

Christopher Columbus

The Navigator

June 2025



Blessed Fr. Michael

Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361, 3259 Old Goldie Rd., Oak Harbor

GRAND KNIGHT

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2024 - 2025 Council Officers

Grand Knight:	Rich Mueller (PGK)	Recorder:	Rusty Waters (PGK, FN, PFN)
Deputy Grand Knight:	Ben Young	Warden:	<i>vacant</i>
Chaplain:	Fr. Chris Hoiland	Inside Guard:	<i>vacant</i>
Financial Secretary:	Dave Morgan	Outside Guard:	<i>vacant</i>
Treasurer:	Tom Karney	1 Year Trustee:	Doug Warren (PGK, PFN)
Chancellor:	Jim Spoltman	2 Year Trustee:	Kurt Bauch
Lecturer:	<i>unassigned</i>	3 Year Trustee:	Steve Boneau
Advocate:	Dan Olvera (PGK, PFN)		

Officers' Business Meeting

1st Tuesday - 6pm

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday - 7pm

Assembly Meeting

3rd Tuesday - 7pm

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

As I set down to write this, my final message as your Grand Knight, I am reflecting on the past two years.

Together you have accomplished many great things. I am proud of the good works and events we've had. In all my years as a member of this council, I have never been so proud. We have come together through all manners of diversity, overcome hurdles and succeeded.

But the work is not done, not by a long shot. Our church, our country, our very basic beliefs are under attack daily. Now is the time for true Knights to put on the armor of God and rise up!

Do you remember back in the old First Degree when the Chancellor was talking to you? *"Listen ever to the weak and oppressed. For he who shuts his ear shall also cry out and not be heard."*

And again, during the presentation of the Rosary. *"Mary and her Knights, with love and compassion for God's neediest children."* These words are the foundation of what we do as KofC.

GK (elect) Ben will need his Knights to stand with him. To continue what we have started and to build for the future. I know you will give him the same support you have given me and for that I am thankful.

Thank you all, God bless all of you.
Let's keep this going!

Rich Mueller, GK
Vivat Jesus!



2025 - 2026 Council Officers

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

Recorder: Rusty Waters (FN, PGK, PFN)
 Warden: Joe Pfeffer
 Inside Guard: Mauri Tonini (PGK)
 Outside Guard: Paul Brewer (PGK)
 1 Year Trustee: Kurt Bauch
 2 Year Trustee: Steve Boneau
 3 Year Trustee: Rich Mueller (PGK)

75th Diamond Jubilee
November 26, 2025
Fr. John E. O'Brien Council



This is the Council's Jubilee year, a formal banquet is in the planning stages. Stayed tuned!

**Rummage Sale**

The Columbiettes will be holding a Rummage Sale at the Knights Club on June 20th and 21st. Hours are between 8am and 4pm.

The Columbiettes will be collecting items for the sale on June 19th. No clothing. Will accept most anything that is in good condition and can be resalable...with emphasis on good and resalable conditions.

**June Knights**Born on DateHappy Birthday to You!

8	Joel Harmon
10	John Abides
12	Eric Fields
	William Butler
14	Cardito Castro
	James Kraft
18	Steven Cox
20	Daniel Janowski
	Noel Beltran
22	Herbert Reissner
30	Enrico Javier

4th of July Fireworks Sales

Just a reminder that Fireworks Sales start on the Saturday, June 28th. This is our largest and most profitable fundraiser of the year. Our council benefits from this event. So, every available Knight should.... You know where I'm going with this.

Please pick a time or more to come out to help at the booth. Doug and I are both working full-time jobs, so we need you more than ever.

Keep an eye out for more information to come as we get closer.

Rich Mueller (PGK)



Sunday, June 15th

Happy Father's Day!



Good of the Order



Knights of Columbus Knight of the Month

Awarded to

Jose Sanabria

April 2025

For the Month of

R. E. O'Brien
Grand Knight



Fr John E O'Brien 3361

Council

6 May 2025

Date

1476 9/20

Faith in Action

Family



Knights of Columbus Family of the Month

Heath & Valerie Garcia

who has served as an inspiration to our parish, community and council
by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life

R. E. O'Brien
Grand Knight



Fr John E O'Brien 3361

Council Number

6 May 2025

Date

1843 10/23

Faith in Action

Family

From the Financial Secretary



Name Badges

- ◆ Holding Brenden Flaherty, Gavin Karski, Brian Burley, Steven Cox, Alan Haske, Daniel Janowski, Joel Kossman, Evan Lallensack, Ray Martell, Palmer Pinckney, and Jake Szigethy
- ◆ Need to Be Ordered - Juan Arevalo, Aaron Dolney, Mark Hay, Garrett Johnson, and Liam Loughlin

New Fraternal Year Officer Positions

- ◆ Election was held in May
- ◆ New council officers will start the fraternal year in July
- ◆ Voted Position
 - ◇ Chancellor position still open
 - Open to all 3rd Degree level Knights
 - Chancellor assists both the GK and DGK in the leadership of the council by engaging and strengthening the council's membership
 - Primary responsibilities include recruiting and retaining members and to this end he should set up events that display the values and principles of the Knights of Columbus
 - Chancellor should participate in the council's degree team and should serve on both the Admission and Retention committees
- ◆ Appointed Position
 - ◇ Lecturer position still open
 - Open for a 3rd Degree level Knight
 - Appointed by incoming GK
 - Lecturer provides brief spiritual discourses and reflections during business meetings for the "Good of the Order"
 - Should appoint a council member to give the reflection for him, if unable
- ◆ *Program Director Positions*
 - ◇ Appointed by incoming GK
 - ◇ Program Director, Vocations Director, Life Director, Health Service, Public Relations, Recruitment Committee members, Retention Chair, Insurance Promotion

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact a council officer for more information.

Knight of the Month / Family of the Month

- ◆ If nominated for one of these since last July 2024, and did not get a FOM Icon or Pin; or get a KOM pin, contact the Financial Secretary, David Morgan

Knights in Action

Replacing a Flag

Thank you, Dave Morgan, Financial Secretary, for coordinating the replacement of the US Flag outside St. Augustine's office. The Knights replaced the flag, halyard, and pulley. Now, to clean the plaque to improve its readability.

Also, thank you to Brother Knights Jose Sanabria, Rich Mueller, and Rusty Waters for providing their time and talent with their assistance in completing this project. And fittingly so, as we approached Flag Day, on Saturday, June 14th.

The flagpole display was dedicated to our Nation's Heros on September 11th by the Knights of Columbus, Fr. John E. O'Brien Council 3361 in 2001.



Scholarships

The Fr. John E. O'Brien Council's Charitable, Religious and Educational Fund (CRE) recently reviewed 10 scholarship candidates received from Scholarship Chair, Tom Karney. These applicants vied for three Fr. John E. O'Brien Scholarships: Jack Newman, Jr. and Del Swatosh General Memorial Scholarships (\$3K each) and Don Goodwin Engineering Memorial Scholarship (\$4K).

This year's applicants provided well prepared applications for these scholarships. Voting was not a slam dump for any candidate. Candidates selected for a scholarship made it by a narrow margin of votes.



The CRE Scholarship Board consisted of Dan Olvera (President), Ralph Byars, Kurt Bauch, Ben Young, Jim Spoltman and Rusty Waters.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

The monthly "Our Lady of Fatima Rosary" and "Divine Mercy Chaplet" are now scheduled every second Monday of the month, this month on June 9th.



Divine Mercy Chaplet starts at 6:30pm followed by *Our Lady of Fatima Rosary* at 7:00pm. A dessert social follows. Please bring a dessert to share.

All Knight 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.

WA State Council Links

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>

4th Degree Form 4

<https://knights-of-columbus-form-4.pdfFiller.com/>

Degree Apparel

<https://knightsgear.com/>

4th Degree Uniform Packages

<https://www.kofcuniform.com/uniform-packages/package/knights-of-columbus-executive-fit-uniform-package-uniform-package/>

3361 Council Links

Incoming Picture Album

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Sx7yv16dLnVXvX1X6>

Join Us Form

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

Join Us Email

joinus@kofc3361.org

The CRE Rifle Raffle



Golden Boy .22 S/L/LR

The Fr. John E. O'Brien Charitable, Religious, Educational (CRE) Fund Organization are selling raffle tickets for a .22 caliber Henry Golden Boy rifle with related sundries. Tickets are \$20.00. Drawing will be conducted on Columbus Day, October 13th at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor.

You do not have to be present to win; although, individuals purchasing tickets must be 18 or older and must pass a background check IAW RCW 9.41.113 (<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=9.41.113>).

Pro-Life Vigil

On Friday, June 6th, 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 or



Knights Club Bingo

Have some spare time? Wednesday night Bingo needs your help. Bingo needs callers, verifiers, and/or kitchen help. Bingo starts at 6pm and ends around 9pm. Please consider volunteering one week out of the month.



On Saturday, June 14th, the 4th Degree, the Patriotic Degree, will celebrate the flag of our country. All 4th Degree Sir Knights, 19th district council Knights and corresponding families and friends are cordially invited to the Knights Club of Oak Harbor. Doors open at 5:30pm (1730).

At 6pm (1800), a simple BBQ dinner with burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad and beverages. Please bring a dessert to share.

At 6:30pm (1830), All Sir Knights will mass in the lounge for a vote on the "Slate of Candidates" for the next fraternal year. This event also substitutes the 4th Degree meeting scheduled on Tuesday, June 17th.

At 7pm (1900), all will gather in the Knights Club Hall for the flag ceremony. The ceremony will consist of a flag presentation followed by the proper retirement of old, tattered flags. Please attend and bring all your flags that are no longer suitable for display. Retire your flag gracefully and honorably during this ceremony.

Request two volunteers, dressed in dark trousers and white shirts, to participate as honor guards; another cook; and a couple of guys for cleanup... no uniforms are required.

This is a no-cost event. All that is asked is to RSVP by using the below URL to let the assembly know you are coming so we can have enough food.

<https://forms.gle/pnveW6XG5v71P4ch6>



EXEMPLIFICATION OF PATRIOTISM

JUNE 21, 2025

HONORING: PFN ROBERT MCFARLAND

HOSTED BY

Our Lady of the Harbor, Assembly #2501

St. Nikolas Catholic Church

Gig Harbor, WA 98155

Contact Tito Villanueva

Phone: 210-204-6651 or email: Tpvilla44@gmail.com

Family members are welcome to join you at the Exemplification of Patriotism. Please inform your sponsor of the number of family members and friends who will attend with you.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (June 21, 2025)

11:00am - 1:00pm - Registration

11:30am - 12:30pm – Lunch

2:00pm - Exemplification

4:00pm - Mass

5:30pm - Reception

6:00pm - Banquet

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate fee to participate: \$90.00

Includes one meal ticket (additional meal ticket: \$25.00)



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO

Knights of Columbus or District Master, and mail to
16122 SE 249th PL, Covington, WA 98042

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the District Master at either (206) 406-6307 or email: darrenparsons25@yahoo.com

DRESS CODE

Candidates can wear either a dark blue, grey or black business suit (slacks & sport coat are not acceptable), a white dress shirt with a laydown collar (no button-down collar is not acceptable), tie, dark socks, and dress shoes or the Fourth-Degree uniform regalia (beret, white gloves, and baldric)

CANDIDATE DRESS CODE EXCEPTIONS

Military - Dress Uniform or dark suit

Police and Firemen - Formal Dress Uniforms or dark suit

Priests - Regular Clerical Dress

Seminarians - Dark Suit and Tie or Seminarian Collar with Black Suit

DRESS CODE FOR OTHERS

Fourth-Degree members/observers can wear Fourth-Degree uniform regalia or a dark suit with tie

HONOR GUARD

Fourth-Degree uniform regalia and sword

FLAG BEARERS

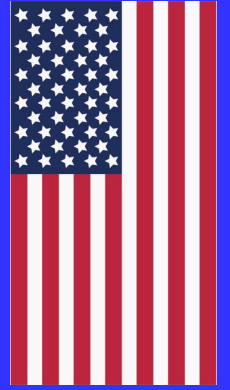
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The Patriotic Degree

Assembly 2276 Digest

Homeport: 3259 Old Goldie Rd. Oak Harbor



Whidbey - Fidalgo Assembly 2276 Meetings - 3rd Tuesday - 7pm

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

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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	Terry Kandzor
Faithful Comptroller:	Ralph Byars (DD/FDD/PGK/PFN)	Trustee	Tom Kingman
Faithful Scribe:	Jeremy Wilkins (PGK)	Trustee	<i>Vacant</i>
Faithful Purser:	Doug Warren (PGK/PFN)		

Slate of Candidates

On Saturday, June 14th, the 4th Degree will hold an Assembly business meeting at 6:30pm (1830) in the Knights Club Lounge. The sole purpose is to vote on the "Slate of Candidates". This meeting will supersede the meeting scheduled on Tuesday, June 17th.

"Slate of Candidates"

Faithful Navigator	Rusty Waters (3361)
Faithful Captain	Rich Mueller (3361)
Faithful Pilot	Dave Morgan (3361)
Faithful Scribe	Ben Young (3361)
Faithful Purser	Dan Olvera (3361)
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Joe Pfeffer (3361)
Faithful Outer Sentinel	<i>Open</i>
Trustee	Micheal Ptacek (3611)
Trustee	D'Arcy Morgan (3361)
Trustee	Tom Kingman (3611)



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Fraternal Benefit Night

Each Wednesday of the month, an online event is available for your viewing in both English and Spanish. The Spanish event is available any day of the week.

Fraternal Benefit Night - English - <https://kofcpacific.com/fbn>

Fraternal Benefit Night - Spanish - <https://kofcpacific.com/fbne>

For your council to receive credit, each member will need to fill out a survey at the end of the event:
<https://kofcpacific.com/survey>

We currently do not have a survey in Spanish (only English), but we will be adding that during the next fraternal year. Please have your Spanish speaking members fill out as much of the survey as possible. All surveys automatically get sent to GA Cicero Seisdedos and the appropriate FA. Once the surveys are completed, an online report form will need to be submitted for credit. Supreme is no longer accepting report documents-here is the link to the online report: <https://www.fbn-form.com/>

Once this report is received by Supreme, it is sent to Cicero for his approval. He will then cross reference the surveys to verify the attendance on the report and submit it. At that point, we can't verify the credit so please reach out to your regular channels for verification.

To sign up a new member, please use the following link <https://www.kofc.org/join> and **Agent Referral Code "MSCHWAB"** for a FREE membership. We will be notified of the new member and help to welcome him to the council.

Lisa Schwab
Administrative Assistant

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

[Book Time with me](#)

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

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Officers MTG 6pm Club MTG 7pm	4	5	6 Pro-Life Vigil 3:45pm - 4:45pm D-DAY 1944 Remember & Honor	7 1942 
8	9 Our Lady of Fatima Rosary 6:30	10 Council MTG 7pm	 Battle of Midway	12	13	14 <i>Flag Day Event</i> 
15  HAPPY Father's Day	16	17 Assembly Audit 6pm Assembly MTG <i>Cancelled</i>	18 BINGO 5pm	19 JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY 	20	21 4th Degree Exemplification
22	23 Agape Dinner 5pm	24	25 BINGO 5pm	26	27	28 Fireworks Sales Start 1200 - 2300 
29 Firework Sales 0900 - 2300 	30 Firework Sales 0900 - 2300 					