

Christopher Columbus

# The Navigator

## April 2025

Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361

3259 Old Goldie Rd.  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277



Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney

### GRAND KNIGHT

Rich Mueller (PGK)  
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### DISTRICT DEPUTY

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### 2024 - 2025 Council Officers

Grand Knight: Rich Mueller (PGK)  
Deputy Grand Knight: Ben Young  
Chaplain: Fr. Chris Hoiland  
Financial Secretary: Dave Morgan  
Treasurer: Tom Karney  
Chancellor: Jim Spoltman  
Lecturer: *unassigned*  
Advocate: Dan Olvera (PGK, PFN)

Recorder: Rusty Waters (PGK, FN, PFN)  
Warden: *vacant*  
Inside Guard: *vacant*  
Outside Guard: *vacant*  
1 Year Trustee (2024): Doug Warren (PGK, PFN)  
2 Year Trustee (2024): Kurt Bauch  
3 Year Trustee (2024): Steve Boneau

### Officers' Business Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - 6pm

### Council Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7pm

### Assembly Meeting

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

### Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

Spring is here! Hooray for longer days and warmer weather. This is the time of year when things bloom and start to grow again. A time of renewal for all living things.

First let me commend you all for yet another fantastic month. March roared like a lion, and we met the challenge. We had more Knights at our monthly meeting than I have seen in quite some time. Our St. Paddy's Day dinner was fantastic. We hosted a Lenten soup supper for our fellow parishioners, and we had yet another great family night. We are on a roll, let's keep it going.

Let's talk a little about membership. NOW is the time to ask someone to join our order. It's so easy.

All you need to do is tell them what great things we do and ask them to join us. Send them to our joining page at <https://kofc3361.org/Join-Form.php> and our membership will take it from there. I would like to challenge all of you to recruit and get through the joining video, six new men this month. Yes six, think about who you see in the pews but not in our meetings. Who comes to the pancake breakfast you can talk to?

I will even incentify this a little. To the knight who sponsors the most men to complete the joining process this month. I will give that knight a pair of season passes to Deception Pass Tours with unlimited jet boat rides.

If we all work together, we can do this!

Enjoy the remainder of lent and rejoice in this Easter Season!



# Council News



## KofC Lenten Friday Fish Fry

On Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, the Knights will be hosting a Friday Fish Fry on at St. Augustine parish hall. Doors open after Stations of the Cross (5pm). No takeout meals.



## Family Knight

We had a very successful Family Knight with approximately 40 people showing up for a great fish sandwich, coleslaw and French fries. The festivities included entertainment for both adults and kids.

If you missed this knight, we'll have another one scheduled April 25<sup>th</sup>. Put this date on your calendar and come experience a great knight with family and friends.

A big shout out to our GK Rich Mueller and D'Arcy Morgan in preparing an awesome meal!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to support the KofC Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program, we raised nearly \$100.00 for this charity.

Doug Warren  
Family Director

## Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Walt Daspit, Event Chair

Brother Knights and families,

The monthly Our Lady of Fatima Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will now be scheduled on the second Monday of each month at the Knights Club. This will provide a regular scheduled day for this special activity.



Divine Mercy Chaplet (6:30pm), Rosary (7:00pm) and a desert Social follows. All are welcome to bring a dessert, side dish, or goodies to share.

All members, members' families, and friends are welcome to attend. Please join us as we gather to pray for our council and family members, peace in Ukraine, the Holy Land, and other petitions.

## Jubilee 2025



Do Something Different this Year that is Lasting  
Experience this Jubilee Journey with other  
Catholic Men by Joining the  
Knights of Columbus Today!

**FREE MEMBERSHIP\***

For new online membership applications  
Submitted this entire Jubilee Year

\*for 1-year of online membership, regular online dues are \$30/year thereafter.

Visit: [kofc.org/joinus](https://kofc.org/joinus) Enter code

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Año jubilar 2025 Peregrinos de la esperanza  
Este año, haz algo diferente que perdure  
¡Experimenta este viaje jubilar con otros hombres católicos  
uniéndote a los Caballeros de Colón hoy!

**MEMBRESÍA GRATUITA\***

Para nuevas solicitudes de membresía en línea  
Presentadas durante todo este Año Jubilar

\*por 1 año de membresía en línea, las cuotas regulares en línea son \$30/año a partir de entonces.

Visita: [kofc.org/joinus](https://kofc.org/joinus) Ingresa el Código

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Caballeros  
de Colón



**From the Community Director**

Palmer Pinckney



There are three public meetings on the release of the draft amended analysis, otherwise known as *Noise Complaints* on NASWI jet aircraft operations. The Navy will host two in-person public meetings in the form of an open house to inform the public about the contents of the draft amended analysis, answer questions, and provide the opportunity to submit official written comments.

**In-Person Public Meetings**

Tuesday, April 1, 4 - 6pm  
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge,  
155 NE Ernst Street  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Wednesday, April 2, 4 - 6pm  
Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge Hall  
63 Jacobs Road  
Coupeville, WA 98239

Additionally, the Navy will host one virtual meeting featuring an informational presentation and will address questions submitted in advance.

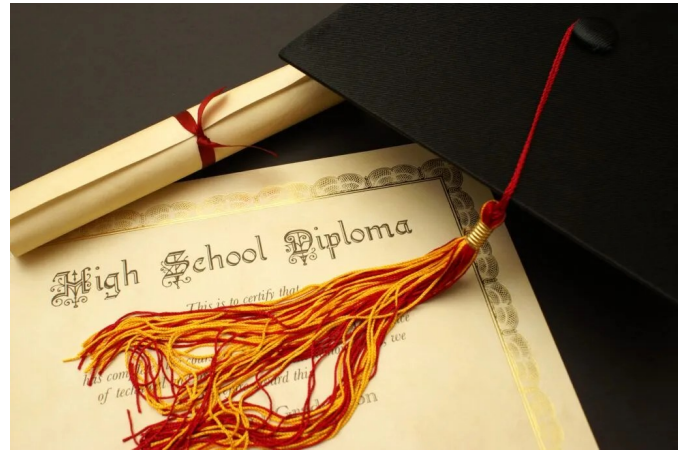
**Virtual Meeting**

Thursday, April 3, 2025, from 7 - 8pm

Zoom Broadcast. Use the link below to register and participate in the "Virtual and In-Person Public Meetings."

Read more here

<https://www.nepa.navy.mil/Current-Projects/Aircraft-Home-Basing-Ship-Homeporting/Growler-Amended-Analysis/>

**From the District Deputy, Ralph Byars**

Scholarship opportunities are available through the Knights of Columbus for Knights' sons and daughters graduating from high school (spring 2025) are eligible and who will be attending Catholic colleges and universities.

Applications for Knights of Columbus scholarships are now available online. The deadline to apply online is April 15th. For more information, visit [kofc.org/scholarships](https://kofc.org/scholarships).

**Links of Interest****KofC**

WA State Council  
<https://kofc-wa.org/>

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

Submit Knights in Action Form  
<https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/knights-in-action-news.html>

Fraternal Operations  
<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/fraternal-operations.html?icon-tabs=2>

Update Member Contact Info  
<https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/update-contact-information.html>

**Council**

Incoming Picture Album  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Sx7yv16dLnVXvX1X6>

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

Join Us Email  
[joinus@kofc3361.org](mailto:joinus@kofc3361.org)



## ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

OFFICE OF THE VICAR FOR CLERGY

206-382-4839

February 26, 2025

Richard Mueller  
Knights of Columbus #3361  
John E. O'Brien Council  
PO Box 1319  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277-4492

Dear Mr. Mueller,

On behalf of the Archbishop and the Office of the Vicar for Clergy, I would like to thank you for your continued support and invite you to consider helping with our annual Priest Days event, which will take place June 22-25, 2025.

Priest Days is a special opportunity to honor and thank our priests for their dedication to the spiritual needs of the faithful and to the Partners in the Gospel initiative. Priest Days offers a time for rest, spiritual enrichment, and fellowship. In addition to keynote presentations, we provide health checks, financial planning consultations, and various outdoor and competitive activities for our priests. We also host socials to honor those who have passed away, reached senior status, or celebrated jubilee anniversaries of their ordination.

Our goal is to make this event a success! If you can contribute, please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Whether or not you can donate, we deeply appreciate your support of the Archdiocese of Seattle and the priests serving in Western Washington. Your prayers for the success of this event are also greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Green, Clergy Formation Coordinator, at 206-382-2061 or via email at [michelle.green@seattlearch.org](mailto:michelle.green@seattlearch.org).

Thank you for your generosity, and please keep the Archdiocese of Seattle and all our priests in your prayers.

In Christ the Lord,



Deacon Eric Paige,  
Director of Formation and  
Deacon Services  
Office of the Vicar for Clergy



Nick Schoen,  
Executive Director, Office of the Vicar for Clergy

The Seattle Archdiocese thanked the Fr. John E. O'Brien council's donation of \$250.00 in continued support of Priest Days. Priest Day event is scheduled to occur between June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Priest Days recognizes priests and their holiness, their important role in the Church and their service to the faithful. It provides a time for rest, spiritual enrichment, and fellowship.

If you would like to donate, mail check to:

Corporation of the Catholic Archbishop of Seattle (CCAS)  
Priest Days Office of Vacations (OVC)  
710 9<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Seattle, WA 98104

# Good of the Order

## Knight of the Month

Brother Rusty Waters was selected as Fr. John E. O'Brien Council Knight of the Month for February 2025.

**Congratulations Rusty!**

**Lenten Season**  
5 March to 17 April



## April Knights

### Born on Date

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### Happy Birthday to You!

Joseph Farina  
Caleb Hutchinson  
Dan Ritter  
Dave Yakubchak  
Luis Ferrer  
Leo Tandecki  
Fel Cataby  
Lark Gustafson  
Joe Pfeffer  
Dave Morgan  
Tom Karney  
John Rainer Magno  
Mark McGregor

## Family of the Month

Benjamin and Denise Young were selected as the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council's Family of the Month for March 2025.

Benjamin joined our council in March 2022. He currently serves as Deputy Grand Knight and actively participates in council events such as the recent St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Wednesday Knights Club BINGO.

Denise is a member of the Columbiettes. Denise uses her Doctorate in Psychology to provide pro bono services in the form of psychotherapy, consultation and pastoral counseling to priests and religious who are referred by their bishops or religious superiors.

Both Benjamin and Denise help with the St. Mary's (Coupeville) Coffee and Donut Ministry along with their granddaughter, Anneliese, who is learning to serve her faith community.

It is with great pleasure that our council recognizes Benjamin and Denise Young as our "Family of the Month."

**Congratulations Ben and Denise!**



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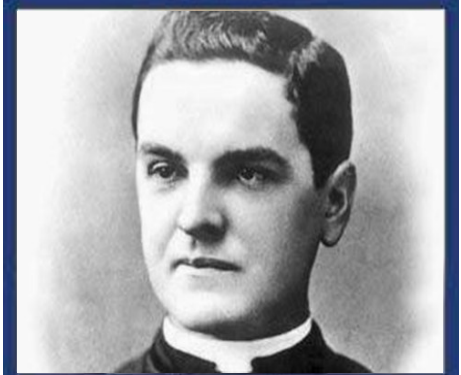
## How did you spend Founders Day? ~ GK

This past Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, was Founders Day. The celebration of 143 years of the Knights of Columbus. An organization whose very first principle is CHARITY. Not the charity of gifts alone but the charity that comes from the heart, the charity that gladdens both the receiver and the giver. The type of charity that leaves a LASTING IMPACT.

This past Founders Day, eight of my brothers and I gathered and built a ramp for a woman who has been struggling to get into and out of her home safely. She was only known to a couple of us and a stranger to most but that did not deter this team of brothers.

Made with love and compassion, this small team built a new access to her home. We completed this ramp while she was at work and departed before she returned. As we gathered at the hall for lunch, I received a text from the woman we built this for, she said, ***"Thank you so much!! First time in a very long time I got in the house with no pain!! This means more than you guys will ever know!!!"***

Gentlemen, thank you. This is what knighthood means to me and the privilege to serve with you! Here's to another 143 of the KofC  
VIVAT JESUS!



**Founder's Day**  
March 29, 1882

*The Knights of Columbus (KofC) Founders Day, commemorating the founding of the organization, is celebrated on March 29th, the date Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882.*







# Assembly News



## Whidbey - Fidalgo Assembly #2276

Fr. Gustave Treunet Council 3611, Anacortes | Fr. John E. O'Brien Council 3361, Oak Harbor | St. Hubert Council 11357, Langley

### 2024 - 2025 Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator:	Rusty Waters (PGK/PFN)	Faithful Admiral:	Francis Bagarella (PGK/PFN)
Faithful Friar:	Fr. Chris Hoiland	Inner Sentinel:	Dave Morgan
Faithful Captain:	Dan Olvera (PGK)	Outer Sentinel:	Ben Young
Faithful Pilot:	Paul Brewer (PGK)	3 Year Trustee	Terry Kandzor
Faithful Comptroller:	Ralph Byars (DD/FDD/PGK/PFN)	2 Year Trustee	Tom Kingman
Faithful Scribe:	Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)	1 Year Trustee	Edwin (Bob) Spitzer
Faithful Purser:	Doug Warren (PGK/PFN)		



### Our newest 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knights!

Knighthood were Gregory Martinez, John Callahan, Jr., and Charles Child from St. Hubert's Council; Sean Clancy from Fr. Gustave Treunet Council; and D'Arcy Morgan and Luis Ferrer from Fr. John E. O'Brien council.

Welcome aboard Sir Knights!

### Slate of Nominees

Assembly officer elections will be held at the May business meeting. The FN will appoint a small nominating committee to develop or identify one or more suitable and willing SK candidates for Faithful Navigator, Faithful Comptroller, Purser and Three Year Trustee positions.

Please consider stepping up to the commitment of being an assembly officer.

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

The next social will be held at Patron's Restaurant at Ken's Corner on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The 4th Degree invites all Sir Knights and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights with their families to join us. The Knights Club bus will take us.

Please RSVP the FN if interested in going. Space is limited, so a head count is required if planning to attend.

# JANUARY 1, 2024 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2024

## ASSEMBLY NUMBER 2276 JURISDICTION WA

### Section I. Fraternal Program Activities

#### FAITH ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

	CHARITABLE DISBURSEMENTS	HOURS OF SERVICE
a. RSVP Program	1000	12
b. Church Facilities		200
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries		112
d. Religious/Vocations Education		49
e. Prayer & Study Programs		306
f. Sacramental Gifts	785	24
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities		400
<b>TOTAL FAITH CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>1103</b>

#### FAMILY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Food for Families		220
b. Family Formation Programs		8
c. Keep Christ in Christmas		8
d. Family Week		
e. Family Prayer Night		40
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs		58
<b>TOTAL FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>334</b>

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Coats For Kids	4344	100
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	300	16
c. Habitat for Humanity		70
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief		
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities		40
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care		50
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations		98
h. Columbian Squires		
i. Scouting/Youth Groups		200
j. Athletics		
k. Youth Welfare/Service		
l. Scholarships/Education		
m. Veteran Military/VAWS		150
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities		100
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>4644</b>	<b>824</b>

#### LIFE ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Special Olympics		20
b. Marches for Life		20
c. Ultrasound Initiative		10
d. Pregnancy Support		10
e. Christian Refugee Relief		10
f. Memorials to Unborn Children		
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities		50
<b>TOTAL LIFE CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>

**TOTAL** 6429 2381

### Section II. Fraternal Commitment Activities

#### MEETINGS

1. Regular	12
2. Social	12
3. Special/Committee	1
<b>TOTAL MEETINGS</b>	<b>25</b>

#### OTHER FRATERNAL COMMITMENTS:

Visits to the Sick	246
Visits to the Bereaved	14
Number of Blood Donations	20
Masses Held for Members	2

Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Members and their Families 60





# Community News

## Pro-Life Vigil

On Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Augustine's Pro-Life Ministry will hold its next Pro-Life Vigil at the intersection of SE Pioneer Way and State Route 20 between 3:45 and 4:45pm.

Prayers and Signs will be provided. Contact Mike or Barb Thelen at [thelenmike.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:thelenmike.assoc@gmail.com) or (360)661-0311 or (360)320-3959.



## Sunday Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> after both the 8 and 9:30am Masses, a Pancake Breakfast will be held in St. Augustine's parish hall. Pancakes and sausages will be served. Bring the family and enjoy! Donations are very much appreciated.



As always, looking for volunteers to help setup, serve, and cleanup.

## Fr. Gustave Treunet Council #3611 Events

St. Mary Anacortes

### June

1<sup>st</sup> Pancake Breakfast @ 9am

### August

17<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament (*more info to follow*)

For more info, please contact the Fr. Gustave Treunet Council 3611 Grand Knight, Todd Robison at <toddrob@frontier.com>

## Knights Club Bingo

Do you have some free time? Bingo needs your help on Wednesday nights. The Club is looking for Bingo Callers, Verifiers, and/or kitchen help. Bingo usually goes from 5pm (1700) till approximately 9pm (2100). Bingo is the club's number one money maker that keeps the club's facilities running.

Please consider volunteering one week out of the month.

## St. Hubert Council #11357 Events

### April

- 8<sup>th</sup> - Langley council meeting & celebration of 3 new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree SKs
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Adopt a Highway in Bayview at 9am
- 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> - Scotch Broom Removal from 10am to 2pm

# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Officers MTG 6pm  Club MTG 7pm	<b>2</b> BINGO 5pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pro-Life Vigil 3:45pm - 4:45pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Council MTG 7pm	<b>9</b> BINGO 5pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Fish Fry Friday	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Our Lady of Fatima Rosary 6:30	<b>15</b> Assembly Social Patron's Mexican Restaurant Ken's Corner 6pm	<b>16</b> BINGO 5pm	<b>17</b> Maundy (Holy) Thursday	<b>18</b> Good Friday	<b>19</b> Easter Vigil
<b>20</b> Easter	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> BINGO 5pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Agape Dinner 5pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> BINGO 5pm			