

Christopher Columbus

The Navigator

May 2025

Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361

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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

1st Tuesday - 6pm

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday - 7pm

Assembly Meeting

3rd Tuesday - 7pm

Grand Knight's Message



Greeting Brother's,

May, the month of our Blessed Mother. May you all reap the rewards of your dedication to her and her Divine Son!

April sure was a busy month. Thanks again to all who made it so special! To recap...

First, our Friday Fish Fry at St. Augustine. Thank you to all who attended, and a special shout out to all the volunteers! You guys were great! We served all those folks and you guys were still around to clean up and set up the hall for Palm Sunday Mass. Truly amazing, thank you all!

Second, Holy Week. I observed many Knights taking active roles in reverence of the remembrance of the Lord's Passion and ultimately his resurrection! Your servant leadership shone brightly throughout the week.

And finally, our Family Knight was outstanding!

Remember Membership? Last month, I challenged you to recruit six new men into the KofC. Well, you successfully added four new KofC members which gave the council a year-to-date membership recruitment of **109%**! I'm stoked by that, but let's not stop, let's keep going. Who won the season passes to Deception Pass Tours? Well, you're just going to have to come to the May 14th meeting to find out.

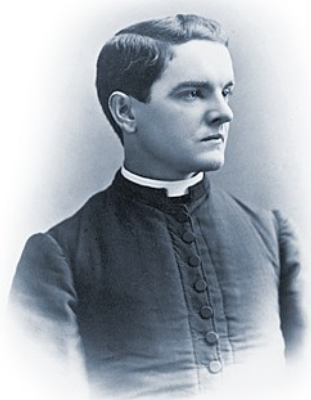
Special congratulations to Ryan and Tessa Clark, our March Family of the Month. I received notification that they have been selected by Supreme as a Family of the Month program winner for Washington. Congratulations!

By the time you read this, I will be on my way to represent all of you at the Washington State Council convention. It is an honor to do this, and I look forward to bringing back all manner of good news and ideas to our council.

In closing, I ask you all to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and pray for the College of Cardinals as they seek to name a successor.



Pope Francis and Father McGivney



The Father McGivney Guild with its 180,000 members, joins the Knights of Columbus and the whole Catholic world in mourning the death of Pope Francis and praying for the repose of his soul. <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/join-the-guild/>

We remember especially the Holy Father's directive that priests should work closely with their flocks – the people in the pews and on the peripheries of society – and bear the "smell of the sheep." Father McGivney was just such a parish priest, who wore himself out in service to his people.

Pope Francis was a key figure in the sainthood cause of the K of C founder, approving the first miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession and promulgating the Apostolic Letter that was read at the Mass of Beatification on Oct. 31, 2020. Francis commended Blessed Michael for his "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for his brothers and sisters" that "made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."

We thank Pope Francis for his service to the Church and pray that he may rest in the peace of the Lord, whom he loved so well.



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Good of the Order

Knight of the Month

Brother Enrique Ilundain was selected as Fr. John E. O'Brien Council Knight of the Month for April 2025.

Enrique (Rick) Ilundain transferred into the council in 2023 and during this time has established himself as one of mainstays in St. Augustine's Agape Ministry serving the indigent. His volunteerism sets the standard for other members to emulate by providing his time and talent to this community outreach ministry.

Congratulations Enrique!

Family of the Month

Ryan and Tessa Clark were selected as the Fr. John E. O'Brien Council's Family of the Month for April 2025.

Although Ryan only joined our Council in January 2025, he and his wife have fully immersed themselves in council activities. as participants and volunteers. He and Tessa have enjoyed the Super Bowl Party festivities and Family Knight events. Truly embracing the spirit of helping others, Ryan participated in our recent Founder's Day Community Service activity. Both Ryan and Tessa help with St. Mary's (Coupeville) Coffee and Donut Ministry. Tessa was recently installed as a member of the Columbiettes.

It is with great pleasure that our Council recognizes Ryan and Tessa Clark as our "Family of the Month."

Special Note...

"Dear Worthy Grand Knight,

Congratulations to your council for being chosen as a winner of the Family of the Month program for March 2025! I've attached the winner's listing for the month. Each winning family will be awarded a Holy Family gift to their home within 4 - 6 weeks. Please contact your council's winner to congratulate them on their win.

Thank you for your council's participation in this program. Again, please accept our congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

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May Knights

<u>Born on Date</u>	<u>Happy Birthday to You!</u>
1	Peter Mueller
	Daniel Fahey
3	Micheal O'Neil
	Melvin Van Tassell
4	Billy Moran
8	Mark Laska
9	Rev. Jerry Kienzle
11	Enrique Ilundain
13	Micheal Teel
14	Dale Auburg
15	Brian Burley
	Eric Abrea
	Joel Servatius
16	Paul Murphy
20	William Pachak
26	Rich Mueller
	John Duenas
29	Paul Brewer
30	Joe Higgins

122nd WA State Convention

Highlights

Recently leaders from our council met with the leaders of the Knights of Columbus from around the council. We gathered at St. Martin's University in Lacey for three days of meetings and reports, shared experiences and lessons learned.

I can say with reasonable confidence that we, Council 3361, have let the rest of the state know that we are a force to be acknowledged. We received recognition for many of our good works. Specifically, our submissions of Form 10784, our Divine Mercy/Rosary program and our Potato bagging events. All of which were acknowledged before the whole state at the State Deputies Award Banquet on Saturday night. Additionally, we received recognition for being a top donor to the PFH program. I spent some time with the State Deputy (elect) discussing our PFH program and how we can move the whole state forward. More on this to follow.

Our Columbiettes worked hard to gather contact and interest in starting auxiliaries in more councils. I predict they will have their own "State" very soon.

In closing it was my honor to represent you all before our state leaders. Keep up the good work, we're not done yet!

VIVAT JESUS

Rich Mueller, GK



GK w/ Archbishop Etienne. GK gave a 3361 Coin the archbishop.



District Deputy, Ralph Byars and his lady.



Financial Secretary, Dave Morgan, and his lady.

122nd WA State Convention Highlights



WA State Convention Awards

District 19 District Deputy, Ralph Byars and our Grand Knight, Rich Mueller received 3rd place recognition as one of the top donors in the Pennies for Heaven program. Each received a certificate of their achievement and a crystal of the Holy Family.



Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Walt Daspit, Event Chair

Brother Knights and families,

The monthly Our Lady of Fatima Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet is scheduled every second Monday of each month at the Knights Club.

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.

**Family Knight**

The Family Knight is scheduled for Friday, May 30th. Doors open at 6:00p. We'll have plenty of games available. A simple meal will be provided, and please, bring a dessert to share.

Family Knights are open to Knight's family and friends. If you know a man who is 18 or older, do invite him... he might be a prospective Knight!

These are good time events for the whole family!

I hope to see you there.

Doug Warren
Family Director

**Pro-Life Vigil**

On Friday, May 2nd, 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 (360)661-0311 or (360)320-3959.

**Knights Club Bingo**

Have some spare time? Wednesday night Bingo needs your help. Bingo needs callers, verifiers, and/or kitchen help. Bingo starts at 6p and ends around 9p. Bingo is the club's number one money maker which keeps the club solvent. Please consider volunteering one week out of the month.

KofC 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>

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

The Fr. John E. O'Brien Charitable, Religious, Educational (CRE) Fund Organization will raffle a .22 caliber Henry Golden Boy rifle with related sundries. Ticket sales begin this month at a cost of \$20.00 per ticket. 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>).

Ticket sales begin this month. Tickets will be available at the council meeting on Tuesday, May 6th.





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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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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)		

Slate of Nominees

On Tuesday, May 20th, the 4th Degree will hold an Assembly business meeting. The major task at this meeting is to select members to fulfill assembly officer positions for elections to be held at the June business meeting.

Suitable and willing SK candidates must fill positions of Faithful Navigator, Faithful Purser and Two- and Three-Year Trustees. These are a must SKs!

Other positions to fill are the Faithful Captain, Faithful Pilot, Faithful Scribe, and Inner/Outer Sentinels. SKs, please step up to fill one of these positions. I realize this is a commitment issue with most of you riding the prevailing wind. There are just 12 meetings a year. Some may be cancelled due to holidays or religious events.

My plan is to have one business meeting per quarter. Other dates will be socials either in Anacortes, Langley or Oak Harbor areas.

If you have an idea on how to improve attendance, do drop me a text or an email at either (360) 969-4009 or ingodwetrust2@comcast.net for consideration.

Save the Date!



On Saturday, June 14th, the 4th Degree, the Patriotic Degree, will celebrate the flag of our country with Sir Knights, their family and friends of Assembly 2276. Likewise, all 3rd Degree Knights, families and friends are also invited to attend. We will offer a simple BBQ dinner with burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dessert to share. This event will be held at the Knights Club Hall with dinner being served at 6:00pm with the Flag ceremony to follow.

This event will consist of a presentation on our flag and the proper retirement of old, tattered, and no longer suitable for display. Please plan to attend and bring your tired old flags for retirement.

This event will supersede the normal 4th Degree meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 17th.



4th Degree Social

A 4th Degree Social was held at Patron's Mexican Restaurant at Ken's Korner in Langley on Tuesday, April 15th. Good company and good times. Oh yes, good food! If you have never tried this place... you should.

Thank you Jeff Motto (St. Huebert's PGK) for setting this venue up.

Knight Apparel

Many have asked about Knight Apparel. See links below to order items.

3rd / 4th Degree Apparel, pins, hats, shirts, etc.

<https://knightsgear.com/>

4th Degree Uniform

<https://www.kofcuniform.com/uniform-selection-tool/>

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 WA State Convention Pro-Life Vigil 3:45pm - 4:45pm	3 WA State Convention
4 WA State Convention	5	6 Officers MTG 6pm Club MTG 7pm - CANX	7 BINGO 5pm	8	9	10
11	12 Our Lady of Fatima Rosary 6:30	13 Council MTG 7pm	14 BINGO 5pm	15	16	17
18	19	20 Assembly MTG 6pm	21 BINGO 5pm	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Agape Dinner 5pm	27	28 BINGO 5pm	29	30	31