

The Navigator

November 2023



Christopher Columbus

Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361

3259 Old Goldie Rd.
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney



Grand Knight

Rich Mueller (PGK)

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Business MTG - 1st Tuesday - 6pm | Membership MTG - 2nd Tuesday - 7pm



Faithful Navigator

Francis Bagarella (PGK, PFN)

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Assembly MTG - 3rd Tuesday - 7pm

Council Officers (2023-2024)

Grand Knight: Rich Mueller (PGK)
Deputy Grand Knight: Francis Bagarella (PGK, PFN)
Chaplain: Fr. Chris Hoiland
Financial Secretary: Dave Morgan
Treasurer: Tom Karney
Chancellor: Ben Young
Lecturer: *not assigned*
Advocate: Dan Olvera (PGK, PFN)

Recorder: Trevion Syalla
Warden: Jim Spoltman
Inside Guard: Mauri Tonini (PGK)
Outside Guard: Bill Butler
3 Year Trustee (2022): Andy Valrosa
2 Year Trustee (2021): Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)
1 Year Trustee (2020): Rusty Waters (PGK, PFN)

November

Date	Day	Time	Event
1	Wednesday	All Day	All Saints Day
		5pm	Knights Club BINGO
7	Tuesday	6pm	Council Officers Meeting (MTG)
8	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
7	Tuesday	7pm	Knights Club MTG
11	Saturday	All Day	Veterans Day
13	Monday	6:30pm	Fatima Prayer Knight
14	Tuesday	7pm	3 rd Degree Membership MTG
15	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
21	Tuesday	7pm	4 th Degree MTG
22	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
24	Thursday	All Day	Thanksgiving
27	Monday	3pm	Agape Dinner
		6pm	Game Knight



Good of the Order

Knight of the Month



Dave Morgan is September's "Knight of the Month" for his tireless and selfless service, month after month, year after year to council #3361. Dave retired from the U.S. Navy in 1996 after serving our country as an Aviation Electronics Technician.

He joined Knights of Columbus in May of 2005 and became 4th Degree in March 2007. Dave's first term as the council's Financial Secretary began in July 2006, and has served multiple 3-year terms since then. Dave has been extremely active on multiple fronts. He has served on the council's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree teams and Admissions Committee. He has also served on the Charitable, Religious, and Education (CRE) and the Knights Club's Boards. Dave also served as Knights Club Bingo's operation sales manager. Dave has also been the Newsletter Editor.

Dave's unselfish efforts doesn't go unnoticed. The council is very thankful for his many years of his enduring service to our council, and we are proud to call him "Knight of the Month"!

Family of the Month



Fr. John E. O'Brien Council takes pleasure in selecting Kurt and Lota Bauch as September's "Family of the Month".

Active members of both St. Augustine Parish and the Knights of Columbus Council #3361. Kurt support Knights Club Bingo operations, serves on the CRE Board, and both volunteer to serve coffee and donuts after Sunday Mass.

Lota, an active member of the Catholic Daughters of America Court, and Kurt recently volunteered to serve coffee to travelers at one of the state's interstate rest stops.

Kurt, a retired electrician for the Oak Harbor School District, and Lota, a Naval Hospital Nurse have been married 36 years and are proud parents of a daughter who is a WhidbeyHealth Medical Center Nurse. Their daughter and son-in-law has graced them with two grandchildren.

Congratulations to Kurt and Lota Bauch for being selected as the "Family of the Month"!



3rd Degree News



From the Grand Knight

October is done, we are halfway through the "ber" months. I have already seen "Black Friday Deals" on TV and online. Before long it will be all about the holidays. Before we go down that rabbit hole, I ask each of you to take some time and reflect on the true meaning of the season. Plan now on how you will Keep Christ in Christmas along with our families.

Be sure to check our calendar and update yours so you don't miss any of the awesome events coming up.



From the Council's Family Director

 We all remember that saying from our 1st Degree. "Tempus Fugit Memento Mori." Translated means "Time flies, remember death". We will all succumb to death someday, some of us believe we may be immortal, but the fact is, we will all eventually die. Along with that saying is "Carpe Diem" which means "Seize the day". Majority of us procrastinate and forget about end-of-life affairs.

A good friend of mine recently had a daughter pass away at a very young age and left behind two young ones, no will, no access to bank accounts...and the list goes on. Her parents ended up paying thousands in attorney fees just to get things sorted out. It's been almost a year, and the process still isn't complete.

Tempus Fugit Memento Mori (cont.)

The following information will at least get you thinking and hope it will alleviate a lot of heartache to those that have to finalize all your affairs when you do pass. The fact is that it will happen to all of us. Dying is painful enough to those you leave behind. So, please take the time and have your affairs in order.

Bank Accounts. Make sure all bank accounts have direct beneficiaries because the beneficiary will need only go to the bank with your death certificate and their own ID.

Transfer on Death Deed. If you own a home, it must be recorded before the transferor's death in the auditor's office of the county where the property is located. Completing this document and filing it with your county saves your heirs THOUSANDS! This document allows you to transfer ownership of your home to your designee. All they need to do is take their ID and your death certificate to the county building and the deed is signed over. Doing this will avoid the home having to go through probate.

Living Will. Allows one to put in writing exactly what you want done in the event you cannot speak for yourself when it comes to healthcare decisions.

Durable Power of Attorney. Allows one to designate a person to make legal decisions if one is no longer competent to do so.

Power of Attorney for Healthcare. This document allows one to designate someone to make healthcare decisions for their person.

Last Will and Testament. Designates to whom personal belongings will go to.



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Tempus Fugit Memento Mori (cont.)

Funeral Planning Declaration. Allows one to say exactly one's wishes as far as disposition of the body and the services.

What Information needs to be gathered

If the above documents are done, you can AVOID probate. If all the above is not done, you must open an estate account at the bank. All money that doesn't have direct beneficiaries goes into this account. You must have an attorney to open the estate account. The attorney also must publicize your passing in the newspaper or post publication at the county courthouse, to allow anyone to make a claim on your property.

- ◊ Make a list of all banks and account numbers, all investment institutions with account numbers, lists of credit cards, utility accounts, etc. Leave clear instructions as to how and when these things are paid. Make sure heirs knows where life insurance policies are located.
- ◊ Make 100% sure SOMEONE knows all your log in ID's or bank ID account logins and passwords.
- ◊ Make sure you have titles for all vehicles, campers, etc.
- ◊ MOST IMPORTANTLY! Talk with those closest to you and make all your wishes KNOWN. Talk to those whom you've designated, as well as those close to you whom you did not designate.
- ◊ Do this to explain why your decisions were made and to avoid any lingering questions or hurt feelings.

Hopefully, this information encourages you, your friends, and family to take care of these matters to ease the pain of who we leave behind! With the above info, my goal is to at least help you start an important conversation with your loved ones.

Washington Secretary of State, Corporations and Charities Division

I occasionally receive info from WA State because the Knights Club is a nonprofit. I know some of you belong to homeowners or condo associations and I wanted to pass on to those that have an interest in learning a little about the can and cannot when it applies to associations.

WA State Corporations and Charities Div. has scheduled a Homeowners Association Webinar on November 8, 2023, between 10am and 12pm.

In continuing efforts to offer quality education and training to our nonprofits in WA State, we are once again offering a **free** educational webinar for members of homeowner and condominium associations.

Our office is not able to provide legal advice, but we know that many questions often arise about WA State law and community associations.

There are several new laws recently passed by the Legislature that affects community associations. We have partnered with Kevin Britt, a highly qualified attorney who specializes in community association law in Washington state and he will be presenting a high-level summary of Washington state law as it applies to those who belong to and/or are board members of homeowner or condominium associations. He will also be available for live Q&A after his presentation.

If interested, please send an email to Ms. Teresa Glidden, WA State Educational and Outreach Specialist "teresa.glidden@sos.wa.gov" if planning to attend this webinar. You are welcome to invite fellow board members or any other members of your association, but I will need their email addresses in order to send them an invitation (for online access).



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Vatican City

Cardinal Gerhard Müller, the former prefect for the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, says the Synod on Synodality is not an episcopal assembly but more like an Anglican synodal meeting, and is being used by some participants as a means to prepare the Catholic Church to accept ideologies that run contrary to Scripture and Tradition.

Click on: <https://www.ncregister.com/interview/cardinal-mueller-says-synod-on-synodality-is-being-used-by-some-to-prepare-the-church-to-accept-false-teaching?amp>

Game Knight

Monday, November 27th. Doors open at 5pm. Monday Night Football begins at 5:15pm. Bring your favorite hor d'oevours or dessert to share. This event is open to Knights, families, and friends.

Fatima Monthly Rosary

Monthly Devine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary to be held at the Knights Club on Monday, November 13th. All Knights, families, and friends are welcomed. Devine Mercy Chaplet at 6:30pm followed by the Rosary at 7:00pm. A dessert social follows. Please bring a dessert or goodies to share.



The Council Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th.

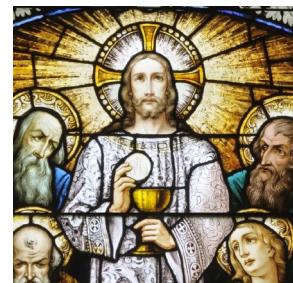
A White Elephant Gift Exchange, collecting

non-perishable food, raffles, drawings and more are planned. This is the council's best event of the year. So prep now! More info to follow.

No regularly scheduled Membership Meeting will be held during December due to the Council's Christmas Party.

Priest Appreciation Dinner

The Fr. John E. O'Brien Council Knights will be hosting a Priest Appreciation Dinner scheduled for November 17th at St. Augustine's Fellowship Hall. Social Hour begins at 5:30pm with a Lasagna Dinner being served at 6:00pm.



DINNER MENU

Baked Lasagna (Meat/Vegan)

Side dish of Meatball (Spicy/Regular)

Italian Sausage (Spicy/Sweet)

Garlic Bread Sticks

Green Salad with Olives, Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Grated Cheese topping

Your choice of Salad Dressing

Dessert

(Provided by the Catholic Daughters of America)

If you require a special diet let the Event Chair know **in advance** by emailing to Francis Bagarella at "fbagarella1959@gmail.com" with your special diet needs.

Ticket prices: \$20 per person; \$30 for couples; and \$40 for a family of three or more. No ticket sales at the door and no takeouts. Tickets sales are final!

For ticket sales see Knight representatives after each weekend Mass in the Vestibule starting this month. The Knights will sell tickets at the Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:00am and 9:30am Masses. Come and support our Priest!

Proceeds to Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) to support seminarians in the Seattle Archdiocese.

Contact Event Chair, Francis Bagarella, at "fbagarella1959@gmail.com".



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Potato Bagging

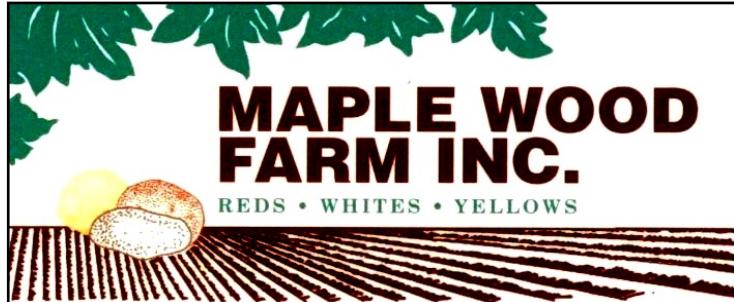
Thank you Maplewood Farms, Inc. of Mt. Vernon, especially to Molly for the friendly service and coordinating efforts in providing 2,000 lbs. of potatoes to the Knights of Columbus.

The Fr. John E. O'Brien Council #3361 has received Maplewood Farms potatoes for the past several years. Their donations have helped the Knights of Columbus to support local food banks and other groups in the local community.

Thank you to Ralph Byars, Andy Valrosa, Francis Bagarella, Dan & Monique Olvera, Bill Schoentrup, Paul Brewer, Donna Lawerence, and Amber & Emma Lawersen in bagging the potatoes.

Bagged potatoes delivered to Oak Harbor's North Whidbey Help House (200); St. Augustine Church's Agape Ministry (20); Western Village Estates (80); and Coupeville's Gifts from the Heart Food Bank (50).

Thank you, too, to Francis Bagarella for cooking potato du jour and providing the trailer for this event. Again, our chef extraordinaire, cooked up some delicious potato soup!



<https://www.maplewoodfarmpotatoes.com/>





3rd Degree News



3rd Degree Exemplification

An online 3rd Degree Exemplification video is available for those that wish to further advance in the Knights of Columbus.

https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1359367&tp_key=9eb24b3a45

This is roughly a 30-minute video. 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, contact either the Membership Director Jim Spoltman "jimsp@whidbey.net" and/or Financial Secretary Dave Morgan (kofc3361fs@gmail.com). A video viewing can be scheduled before or after a regularly scheduled Membership Meeting.

It is that easy!

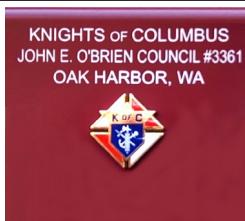
New Member?

Have you asked or know someone that is interested in becoming a Knight? Pass following link to the interested party:

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

Need a badge?

Contact the FS at
kofc3361fs@gmail.com



Fr. John E. O'Brien Website

Want to know more information about Fr. John E. O'Brien Council or Knights Club of Oak Harbor checkout this website <https://kofc3361.org/>

Council Events

When an event has occurred, the chair is required report it! Go to Fraternal Programs, enter your membership number and last name. A link to fill out the form will be sent.

Go to : <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=10784C.02>



Contact Information

Brother Knights,

As I prepare for the upcoming 2024 Membership Billing, I request your assistance in ensuring that we have the most up-to-date contact info for all our members. This will ensure that billing invoices, email notices, phone tree calls, and Columbia magazines are received in a timely manner. Your home and cell numbers and mailing and email addresses require to be confirmed or updated.



Please take a few minutes to update your contact info. This can be done by either:

- ◆ Going to <https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/update-contact-information.html>
- ◆ Email: kofc3361fs@gmail.com
- ◆ Or via snail mail (USPS) to P.O. Box 795, OH, WA

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Vivat Jesus!



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KofC Knights In Action

Report KofC events to the world.

Go to: <https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/knights-in-action-news.html>



Membership Dues

The membership dues for Honorary Members will be increasing to \$15.50 for 2023. This change was passed by the Washington State Council at the 2022 state convention. This increase has been discussed for several years and is necessary to ensure that the Order can continue to provide its many services and programs. The per capita has not been increased in over 20 years.

The per capita will increase gradually over the next 7 years, reaching \$18.50 in 2030. The following is a breakdown of the increases:

2024: \$15.50
2025: \$16.00
2026: \$16.50
2027: \$17.00
2028: \$17.50
2029: \$18.00
2030: \$18.50

This increase may be a burden for some members; however, it is important to remember that the per capita is used to support the Order's national and state programs, which benefit all members. These programs include:

Insurance and financial services
Youth and family programs
Community service initiatives
Catholic education and evangelization

Membership Dues (cont.)

The KofC is committed to providing its members with the best possible value for their membership. We believe that this increase is necessary to ensure that the Order can continue to meet the needs of its members for many years to come.

Honorary Members, 25 years membership and over 65 years old, are exempt from membership dues, except per capita charges and assessments.

Honorary Life Members, 25 years membership and over 70 years old, are exempt from all membership dues, per capita charges, and assessments.



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4th Degree News



4th Degree Assembly Officers (2023-2024)

Faithful Navigator:	Francis Bagarella (PGK, PFN)	Faithful Scribe:	Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)
Faithful Comptroller:	Ralph Byars (DD, FDD, PGK, PFN)	Inner Sentinel:	Mauri Tonini (PGK)
Faithful Friar:	Fr. Chris Hoiland	Outer Sentinel:	Kevin Butler
Faithful Captain:	Don La Brie	3 Year Trustee (2022):	Ben Young
Faithful Admiral:	Terry Kandzor	2 Year Trustee (2021):	Tom Kingman
Faithful Purser:	Doug Warren (PGK, PFN)	1 Year Trustee (2020):	Rich Mueller (GK, PGK)
Faithful Pilot:	Paul Brewer (PGK)		

From the Faithful Navigator

We will hold our normally scheduled 4th Degree Meeting on 21 November at 7pm. For those that have fallen away, please consider returning to our 4th Degree Program. Let's keep this degree alive and well for our future Sir Knights.

Other News

Celebrating ALL SAINTS' DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY

All Saints Day ~ Holy Day of Obligation

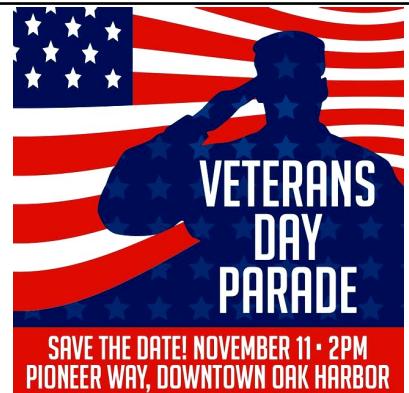
Masses: Wed. Nov. 1 St. Mary ~ 12:00 noon
St. Augustine ~ 6:00 pm

All Souls Day

Masses: Thur. Nov. 2 St. Mary ~ 12:00 noon
St. Augustine ~ 6:00 pm

Veterans Day Parade

There will be a Veterans Day Parade in historic downtown Oak Harbor on Pioneer Way on Saturday, November 11th commencing at 1400 (2pm). This to honor our Veterans on Whidbey Island.



For my Veteran Brother Knights

<https://politcalemails.org/messages/1217228>

Fr. Treunet Council 3611, Anacortes

- ⇒ Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, 5 November
- ⇒ Christmas Party and Council Meeting, Tuesday, 12 December
- ⇒ Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, 7 January 2024
- ⇒ St. Patrick's Day Event, Saturday, 16 March 2024 after the 5pm Mass

St Augustine Holiday Bazaar

Friday Nov 3 from 10am to 3pm ~ open to the public
Saturday, November 4 from 9am to 4pm ~ open to the public
After Mass Saturday and Sunday ~ parish only

Other News

St. Augustine Pie Ladies

The Pie Ladies are selling Apple, Dutch Apple, Pecan & Pumpkin pies while supplies last. Get your pies for the holidays! Pies are \$20 each. All sales benefit the parish.

St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar

The bazaar will be held on Saturday, 2 December from 9am-2pm and after Mass on Sunday, December 3rd. The Women of St. Mary are accepting handmade items and new or gently used gift items for donation in the hall before the bazaar. For more information, contact Janet Rojas at (360)969-1609.

Prolife Peaceful Vigil

Please join us on Friday, 3 November at the intersection of Highway 20 and Pioneer Way in Oak Harbor from 3:45 to 4:45pm to help end abortion.

Women of St Mary Fall Bake Sale

Please don't miss the Women of St. Mary Fall Bake Sale in the hall after the 11:15am Sunday Mass on 5 November. If you would like to donate, please drop off your fresh baked pies (no cream pies please), cookies, muffins, cakes, cupcakes, pumpkin breads, etc. in the hall before Mass and please come and support this yummy Women of St. Mary fundraiser.

Columbiettes Meeting

The Columbiettes are an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our patronesses, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese the Little Flower, and St. Joan of Arc and are Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus Councils.



Our purpose is to aid the Council spiritually, socially, and financially. All women are invited to a meeting of the Columbiettes on 9 November at 6pm at the Knights Club. For more info contact Erlinda Warren at either "signowarren@gmail.com" or (360) 929-5746.

Coupeville's Gifts from the Heart Food Bank

Volunteers are already busy assembling items for the holidays and need our donations. Monetary donations help to pay for turkeys and hams. Donations of shelf-stable pantry items are always needed. Toiletries are a special "extra" always welcome during the holidays. To donate, or for more information, please see Paula Bradshaw after Mass. For monetary donations, make your check out to Gifts from the Heart Food Bank and mail to P.O. Box 155, Coupeville, WA 98239.

What do you call a religious person who sleepwalks?
A roamin' Catholic.

Why were they called the Dark Ages? Because there were lots of knights.

What do you call a running turkey? Fast food!

What did one snowman say to the other? Can you smell carrots?

Keep Christ in Christmas Cards

Christmas cards go on sale after Thanksgiving. Contact Kevin Butler for more details.

