

# The Navigator

## October 2023



Christopher Columbus

Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361

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Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney



### Grand Knight

Rich Mueller (PGK)

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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

### 2023-2024 Council Officers

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:	<i>not assigned</i>
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)

### October

Date	Day	Time	Event
3	Tuesday	6pm	Council Officers Meeting (MTG)
		7pm	Knights Club MTG
4	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
7	Saturday	9am	Potato Bagging Event
10	Tuesday	7pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Membership MTG
11	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
13	Friday	6:30pm	Fatima Prayer Knight
17	Tuesday	7pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree MTG
18	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
23	Monday	6pm	Game Knight
		3pm	Agape Dinner
25	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
31	Tuesday	Evening	Halloween



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



## From the Grand Knight

Thank you all for your support during a busy September. Fall is here and with it all it brings. Business around the council and hall are showing no signs of slowing down. There are potatoes to bag, and I'm hearing of more Habitat for Humanity opportunities along with the rest we do. Remember this, Family First! Nothing we do at the KofC is more important than your family. Set aside some time this month and enjoy your family.



## From the District 19 District Deputy

During a recent District Deputy (Ralph Byars) regional meeting at the Oak Harbor council, the District Deputy spoke about communications between his councils under his responsibility. His objective is not to flood council membership's inboxes with emails on how councils should function and operate. His main objective is to communicate with both the Grand Knights and the Financial Secretaries of each council. It will be the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary's responsibility to communicate his objectives to the council membership. He plans to hold end of the quarter meetings to be hosted by each council. Due to the end of the next quarter being in December, the next one to be scheduled in January 2024. Request council Grand Knights get together and decide upon the January date for the next meeting.



## Game Knight

Scheduled for Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Doors open at 5pm. Bring your favorite hor d'oeuvres or dessert to share. This event is open to Knights, families, and friends.

## Potato Bagging

Fr. John E. O'Brien Council 3361 will be holding their annual Potato Bagging at the Potato Hut at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor. Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and will start at 9am. Dress appropriately for the weather. Hot Potato Soup, Bread & Butter will be available once we bag all the potatoes. For more info, contact Rusty Waters, at either "ingodwetrust2@comcast.net" or 360-969-4009.



## Fatima Monthly Rosary

Brother Knights and families, the monthly Rosary will be held at the Knights Hall this month on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The Divine Mercy Chaplet starts at 6:30pm followed by the Rosary at 7pm. All Knights, families, and friends are welcome to attend. Please join us as we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and personal intentions. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 6:30pm followed by the Rosary at 7:00pm followed by a dessert social. All are welcome to bring desserts or goodies to share.

## New Member?

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

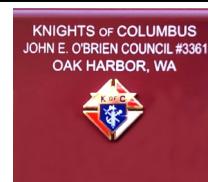
<https://kofc3361.org/Join-Form.php>

## 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/>

## Need a badge?

Contact the FS at  
[kofc3361fs@gmail.com](mailto:kofc3361fs@gmail.com)





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



## Priest Appreciation Dinner

The Fr. John E. O'Brien Council Knights will be hosting a Priest Appreciation Dinner scheduled to be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Augustine's Fellowship Hall. Social Hour begins at 5:30pm with a Lasagna Dinner being served at 6:00pm. This will be a ticketed event. No ticket sales at the door and no takeouts. Proceeds go to Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) to support seminarians in the Seattle Archdiocese. Contact Event Chair, Francis Bagarella, at [fbagarella1959@gmail.com](mailto:fbagarella1959@gmail.com)".



The Council Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Planning has begun with more details to follow. 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!

*No regularly scheduled Membership Meeting will be held during December.*



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

An online 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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](mailto:kofc3361fs@gmail.com)). A video viewing can be scheduled before or after a regularly scheduled Membership Meeting.

**It is that easy!**

## 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.



Report Form:

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

## Contact Information

Visit this site to insure your contact info is up-to-date with KofC Supreme. This info will also update Financial Secretary and Faithful Comptroller membership information.



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



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



## KofC Knights In Action

Report KofC events to the world.

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



## 2023 Deception Pass Classic Bike Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Ride

Congratulation to the Grand Knight, Rich Mueller, and his Knights in manning the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Ride Rest Stop. Cyclists commented that this is the best rest stop on the route! This stop provides cyclists an opportunity to renew their energy with various energy snacks, chocolate milk, bananas, fresh baked chocolate chip cookies and Bacon to help them continue their ride.

**Well done Knights!**



## Fraternal Benefits Night

A fraternal benefits night is in the planning stages for all councils within District 19 (Anacortes, Fr. Treunet 3611; Langley, St. Hubert 10031; and Oak Harbor, John E. O'Brien 3361). The benefit has plans to have an insurance agent, a lawyer, and a funeral home director to speak about setting up an EOL plan for family members to follow when a loved one passes away. This type of plans out final affairs and wishes of that loved one beforehand which may simplify the way forward during bereavement and the anxiety it brings.



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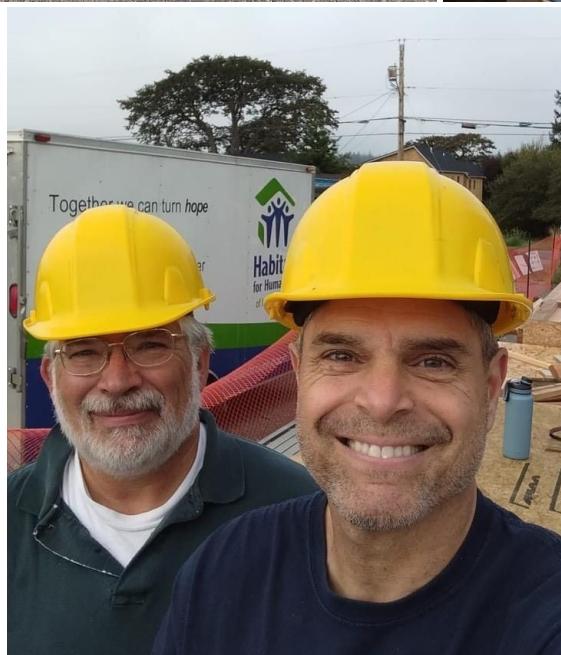
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**THANK YOU VETERANS**





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



## **Habitat for Humanity -- by Doug Warren**

Knights Tom Karney, Steve Boneau, and Doug Warren volunteered to support a Habitat for Humanity building project. They spent the day to help build a new home being constructed on Ely St. in Oak Harbor. The Knights look forward in volunteering more time to help build new homes for the Oak Harbor community.

If interested in volunteering your time and talent, Habitat for Humanity has many opportunities.



# Good of the Order



## Knight of the Month

Herb Reissner was selected as August's Knight of the Month for his artwork to support the Maui and Ukraine Catholic Community Services relief efforts. Brother Herb, an octogenarian artist, created art prints in efforts to raise funds to aid those who are suffering immense loss in Hawaii and in Ukraine. Herb has been a Knight since 1987.



## Family of the Month

Pete & Pat Rivera were selected as August's Family of the Month for their contributions to the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council, Knights Club of Oak Harbor events and especially during August's combined picnics for St. Augustine Parish and the Knights of Columbus. Pete, annually, provides a special culinary delight by roasting a whole pig onsite at the Knights Club and Pat, always, makes authentic Guamanian Red Rice and Finadene. Pete has been a valued member of our council since 1993. Happy 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Knights Brother Pete! During those years, Pete has been proactive and has held many positions within the order from Grand Knight to Faithful Navigator. Pete has and continually serves the Knights of Columbus. Ask Pete about what is important, and you'll hear family. Pete and Pat are a team, supporting each other's missions and goals. Their daughters, who are grown now, continue to support the Knights alongside their father and mother.

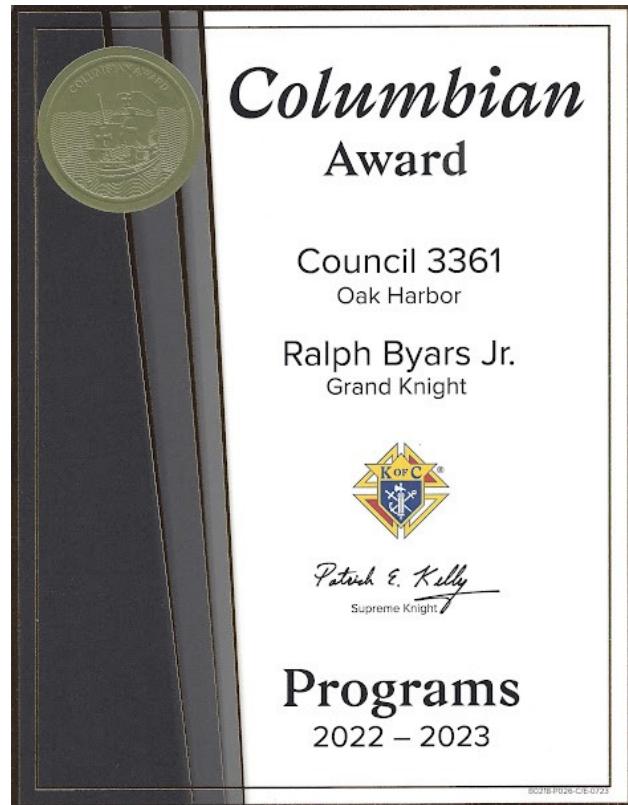
When a KofC event occurs, they all come together to support the event, it is a family affair. Thank you to the Rivera Family for their continued support and dedication to the Knights of Columbus.



# Good of the Order

## Council Awards

Congratulations to Past Grand Knight, Ralph Byars, for his council leadership. His efforts helped lead the council in being awarded the following awards during his tenure.



The **Founders Award** recognizes those councils who seek to increase the number of Brother Knights aware of the fraternal benefits that the Knights of Columbus Insurance program has to offer, by meeting or exceeding their new insurance member quota.

The **Columbian Award** recognizes excellence in a council's programming and charitable outreach. The council must conduct and report programs in each of the four program categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life to obtain a total of 16 program credits, four credits per category.



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



## 2023-2024 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Officers

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

Let me start with some clarification about the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree uniform.

Those that are 70 years or older will not be required to purchase the new uniform. You will still be an active member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. For our younger 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights, you are required to purchase a new uniform. You made an obligation to support and actively participate in 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree has a \$100 incentive program for members purchasing the new uniform. Once a member has purchased the new uniform, the member will provide a copy of the receipt to the Faithful Navigator at a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting. The Faithful Navigator in turn gives the receipt to the Faithful Comptroller who writes a \$100 payment voucher. This voucher is then given to the Faithful Purser who writes a check to give to the member.

We need our younger Sir Knights and Brother Knights to step up. If you have not been active in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Degree programs, I'm asking you to actively support these programs. I've spoken with the District Deputy, Ralph Byars, and we in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Program are at a tipping point. If our membership or participation doesn't increase, we will be forced to suspend the Assembly! I don't want to see this happen.

Please consider returning to our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Program. Let's keep this degree alive and well for our future Sir Knights.



# Other News



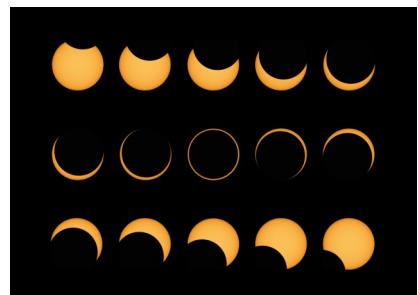
## St. Augustine Christmas Bazaar is coming!

Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am - 3pm  
Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> 9am - 2pm  
Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> after all Masses



## Fr. Treunet Council 3611, Anacortes

Oktoberfest, Saturday, 21 October; Tickets are \$15.00  
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



## Annular Solar Eclipse

On the morning of October 14<sup>th</sup>, an annular (or rare ring-shaped) solar eclipse will darken the skies across the United States. It is the first annular solar eclipse since May 2012. The Sun is never completely blocked by the Moon during an annular solar eclipse. Therefore, during an annular eclipse, it is never safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection designed for solar viewing.

**WARNING!! Do NOT look at the Sun through a camera lens, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while wearing eclipse glasses or using a handheld solar viewer -- the concentrated solar rays will burn through the filter and cause serious eye injury.**

When watching an annular solar eclipse directly with your eyes, you must always look through safe solar viewing glasses ("eclipse glasses") or a safe handheld solar viewer. Eclipse glasses are **NOT** regular sunglasses; regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun. [Safe solar viewers](#) are thousands of times darker and ought to comply with the [ISO 12312-2](#) international standard. NASA does not approve of any brand of solar viewers.

<https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2023/safety/>

## Pro-Life Rally

St. Augustine Pro-Life Ministry hold rallies at Beeksma Gateway Park on the corner of West Pioneer Way and Highway 20 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month. The rallies run between 3:45pm and 4:45pm. These pro-life rallies support life from womb to natural death. If you cannot attend, please take time to pray a Rosary for life.

Since Roe v. Wade, over 62 million **lives** have been lost to legalized abortion.

Now that federal abortion law has been overturned, Pro-Life still needs to be supported to rid abortions at the state level.



# Other News

## Columbiettes

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

A Columbiette Auxiliary is in existence only with the consent and approval of the Council with which it is affiliated. One of the Columbiette purposes is to aid our Council spiritually, socially, and financially. The Columbiette Auxiliary upon request aids said Council in all its endeavors.



Our purpose is:

- To promote the spiritual, social, and charitable welfare of our members
- To instill a steadfast conviction relating to the proper place and function of Catholic women in safeguarding the religious, civil, and economic rights of all Catholics
- To rely upon the intercession of Mary, our Mother and Model, for guidance in guarding the common good, and to work through her, on loving and aiding all members of the human family and to give assistance to the Knights of Columbus in all their activities upon request.

For more info contact Erlinda Warren at either "[signowarren@gmail.com](mailto:signowarren@gmail.com)" or (360) 929-5746

## Veterans Day Parade

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



## Catholic Daughters of America (CDA)

St. Augustine's CDA Chapter is collecting coats and jackets till Tuesday, October 10th. All sizes, toddler thru adult, are needed. Please, only new and nearly new coats and jackets. Boxes will be stationed in the St. Augustine Vestibule after all Masses.

The Knights of Columbus of Oak Harbor have generously donated \$500.00 to this effort.



# Other News

## ***Proposed Family Structure***

St. Augustine (Oak Harbor), St. Mary (Coupeville), St. Mary (Anacortes), and St. Paul (La Conner / Swinomish Reservation)

### ***Key Dates***

Late September: Public feedback period began regarding proposed the family structure

Mid-October: Public feedback period ends

Mid-October-December: Feedback presented to presbyteral council and advisory committees

Mid-January 2024: Family structure announced to parish

July 2024: Parish Family goes into effect

July 2024-June 2027: Discernment / implementation process takes place

July 2027: One parish is decided and finalized



### ***What Can YOU Do?***

- Submit comments via Archdiocesan webpage: <https://archseattle.org/partners/>
- Submit comments via Parishioner Comment Card
- Attend upcoming Partners in the Gospel input sessions
- Thursday, October 5, 10:00am at St Mary's Harrington Hall
- Friday, October 6, 10:00am at St Augustine's Fellowship Hall
- And, most importantly...

***PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS!!***

***PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!!***