

Christopher Columbus

The Navigator

January 2025

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Officers' Planning Meeting

1st Tuesday - 6pm

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday - 7pm

Columbiettes Meeting

2nd Thursday - 7pm

Assembly Meeting

3rd Tuesday - 7pm

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: D'Arcy Morgan
1 Year Trustee (2024): Doug Warren (PGK, PFN)
2 Year Trustee (2024): Kurt Bauch
3 Year Trustee (2024): Steve Boneau



Grand Knight's Message

Happy New Year! My Brothers, welcome to the new year.

As we turn the page on the calendar, I encourage you to resolve to share the joy of being a Knight with someone else.

We are halfway through the fraternal year! We have accomplished many things to be proud of, but we still have a way to go. Keep up the good work.

We will be busy between now and Easter. We have Pennies for Heaven, St. Patrick's Day, Super Bowl LIX, St. Augustine's Pancake Breakfast, etc. I Look forward to our Family Nights starting back up again.

See you out there!





Council News



Financial Secretary's Desk



The 2025 Membership Dues notices have been sent via email and USPS.

On January 14th, this first notice becomes past due. Please note, any overpayments will gratefully be accepted as donations to the Pennies for Heaven fund.

Club Board & Bingo Workers - The Grand Knight has waived your dues for 2025. If you are emailed a bill, please disregard it.

Payment Difficulties. If you anticipate difficulty making a prompt payment, please contact me.

Important Reminders:

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity and Member Experience "Interest Survey" Forms. Please complete and return BEFORE January 30th!

4th Degree Members. Please note that this bill is for the 3rd Degree Council, ONLY. The bill for the 4th Degree Assembly is SEPARATE from the council bill.

DO NOT SEND your Assembly Dues to the FS - it will be considered an overpayment and will graciously be accepted as a Pennies for Heaven donation. The 4th Degree Membership Dues notices are sent separately by the Assembly's Faithful Comptroller.

Four Dues Exemption Categories: (1) Disabled, (2) Seminarians, (3) Active Duty - Local, and (4) Honorary Life - Local. Contact me if you qualify for one of these dues' exemptions.

I have name badges ready for pick up. If you need a Travelcard Cover and / or Card Sleeve, let me know.

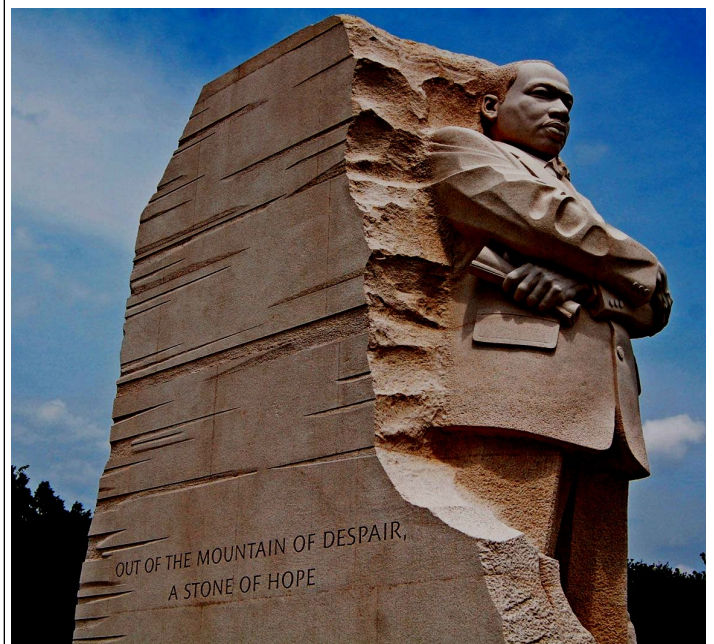
Adopt-A-Family Wash

Thank you to Brothers Tom Karney, Jeremy Wilkins, and to Santa and his Special Elf in bringing the joy of Christmas to Grandma and her two granddaughters.

The entourage delivered Christmas gifts and dinner makings to this family who were very appreciative. Grandma took photo keepsakes of Santa and the two smiling girls. Grandma and her granddaughters gave the entourage Christmas goodies.

A special thank you to Brother Rich and Onee Rezabek for their donations for this special occasion.

Thank you to those who make this program function. Your volunteerism serves the KofC well!



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 20th

A federal holiday held on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States.

Council Christmas Dinner Party Wash

The Council's Christmas Dinner Party was enjoyed by all who attended. There was plenty of good food prepared by our own chefs Brothers Francis Bagarella and Ralph Byars, kitchen help and servers Brother Dan & Monique Olvera, Brothers Ben Young and Doug Warren (and his nephew), and Trevion Sylla.

Santa Claus, Brother Rusty Waters who MC'd the White Elephant gift exchange was assisted by his special ELF (wife Mary).





Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings from Malawi...

As the New Year dawns, may God's blessings be upon your family, guiding you through each day with His light, love, and faith.

May the New Year bring joy, peace, and prosperity to your family, and may God continue to bless you abundantly.

Happy New Year to you!
Father Paul



Uganda Seminarian News



Good morning brothers,

I wish to update you on my progress here in the seminary.

I am currently in year three of theological studies and in July, last year, I was installed as a serious candidate. This means by God's grace next year, I will be ordained as a Deacon.

I continue to ask for your prayers and support. Be assured of my prayers always.

God bless,
Derrick Tushabe Tutzingar

January Knights

Born on Date

Happy Birthday to You

18	Roderick Woods
19	Pete Rivera
25	Benjamin Thomas
26	Joseph Meehan

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Walt Daspit, Event Chair

Brother Knights and families,

The Fatima monthly Rosary will be held at the Knights Club on Monday, January 13th. All members, members' families, and friends are welcome to attend.



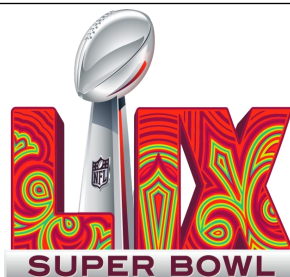
Please join us as we gather to pray for our council and family members, peace in Ukraine, the Holy Land, and other petitions.

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

Super bowl LIX

Super Bowl LIX scheduled for Sunday, February 9th.

The council is in the planning stages of orchestrating a Super Bowl Party at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor. More info to follow.





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My brief financial commentaries are intended to act as a bridge between up-to-date guidance and practical application, which may help you to make decisions on issues regarding retirement planning, wealth protection and accumulation – all areas in which I focus my practice. Here is my most current financial topic for my clients, fellow Knights and parishioners; I hope you find it relevant to meeting your goals.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/insurance/index.html>

**Do you have mixed feelings about
your own financial security?**

1

Some people find that older financial strategies can be inefficient in today's changing economic times, especially when coupled with their own personal circumstances.

Is it worth the gamble of being uninformed in today's economic environment when newer information may be invaluable?

There may be numerous tax saving ideas and financial strategies that you're missing ... some of which may help make your dollars work more efficiently.

2

Being uninformed never provides an advantage.

Waiting too long to get the facts may eliminate second chances.

Just request one of our sample financial strategy reports.

3

See what others are doing that may be applicable to your situation.

The information may affect your future years ... those that have the potential to be the best years of your life.

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

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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)	Trustee	Tom Kingman
Faithful Comptroller:	Ralph Byars (DD/FDD/PGK/PFN)	Trustee	Bob Spitzer
Faithful Scribe:	Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)	Trustee	available
Faithful Purser:	Doug Warren (PGK/PFN)		

Honor Guard

Our primary purpose, as the 4th Degree, is fostering Patriotism and demonstrating commitment to both faith and country. We also encourage Catholic citizenship by participating in public events such as parades, funerals, church ceremonies as participants of an "Honor Guard".

Do you recall the phrase: "Tempus fugit, memento mori (Time flies, remember death)"? When preparing your EOL plans to help your spouse or your executor of your will in order to carry out your final wishes, one wish you may have is to have an Honor Guard present at your funeral Mass to pay you that final tribute.

One of the duties as a 4th Degree Knight is to participate as a member of an Honor Guard. When the call goes out for an Honor Guard, please consider stepping up to be part of the Honor Guard for a deceased Knight or the Knight's spouse. This benevolent gesture of compassion has a far-reaching impact not only on the deceased member's family but will affect those in attendance at the funeral Mass.

The following attire (displayed in the photo) can be worn when participating in an Honor Guard:

- 1) Official 4th Degree Uniform w/sword
- 2) Tuxedo w/Social Baldric & Medals (past 4th Degree Uniform)
- 3) Dark Suit w/ Ceremonial Baldric



Sir Knights Ben Young (left) and Rich Mueller (right center) wearing official 4th Degree Uniform; Rusty Waters, Faithful Navigator (left center), wearing Tuxedo w/ Social Baldric & Medals; and, Steve Boneau (far right) wearing dark suit w/ Ceremonial Baldric

We, 4th Degree Knights, should, if possible, participate as an Honor Guard member to provide funeral honors to one of our own.

Community News

... more 4th Degree News

Assembly Meeting. The 4th Degree Assembly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor at 7pm. Social to follow.

4th Degree Membership Dues. The Faithful Comptroller has email out 4th Degree membership dues notices. Please pay promptly.

First Sunday Pancake Breakfast

St. Augustine's Pancake Breakfast will be held on January 19th.



Pancakes and sausages will be served after both 8am and 9:30am Masses in the parish hall. Bring the family and enjoy!

Donations are very much appreciated.

Fr. Gustave Treunet Council #3611 Events

St. Mary Anacortes

January

12th / 9am Pancake Breakfast (Project Racheal)

February

16th / 9am Pancake Breakfast

March

15th / 6pm St. Patty's Dinner

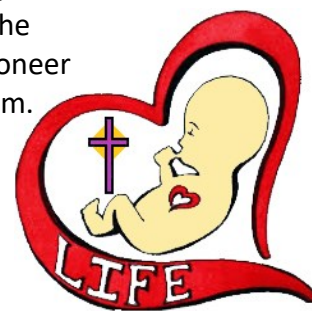
June

1st / 9am Pancake Breakfast

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

St. Augustine's Pro-Life Ministry

On Friday, January 3rd, St. Augustine's Pro-Life Ministry will hold its next at the intersection of Rte. 20 and Pioneer Way between 3:45 and 4:45pm.



Knights Club Bingo

Do you have some free time? Bingo is always looking for more help on Wednesday nights. Bingo usually goes from 5pm (1700) till approximately 9pm (2100).

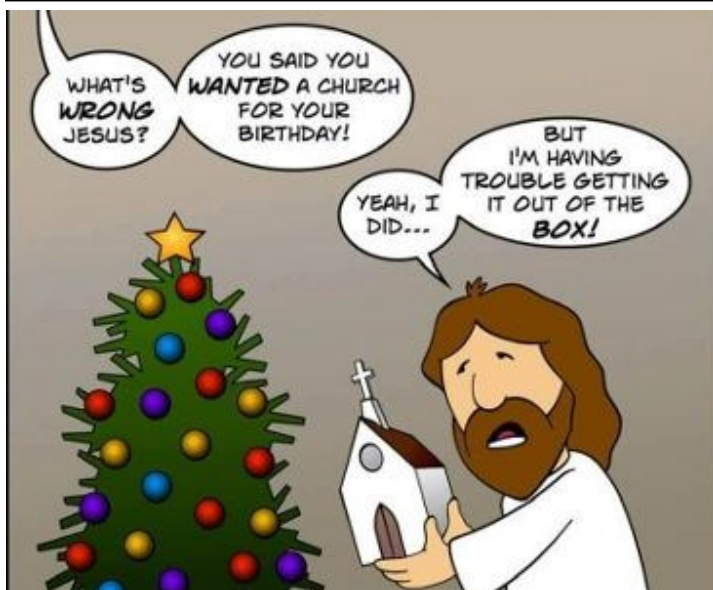
The Club is looking for Bingo Callers, Verifiers, or kitchen help... we will train you!

Bingo is the number one money maker that keeps the Knights Club's facilities running. Please consider volunteering one week out of the month.

Would very much be appreciated if you did!

PRIESTs, BROTHERs, NUNs.
THEY NEED US. WE NEED THEM.

Vocations Are Everybody's Business



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 News Years	2	3 Pro-Life Rally 3:45pm - 4:45pm	4
5 The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	6	7 Officers MTG 6pm Club MTG 7pm	8 Knights Club Bingo - 5pm	9	10	11
12	13 Fatima Prayer Night 6:30	14 Council MTG 7pm Columbiettes MTG - 7pm	15 Knights Club Bingo - 5pm	16	17	18
19 St. Augustine Pancake Breakfast	20 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 Assembly MTG 7pm	22 Knights Club Bingo - 5pm	23	24	25
26	27 St. Augustine Agape Dinner 5pm (Knights in the Kitchen)	28	29 Knights Club Bingo - 5pm	30	31	