

Christopher Columbus

# The Navigator

May 2023

Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361

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Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney



## Grand Knight

Ralph Byars (PGK, PFN, PDD)

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Business MTG - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - 6pm | Membership MTG - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7pm



## Faithful Navigator

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Assembly MTG - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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	3 Year Trustee (2022):	Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)
Chancellor:	Ben Young	2 Year Trustee (2021):	Rusty Waters (PGK, PFN)
Lecturer:	Rich Mueller (PGK)	1 Year Trustee (2020):	Paul Brewer (PGK)
Advocate:	Pete Rivera (PGK, PFN)		

## May

Date	Day	Time	Event
2	Tuesday	6pm	Council Officers Meeting (MTG)
		7pm	Knights Club MTG
3	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
5	Friday	n/a	Cinco De Mayo
9	Tuesday	7pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Membership MTG
10	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
13	Saturday	6:30pm	Fatima Prayer Knight
14	Sunday	9am-1pm	Mother's Day Breakfast
16	Tuesday	7pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree MTG
17	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
18	Thursday	n/a	Washington State Convention Convenes
21	Sunday	n/a	Washington Sate Convention Ends
22	Monday	6pm	Game Knight
24	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
29	Monday	n/a	Memorial Day



# Good of the Order



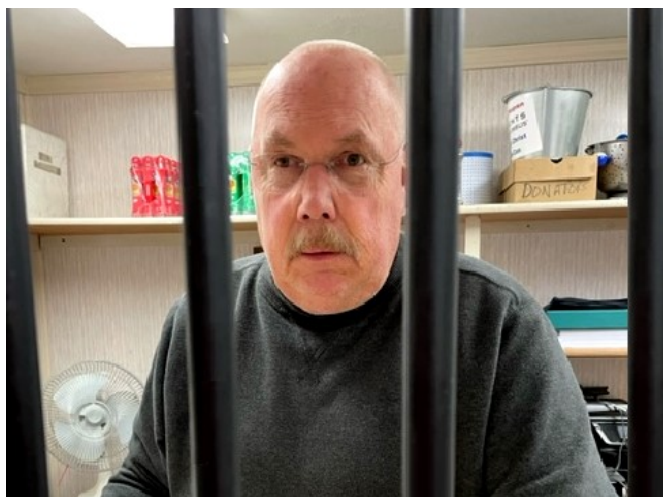
**March**

## **Knight of the Month**

Kurt's time and talent was instrumental during March. He supported St. Augustine's Stations of the Cross by volunteering in assisting the Knights hosting the Lenten Friday Fish Fry Dinners, cooking corned beef for St. Augustine Parish St. Patrick's Day Dinner, found time to assist in the Knights Club Lounge renovation project and helped at the Knights Club Wednesday Bingos.

Thank you Kurt for all you do for the Knights. You are one of a few that set the bar for other Knights to achieve!

**Congratulations  
Kurt Bauch**



NO! Not in jail but inside the Bingo cage.  
Photo by Doug Warren...Nice.

**March**

## **Family of the Month**

Thank you Doug and Erlinda for the countless hours for overseeing and spearheading the many remodels within the Knights' Club Lounge renovation project that you and Erlinda committed during these past few months. You and Erlinda brought forward an amazing transition from the old to the new. Dart Boards, Pool Table, lighting, large screen TV monitors, sound system, new bar stools, and modernizing the lounge bar area will become the focal point of any social event. The innovative appearance and atmosphere it now brings will most assuredly be instrumental in Knights Club events and will certainly be a center for future Knight of Columbus social happenings.

Doug and Erlinda, you two are definitely keystones within the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council!

**Congratulations  
Doug & Erlinda Warren**





# 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree News



## **Triduum - Holy Thursday**

During the Triduum, our worthy Grand Knight had the honor of having his foot washed on Holy Thursday.



## **Mother's Day Breakfast**

Mother's Day Breakfast will be served between 9am and 1pm on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Flowers to all Moms! Breakfast Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Baked Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Orange Juice and a Fruit Cup. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

## **Fatima Prayer Knight**

The Devine Mercy Chaplet (6:30pm) and Rosary (7pm) Prayer Night will be held at the Knights Club on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. Please join us. A potluck dessert social follows. Contact Walt Daspit, at [walt.daspit@enterprisecs.net](mailto:walt.daspit@enterprisecs.net).

## **Game Knight**

The next Game Knight is scheduled on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Doors open around 5pm for a filled night of camaraderie and socializing. Bring your competitive spirit and battle wits with your opponents in Darts, Pool, Cribbage, Yahtzee, Scrabble players, etc. or whatever the game. Bring your favorite hor devours or dessert to share. This event is open to all Knights, families, and friends.

## **Month of May**

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. The first 23 days fall within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence (absolute or restored). The remainder of the month (beginning the Monday after Pentecost) is in Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.





# 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree News



## Council Elections

The Nominating Committee is putting final touches to the Slate of Candidates. This Slate will be presented to the Grand Knight during May's Officer Business Meeting (May 2<sup>nd</sup>). If you are interested in stepping up for a position, please notify the Nominating Committee (Paul Brewer, Pete Rivera or Rusty Waters).

Currently the council only has a handful of proactive Knights eligible for council positions. Knights who previously held an officer position are also very much appreciated. The council needs YOU to consider supporting this council with your time and talent to keep our council alive and running! The council requests all active 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights to consider stepping up to fill an officer position. These positions are:

During the council's Membership Meeting (May 9<sup>th</sup>), the Grand Knight will announce and forward the Nominating Committee's Slate of Candidates to all members. Members should notify the GK or FS within 30 days of any objections to the council's Slate of Candidates. The following is the Election process:

May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Business MTG	Nominating Committee submits the slate of candidates to the Grand Knight
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Membership MTG	Grand Knight submits the slate of candidates to council membership
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Membership MTG	Council Elections are held
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Business MTG	Elected Council Officers begin the new fraternal year (2023 - 2024)

## Memorial Day (May 29<sup>th</sup>)

Memorial Day (previously known as *Decoration Day*) is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.

From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30<sup>th</sup>, but is now observed on the last Monday of May. On this day, and especially this day, take time to ponder what these individuals did for our country... and you.



American Cemetery at Omaha Beach Normandy

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Sales

The KofC Fireworks will be located in front of *The Mill at The Kasteel*. Booth will open on June 28<sup>th</sup> between Noon and 11pm then from 9am till 11pm each night thereafter, ending on July 4<sup>th</sup>. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, a BBQ will be available to all workers... bring a dessert to share.

Above all, let's have fun celebrating our nation's independence from Great Britain in 1776 when the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence, announcing the separation of the 13 colonies from Great Britain!





# *Financial Secretary News*



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## 2023 Membership Dues

The council has nine members who are in arrears. Those nine members are preventing the council of \$333.50. The council uses membership dues to fulfill its charitable budgeted donations. The FS and Grand Knight have spent **FIVE** months encompassing numerous hours of personal time trying to get in touch with these Knights to resolve the payment of their membership dues without a lot of success. Through the grapevine, a couple of members have mentioned they no longer wish to part of the Knights of Columbus. That's fine, but do provide the council the courtesy of providing an email or something written on a lounge napkin that communicates your desire to withdrawn from the Knights of Columbus. Knights of Columbus Supreme office requires this written desire in order to complete this withdrawal. Send an email to [kofc3361fs@gmail.com](mailto:kofc3361fs@gmail.com). It's really that simple!

Per the **CHARTER CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE Knights of Columbus**, Chapter XXV, page 80, Withdrawal SEC. 237. Any member desiring to withdraw from the Order may request to do so in writing.

Remember, KofC Supreme has a new category of "Affiliate Membership" for its members. If any member decides to become an "Affiliate Member", you will no longer be a member of any council but will remain a member in the Knight of Columbus.

## 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](mailto: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.

## **Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity**

There are 21 members (18 - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and three 2<sup>nd</sup> members) who have joined and stopped their progression within the Knights of Columbus. There is an On-Demand video that you can watch to be advanced to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree - [https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1359367&tp\\_key=9eb24b3a45](https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1359367&tp_key=9eb24b3a45)

This is roughly a 30-minute video. You can 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, let the Financial Secretary know and the council can set this video up to be viewed at the Knights Club during a regularly schedule Membership meeting. It's that easy!



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree News



## Join for Free!

Your support is much needed! The Knights are looking for men 18yrs or older to join Knights of Columbus fraternal group of men the do pass these website and/or the QR code (right) to them. Using these avenues iare real simple for men looking for a change in their life.

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>



## Knights in Action News!

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 that events reported must have ALREADY OCCURRED. Knights in Action cannot report on or publicize future events.**



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### ***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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Illness/ Surgery/ Recovery</b>	<b>Brother Knight/ Family/ Friend of</b>
Andy Valrosa	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Arlene Swatosh	Health / Healing	Widow of Brother Knight
Beth Butler	Health / Healing	Sister of Brother Knight
Dale Auburg	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Diane Young	Health / Healing	Wife of Brother Knight
Ed Witt	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Fel Catabay	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Fr Larry Bailey	Health / Healing	Priest
James Wirfs	Health / Healing	Former Brother Knight
Jeanne Valdez	Health / Healing	Wife of Brother Knight
Jim Brady	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Kevin & Bea Butler	Health / Healing	Brother Knight & wife
Kevin Byars	Health / Healing	Brother of Brother Knight
Laura McGuire	Health / Healing	Mother-In-Law of Brother Knight
Mauri Tonini	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Paul Brewer	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Ric Bluhm	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Rich & Onee Rezabek	Health / Healing	Brother Knight & wife
Ruth Abrea	Cancer Treatment	Wife of Brother Knight
Suzie Peterson	Health / Healing	Aunt of Brother Knight
Tamara Ellis	Health / Healing	Friend of council
Tom Hiestand	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Udo Poos	Health / Healing	Brother Knight
Walt & Flo Karney	Health / Healing	Parents of 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.

Rodolfo Gelacio	15-Jan-23	Brother Knight
Anecito Alcoy	16-Dec-22	Brother Knight
Larry Phillips	7-Dec-22	Brother Knight
Raymond Brouhard	29-Oct-22	Brother Knight
Clint Copeland	9-Nov-22	Brother Knight
Phillip J Charrette	8-Aug-22	Brother Knight
Thomas Lloyd	4-Jun-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



# 4<sup>th</sup> Degree News



## ***From the Faithful Navigator***

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree will be holding its monthly meeting at the Knights Club on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. A major topic of discussion is putting together an Assembly Slate of Candidates for the next fraternal year.

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## ***A Personal Note***

I'm writing this email as an apology for not being able to spend time with all my brother 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members. Tonight, we had a great social event where a lot of time and energy was put in by our Faithful Navigator, Francis Bagarella, ensuring we had a great time and dinner, although attendance was poor, I find this a trend in a lot of things we do.

I've always been told not to dwell on the negative, but it has become quite the pattern for meetings and social events put together to ensure we, as a fraternal organization, stay viable in all we do. If we continue down this path, we will cease to exist and all the good causes we do will die. Even as I write this, our religion is being attacked by those who hate Catholics. It's the small chiseling at the foundation that will eventually cause us to no longer exist.

We need to stay together as one and staying together as brother Knights will make us stronger. If I only had an excuse, I could have stayed home and camped out on the couch but instead I chose to share an hour or two with likeminded minds to enjoy the company of my brother Knights and wives. I understand we have obligations in our busy lives, but you will be surprised how just an hour or two away from the everyday burdens we encounter to share a friendly conversation can rejuvenate your spirit. I hope you can find time to join us at future socials/ meetings and do bring your wife, kids, and I'm sure you will end the night with a smile on your face.

Thank you, Francis, for the meatball sandwiches and pasta salad, they both were delicious. Stay tuned for an email coming out on a great social event... Cinco de Mayo (Friday, 5 May) at the grand reopening of the refurbished Knights Club. I hope this finds you all in good health and happiness. - Doug Warren PGK/ PFN



# ***Knights Club of Oak Harbor***

## **Knights Club Grand Reopening**

On Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Knights Club will have a “Grand Reopening” of the Knights Club Lounge and celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Of course, the theme will be Mexican. The club will be providing Tacos, Nachos, adult beverages of sorts, soda and bottled water. It’s a potluck event. So, bring your Mexican themed dish or dessert. The Fiesta starts at 6pm.



The lounge now sports a pool table, dart boards, and dice games. If you have your own darts or pool stick, feel free to bring them. Come out and enjoy the transformation of the lounge, which will provide enjoyment to all who socialize in the new environment in future club/ council events. Any questions Email me at [whidbeyrep@gmail.com](mailto:whidbeyrep@gmail.com) - Doug Warren PGK

## **Deep Clean**

After the renovation project being 95% completed, it was time to do a deep clean of the hall itself. Several Brother Knights joined in to clean the hall and kitchen from top to bottom. Thank you Brother Knights Doug Warren, Ralph Byars, Dan Olvera, Caleb Hutchinson, Kurt Bauch, Ben Lorica, and Paul Brewer for coming out spending time to dust, wipe down, wash light fixtures, vent covers, sweep and mop the floor. Due to dust from the renovation project as the main reason to conduct the deep clean, it amazing to find a lot of the light fixtures were caked with cigarette smoke residue, especially the light fixtures that were once thought to have yellow lens covers actually were white!



First time I’ve seen a CDR (Ret) on his knees cleaning...anything!  
Thanks Dan handling the kitchen’s bright work.



Thanks Doug, we can see out again!

# ***Knights Club of Oak Harbor***



Let it be known to all white hats, even an active Chief can clean.  
Thank you Caleb Hutchison for wiping down the log walls.



GK dusting...multi-talented this one!



That's right Paul, you too can see cleaning helps!



Seriously...it's white! Nice job Kurt.

## **National Prayer Day - May 4, 2023**

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation".



# ***Knights Club of Oak Harbor***



Mr. Miyagi (Francis), is that wipe on, wipe off? No Danielson, scrub and wipe off.

Thanks Brother for a job well done!



I got this Kurt. All I have to do is concentrate holding my balance on the ladder, hold the light fixture in one hand and pull a lightbulb out of my pocket with the other hand...no problem.

## ***Star Wars Day***

The 4<sup>th</sup> of May is Star Wars Day which has to do with the popular Jedi phrase from the films, “May the force be with you.” When this date is pronounced “May the Fourth”, it sounds similar, so it's really just a fun play on words.

# Parish News

## **St. Augustine RE**

St. Augustine's RE Youth Group volunteers and escorts helping the homeless at St. Charles Food Bank in Burlington.



## **Pro-life Peaceful Vigil**

The vigils which began during Lent will continue to meet on the first Friday of every month. Please join us on May 5th at the intersection of Highway 20 & Pioneer Way from 3:45 to 4:45pm to help end abortion.

## **Quo Vadis Days**

June 26-29, Camp Hamilton, Monroe. Be a part of the future of the Church! Join a four-day camp for young men in grades 9-12 to learn about the priesthood, deepen your faith, and discern God's call in your life. For more information email [vocations@seattlearch.org](mailto:vocations@seattlearch.org) or to register go to <https://archseattle.org/events/qvd23>.

## **Do you remember:**

On May 4, 1970, an anti-Vietnam War demonstration at Kent State University turned deadly when the Ohio National Guard shot four unarmed students and wounded nine others, further turning public opinion against the war.



# *Parish News*

## Senate Bill 5280

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you because I recently received an update about a particular bill that is in the process of being passed down in Olympia. It is important to address how this bill will affect priests and the sacrament of reconciliation in the state of Washington. This is why I am writing to you today on this vital issue to how we practice our faith.

The bill is Senate Bill 5280. It concerns priest/penitent confidentiality. What this bill does is it makes priests "mandatory reporters" and removes the legal protection that priests have always been afforded in the United States within the sacrament of reconciliation. While priests are already considered "mandatory reporters", the exception is, and has always been, the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest CANNOT divulge what they hear in the sacrament of reconciliation.

This is something that has always enjoyed legal protection in the United States. This bill will remove that protection. If this bill passes, not only will it hinder the sacredness of the sacrament of reconciliation, but it may impose legal penalties for a priest who does not divulge what they hear in the sacrament of reconciliation.

This particular bill has already passed out of the House of Representatives and is now headed to the Senate. Please join the bishops, myself, and the rest of the Archdiocese in contacting your local legislator to ask that this bill will not be passed.

Please know that I, as your priest, will not divulge what I hear in the sacrament of reconciliation. I simply cannot do this. And even if I did, I would face immediate excommunication from the Catholic Church. No matter what the state might do to me, I will not divulge what I hear in the sacrament of reconciliation.

It is important to note that we believe this bill to be unconstitutional and will likely be struck down upon appeal, but of course, we would love to not have to go down that road. Please urge your representatives to make sure that this bill does not pass.

Remember, do not be afraid of what the world can do to us. Christ has already conquered the world.

Believe in Him, and we will share in His victory.

I wish all of you a blessed Easter season.

Blessings,  
Fr. Chris

**SB5280 UPDATE: Senate Bill 5280 passed in the House, 75-20, but failed by one vote in the Senate! It's not over yet. It will surface again. Write to your senators and above all PRAY this does not pass any time it is brought forward.**

# Community News



A Celebration of our Catholic Faith for the Whole Family at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anacortes, WA during August 11-13, 2023. Featuring Keynote Speaker: Sarah Swafford

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. Our event typically draws approximately 250-400 attendees of all ages, from young children through senior citizens, from the Northwest and British Columbia.

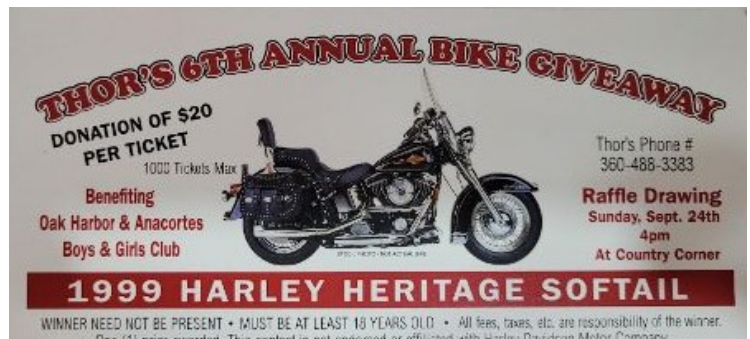
For more info, go to: <https://stmaryanacortes.org/Faith-Formation/Faith-On-Fire-Sparks-of-Faith>

## 2023 Motorcycle Raffle

The 'Chauns MC of Island County is sponsoring Thor's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Giveaway. A 1999 Harley Davison Heritage Softail is being raffle off with the drawing on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Country Corner. Winner does not have to be present. Must be 18yrs or older to participate.

Raffle tickets are \$20 and benefits the Boys and Girls Club in both Oak Harbor and Anacortes.

If interested contact Thor at 360-488-3383 or PGK Mauri Tonini for tickets.





# On the Lighter Side



We had a contest at work for the best neckwear.  
It was a tie.

I'm a proud  
supporter  
of messy hair,  
no makeup &  
pj's all day!  
Who's with me?

After weeks of denials, my wife just confessed that she  
broke my favorite lamp. I don't think I'll be able to look at  
her in the same light ever again.



A girl on a dating app asked me  
why I have an unlit cigarette in  
my picture. I told her I'm just  
looking for a match.



I am in the process of writing a  
book about tornadoes and hurricanes.  
Currently, it's only a draft.

I don't understand why people get annoyed about lazy  
people. They didn't do anything.



In addition to running, stretching, and cycling,  
I used to do planks, but I stopped because I  
got bored.

What happens  
when a microscope  
bangs into a  
telescope?  
A kaleidoscope.

