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The Navigator

September 2022



Venerable
Fr. Michael McGivney

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Officers Meeting / 1st Tuesday - 6pm | 3rd Council Membership Meeting / 2nd Tuesday - 7pm

2022-2023 Council Officers

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Advocate:	Pete Rivera (PGK, PFN)		

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Date	Day	Time	Event
5	Monday	n/a	Labor Day
6	Tuesday	6pm	Council Officers Meeting
		7pm	Knights Club Meeting
7	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
10	Saturday	9am - 3pm	MS Deception Pass Class Bike Rally
11	Sunday	n/a	21 st Year of Remembrance of the 9/11 Attacks
12	Monday	6:30pm	Fatima Rosary Night
13	Tuesday	7pm	3 rd Degree Membership Meeting
14	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
20	Tuesday	7pm	4 th Degree MTG
21	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!
28	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO!

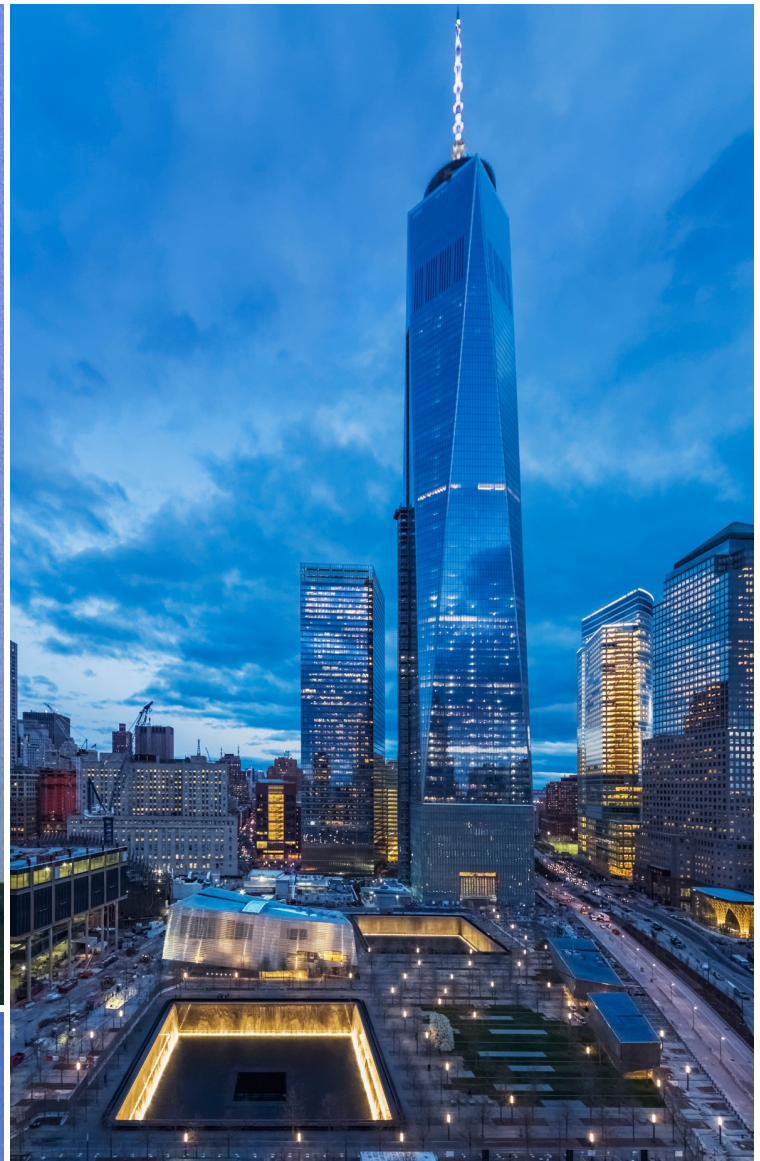
September 11, 2001

New York, New York

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Now



The Pentagon

Washington D.C.

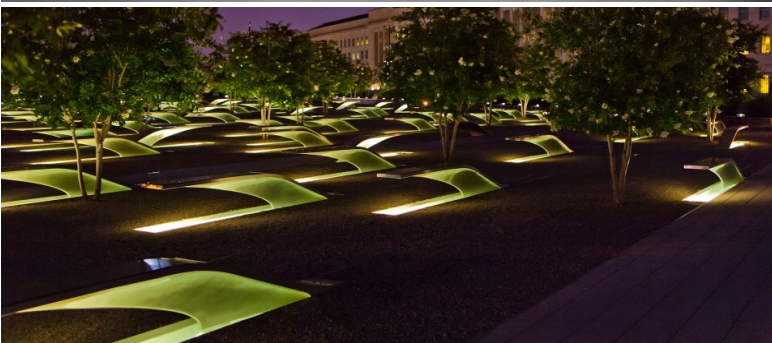
AA FLT 77 hits Pentagon



National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial

Commemorated by “Memorial Unit” benches for the 184 lives lost.

The benches are surrounded by 85 Crape Myrtles (trees that will grow up to 30 feet tall).



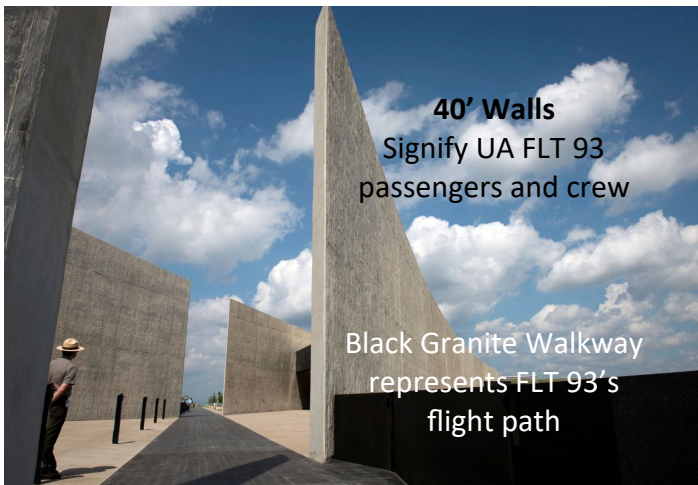
UA FLT 93 Memorial

Shanksville, PA

A common field one day. A field of honor forever.



This 17 ton boulder marks the impact area and also serves as their final resting place. These 40 passengers and crew gave their lives to save countless others.



40' Walls
Signify UA FLT 93
passengers and crew

Black Granite Walkway
represents FLT 93's
flight path



Wall of Names
40 names inscribed on white marble
panels, honors the passengers and crew



Tower of Voices

Serves as a visual and audible reminder of the
heroism of the 40 passengers and crew.

Council News

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Deception Pass Classic Bike Ride

MS is an unpredictable disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information between the brain and body.



Brothers, on September 10th, we will once again host a rest stop for the MS Deception Pass Classic Bike Ride. The MS route incorporates the Knights' Club of Oak Harbor as a major rest stop and become known as the "Best Rest on the Ride" for the MS Deception Pass Classic Bike Ride. A notable rest stop for riders in past years and has become known for its fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies and other goodies! If interested, please contact Rich for more information. Contact Rest Stop Chairman PGK Rich Mueller at either 360-929-1066 or richard.mueller2@comcast.net.

NOTE: All volunteers should register through the event's webpage [Bike MS: Deception Pass Classic](#) prior to the event. If you will be leading a group, you may register as the volunteer team captain and even reserve slots for your team members.



Fatima Prayer Night

Will be held at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor on Monday, September 12th, 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 Walt Daspit, event chair, at walt.daspit@enterprisecs.net.



The Power of Praying the Rosary

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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



Council News (cont.)



Doug Warren (PGK, PFN) provides a warm welcome to Fr. Paul Nikolombidzo who is visiting from Malawi.

Malawi is a landlocked nation in southeastern Africa. Bordered by Zambia to the west, Tanzania to the north and northeast and Mozambique to the east, south and southwest.



Fr. Paul is a graduate of Pius XII Minor Seminary in 2000. A graduate of the Catholic University of Malawi. He studied in various seminaries including St. Peter's Major Seminary in Zomba and St. Anthony's Major Seminary in Kachebere.

In January 2021, he became the pastor of *St. Louis Marie De Montfort Blantyre Parish* in Blantyre, Malawi.

He is fluent in several languages including English, Latin, Lomwe, and Chichewa the native languages of Malawi. He has two siblings, a brother and sister.

Fr. Paul became member of the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council #3361 in 2017. During the past few years, the council has helped him financially and have provided funds for him to purchase a car so he could transport sheep, chickens, and other small animals that were bestowed on him to locals more easily.

Fr. Paul tries to visit his many friends here in the northwest every few years. During his visits, Fr. Paul never asks for donations, but the council always donates to him and his ministry.

Council News *(cont.)*

Upcoming Events

Priest Appreciation Dinner

The dinner is tentatively planned for Friday, October 14th, at the Knights Club in Oak Harbor. Further details are forthcoming. The GK Ralph Byars is the Event Chair.

Potato Bagging

Scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd, starting at 9am. For more info, contact Event Chair, Rusty Waters, at 360.969.4009 or ingodwetrust2@comcast.net.



Knights on Bikes

May the Sun be at your back, wind in your face...and bugs in your teeth.
Ride Safe and have a great Summer!



During Fr. Paul's recent visit, Brother Knight and Knights on Bikes member, Mauri Tonini, enticed Fr. Paul to become a fellow member of the Knights on Bikes. Possibly a new Knights on Bikes chapter in Malawi?

KonB - Ride Update

Last month, Knights on Bike member, Mauri Tonini, supported the Chauns MC's Poker Run to help raise funds for a retired Navy Master Chief who is experiencing kidney failure.

The ride raised \$5200.00!

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Psalm 37:13 - But the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming.

Why didn't Noah go fishing?
He only had two worms.

What do they call priests in Germany?
German Shepherds

Why is Moses considered the biggest rebel
in the Bible?

He broke all Ten Commandments at once.

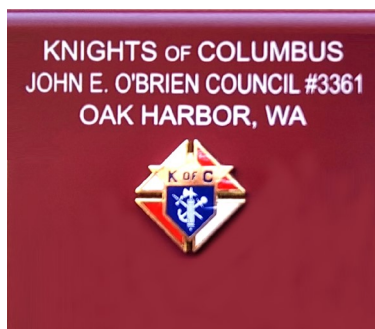
Who is the patron saint of poverty?
Saint Nickel-less

Council News *(cont.)*

Council Name Badges and Fraternal Vests

Council Name Badges are burgundy with white lettering with our council info. Council Fraternal Vests are Navy Blue w/ embroidered names and emblems and has a breast pocket. Available in different sizes for \$65.00. Do you have one? If not, then contact the council the Financial Secretary.

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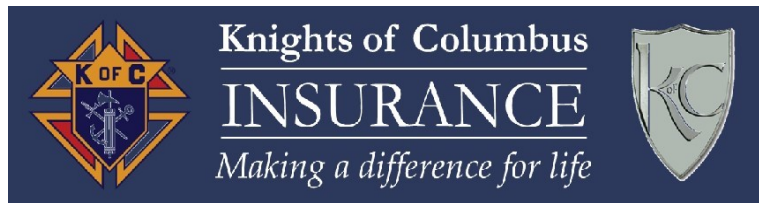
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Sunday, September 4th, is the anniversary of the ordination of the council's patron. He rests in Calvary Cemetery, Section 14, in Seattle.



Council Meeting Message September 2022

Every September a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the Life Insurance Awareness Month campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people about how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is a cornerstone of a family's future financial security.

Blessed Michael McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But many members don't understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order's insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney's two main reasons for founding the Order was "the need to protect families during sickness and death." (pg. 17) Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney "spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." (pg. 35) Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an "associate member."

Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were twin catalysts in forming the Order. While young Catholic men still seek to strengthen their faith, we know families still need protection from untimely death. This mission remains just as important today.

In an attempt to make every member and every eligible Catholic man aware of how important life insurance is, the Order has made a substantial investment. The Order has provided me with a high - tech, state of the art financial needs analysis platform that can help us determine where you stand today. It can help me formulate a strategy for you and your family and offer meaningful insurance and financial solutions...a strategy specific to your family and your situation.

The analysis can be done in the comfort of your home or virtually. What can life insurance provide? Peace of mind and security.

Vivat Jesus!

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KofC Annual Family Picnic

Brother Knights,

Sunday, we held our annual family picnic at the Knights Club (KC) ...it was a great success! It was so nice to hold our annual picnic again and see lots of faces.

We had several special guests at the picnic, Fr. Chris, our widowers, Lee Newman, Arlene Swatosh, Phyllis Lund, and Brother Al Alcoy, who had a miraculous medical recovery.

We had pulled pork, hamburgers, hotdogs, BBQ chicken, and snow cones all prepared by Brothers PGK Rich Mueller and D'Arcy Morgan (our newest inductee). Thank you, Brothers, for a job well done! An especially warm thank you to all who brought dishes to share. I also thank our PGK Jeremy Wilkins for the homemade beer and Root Beer he provided, both were excellent!

We held the year-end 50/50 drawing and Ben Lorica's ticket was pulled...\$86.00 Ben, congratulations!

A silent auction was held to raise funds to help renovate the KC Hall. Thanks to Brothers Paul Brewer and Andy Valrosa for gathering wonderful prizes for this auction. The auction raised around \$900.00!

I also thank all the fellow Brothers and their families who supported the picnic and especially to those who helped with setup and cleanup.

GK Ralph Byars



KofC Kitchen Cleanup

Thank you to my fellow Brothers who worked so hard Saturday to deep clean the KC kitchen.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, and God bless you all.

GK Ralph Byars



Oh my gosh...
it's white!

Yeah, lots of
elbow grease.



St. Augustine Mass on the Grass Picnic

An unfortunate scheduling event was going to prevent St. Augustine's Mass on the Grass and annual picnic to be held at NAS Whidbey Island's Rocky Point Pavilion. Fortunately, the Grand Knight, also a parish council member, stepped up and made some quick coordinating efforts with the Knights Club (KC) management to hold the picnic at the KC Hall, which had all the necessary amenities to hold a picnic. St. Augustine's pastor, Fr. Chris, and several parishioners thanked the Knights' for their responsiveness to help this event happen and being so successful. That's how we, the Knights, roll!



Good food and good times!

Coming in October: *Mother Teresa - No Greater Love*

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NO GREATER LOVE**

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"Mother Teresa taught us that there are no expendable people. Everyone we encounter is made in the image of God. So, when she was feeding the hungry or holding the hands of someone as they lay dying, she was treating them as she would the most important person in her life, Jesus Christ himself." - Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly



Watch Trailer

Tickets are on sale now for **MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE**, a documentary produced by the Knights of Columbus that tells the inspirational story of one of the world's most revered saints, Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The film will be released in select theaters nationwide Monday, Oct. 3, and Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022. **MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE** reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized today through the religious order she founded, the Missionaries of Charity.

Fathom Events will distribute the movie, which was filmed on five continents and features unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

BRING A GROUP

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*MINIMUM 25 TICKETS

"This documentary challenges us to move out of our own petty self-centeredness, to a greater generosity of spirit, towards God and our fellow men. May it sensitize us to open our hearts and hands, to the sufferings of our brothers and sisters far and near." - Sr. M. Joseph, M.C., Missionaries of Charity Superior General

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