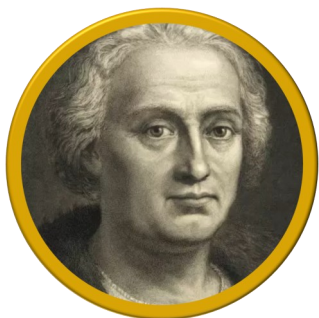




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The Navigator

September 2025

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



Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney

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Financial Secretary:	Dave Morgan	Outside Guard:	Paul Brewer (PGK)
Treasurer:	Tom Karney	1 Year Trustee:	Kurt Bauch
Chancellor:	<i>vacant</i>	2 Year Trustee:	Steve Boneau
Lecturer:	<i>unassigned</i>	3 Year Trustee:	Rich Mueller (PGK)
Advocate:	Dan Olvera (PGK, PFN)		

Officers' Business Meeting

1st Tuesday - 6pm

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday - 7pm

Assembly Meeting

3rd Tuesday - 6pm

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9/11 Attacks

Thursday, September 11th marks the 24th Anniversary of the attacks on NY, NY Twin Towers, the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and in a field near Shanksville, PA where four coordinated Islamist terrorist homicide/ suicide attacks by al-Qaeda against the United States in 2001... attacks killed **2,976** and injured thousands more.



Grand Knight's Message



September is going to be a busy month for the Knights. In addition to our recurring events such as the Pro-Life Vigil, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary, Agape Meal, and Wednesday night Bingo, we have the MS Bike Deception Pass Classic on Saturday, Sept. 6th, Cor on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, and the "Planting Seeds" Vocations Retreat on Saturday, Sept. 27th. St. Augustine's First Sunday Breakfast returns on Sunday, Sept. 14th.

Speaking of Cor, our first session consisted of a short intro where we spoke about ourselves. A viewing of a short video about masculinity with spirited discussions about men we respect and the reasons that why we respect them; what obstacles are there in today's society that prevent boys from becoming men; and what happened in our lives that helped us obtain a better understanding of what it means to be a man. I am looking forward to our second session where we will discuss brotherhood.

Every night, the KofC Pacific Field Agents sponsor a 30-minute video discussing different topics each night. They have videos on Long Term Care, Insurance for your Grandkids, Your Fraternal Benefits, Investments Aligned with Our Faith, and Field Agent Career. While they have a video schedule on what's to be shown each night, I did not find the schedule to be completely accurate; during the week that I watched these videos. Some videos were shown on different nights.

Each video has a short intro on the specific topic which presents general information. Following the video, you are asked to complete a short survey asking who you are and what topics interest you. Once you view a video, please fill out the survey so that the Council can receive credit. You will receive an email afterwards saying your Fraternal Benefits Advisor, Brother Michael Schwab, may contact you.

You might think, why should I watch these videos or am I comfortable with the insurance policies I have. Did you know that the Knights of Columbus has the following:

1. Benefits for the children of insured members that include guaranteed issue insurability for children that are less than eighteen years old; or,
2. College scholarships for members, their spouses, and their children; or,
3. You can make financial arrangements to support your church, seminarians, or charitable organizations of your choice; or,
4. The Knights of Columbus will pay benefits upon the death of a member or his spouse as the result of Injury sustained in a covered accident?

While I hope a fatal accident never occurs to anybody, it is comforting to know these benefits can be given, at no cost, to all members and their wives. Protection is on a 24-hour basis for accidents that may occur anywhere in the world during activities that may be either on or off work, while on business, pleasure, vacation, or at home (except for what is excluded). If you do not know about it, you most likely won't ask about it. Watching these short videos may provide you with something you may find useful.

Vivat Jesus!

Benjamin Young, GK
Fr. John E. O'Brien Council 3361

Installation of Fr. John E. O'Brien Council Officers

On Tuesday, August 12th, District 19's District Deputy, Ralph Byars, installed Fr. John E. O'Brien Council Officers for the new fraternal year 2025-2026.

The installation ceremony was marked by a spirit of unity and dedication, as each officer pledged to serve the council and community with integrity and faith. The gathering was attended by members, family, and friends, who joined in recognizing the contributions of both returning and newly appointed leaders. The absence of several officers was noted, yet their commitment to the council's mission was acknowledged and appreciated. As the new fraternal year begins, the council looks forward to continuing its charitable works, fostering fellowship, and upholding the values that define their brotherhood.



Pictured from right to left, Grand Knight Ben Young, Deputy Grand Knight Heath Garcia, Financial Secretary Dave Morgan, Advocate Dan Olvera, 1 Year Trustee Kurt Bauch, 2 Year Trustee Steve Boneau, 3 Year Trustee Rich Mueller, Outside Guard Paul Brewer. Not present were Treasurer Tom Karney, Recorder Rusty Waters, Warden Joe Pfeffer, and Inside Guard Mauri Tonini.



Aah, the joys of summer in the pacific northwest. Long days and sunshine. Before too long we will be back into the damp, dark winter... so enjoy it now!

The council is preparing for the 2025-2026 "Coats for Kids" Drive. Last year we did a great job and were able to distribute over 300 warm winter coats to kids in need!

Please consider sponsoring a case of coats, which is \$250.00 per case. Donations of any amount will help in the purchase of cases. Contact the council's Co-Chairs, Ralph Byars and Rich Mueller. They will help you with your Tax-Deductible donation.

Oh yes, we will take cash, checks, Venmo and/or credit cards. Let's have a banner year!

Vivat Jesus,

Rich Mueller (PGK)
Community Director

MS Bike: Deception Pass Classic 2025

This Saturday, September 6th, the MS Bike Deception Pass Classic 2025 will occur. Our council again has been asked to setup a Rest Stop for the bike riders. Our rest stop has gained the reputation as the "Best Rest on the Ride." The long distance riders look forward to us every year and we are even inspiring some to ride a little farther for the cure.

The MS Bike Deception Pass Classic is more than a cycling event—it is a celebration of human spirit and the power of community. Our Rest Stop stands as a testament to what we can achieve together, a place where kindness and encouragement spark endurance and hope. As the "Best Rest on the Ride," we look forward to welcoming riders yet again, supporting them mile after mile, and continuing our tradition of excellence.



From the Financial Secretary

NAME BADGES

The following Name Badges are ready for pickup:

Juan Arevalo	Alan Haske	Liam Loughlin
Jeff Brown	Daniel Janowski	Raymond Martell
Brian Burley	Garrett Johnston	Nico Orozco
Steven Cox	Gavin Karski	Jake Szigethy
Aaron Dolney	Joel Kossmann	Gino Wolfe
Brenden Flaherty	Evan Lallensack	

COUNCIL CHALLENGE COINS

The cost of these coins are \$5.00. A purchase helps support the council's operating expenses and its charities. Use the QR Code to pay via Square. A notification will be received and I will find you to give you your coin. Honest!



PENNIES FOR HEAVEN (PFH) 3361 CLUB COINS

PFH 3361 Club coins are also available for sale for \$33.61. Proceeds will be sent to the WA State Convention PFH fund, which supports WA State Seminarians. Use the QR code to pay via Square. A notification will be received and I will find you to give you your coin. Again, honest!



OTHER ITEMS

TRAVEL CARDS AND SLEEVES

We also have travel card covers and card sleeves available if you need them.



FRATERNAL VESTS

Ordered Fraternal Vests have been received and are now at the embroidery shop. As soon as they are ready for pickup, I will contact you.

Pro-Life Vigil

On Friday, September 5th, 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-



Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

"Our Lady of Fatima Rosary" and "Divine Mercy Chaplet" scheduled on Monday, September 8th.

Divine Mercy Chaplet starts at 6:30pm followed by *Our Lady of Fatima Rosary* at 7:00pm. A dessert social normally 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.

Knights Club Bingo

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

Knights in Action: Restoring St. Augustine's Church Cross

A Chronicle of Faith, Service, and Community

The "Dynamic Duo", once again answered the call to service, leaving a profound mark not just on the church's physical landscape, but on the hearts of all who bear witness to their deeds.

Brother Knights Ralph Byars, our District Deputy, and Francis Bagarella, Past Grand Knight, whose tireless efforts have become synonymous with the spirit of service that defines the order. When Father Chris, the parish's pastor, set forth a vision for church improvements, Ralph and Francis immediately stepped forward to fulfill yet another of his projects with characteristic zeal.

At the heart of this endeavor was the church's Cross—a symbol of faith, endurance, and sacred tradition. Over the years, the Cross had silently weathered the elements, its presence steadfast but its visage faded, overlooked amid the hustle of daily life. Recognizing the importance of its restoration, Ralph and Francis devised a plan to breathe new life into the cherished icon.

Their task was twofold: to clean the cross of accumulated grime and dust, and to lay upon it a fresh coat of paint, restoring its gleaming beauty and spiritual resonance. The work required not only careful attention and skill but also a means to reach the heights at which the Cross stood, framed by the wide expanse of sky.

No act of service unfolds in isolation, as the Knights found an ally in Sunbelt Rentals, a local business whose generosity reflected the interconnectedness of the community. Sunbelt Rentals donated the use of a 60-foot lift for the project, ensuring the Knights could safely and efficiently access the towering Cross. The only costs incurred were for delivery and pickup—a testament to the goodwill that flourishes when purpose unites people.

Brother Knights Ralph Byars and Francis Bagarella is a celebration of what can be achieved when compassion and faith guide our actions. Through their work, St. Augustine's Church Cross has been restored to its rightful brilliance, standing as a visible sign of hope and unity.

St. Augustine's Cross now gleams against the sky, a beacon for all who seek comfort, guidance, and inspiration. The parishioners' admiration and appreciation serve as a reminder that even the simplest acts of service can resonate deeply, touching hearts and inspiring gratitude.

The Cross, radiant in its renewed beauty, now stands not only as a symbol of faith but as a monument to the unity, generosity, and devotion of the parish community.





September Knights

<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Happy Birthday to You!</u>
1	D'Arcy Morgan
3	Charles Bates
	Miguel Estrella
4	Cristobal Garcia
	Fr. Mark Powell
	Gil Umayam
6	Thomas Melche
12	Ben Lorica
13	Paul Bloch
	Mr. Jeffrey Brown
15	Bill Blake
	Nicomedes Zapanta
16	Roger Foley
17	James Daspit
	John Elsbree
19	Kevin Butler
22	Roger Wilson
24	Francis Bagarella
27	Doug Warren

Happy Birthday Brothers!

The CRE Rifle Raffle

The CRE still is selling raffle tickets for a .22 caliber Henry Golden Boy rifle with related rifle sundries.

Tickets are \$20.00. Drawing to 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>).

Contact Dan Olvera for more info.

WA State Council Links

WA State Council

<https://kofc-wa.org/>
<https://kofc-wa.org/Bulletin>

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.pdf.filler.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/>

Fr. John E. O'Brien Links

"Join Us" Form

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

"Join Us" Email

joinus@kofc3361.org

Incoming Picture Album

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

COR Training Recap: Masculinity

Our COR training session explored the theme of authentic masculinity rooted in Catholic virtues. We discussed how true masculinity reflects strength, sacrifice, and service, drawing inspiration from Christ's example as a servant leader. Key points included:

Faith and Virtue: Embracing courage, humility, and integrity as men of God

Brotherhood: Strengthening our bonds as Knights to support one another in living out our faith

Leadership: Taking responsibility in our families, parish, and community to model Christ-like masculinity

The session included prayer, reflection, and group discussions, fostering a deeper understanding of our roles as Catholic men. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the meaningful dialogue.

Saint Michael Prayer Summary

The St. Michael Prayer, composed by Pope Leo XIII in 1886, is a powerful invocation for spiritual protection and strength. Recited during our training, it reminds us of our call to stand firm against evil and seek God's guidance.

St. Micheal the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Key Themes:

Spiritual Warfare: St. Michael, leader of the heavenly armies, prayer calls to protect us from evil forces

Humility and Trust: We rely on God's power, through St. Michael, to overcome temptation and sin

Vigilance: Emphasizes our need to stay alert against spiritual dangers in our daily lives

This prayer deeply aligns with our Knights' mission to defend our faith and serve our community with courage. Let's keep praying regularly, both individually and as a council, to find strength and protection in our efforts.

Next Steps

I have included a copy of the video on masculinity so you may view it and refresh your understanding. If you missed the session, you could also access additional materials through our council website or by contacting me directly. We encourage all members to reflect on the themes of masculinity and incorporate the Saint Michael Prayer into your spiritual routine. Stay tuned for details at our next COR event!

Masculinity Video (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12TC6dEi6FMEvI9yRRI7tq4oYhDiWPxrr/view>)

I appreciate your commitment to our council and our shared mission.

Vivat Jesus,

Heath Garcia
Deputy Grand Knight

Warm Hospitality on the Road: The Columbiettes at Smokey Point Rest Stop

How Coffee and Kindness Transform the Southbound Corridor

Nestled along the bustling southbound corridor, where traffic hums in perpetual motion and journeys stretch across miles of highway, the Smokey Point Rest Stop stands as both haven and waypoint for travelers. Amidst the rows of parked vehicles and the rhythm of footsteps, a unique warmth awaits those weary from the road — the hospitality of Fr. John E. O'Brien Columbiettes, who offer coffee and treats to those in need of respite.

At Smokey Point Rest Stop, their presence is marked not by grand banners or imposing displays, but by simple tables adorned with cups, napkins, and an inviting array of baked goods. The aroma of fresh coffee drifts through the air, mingling with laughter and quiet conversation. Here, the Columbiettes welcome travelers with genuine warmth, embodying the essence of service through small acts that leave lasting impressions.

Columbiettes' philosophy of service is the belief that service begins with heart. Their work at Smokey Point Rest Stop is not driven by obligation but by genuine desire to lift spirits and offer comfort. Each cup of coffee served and each treat shared is an act of solidarity — a bridge built between strangers, no matter their origin or destination. The organization's commitment extends beyond the highway. Funds raised through donations at the rest area are often redirected to local charities, supporting food banks, shelters, and community events. Columbiettes' work becomes cyclical: the kindness shown to travelers ripples outward, strengthening the very communities that sustain them.

In an age of hurried travel and fleeting interactions, the Columbiettes at Smokey Point Rest Stop stand as a beacon of hospitality along the southbound corridor. Their service transcends the act of providing coffee and treats; it is a celebration of community, a gesture of hope, and a source of inspiration for all who stop and rest. For weary travelers, these moments of comfort echo long after the journey continues, proving that genuine care can transform an ordinary stop into an unforgettable experience.



Columbiettes pictured from left to right
Donna Lawrence, Monique Olvera,
President Erlinda Signo-Warren, and Lodi Holzbauer



Columbiettes Annamaria Baker

Way to go Ladies!

Good of the Order

Family of the Month -- July 2025

Selected as Family of the Month, Marvin & Clair Reed are longtime St. Augustine parishioners, both are deeply rooted in the church and its needs.

His steady presence at the ambo has become a reassuring fixture for those gathered, offering the Word with clarity and reverence. Marvin's willingness to serve, often at a moment's notice, reflects a genuine commitment to his faith community.

Clair's thoughtful attention ensures votive stands are filled with votive candles so parishioners and visitors to St. Augustine can lite a candle to accompany their prayers. Clair's quiet dedication brings comfort to those seeking a moment of hope or reflection, fostering a welcoming and prayerful atmosphere for the entire parish community.

Together, they embody the spirit of service through quiet acts of kindness.

Congratulation Marvin and Clair Reed!

Knight of the Month -- July 2025

Selected as Knight of the Month, Mike Horvath's unwavering commitment to service extends well beyond his official roles. Known for his reliability and collaborative spirit, he frequently steps up to assist wherever help is needed, embodying the true spirit of volunteerism.

Whether it's supporting the Knights' Club Bingo as a desk clerk, community projects such as the recent Columbiettes Ramage Sale or operating as a DEPT of Defense (DoD Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) HAM radio operator providing vital Comms for military or national security needs.

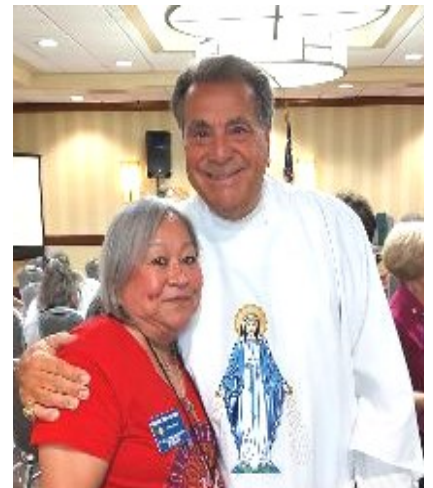
Mike's contributions are invaluable. His dedication and hands-on approach are a testament to his character, making him an exemplary Knight and a respected member of any team he joins.

Congratulations Mike Horvath!

Columbiettes Margaret Mary J. Mangan (MMJM) Achievement Award

The Fr. John E. O'Brien Columbiettes Auxiliary 3361 awarded the Margaret Mary J. Mangan (MMJM) Achievement Award. A first-time achievement award for a new Auxiliary.

This remarkable recognition celebrates the dedication and unity of Fr. John E. O'Brien Columbiettes Auxiliary 3361, whose efforts have left a lasting impression on their community. The presence of Monsignor Cassato, Supreme Columbiettes' Chaplain from New York, is a guiding spiritual force and a respected leader within the Supreme Columbiettes, adds a profound significance to the honor. The Fr. John E. O'Brien Columbiettes Auxiliary 3361 commitment to service and faith continues to inspire members, setting a meaningful precedent for both new and established Auxiliaries as they strive for excellence and compassion in their endeavors.



Pictured: Columbiettes President Erlinda Signo-Waren with Supreme Columbiettes' Chaplain, Monsignor Cassato

The Annual Council Picnic: A Celebration of Community and Camaraderie

Reflections on a Day of Togetherness

Every year, the Council holds its annual picnic — a cherished tradition that brings together council members, their families, and the wider community for an afternoon of celebration and fellowship. The recent gathering proved to be no exception, offering a delightful blend of spirited conversation, laughter, and the simple joys that arise from sharing good food and company. As the sun shone down on the gathering, a sense of unity and well-being permeated the air, making the picnic an occasion to remember.

One of the hallmarks of the Council Picnic is the broad spectrum of participants. Council members, some accompanied by several generations of families, mingled freely with guests and neighbors. The Knights and their families, whose dedication to the event was evident in every detail, moved with purpose and good humor as they prepared the day's feast. Their hard work behind the scenes contributed immeasurably to the success of the gathering.

Children dashed across the grassy fields, their exuberance echoing off the treetops, while adults settled into clusters of conversation. The scent of charcoal and roasting meats drifted from the open grills, promising culinary delights and whetting appetites.

The annual Council Picnic was more than just a day of food and fun—it was a celebration of community, a renewal of shared purpose, and an affirmation of the values that guide the council and its members. Thanks to the dedication of the Knights and their families, and the enthusiastic participation of all who attended, the event fostered an atmosphere of camaraderie and belonging.

As memories of laughter and shared meals linger, the spirit of togetherness endures. The Council Picnic will remain a highlight of the year, a testament to the simple joys and profound connections that arise when people gather in celebration of all that they share.

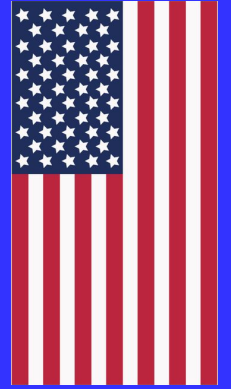


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The Patriotic Degree

Assembly 2276 Digest

Homeport: 3259 Old Goldie Rd. Oak Harbor



Whidbey - Fidalgo Assembly 2276 Meetings - 3rd Tuesday - 6pm

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

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Faithful Friar:	<i>Unassigned</i>	Faithfull Inner Sentinel:	Joe Pfeffer
Faithful Captain:	Rich Mueller (PGK)	Faithful Outer Sentinel:	Luie Ferrer
Faithful Pilot:	Dave Morgan	Trustee	Tom Kingman
Faithful Comptroller:	Ralph Byars (PFN/DD/FDD/PGK)	Trustee	D'Arcy Morgan
Faithful Scribe:	Ben Young	Trustee	Micheal Ptacek
Faithful Purser:	Dan Olvera (PGK)		

Assembly Meeting

The next Assembly Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th at 7pm (1900) at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor. This will be a regular business meeting, which will include opening and closing ceremonies. A potluck social will follow.

To ensure the dignity and success of the upcoming ceremonials, it is essential that all assembly officers be present. Your roles are vital to the proper execution of the ceremonies, and your presence reflects the unity and commitment of our assembly.

All new SKs are strongly encouraged to attend.

4th Degree Uniform Raffel

Assembly uniform raffle continues. Tickets can be purchased at the door at assembly meetings and/or at socials for \$20. Raffle drawing will be held during the fraternal year's last meeting (June 2026).



4th Degree Official Uniform

If a SK purchases an official 4th Degree uniform, the SK should provide a copy of the purchase to the assembly where then the SK will be given a check for \$100.00.

Assembly Social at The Mill at The Kasteel

A Gathering of Community and Fellowship

The Assembly's Social at *The Mill at The Kasteel* unfolded as a truly vibrant and heartwarming event, drawing members from near and far into its welcoming embrace. With 28 attendees filling the historic venue, the evening shimmered with laughter, conversation, and a palpable sense of belonging.

I extend a heartfelt gratitude to our friends from St. Huberts, whose presence enriched the occasion and strengthened the bonds between our communities. It is moments like these that remind us of the importance and beauty of gathering, sharing stories, and fostering new connections.

The evening was made more meaningful by the attendance of Fr. Mark McGregor. His gentle wisdom and warmth uplifted those around him, and we are deeply appreciative of his grace—both spiritual and personal. Fr. Mark's blessing before the meal set the tone for a night rooted in gratitude and reflection. Our thanks go out to him for making the time to join us, and for leading us in grace.

The walls of *The Mill at The Kasteel* echoed shared laughter, thoughtful conversations, and the sounds of community coming together. Thank you to all who attended this social, each moment was a testament to the spirit of connection that defines our Assembly.



Fr. Mark McGregor and FN, Rusty Waters at
The Mill at The Kasteel

Looking ahead, events such as this remind us of the enduring importance of fellowship and tradition. As we look forward to future gatherings, may we carry with us the sense of joy and unity that was so evident at *The Mill at The Kasteel*. Thank you to all who attended, participated, and contributed to a memorable evening.

I also thank my Faithful Captain, Rich Mueller, for his attention to detail which truly exemplifies his commitment not only to strengthen our community but to inspire others to follow his example of generosity and diligence.

In addition to his organizational skills, Rich demonstrated his dedication to service through his report on the Third-Degree's Coats for Kids Program. Thanks to his leadership, the Third-Degree currently has funding to purchase 14 cases of coats, ensuring that many children will be warm and cared for during the upcoming fall and winter months.

May the spirit of togetherness continue to inspire us all.



Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE



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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'Planting Seeds' Vocations Retreat

YOU...

- are considering a religious vocation.
- think that a religious vocation isn't for you (but you're seeing this, so maybe God has a better plan for you).
- haven't really thought about it, but would like to know more, now that I mention it.

Come "retreat" with us for a day of answers, learning, prayer, and fellowship with others who are also discerning a life dedicated to the service of God and His people.

Our guest speakers:



Fr. Chris Hoiland
Pastor
Whidbey Island Parish
Family



Fr. Tyler Johnson
Associate Director of
Vocations, Northern and
Snohomish Deaneries,
Archdiocese of Seattle



Fr. Dwight Lewis
Parochial Vicar
Whidbey Island Parish
Family



Sr. Genevieve Osayame, EHIJ
Pastoral Assistant for Native
American Ministry
St. Mary, Anacortes
St. Paul, La Conner



Deacon Lyle Kendall
St. Mary, Anacortes
St. Paul, Laconner

Retreat details:

Who: All Adults & Middle & High School Aged Youth
When: September 27, 2025, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Where: St. Augustine Parish Hall
185 North Oak Harbor St.
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.



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'Planting Seeds' Vocations Retreat

YOU...

- are considering a religious vocation.
- think that a religious vocation isn't for you (but you're seeing this, so maybe God has a better plan for you).
- haven't really thought about it, but would like to know more, now that I mention it.



Come "retreat" with us for a day of answers, learning, prayer, and fellowship with others who are also discerning a life dedicated to the service of God and His people.



"I would like to say, especially to the young, do not wait, but respond enthusiastically to the Lord who calls us to work in his vineyard. Do not delay, roll up your sleeves, because the Lord is generous and you will not be disappointed! Working in his vineyard, you will find an answer to that profound question you carry within you: what is the meaning of my life?"

~Pope Leo XIV, General Audience, St. Peter's Square, June 4, 2025

Retreat details:

Who: All Adults & Middle & High School Aged Youth
 When: September 27, 2025, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Where: St. Augustine Parish Hall
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Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church -- by Rusty Waters

A New Spiritual Home in the Peshastin Valley

During a recent glamping "glamorous camping" trip to the Leavenworth area, our stay included two Sundays and the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The first Sunday we attended Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption in Cashmere. We found the pews near their capacity but found seating in the choir loft. Lo and behold, I found myself sitting next PSD Kim Washburn, one the cantors... another story.

During Mass announcements, Fr. Miguel González announced the church picnic will be held on the new church grounds of Our Lady of the Assumption and all parishioners and visitors are invited.

Nestled in the verdant heart of the Peshastin valley, the newly constructed Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church stands as a beacon of faith and fellowship. Surrounded by flourishing rows of pear orchards, the church grounds offer both a sanctuary of quietude and a canvas for community gatherings. Against this picturesque backdrop, parishioners recently gathered under an afternoon of clear skies and sun for the annual church picnic—a cherished event that ushered in new memories, forged friendships, and celebrated the spirit of togetherness.

The sunny day cast a glow over the ground beside the new rectory, where laughter and the scent of sizzling fare mingled in the air.

Our Lady of the Assumption Council #13597 (Robin Radach - Grand Knight), true to their tradition of service, manned the grills with dedication, carefully flipping hamburgers and turning hot dogs until they reached smoky perfection topped with a complement of sliced cheese, crisp lettuce, sliced tomatoes, onions, and pickles. Their aprons bore the marks of honest labor, and their smiles spoke of camaraderie and joy.

Fellow parishioners grilled tortillas, ground meat, onions, serrano peppers with other "fixins" like guacamole sauce and a parade of spicy sauces, fragrant cilantro, lime quarters — added color and zest, inviting everyone to build a plate as unique as themselves.



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church (cont.)

Children darted between picnic tables, their laughter punctuating the soft hum of conversation. Neighbors, both familiar and newly met, exchanged stories and blessings beneath the shade of erected tents, the trees, or anything that would provide shade from the Sun. The sense of community was palpable — a tapestry woven from shared faith and simple pleasures.

What truly sets the event apart was the warmth that radiated not just from the afternoon summer weather, but from every handshake, every helping hand, and every generous serving. By late afternoon's end, hearts and appetites were equally satisfied, and the promise of future gatherings was left glowing on every face.



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church (cont.)

Many of you may have visited the Leavenworth area in the past and maybe even attended Mass in either Leavenworth or Cashmere to fulfill Sunday obligations. Available then, was either Our Lady of the Snows in Leavenworth or St. Francis Xavier in Cashmere. In 2017, the Yakima Diocese merged Our Lady of the Snows and St. Francis Xavier parishes into a united church -- Our Lady of the Assumption.

In March 2025, Our Lady of the Assumption broke ground for a new church amidst a pear orchard in the Peshastin valley. Currently, the church is in its final stages of being finished. The new Our Lady of the Assumption church held its dedication last month on the Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Situated at the US 2 & US 97 interchange and just off Jeske Road, the church is both physically and symbolically central. Peshastin, located between Leavenworth and Cashmere makes it a natural gathering place. The church's presence in the valley not only honors the history of its predecessor parishes but also signals a flourishing future, rooted in community and faith.

Parishioners and visitors alike are welcomed. At the entrance, inscribed above the entrance are the words, in Latin, "*DOMUS DEI ET PORTA COELI*" which translates "*The House of God and the Gate to Heaven.*"

What I viewed inside is magnificently awesome!

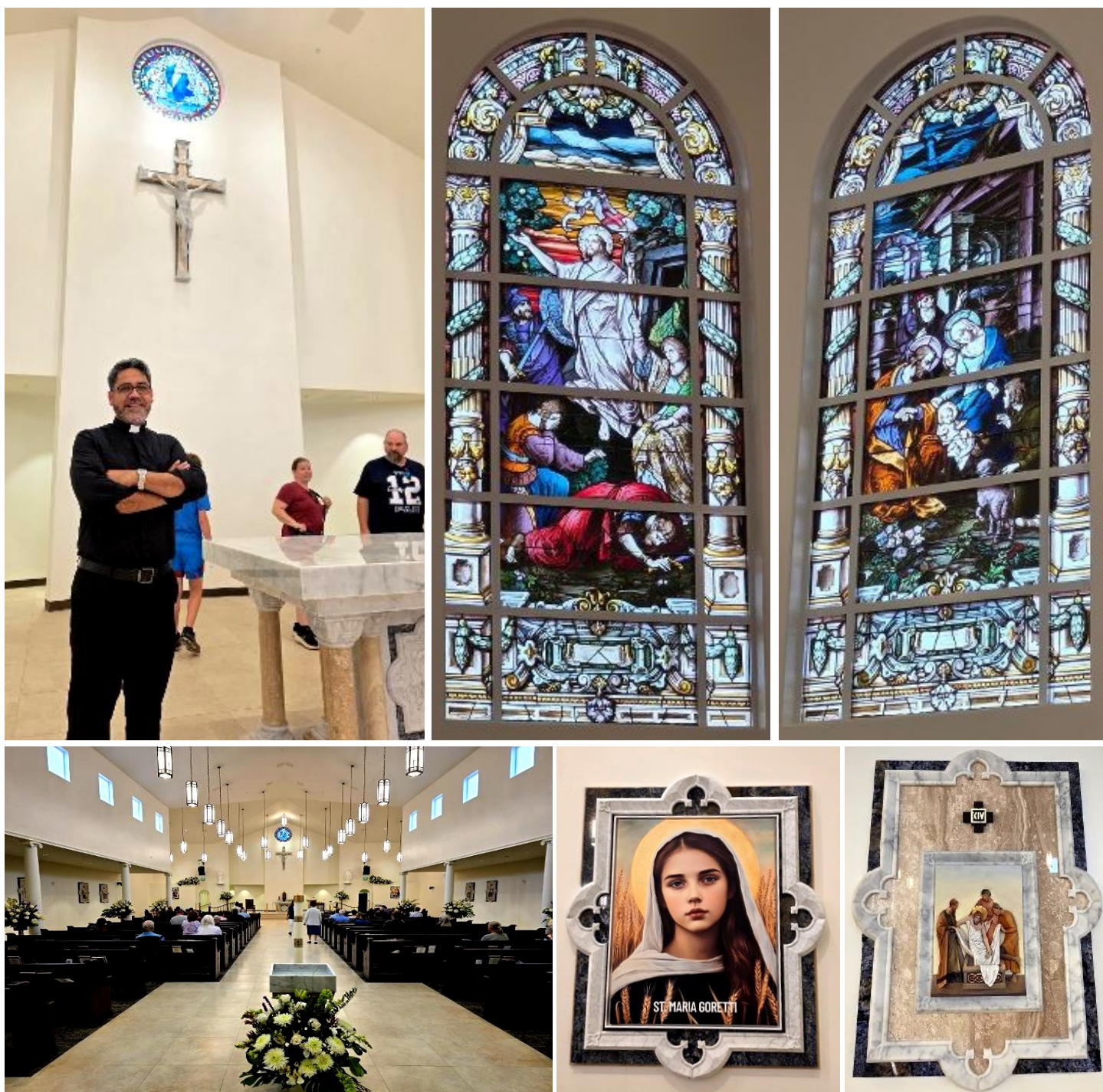
Stepping inside, you are greeted by a scene of breathtaking reverence. The Italian marble altar and ambo gleam with quiet grandeur, their smooth surfaces reflecting the valley sunlight that streams through stained glass. Overhead, a constellation of radiant lights evokes the stars themselves—symbols of heaven's promise, casting gentle illumination upon those who gather, inviting each soul to rise and seek the divine. The interplay of stone, light, and sacred intention transforms the sanctuary into a place where awe and peace dwell side by side, inspiring all who enter to lift their hearts in gratitude and wonder.



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church (cont.)

At the heart of this sacred space, the altar awaits a relic of St. Maria Goretti, whose legacy as the [Patron Saint of Victims of Rape](#) brings a profound resonance of hope and healing. As shared by Fr. Miguel González, this cherished relic will rest within the altar, infusing the sanctuary with an invisible thread of courage and compassion — an emblem of faith that endures even in the face of suffering.

Adorning the walls, the Stations of the Cross — once a solemn presence in Our Lady of the Snows — now find renewed purpose amid the church's tranquil surroundings. Their motifs have been lovingly reimagined, blending scenes of devotion to the beauty of the church, so that each step along the way of sorrows becomes a journey through both spiritual reflection and the gentle embrace of the land. In these details, the church's story is forever entwined with the lives of its people, offering solace, unity, and inspiration for years to come.



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church (cont.)



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Another story...

There are moments in life when chance meetings become more than mere coincidences, transforming into meaningful encounters that linger in the mind long after the event has passed. Such was the case when I found myself sitting next to Kim Washburn, Past State Deputy (PSD) and a distinguished member of Council #13597, during a service at Our Lady of the Assumption. It was not my first meeting with PSD Kim Washburn; our paths had previously crossed earlier this year at the WA State Convention, an occasion that offered its own share of inspiration and camaraderie.

Kim is now a WA State Director / Chairmen and directs the Tootsie Roll Program. At the convention, he was referred to as the Tootsie Roll Man! The Tootsie Roll Program, officially known as the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, raises funds primarily to support local and state-level programs that assist individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities.

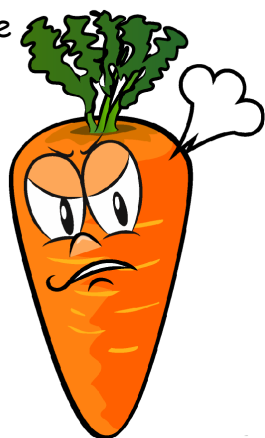


The moment had lighthearted energy, as everyone at the tables shared a laugh and some friendly banter with Kim. It was clear that his enthusiasm for the cause was infectious; not a single person could resist the charm of the “Tootsie Roll Man” or the sweetness of his mission. By the end of the evening, Kim’s efforts not only helped bolster the campaign’s fundraising totals but also brought a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose to the group. It was a small but memorable episode that highlighted both the generosity of the members and the uplifting spirit at the heart of the convention.

As I look back on my conversations and shared moments with Kim Washburn, I am grateful for the opportunity to witness firsthand the positive influence of dedicated community leaders. The example set by Kim — through leadership, council membership, and musical ministry — serves as an inspiration not only to Knights but to all who value faith and fellowship.

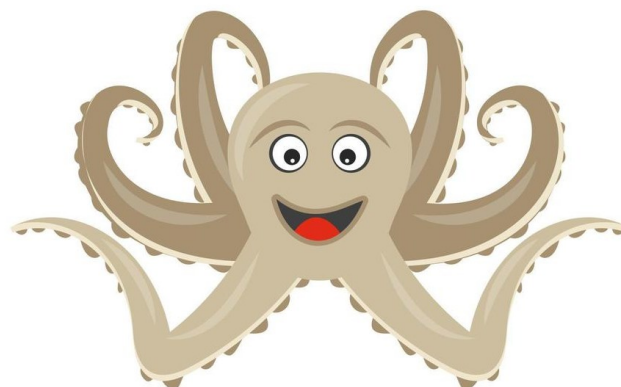
What do you call an angry Carrot?

A: Steamed Veggie



How do you make an Octopus laugh?

A: With “ten-tickles”



September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 Officers MTG 6pm Club MTG 7pm	3 BINGO 5pm	4	5 PRO-LIFE Vigil 3:45-4:45pm 	6 MS Bike: Deception Pass Classic 2025 8am - 3pm
7	8 Prayer Knight 6:30pm	9 Council MTG 7pm	10 BINGO 5pm	11 	12	13
14	15	16 Assembly MTG 6pm	17 BINGO 5pm	18	19	20
21	22 Agape Dinner 5pm	23	24 BINGO 5pm	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Mass Etiquette

Entering the church is not just a building, but a sacred space set aside for worship, prayer, and reflection. Upon entering, parishioners are encouraged to recognize the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and the atmosphere of holiness. The Church teaches that silence in the nave (the central part of the church) is especially important, as many may be preparing for Mass through private prayer, reflection, or confession.

While Users extend a warm welcome to all who enter, it is important to help foster an atmosphere of quiet reverence, especially within the nave. Those greeting parishioners may gently remind arriving guests to keep conversations low or move them to the vestibule, thus ensuring that the sacred silence is preserved for those already gathered in prayerful preparation. In this way, hospitality and attentiveness work hand in hand, creating a sanctuary where all can encounter peace before the celebration of the Mass begins.