

Christopher Columbus

# The Navigator

NOVEMBER 2022



Venerable  
Fr. Michael McGivney

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## Grand Knight

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Officers MTG  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - 6pm  
MBRSHIP MTG  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7pm



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Assembly MTG  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 7pm

## 2022-2023 Council Officers

Grand Knight: Ralph Byars (PGK, PFN, PDD)  
Deputy Grand Knight: Andy Valrosa  
Chaplain: Fr. Chris Hoiland  
Financial Secretary: Dave Morgan  
Treasurer: Tom Karney  
Chancellor: Ben Young  
Lecturer: Rich Mueller (PGK)  
Advocate: Pete Rivera (PGK, PFN)

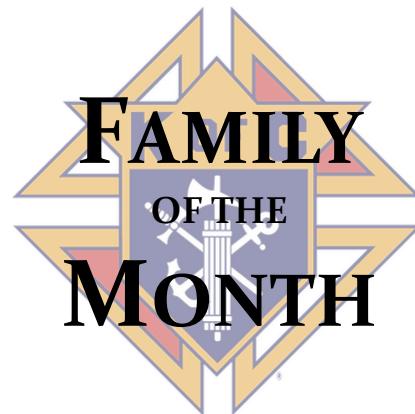
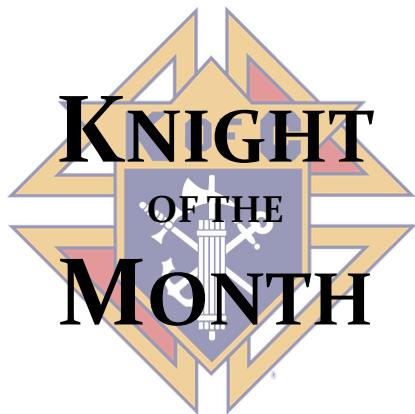
Recorder: Doug Warren (PGK, PFN)  
Warden: Jim Spoltman  
Inside Guard: Mauri Tonini (PGK)  
Outside Guard: Bill Butler  
1 Year Trustee (2020): Paul Brewer (PGK)  
2 Year Trustee (2021): Rusty Waters (PGK, PFN)  
3 Year Trustee (2022): Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)

## NOVEMBER

Date	Day	Time	Event
1	Tuesday	5pm	Council Officers Meeting (MTG)
		6pm	St. Augustine Church - All Saints Day Mass
		7pm	Knights Club MTG - Cancelled
2	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
8	Tuesday	7pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Membership MTG
9	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
11	Friday		Veterans Day
13	Sunday	6:30pm	Fatima Prayer Knight
15	Tuesday	7pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree MTG - Business/ Social at Frida's Mexican Cuisine
16	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
19	Saturday	5pm	Crabby Patty Drive-Thru Meals
21	Monday	5pm	Cribbage Knight -- <i>Last one of the Year!</i>
23	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
14	Thursday		<i>Thanksgiving</i>
30	Monday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!



# Good of the Order



## Rusty Waters

Congratulations to for being selected as the Knight of the Month for September.

A proven Knight who strives in assisting the council's activities to help the order and local communities. He is the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council Newsletter Editor who has received numerous accolades for his efforts. He writes with a witty banter, creates, and modifies pictorial displays to create an enjoyable and easy to read newsletter. Has been known to personally deliver hard copies to spouses of Knights long past to keep them abreast of KofC past and present activities. During a deep cleaning of the Knights Club kitchen, he discovered after years of cooking, frying and baking left the ceiling with layers upon layers of dingy, greasy, smokey soot. After a lot of heavy and persistent elbow persuasion, his efforts paid off! What was discovered was a ceiling that was actually white. This whiteness hasn't been seen for years! Rusty is a credit to himself and to the Knights of Columbus.

## Dan & Monique Olvera

Congratulations for being selected as the Family of the Month for September.

Dan & Monique continue to support St. Augustine's pastor, Fr. Chris, by assisting in usher duties at the 8am Mass on Sundays. Dan has worked at various council events with vigor and without hesitation when called upon regardless of the task. He is always eager to support the council or the club in any way possible. Never shirks requests for assistance and provides guidance on the spot. Dan also works the weekly Bingo Games at the Knights Club either by monitoring the floor for Bingo calls or in the kitchen cooking snacks to order for the Bingo patrons. Is involved with the Knights Club and CRE administration who from time-to-time is requested to aid in gathering info to help the Knights Club and CRE to function seamlessly. Dan's energies seem endless and are a credit to himself and to the Knights of Columbus.



# Council News



## **Fatima Prayer Night**

Will be held at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. Please come and join us to pray. The Divine Mercy Chaplet starts at 6:30pm followed by the Rosary at 7:00pm. A dessert social follows. Please bring a dessert to share. For more info, contact Event Chair, Walt Daspit, at [walt.daspit@enterprisecs.net](mailto:walt.daspit@enterprisecs.net). Weather permitting, prayers may be held in the grotto.

## **Crabby Patty Dinner**

On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Knights Club of Oak Harbor will be hosting a Crabby Patty Dinner. This is a fundraising event to help raise funds for a planned renovation project of the Knights Club lounge /conference room area.



The Crabby Patty Dinner Menu consists of two Crabby Patties, Hush Puppies, and Coleslaw. Cost is \$15 per order.

Curbside service will be available between 5:30pm and 7:30pm. **Strictly a drive-thru event.**

For preorders, send email request to [fbagarella1959@gmail.com](mailto:fbagarella1959@gmail.com). All orders must be placed prior to November 16<sup>th</sup>!

## **Right to Life Dinner**



A Right to Life Dinner is in the planning stages. The dinner is estimated to occur between late January early February. More details forthcoming.

*From Conception to natural Death*

*Protect the MOST Innocent who cannot protect themselves*



# Council News



## ***Cribbage Knight***



The last Cribbage Knight of the year will be held on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Knights Club doors open at 5:00pm with Run Times between 6pm and 8pm. Please bring a dish and/or snack to share. This event is for all Knights, family, and friends.

Bring a cribbage board and cards (if you have them). If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! Monday Night Football will be on the big screen. Last thing...bring that competitive Spirit! Open to all Knights, families, and friends.

Next year's Cribbage Knight will be held on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>



## ***Christmas Dinner / Party***

Brothers. The council's most anticipated event of the year is just around the corner. The council's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Menu consists of Prime Rib, Baked Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Bacon-wrapped Grilled Asparagus, Green Salad, Dinner Rolls and Dessert.

Social hour with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begins at 5pm with a sit-down dinner being served at 6:30pm.

A White Elephant gift exchange (\$20.00 suggested limit), 50/50 and raffle drawings to follow.

Only 80 tickets will be available for Brothers and immediate family members! Advanced tickets purchases are required. Ticket Sales begin November 5th. Early Bird tickets will cost \$15.00 until November 30<sup>th</sup>. From December 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 4<sup>th</sup>, tickets will cost \$20.00. No ticket sales at the door, and no exceptions! So, get your tickets early! Get your tickets from the following individuals: Dan Olvera (360-216-5905), Francis Bagarella (360-320-7893) or Ralph Byars (360-969-0249). For more info, please contact Event Chair, Rich Mueller, at [richard.mueller2@comcast.net](mailto:richard.mueller2@comcast.net).





# Council News



## 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.

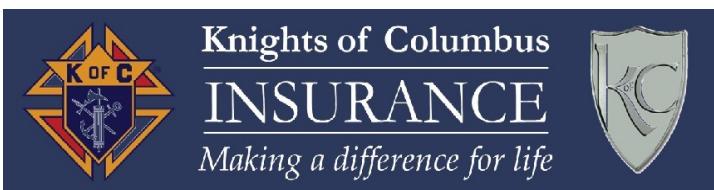
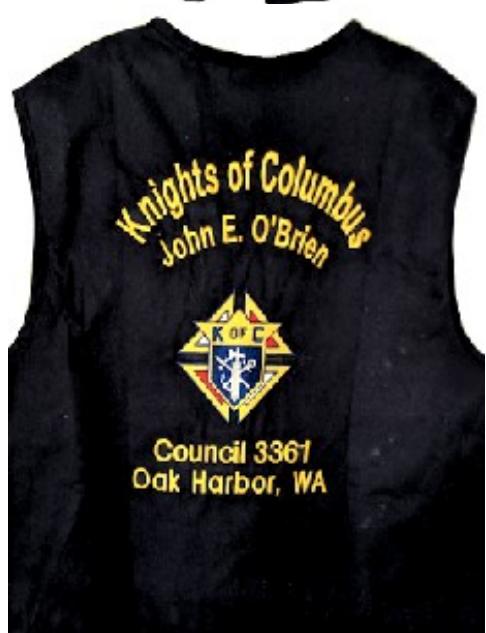
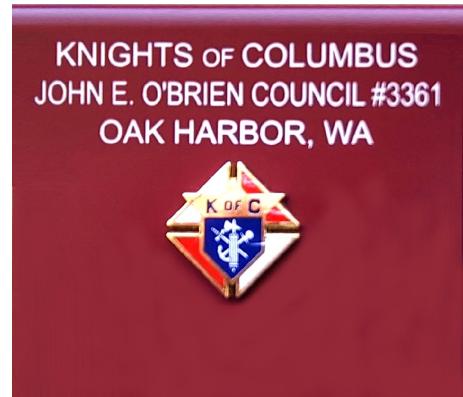
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# *Knights in Action*



## **St. Augustine Church**

St. Augustine's front office requested KofC help to secure the church's upper parking lot due to annoying activity. Knights Jim Craft and Rusty Waters, along with some friends and a surprise volunteer, Fr. Chris, jumped into action! The small group replaced the gates near the Prayer Garden and near the entrance of the Rectory. To ensure the upper gate was secure from vehicular traffic, the group, with the assistance of Fr. Chris' jeep, moved large rocks to secure the upper gate.





# Knights in Action



## 2022 Bike Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

Thank you to Rich Mueller and the Knights Club for hosting this year's Bike MS. It was an interesting day as smoke rolled in due to forest fires in the east. The smoke created and an eerie sky for all who worked Bike MS. As it rolled in, thoughts began to smolder that Bike MS would be cut short due to the hazardous air conditions, but not so. We continued to have riders!

Various riders commented as this being the best rest stop on the route! Past riders had spread the word to stop at this particular rest stop because this was the stop where they could get various energy snacks, chocolate milk, bananas, fresh baked chocolate chip cookies and Bacon! One rider exclaimed, "Bacon is Fun!"





# Knights in Action



## Priest Appreciation Dinner

The Priest Appreciation Dinner was enjoyed by who attended. Our Priests who were able to attend were our pastor Fr. Chris Hoiland and retired Air Force Chaplin, and one of our own, Fr. Bailey. Baked Salmon was the event's main entree. Many thanks to a cadre of characters who behind the scene prepared a fine meal for our honored guests and attendees.



Thank you to our Grand Knight Ralph Byars for hosting the event.

Thank you Francis Bagarella and Rich Mueller for preparing the Salmon dinner.

Thank you Dan & Monique Olvera, Andy Valrosa, and a cast of others for serving the guests.

Thank you to Erlinda Warren and her gang (Elma Boneau & Tess Lorica) who created the center pieces/arrangements for the tables.

Thank you to the transparent Kitchen & Scullery Crew, Dar'cy and Trevion in cleaning/washing the myriad of food preparation and dinner equipment.

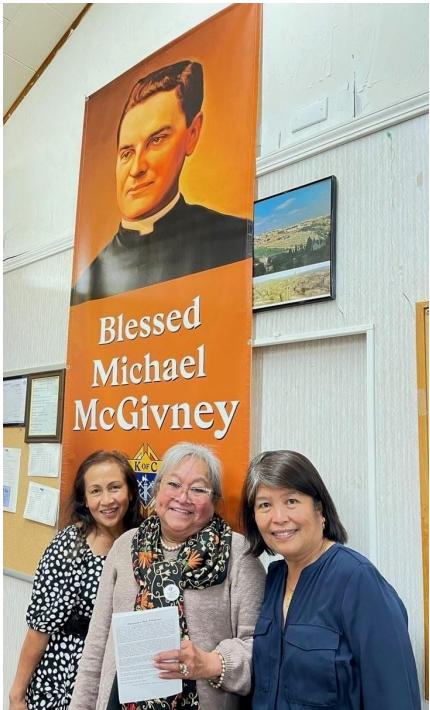
Thank you to the Catholic Daughters for creating a delicious dessert.



# Knights in Action



## Priest Appreciation Dinner (cont.)





# Knights in Action



## Rummage Sale, by Event Chair, Doug Warren PGK

This weekend wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful help of some great ladies who spent a myriad of hours unpacking, sorting, arranging, bargaining with buyers, and finally repacking to make this event happen.

Thank you Erlinda Warren, Elma Boneau, Sally Morgan, Donna Martin and of course one of our matriarchs who showed up everyday Phyllis Lund.

Thank you brother knight's who did some heavy lifting bringing stuff out of storage. Grand Knight Ralph Byars, PGK Rusty Waters, PGK Maurice Tonini, FS Dave Morgan, and PGK Paul Brewer (the master of collections of items for this sale).

Putting together and making a rummage sale happen with time and labor consuming and the "thank you" is never enough but I want you all to know I appreciate all the help I received.

Thank you to all who donated or came out to find a few treasures. I believe the event brought in over \$1800 which will be used to renovate the Knights Club Lounge. Thank you again for a successful weekend.

This is what happens when workers are loose around the rummage sale items.





# Knights in Action



## Potato Bagging

Thank you to Maple Wood Farms, Inc. in Mt. Vernon for donating 2,000lbs. of potatoes. Thank you to brother Knights GK Ralph Byars, and DGK Andy Valrosa, Francis Bagarella, Dan Olvera, Ben Young, Fel Cataby, Dave & Sally Morgan, Doug Warren, Pete & Patty Rivera, and Paul Brewer.

Bags of potatoes were delivered to North Whidbey Help House in Oak Harbor (300); Gifts from the Heart Food Bank in Coupeville (57); St. Augustine's Agape Ministry (100); P.B. Senior Park in Oak Harbor (50); and to other noteworthy volunteers in our communities.

Also, thank you to Francis Bagarella and Rich Mueller for cooking up the soup du jour for this event. The Potato Soup was just delicious!





# 4th Degree News



From the Faithful Navigator,

Finally, the 2276 Assembly Officers has been updated.

The Assembly 2276 will be conducting normal business at our next meeting on November 15th during our social dinner at Frida's Gourmet Mexican Cuisine on 416 1/2 Commercial Ave in Anacortes.

Reservation has been made for approximately 25 people. The Assembly will be using the Knights Club Bus (Seating capacity is approx. 25) to transport Sir Knights and spouses to dinner. If you need a ride from Oak Harbor, Coupeville, or Langley, please contact me by email so arrangements can be made to pickup/ drop-off Sir Knights from these locations.

Faithful Navigator: Francis Bagarella at [fbagarella1959@gmail.com](mailto:fbagarella1959@gmail.com).

## December 2022

20<sup>th</sup> The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting will be held in Oak Harbor unless St. Hubert is available to host the meeting. If this occurs, I will pickup Sir Knights with the Knights Club bus and return Sir Knights to Anacortes once the meeting has concluded.

# St. Augustine & St. Mary News

## St. Augustine Christmas Bazaar

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 4-5  
& After All Masses Nov. 4-5



### We Need Your Donations:

Household Treasures: Gently used or re-gifted decorations, jewelry, collectibles, coffee table books, etc. No used clothing, please!

Craft Items: all handcrafted donations welcome.

Bring Items to the Parish Hall  
after all Masses during October

Food Kits: Assembled Friday, October 14, 10 am in the Parish Hall.

Baked Goods: Accepted November 3-4. No cream pies, jams, jellies, or items needing refrigeration.

### We Need Your Help:

Sort & Price: Wednesdays (except October 12) & Fridays 10:15am-noon on the Stage.

Set Up: October 31, 6:15 pm & November 1, 10am-3pm

Take Down: November 6, Noon

To volunteer call: Barb Dumit at 360-240-9509 or  
Kathy Jones at 360-929-7632

## St. Mary Christmas Bazaar

Start making your treasures or planning your baked goods donation for the December 3rd Christmas Bazaar. Text or call Janet Rojas at 360-969-1609 with any questions.

### **Traveling Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mother**

For prayer and meditation in your home, please call Heather to schedule a visit at 360-720-0722.

## 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



# Community News

## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM



### OAK HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 11, 2022 | 11AM TO 12PM

### Honoring all our Veterans

SPEAKER - CAPTAIN(R) JIM PATTON, USN

FEATURING CHOIR AND BAND AND JROTC  
OF OAK HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL

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