesday, March 18th, the next 4th Degree Social will be held at Patron Mexican Restaurant (11042 State Route 525, Clinton). A bus will take those interested in coming to the restaurant. The bus will leave the Knights Club at 5pm.

Social - On Tuesday, April March 15th, the next 4th Degree Social will be held at Shawn O'Donnell's at the Farmhouse Restaurant (13724 Laconner Whitney Rd, Mt. Vernon). A bus will take those interested in coming to the restaurant. The bus will leave the Knights Club at 5pm.

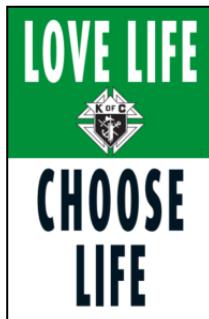
"Hear ye, hear ye" for any 4th Degree Social event, your spouse and / or family are invited! Likewise, any 3rd Degree Knight their spouse and / or family are also cordially invited to attend.

Community News

Pro-Life Vigil

On Friday, March 7th, 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.



Sunday Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, April 6th, after both the 8am and 9:30am Masses, a Pancake Breakfast will be held in St. Augustine's parish hall. Pancakes and sausages will be served. Bring the family and enjoy! Donations are very much appreciated.



As always, looking for volunteers to help setup, serve, and cleanup.

Fr. Gustave Treunet Council #3611 Events

St. Mary Anacortes

March

15th / 6pm St. Patty's Dinner

June

1st / 9am Pancake Breakfast

For more info, please contact the Fr. Gustave Treunet Council 3611 Grand Knight, Todd Robison at <toddrob@frontier.com>

St. Huberts Council 11357, Langley

March

18th - will host 4th Degree Social gathering at Patron's Mexican Restaurant at Ken's Corner

30th - will sponsor a parish Pancake Breakfast

Knights Club Bingo

No Bingo on Wednesday, March 5th.

Do you have some free time? Bingo needs your help on Wednesday nights. The Club is looking for Bingo Callers, Verifiers, and/or kitchen help. Bingo usually goes from 5pm (1700) till approximately 9pm (2100). Bingo is the club's number one money maker that keeps the club's facilities running.

Please consider volunteering one week out of the month.



St. Augustine RE Community Service Wash

On Saturday, February 22nd, St. Augustine's Pastoral Assistant for Children Faith Formation, Ms. Rowena and her RE students went to St. Charles for the monthly community service at the Tri-Parish Food Bank. The RE group helped to prepare over 200 plus food baskets for numerous families. This monthly community service demonstrates to the students to be thankful, caring and most importantly helping those who are less fortunate.



**PRIESTs, BROTHERs, NUNs.
THEY NEED US. WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business



March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Mardi Gras 6pm Club MTG 7pm	5 Ash Wednesday NO BINGO	6	7 Pro-Life Vigil 3:45pm - 4:45pm	8
9 Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Time Starts	10	11 Council MTG 7pm	12 BINGO 5pm	13 Prayer Night 6:30	14	15
16	17	18 Assembly Social Patron Restaurant Langley - 6pm	19 BINGO 5pm	20	21	22
23	24 Agape Dinner 5pm	25	26 BINGO 5pm	27	28	29
30	31					