

Christopher Columbus

# The Navigator

## February 2025



Father John E. O'Brien Council #3361

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Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney

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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:	D'Arcy Morgan
Treasurer:	Tom Karney	1 Year Trustee (2024):	Doug Warren (PGK, PFN)
Chancellor:	Jim Spoltman	2 Year Trustee (2024):	Kurt Bauch
Lecturer:	<i>unassigned</i>	3 Year Trustee (2024):	Steve Boneau
Advocate:	Dan Olvera (PGK, PFN)		

### 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,

The new calendar year is off and running, especially the 90-day calendar. You will see we have plenty of events coming up. Plenty to pick from, Superbowl Sunday, Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras), St. Patrick Day, and more! I look forward to seeing you at one, or more of these events.

Thank you to all who came out and helped with the Fireworks Sales and KUDOS to those who helped with the parish pancake breakfast as well.

So, you're a Knight, now what? Many of us join the order and are content to do works of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, and there is nothing wrong with that. There is plenty of that work to go around but if you are interested in being one of the select few.

Become a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree!

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of the Order is a separate group of Knights dedicated to the principal of Patriotism. We are also the visible arm of the Order. You will often see Sir Knights serving at funerals, High Masses and as honor guards for our bishops and more importantly our Lord during adoration and processions.

Opportunities to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree do not come around often but there is an Exemplification of Patriotism to take place in March in Shoreline. If you have what it takes and want to be part of this exclusive group, please reach out to me. Your Grand Knight. Don't delay, applications must be turned in by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month.

Vivat Jesus,

Rich Mueller, Grand Knight  
Fr. John E. O'Brien Council #3361

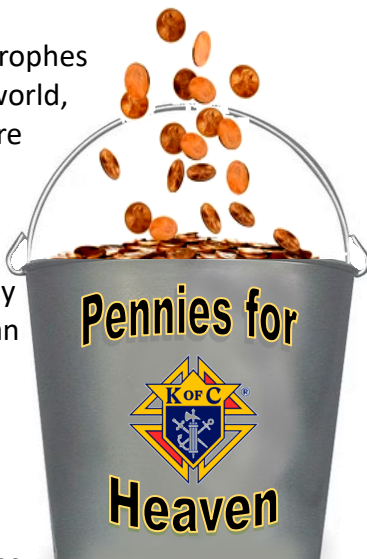


# Council News

## Shaking the Cans for Pennies for Heaven

February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

There are a lot of catastrophes happening around the world, and a lot of donations are being requested from you to help. Your heart and conscience are being taxed... figuratively speaking. Well, here's an important request too.



Vocations. The Knights of Columbus councils around the U.S. shake the can to collect Pennies for Heaven which goes to support Refund Support for Vocations Program (RSVP).

The Fr. John E. O'Brien Council will shake the cans to collect your pennies on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at both St. Augustine and St. Mary (Coupeville) after all Masses. Please donate any amount you wish. All are truly accepted for this great effort of getting more priests in our parishes.

How are the collections used? The council provides support to three seminarians: two in the Seattle Archdiocese and one in Uganda. These collections all go entirely to the KofC RSVP. Each year, at the KofC Washington State Convention, Fr. John E. O'Brien donates \$3361.00 to Pennies for Heaven. Plus, each year, each seminarian receives \$1K to support to help them till they are ordained. One of our seminarians we supported was ordained last June and now is Vicar at one of the Seattle Archdiocese churches.

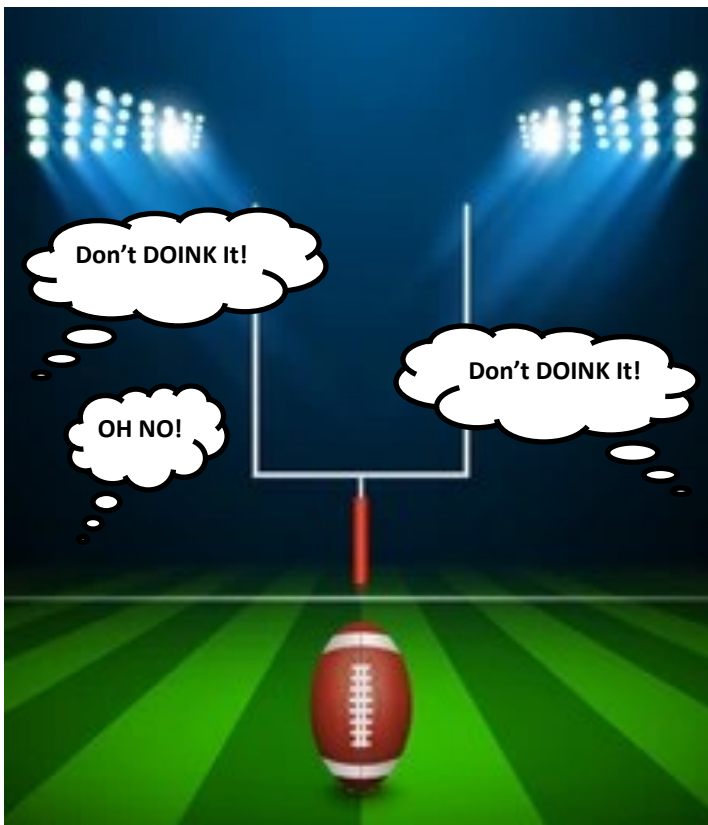
### Your pennies do work!



The council will be hosting a Super Bowl LIX bash on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor. Doors open at 2:30pm.

Are you a carnivore? You are in luck! Bar-B-Que pork ribs, kielbasa, and Filipino Sinigang. Request potluck side dishes, bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share. Beverages will be available.

Come out and root for your team. Comradery abounds!



### ***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 Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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.

### ***Archdiocese of Seattle Seminarian***

Received a letter from Paul Nguyen, an Archdiocese of Seattle seminarian (1 Abbey Dr. St. Benedict, OR 9737) introducing himself to the council.

The Council is again, supporting three seminarians.



### ***Groundhog Day***

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

"The Prognosticator of Prognosticators, Punxsutawney Phil, will once again appear at sunrise on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Gobbler's Knob in the Pennsylvania Wilds to make his annual prediction on the 139<sup>th</sup> Groundhog Day."

Most hope this sleepy, furry marmot creature will see his shadow. If he does not, well, six more weeks of winter!

Believe this critter's score standing is 0 for 138.

I'm betting it will become 0 for 139. Any takers?

### ***From the FS Desk***

#### ***Membership Billing***

There are 25 members in arrears who have yet paid to pay their Membership Dues for 2025, which totals \$1,016.00. These dues help with the council's charitable activities. If you don't care to be proactive, be active... pay your dues! If you cannot, contact either the GK or FS. They will help you.

Second Billing has been sent via email and USPS mail. If your travel card has the date December 31, 2025, your membership is good to go for all of 2025. If not, contact the FS.

#### ***Dog-Tag Chains***

Dog Tag Chains are available to wear in conjunction with your name badge. These chains can be worn with your name badge if your shirt has or does not have a pocket. Contact the FS.

#### ***Travel Card Case or Sleeve***

If you need a blue travel card case or a clear travel card sleeve, contact the FS.

### ***Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday)***

On Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, the Officers' Business Meeting will be converted to a Marti Gras Party. This will be a potluck dinner. So, bring your favorite Marti Gras recipe... and wear your beads! More info to follow.

On Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the council will host a St. Patty's Day dinner. One hundred and fifty tickets are planned at a cost of \$20 each. More info to follow.



## February Knights

<u>Born on Date</u>	<u>Happy Birthday to You!</u>
1	Mauri Tonini
3	Robert Liess
14	Fr. Chris Hoiland
15	Ed Witt
19	Bob Novack
22	Micheal Schwab
26	Bert Broxson
27	Tom Hiestand
27	Scott Dirig



### Presidents' Day February 17<sup>th</sup>

“Presidents’ Day,” the observed federal holiday is officially called “**Washington’s Birthday.**”

Neither Congress nor the president has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington’s Birthday be changed to Presidents’ Day. Additionally, Congress has never declared a national holiday binding in all states; each state has the freedom to determine its legal holidays. This is why there are some calendar discrepancies when it comes to this holiday’s date.

Presidents’ Day helps us reflect on not just the first president but also our nation’s founding, its values, and what Washington calls in his Farewell Address the “beloved Constitution and union, as received from the Founders.” Also, Abraham Lincoln’s birthday is February 12<sup>th</sup>, so by calling the holiday “Presidents’ Day,” we can also include another remarkable president in our celebrations.

Today, many calendars list the third Monday of February as Presidents’ Day, just as many U.S. states do. Of course, all of the 3-day retail store sales are called “Presidents’ Day” sales, and this vernacular has also been influential in how we reference the holiday.”

### St. Patty’s Day Party

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# Knights in Action!

Brother Paul Brewer thanks all Brother Knights for their time and talent to remove the raised garden and replace with gravel in preparation for the installation of a new wheelchair ramp.

Thank you to Brother Knights Francis Bagarella, Ralph Byars, Dan Olvera, Mike Horvath, Rusty Waters, Steve Boneau, & Brent Jeanquart.

Thank you all!



## Coming Next Month!

**Fat Tuesday.** Also called Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday comes from the term “to shrive,” meaning “to confess,” or to hear confessions – a way to prepare our hearts for the beginning of Lent dating back to the Middle Ages.

**Lent.** The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and ends with the start of the Triduum on Holy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Triduum is a three-day period that marks the final days of Jesus' life, his death, and his resurrection. It's also known as the "Paschal Mystery".

# Good of the Order



## ***Knight of the Month***

December

Fr. John E. O'Brien's Grand Knight, Rich Mueller, presents Brother Joe Higgins III for being selected as Fr. John E. O'Brien Council' Knight of the Month for December.

Brother Joel is always visible at St. Augustine Church as the Usher Coordinator, volunteering for Coffee and Doughnuts, and monthly Pancake Breakfasts.

Congratulation Joe!



## ***Family of the Month***

December

Fr. John E. O'Brien's Grand Knight, Rich Mueller, presents Jerry and Jane Salene for being selected as Fr. John E. O'Brien Council' Family of the Month for December 2024.

Jane & Jerry Salene coordinates St. Augustine's Sunday Pancake Breakfast.

Congratulation Jerry and Jane!

## ***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)



# 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)		

### EXEMPLIFICATION OF PATRIOTISM

March 22, 2025

#### HOSTED BY

George Corbett Assembly 3757  
 St. Mark Catholic Church  
 18033 15<sup>th</sup> PI NE  
 Shoreline, WA 98155  
 Contact FN Bob Sanchez 425-286-0700 or  
 FC Cel Ebilane 206-354-4025

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:30 - 1:30pm - Registration  
 2:00pm - Exemplification  
 4:00pm - Mass  
 5:30pm - Reception  
 6:00pm - Banquet

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATE

Candidate fee to participate is \$90.00  
 • Includes 1 meal ticket (Additional meal ticket \$25)  
 • Fourth Degree Membership Pin  
 • Certificate suitable for framing

#### CANDIDATE AND OBSERVER DRESS CODE

Dark Blue, Grey or Black business suit (Slacks and sport coats are not acceptable), white dress shirt with laydown collar (no collar buttons); dark tie and socks; dress shoes; or official Fourth Degree Uniform Regalia.

From the Western WA District Master,

"If you are a 4th Degree Knight, you can wear any suit with the Social Baldric. There is "NO" preference to wear a Tuxedo or a business suit. You may wear a Black Tuxedo with Social Baldric. The Announcement for the Exemplification of Patriotism. They would prefer Candidates wear a blue suit."

VIVAT JESUS

Darren Parsons, District Master  
 Western Washington  
 206-406-6307

From the Western WA District Master,

The Western WA District Master has sent out a "Call for Regalia". A request for regalia support from Fr. Emil Kapaun Assembly 3644 to support St. Francis of Assisi Confirmation. Archbishop Etienne will be presiding. If you like to attend or have additional questions, please contact Assembly 3644 Faithful Comptroller, Kevin DeVos at (206) 248-2543.

Event Information:

Friday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm  
 St Francis of Assisi  
 15226 21st Ave SW, Burien, WA

### **Chalice Update**

Shipping the Chalice Sets has become a financial issue to the Assembly and is not economically feasible for the Assembly. To ship one Chalice Set via USPS, it will cost nearly \$100.00 with no tracking or insurance. DHL ships one Chalice Set at a cost of roughly \$415.00 with door-to-door service, but no insurance.

SK Rich Mueller has volunteered to contact Fr. Paul of Malawi of the Assembly's plan to provide him with a travel trunk or a container to hold the 13 Chalice Sets and pay the extra cost in checked baggage when he returns to Malawi after his planned visit this August.

There are 10 chalices that require etching which is estimated at around \$15.00 per chalice. SKs Rich Mueller and Joe Pfeffer have volunteered to contact the company that has done previous chalice etching to etch these 10 chalices. SK Dan Olvera has offered to cover the cost of the etching.

### **Honor Guard**

If you are a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight, you can wear any suit with the Social Baldric. There is no preference to wear a Tuxedo or a dark business suit. You may wear a Black Tuxedo with Social Baldric.

Please consider participating as there is a call to form an Honor Guard. This is one of the important tasks as a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight. Max participation is required whenever possible to render honors to a departed Knight or Sir Knight. Your time and talent are important to families mourning the loss of their father or his spouse. And, not only them, but others in the congregation also attending the funeral are impressed when they see SKs providing honors to one of their own.

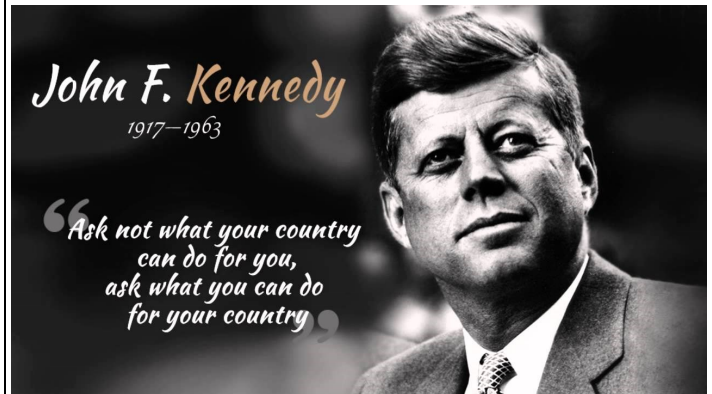
### **Assembly Meetings**

On Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, we will not hold the regular Assembly meeting but will instead have an offsite social in Anacortes. Kindly send your recommendations for dining locations.

On Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the regular Assembly meeting will be replaced with an offsite social in Langley. Please send your dining location suggestions, keeping in mind that Lent commences on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Info**

The District Master requests regalia support for the Fr. Emil Kapaun Assembly 3644 at a Confirmation Mass on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at St. Francis of Assisi (15226 21st Ave SW) in Burien. Archbishop Etienne will preside. For attendance or inquiries, please contact Kevin DeVos at (206) 248-2543.



***“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country”***

# Community News

## Pro-Life Peace Vigil



On Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, a national walk for "PRO-LIFE PEACE VIGIL" was held on the corners of SE Pioneer Way and State Route 20. 10 participants gathered with pro-life signs to publicly demonstrate the need to push the idea of eliminating all abortions.

## First Sunday Pancake Breakfast

St. Augustine's Pancake Breakfast will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>.



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.

## St. Augustine's Pro-Life Ministry

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



## Fr. Gustave Treunet Council #3611 Events

St. Mary Anacortes

### February

16<sup>th</sup> / 9am Pancake Breakfast

### March

15<sup>th</sup> / 6pm St. Patty's Dinner

### June

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

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 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



From the CDA (Philomena O'Rourke)

"Thank you Knights of Columbus for your generous donation to the Angel Tree Project this year. We were able to help 35 families with 65 kids have a wonderful Christmas.

# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> Groundhog Day Pennies for Heaven Collection	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Officers MTG 6pm Club MTG 7pm	<b>5</b> Knights Club Bingo - 5pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pro-Life Rally 3:45pm - 4:45pm	<b>8</b> St. Augustine Shaking the Can Pennies for Heaven Collection
<b>9</b> St. Augustine & St. Mary Shaking the Can Pennies for Heaven Collection Super Bowl LIX Party	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Council MTG 7pm	<b>12</b> Knights Club Bingo - 5pm	<b>13</b> Fatima Prayer Night 6:30	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> St. Augustine Pancake Breakfast	<b>17</b> President's Day	<b>18</b> Assembly Social Anacortes	<b>19</b> Knights Club Bingo - 5pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> St. Augustine Agape Dinner 5pm (Knights in the Kitchen)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Knights Club Bingo - 5pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	