

The Navigator

September 2023



Christopher Columbus

Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361

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



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Assembly MTG - 3rd Tuesday - 7pm

2023-2024 Council Officers

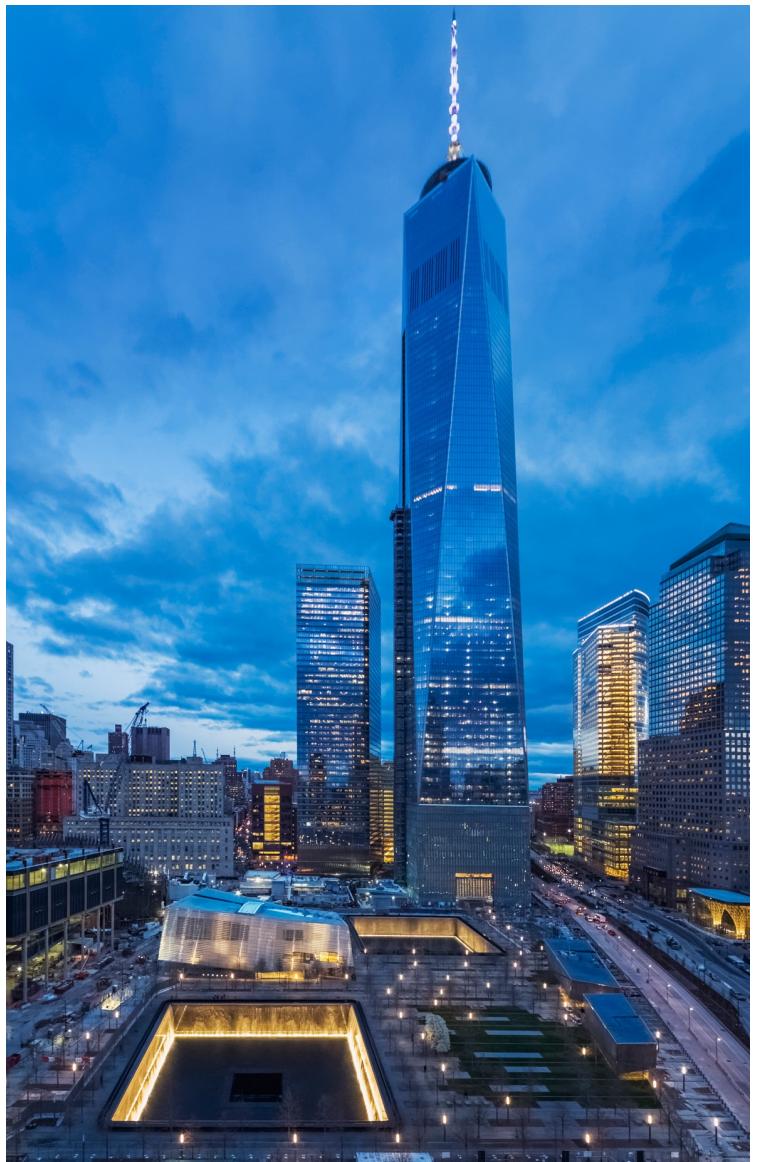
Grand Knight:	Rich Mueller (PGK)
Deputy Grand Knight:	Francis Bagarella (PGK, PFN)
Chaplain:	Fr. Chris Hoiland
Financial Secretary:	Dave Morgan
Treasurer:	Tom Karney
Chancellor:	Ben Young
Lecturer:	<i>not assigned</i>
Advocate:	Dan Olvera (PGK, PFN)

Recorder:	Doug Warren (PGK, PFN)
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)

September

Date	Day	Time	Event
4	Monday	All Day	Labor Day
5	Tuesday	6pm	Council Officers Meeting (MTG)
		7pm	Knights Club MTG
6	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
9	Saturday	All Day	Deception Pass Classic Bike MS Ride
11	Monday	All Day	22 nd Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks
			Patriot Day
			CRE Raffle!
12	Tuesday	7pm	3 rd Degree Membership MTG
13	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
14	Thursday	6:30pm	Fatima Prayer Knight
19	Tuesday	7pm	4 th Degree MTG
20	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO
25	Monday	6pm	Game Knight
		3pm	Agape Dinner
27	Wednesday	5pm	Knights Club BINGO

9.11 Then & Now



The Pentagon

AA FLT 77 hits the 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).



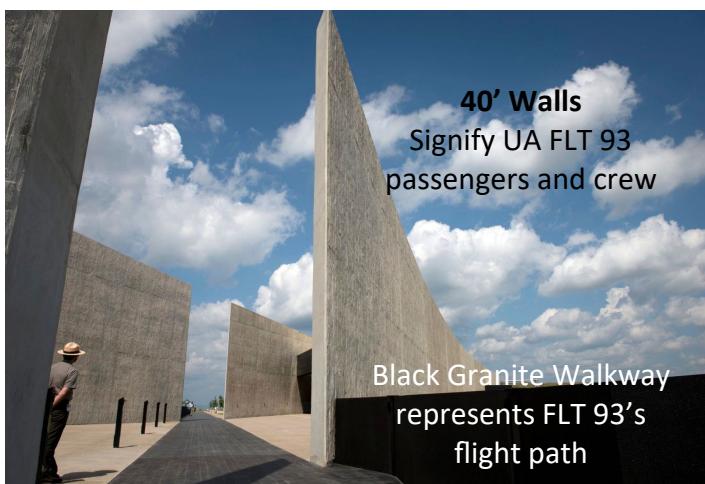
UA FLT 93 Memorial

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.



GK Kornner

Wow! Labor Day has come and gone. Where did the summer go! School starts tomorrow and we all know what that brings. Facebook feeds full "first day photo's," long lines at the coffee shops with stay-at-home Moms and Dads with and extra 30 minutes on their hands. Seriously though, there will be a bunch of new cars on the streets taking children to and from and some will even be driven by young adults on their way to high school. And of course, the busses, we can't forget them, those large yellow beasts, cruising the neighborhoods with their lights a flashing. Let's all give them the space they deserve and observe those speed limits.

This also means, we Knights are gearing up for a busy fall season of activities but before we do I want to thank everyone for a wonderful Summer. From the July fireworks sale and parade to the just completed Parish and KofC Picnic. It has been a great couple of months. We could not have done it without everyone's help, so thank you very much.

The next three months are busy for us. There seems to be something going on every week. Keep an eye on the calendar and your emails for information on upcoming events, which reminds me, the Deception Pass Classic Bike MS Ride is less than 5 days away! If you plan to volunteer, please let me know no later than Thursday night so I can plan our lunch. Man does time sneak up on you!

Thank you again for all that you do,

Vivat Jesus,
Rich, GK.



Fraternal Leader Advisory



Join us on for an informative fraternal webinar. In this webinar, we will discuss how your council can successfully implement **Cor** this fraternal year. We will review start up resources and marketing materials to help your council get started. We'll also share with you the best practices of councils that piloted Cor during the last fraternal year.

Remember, if you can't join us live, it will be available on-demand afterwards. Be sure to signup to ensure you get the link for this important webinar.

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3rd Degree News



Knight of the Month for July

Tom Hiestand is recognized as Father John E. O'Brien's "Knight of the Month" for July for his dedicated and devoted time helping with the July 4th fireworks booth. Tom volunteered to open every morning and provided the foundation which led to a very successful fireworks sales during the week. Volunteering over 40 hours he provided many new volunteers with training on the operations of the fireworks booth.

Tom is a Past Faithful Navigator of the assembly. He also volunteers during the holidays to help support our Adopt-a-Family Program.

Tom is married a Gerri; they have 4 sons and attend regular Mass at St. Augustine's Parish in Oak Harbor. Tom is a U.S. Air Force veteran and retired as a Colonel after a very successful aviation career.

Tom joined our council in 1986 and is an Honorary Life member. He has played an active role in helping the council succeed throughout the years.

It is with pleasure we recognize Tom as Father John E O'Brien's Council Knight of the Month for July 2023.



Family of the Month for July

Ben and Tess Lorica are recognized as Father John E. O'Brien's "Family of the Month" for July. Ben and Tess volunteered many hours daily during our Fourth of July fireworks sales. They also recently volunteered over 40 hours of commitment to help with a very successful garage sale which raised \$1178.00 for the council charitable programs.

Ben joined the Knights in 1996 and has served as Grand Knight, District Deputy for District 19, and Faithful Navigator of our Assembly.

Ben is an Honorary Life member. Besides being active with the Knights, Ben is also a regular VA volunteer assisting local veterans obtaining benefits from the veteran's organization. Tess is a new member of the Catholic Daughters of America. Ben and Tess are always the first to volunteer and help with many council activities and provides the example for all Knight's families when it comes to commitment. Ben and Tess have been married 43 years, have two sons and one granddaughter. Their two sons are serving on active duty with the U.S. Air Force.

It is with great pleasure that Father John E O'Brien Council 3361 recognize Ben and Tess Lorica as the Family of the Month for July 2023.



Fr. Paul Nkolombidzo made his annual visit to Whidbey Island last month. Fr. Paul is the pastor at St. Louis Marie De Montfort Blantyre Parish in Blantyre, Malawi. Malawi is a small landlocked country in southeastern Africa.

Fr. Paul attended and filled in for our Chaplain, Fr. Chris, at last month's Membership Meeting. He spoke about Cyclone Freddy that occurred this past March, which dropped the equivalent of a month's rain in nearly 24 hours. The raging waters effecting over 50,000 homes and forced some 84,000 people to flee their homes. He also spoke about his admiration of the efforts of the Knights of Columbus, especially their participation in church and community. For Malawi men, it is difficult for them to come together along with their spouses to pray the Rosary, pray together or even to participate in the church matters as they are the breadwinners for their families.

The Knights, along with Fr. Paul, celebrated the Founder of the Knights of Columbus, the Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney's Birthday (born on August 12, 1852). Fr. Paul, along with our Grand Knight, Rich Mueller, help slice the ceremonial birthday cake in his honor.

Although not on a resource gathering mission, Fr. Paul did receive a myriad of envelopes from the CRE and individual donors to help him in his efforts to get his church and community back to normalcy. As always, he was very appreciative of the Knights' hospitality and friendship during his visit.



St. Augustine & KofC Picnic at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor





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Helping a Veteran

The Council's Grand Knight, Rich Mueller, presented an electric wheelchair to a Navy Veteran, Brian Force, who had lost his leg to health issues. A longtime shipmate of Rich and Past Grand Knight, Doug Warren, was very surprised and very ecstatic for the new mode of transportation! A big THANK YOU to Doug, who, along with his naval background as a Naval Electrician, refurbished the wheelchair back into working order for the special presentation during the St. Augustine and KofC summer picnic.



Knight of the Month

The Council selected Francis Bagarella as the Knight of the Year. The Grand Knight presented Francis with a CRE check of \$1K to go to his favorite charity. Also presented, a set of professional cutlery knives.



Family of the Year

The Council selected Doug & Erlinda Warren as the Family of the Year. The Grand Knight presented Doug with a CRE check of \$1K to go to their favorite charity. Also presented, was a statuette of the Holy Family.





Deception Pass Classic Bike Multiple Sclerosis (MS) 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 9th, we will once again host a rest stop for the Deception Pass Classic Bike MS Ride. The MS route incorporates the Knights' Club of Oak

Harbor as a major rest stop and has become known as the "Best Rest on the Ride". In past years, this has been a notable rest stop for riders as it has become known for its fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies and other goodies!

Once again, I will need volunteers to help man the rest stop at the Knights Club on this Saturday the 9th from 8:30am to 2pm. Setup starts at 8:30am with tear down and cleanup at 1:30pm. Contact GK Rich Mueller at GK@kofc3361.org.

Fatima Monthly Rosary by Walt Daspit

Brother Knights and families, the monthly Rosary will be held at the Knights Hall this month on Thursday, September 14th. 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. Weather permitting, we may use the grotto, but only if ALL are in accord with the outdoor venue. A light jacket or long-sleeved clothing may be advisable.

Game Knight

Scheduled for Monday, September 25th. Doors open at 5pm. Come and play Darts, Pool, Cribbage, Yahtzee, Scrabble, etc. Bring your favorite hor devours or dessert to share. This event is open to all Knights, families, and friends.

Potato Bagging

Coming in October, the Potato Bagging event. Once a date has been determined, more info will follow. The council is looking for volunteer to be the event chair. If interested, please contact the Deputy GK and Program Director, Francis Bagarella at fbagarella1959@gmail.com.





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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.

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.

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 Membership Director (Jim Spoltman / jimsp@whidbey.net) and/or Financial Secretary (Dave Morgan / kofc3361fs@gmail.com). They can schedule a viewing of the video before or after a regularly scheduled Membership Meeting. It's that easy!

Join for Free!

Your support is much needed! The Knights are looking for men 18yrs or older to join the Knights of Columbus fraternal group of men. Pass along the website and/ or the QR code (right) to them. Using these avenues are real simple for men looking for a change in their life. <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>



Knights in Action!

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 reporting any event has to have happened. Knights in Action cannot report on or publicize any future events.



4th Degree News



2023-2024 4th Degree Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator:	Francis Bagarella (PGK, PFN)	Faithful Scribe:	Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)
Faithful Comptroller:	Ralph Byars (DD, PFN, PGK, PDD)	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 4th 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 4th Degree. For our younger 4th Degree Knights, you are required to purchase a new uniform. You made an obligation to support and actively participate in 4th Degree.

The 4th 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 4th 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 3rd or 4th Degree programs, I'm asking you to actively support these programs. I've spoken with the District Deputy, Ralph Byars, and we in the 4th 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 4th Degree Program. Let's keep this degree alive and well for our future Sir Knights.



Uniform Package



- Navy blue blazer festooned with 4th Degree crest and emblem buttons
- Dark gray trousers
- Embroidered necktie
- Black beret with 4th Degree metal badge

NOT INCLUDED: Plain white dress shirt w/button cuff (no French cuffs or button down collared shirts)

NOT INCLUDED: Black socks, plain black shoes, official 4th Degree lapel pin, incumbent medal of office, past and former miniatures (worn above left pocket), sword, baldric, and gloves.

The garments of the official dress are produced in Italy. The fabric used for both blazers and pants is woven in Italy specifically for the KofC from a high quality super 130 wool, which denotes wool being new and pure and the numbers correspond to the thickness of the wool fibers. Best for people who do not use their suit as often or will be wearing during summer months. This fabric is perfect who care more about comfort, durability and warmth.

The blazer buttons are made in Italy. The KofC blazer patches are completely hand embroidered. The tie is Italian silk, but made in the USA.

The new uniform is worn as you would a business suit.

The beret is worn with the 4th Degree pin placed directly above left eye w/ right side of beret folding down towards right ear.

Size Guidelines. If you are:

5'5" - 5'8"	order a Short jacket and trousers
5'9" - 6'	order a Regular jacket and trousers
6'1" - 6'4"	order a Tall jacket and trousers
6'5" - 6'8"	order an Extra Tall (XT) jacket and trousers

Once you receive the uniform package, trousers will need to be hemmed.

Basic Official Uniform costs \$449.00, but adding Options like a U.S. Service Baldric (\$28.50), Leather Oxford Dress Shoes (\$98), White Gloves (\$6), Beret Patch (\$2.50) for FN & PFNs will certainly add to the overall cost.

PURPOSE of the 4th DEGREE COLOR CORPS

When knighthood was in flower, Knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry.

Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions. Hence, the primary purpose of the 4th Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

Color Corps members exemplify all principles of the Order:

- **Charity** - by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;
- **Unity** - by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;
- **Fraternity** - by expressing an "Esprit de Corps," sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and
- **Patriotism** - by performing precision drill as a salute to God and country, visually exhibiting a love for both.

The public appearance of 4th Degree Knights, as a Color Corps, at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. Their uniforms add dignity and the pride of the Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations, their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.



CRE News

Boat Raffle

We are in our final week of selling tickets for the boat raffle. Volunteers are still needed to sell tickets in front of Rite Aid. We have sold a few tickets every time the boat is parked there. Please volunteer for a couple of hours in the afternoon. The boat is normally parked there between 4 and 6pm. Remember, the drawing will be conducted on September 11th, Patriot Day. All proceeds go to the CRE in which supports the Council's charitable endeavors. Tickets will be available on the day of the drawing. Cost per ticket is \$20.

The boat is a 1991 21ft Seaswirl Sabre with a galvanized Calkins easyloader trailer.



Other News

God Speed Fair Winds and Following Seas

Our Brother Knight, STGC Caleb Hutchinson, is transferring to Naval Tactical Acquisition Group (NTAG) Houston. He will be manning the Tomball, TX recruiting station conducting recruitment of young women and men for the U.S. Navy.

He will be sorely missed as he was one of our youngest members to join the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council. Since July, Caleb held the council position of Recorder. Caleb was an outstanding inspiration to the old guard and was very active during his short tenure with this council.



Special Olympics Champion

During the Special Olympics, St. Augustine parishioner, Jackie Diaz competed in Bocce Ball. Her efforts won her two Sliver Medals for Singles and Doubles and came in 4th place in Teams.

Congratulation and well done Jackie!



Brother Knights,

Receive my cordial greetings. I hope you all are doing well. I would like to thank you for the support, love, and prayers. I am doing well in my function and now we are off for the holidays. My fellow seminarians and I were appointed in different parishes in our Diocese for Pastoral Experience as we wait for the seminary to open for the new academic year this September. Personally, I was appointed to St. Joseph Rwebisengo Catholic Parish of Ntoroko District in western Uganda near Lake Albert.



I have been tasked with catechesis lessons for the young in a primary school, training Alter servers, visiting the sick and elderly, and doing home-to-home visitations strengthening family life and praying with them. I am gaining a lot of experience and increased inspirations to the priesthood through interactions with the Christians and praying with them.

I thank you so much. Let us keep praying for one another.

Vivat Jesus,

Seminarian Derrick Tushabe
Theology II
St. Paul's National Major Seminary Kinyamasika



The Lighter Side

