

Christopher Columbus

The Navigator October 2025

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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 - 7pm

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Grand Knight's Message



The word "first" refers to something that comes before all others in time, order, or importance.

Our Council has accomplished a few firsts: receiving Star Council for the first time (at least during the recent past), sponsoring our District's first Columbiettes Auxiliary, and hosting the first Planting Seeds Retreat.

And how do these events start? Someone comes up with an idea and inspires others to help organize and participate in that event.

Brother Herb Reissner felt that the St. Mary Church (Coupeville) grounds needed some tender loving care; his vision led to a small cadre of parishioners working together to clean and tend to the grounds.

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Grand Knight's Message (cont.)

I am not familiar with how our Council began hosting a rest stop for the Bike MS Deception Pass Classic, but one Brother thought that it was needed and convinced other Brothers to help. And now, the experienced racers look forward to our hospitality each year.

While the Knights of Columbus organization hoped that all councils would start a Cor program, our Council set up a Cor program has held its first two Cor meetings. This is because of the vision and hard work provided by our Deputy Grand Knight Heath Garcia. Had he not been here, I believe that Cor would not have started.

The *Planting Seeds Vocations Retreat* was Brother Rich Janoe's vision which ultimately led to the Retreat being announced in KofC Washington State Bulletin.

While our Council already has many activities that it does, that does not mean we can only do those things. Should a Brother have an idea for something the Council might want to do, tell the officers. Inspire us with your vision. And if practical, it may come to fruition.

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

Potato Bagging Event

We encourage volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to participate — no prior experience is necessary. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back, meet new friends, and have a meaningful impact. Mark your calendars and bring your enthusiasm as we work side by side for a great cause.

Date: Saturday October 25th
When: 9am to Noon
Where: Knights Club of Oak Harbor's Potato Hut

From the Financial Secretary

The KofC announced the resumption of Honorary and Honorary Life Card distribution, which had been temporarily paused since April 2024.

After clearing the backlog this past summer, monthly card processing resumed. Members who achieved this status during this timeframe, their cards will be sent to Financial Secretaries and Faithful Comptrollers to present to those members.

The FS has received the following cards:

Honorary Member

Johnny Adkins HM
Francis Bageralla HM
Ralph Byars HM
James Neilon HM
Daniel Ritter HM

Honorary Life Member

Peter Caldwell HLM
Cristobal Garcia HLM
Luis Ferrer HLM
Peter Rivera HLM

These cards will be given to the WGK who will present member's card at a council meeting.



The CRE Rifle Raffle

The CRE raffle continues for a .22 caliber Henry Golden Boy rifle with related rifle sundries.

Tickets are \$20.00. Drawing 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>

For more info, Contact Dan Olvera.



Faith in Action



Thank you to all that donated to the "Coats for Kids" program. The council ordered 14 cases with KofC Supreme matching case per ordered. With these 336 coats and the 72 left from last year will provide 408 coats to pass out to our community schools in Oak Harbor and Coupeville.

Your generosity will make a significant impact, ensuring that our children in need will have access to warm coats this season. We truly appreciate the support from our members and the broader community.

With the weather turning cooler, having proper outerwear is essential for our students to stay comfortable and healthy both on their way to and back from school and during outdoor activities. These will ensure that no child has to face the autumn and winter weather without adequate clothing, fostering a sense of security and well-being in our community.

Lastly, thank you, Brother Rich (Mueller) for managing the KofC Coats for Kids drive. Your dedication and attention to detail made a significant impact, ensuring that every step was handled smoothly and efficiently. Through your organizational efforts, you led this program to a successful end. Obtaining these coats will ensure our children are properly clothed throughout this school year. Your commitment to serving our community truly embodies the spirit of charity and brotherhood that defines our organization.

Pro-Life Vigil

On Friday, October 3rd, St. Augustine's Pro-Life Ministry will hold its next Pro-Life Vigil at 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 either (360)661-0311 or (360)320-3959.



Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

"Our Lady of Fatima Rosary" and "Divine Mercy Chaplet" scheduled on Monday, October 13th.

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.

Priest Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendar!

The Fr. John E. O'Brien Council will be hosting a Priest Appreciation Dinner on Friday, November 14th in St. Augustine's Fellowship Hall.

Advanced ticket sales start Saturday, November 1st after all St. Augustine Masses.

More to info to come. Contact Event Chair Rusty Waters at either "ingodwetrust2@comcast.net" or (360) 969-4009.

COR Training: Leadership

Answer the Call to Spiritual Leadership

Brothers, God is stirring your heart to lead with love, courage, and faith. Join the Cor program as we journey through the "Into the Breach" video series, exploring the sacred call to "Leadership". Together, let's embrace our role as spiritual guides for our families, parish, and community, rooted in Christ's compassion and strength. All St. Augustine men are warmly invited to this evening of fellowship, reflection, and growth.

Date: October 28, 2025
 Time: 6 – 7:30pm
 Location: St. Augustine's Fellowship Hall
 POC: Heath Garcia at (360) 969-0092

With open hearts, we welcome you to this sacred gathering. Come, share your journey, and build lasting brotherhood with the men of St. Augustine's. Bring a friend—together, let's step into the breach for Christ!

Vivat Jesus,
 Heath Garcia
 Deputy Grand Knight

Columbiette Auxiliary Exemplification

You are cordially invited to the new Columbiette Auxiliary Exemplification and Installation of Officers for the Fred Harrington Columbiettes #7863.

Please RSVP to Denise Brennan at dabs58@gmail.com



Blessings,
 Denise Brennan
 Territorial Deputy for WA State

HOSTED BY
 Knights of Columbus
 Frederick Harrington Council #7863

DATE: October 26, 2025
 PLACE: St Mary Church
 LOCATION: 4200 88th St. NE, Marysville, WA
 TIME: 11:35am

Sunday Events

8:30am Church doors open
 8:45am Rosary
 9:30 - 10am Choir Practice
 10am Candidate Check-in
 10:30am Mass
 11:35am Initiation Ceremony
 12 - 12:30pm Installation of Officers
 12:30pm Reception

Fr. Paul Nkolombidzo is Back!

Last month's council meeting welcomed back Fr. Paul Nkolombidzo.

Council members were delighted to have him back, reflecting on his positive impacts during previous visits.

Fr. Paul will be in the Seattle area for the next five years to attend an archdiocese program and serve the archdiocese before he returns to Malawi.



VOCATIONS PRAYER

Heavenly Father, bless Your church with an abundance of Holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always, and everywhere.

With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



October Knights

<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Happy Birthday to You!</u>
2	Mark Kurtovich Todd Ritter
5	Dan Olvera
6	Vladimir Perez
8	Robert Heva
9	Bill Swinney
10	Joe Blackburn Francisco Tubo
12	Ed Koonce Wilfredo Mendoza
14	Joe Higgins III
16	Jacob Szigethy
18	James Valdez
20	Fred Forschler Roberto Ronas David Root
24	Rev. Rafael Britanico
27	Alan Haske
29	Ken Bender Rev. Alex Ramos
30	Rev. Paul Pluth
31	Don Stubenrauch

Happy Birthday Brothers!

Knights Club Bingo

Knights Club is always looking for more volunteers to work Wednesday night Bingos. Volunteers for the cash cage, callers, verifiers, and kitchen help are needed to bring success for each Bingo night. Bingo starts at 6pm and ends around 9pm. Please consider volunteering one week out of the month.



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.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/>

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>



Good of the Order



Family of the Month

It is with great pleasure that we honor Pete and Patricia (Pat) Rivera as the Family of the Month for August 2025.

At the council picnic, Pete went above and beyond by procuring and roasting a pig for everyone to enjoy. The meal was a highlight of the gathering, and his efforts were truly appreciated by all who attended.

Pete serves as the President of the Knights Club of Oak Harbor, a role in which he demonstrates outstanding commitment and responsibility. He is directly accountable for the upkeep of the building, which ensures the facility is well-maintained, welcoming, and functional. Essential in making sure the lights stay on, and the water continues to flow.

On Bingo nights, Pete is a familiar and trusted face in the Cash Cage. He efficiently sells tickets, determines prize amounts for each game, and distributes prizes to the lucky winners. His friendly demeanor and organizational skills help create a fun and exciting atmosphere for all participants.

Pat Rivera is an essential part of the Knights Club Bingo success. Her culinary talents have provided delicious soups that Bingo players look forward to every week. In addition to her cooking, Pat assists the kitchen staff by taking orders and delivering food. Pat is always willing to help new Bingo players learn the different games, sharing her knowledge with patience and kindness. Her supportive presence makes newcomers feel at home and encourages them to join in the fun.

Pete and Pat Rivera exemplify the values of community, service, and generosity. Their hard work and dedication are a shining example for us all.

Congratulations Brother Pete and Pat!

Knight of the Month

It is with great pleasure and deep appreciation that we honor Brother Herb Reissner as the Knight of the Month for August 2025.

In August, Brother Herb recognized the church grounds surrounding St. Mary Catholic Church in Coupeville needed special attention. Demonstrating both initiative and leadership, he brought his observations to the attention of Fr. Chris, parishioners and to his fellow Brother Knights.

Through his encouragement and organizational skills, he inspired a team of volunteers to participate in a one-day beautification effort. He ensured all necessary tools and materials were available and coordinated logistics, which ran smoothly from start to finish. The volunteer's diligent labor removed weeds and dead plants, pruned greenery, and picked up trash and other yard waste enhanced the beauty and cleanliness of the church grounds. Their collective efforts resulted in increasing the church's curb appeal that is noticeably aesthetic and welcoming.

Each week, Brother Herb faithfully assists the celebrant during Sunday Mass. Whether helping with collections or escorting Eucharistic Ministers between Harrington Hall and the church, his presence and devotion are a testament to his dedication to the church and his fellow parishioners.

Brother Herb's unwavering commitment to service and his proactive approach to stewardship have truly made a lasting impact on our parish community and exemplify the values of the Knights of Columbus.

Congratulations, Brother Herb!

MS Bike: Deception Pass Classic 2025 Recap

Celebrating Success and Community at the Knights Club Rest Stop #4

The MS Bike: Deception Pass Classic 2025 is officially in the books, and by all measures, it was a tremendous success. Cyclists and supporters came together for a cause that matters, raising over \$1.5 million to fight multiple sclerosis and support those affected by the disease.

Special recognition goes to Council riders Doug Warren and Steve Boneau, who together raised nearly \$4,200 for the event. Their dedication and commitment to fundraising played a key role in reaching the event's impressive total.

The Knights Club of Oak Harbor – A Standout Stop once again, the Knights Club of Oak Harbor served as the #4 Rest Stop on the classic tour, and it proved to be a highlight for many riders. Cyclists commented that they remembered this stop from last year as their favorite, and this year it lived up to — and even exceeded — expectations.

Riders enjoyed a variety of treats and amenities, including freshly baked chocolate chip cookies, bacon cups, hot dogs, bananas, coffee, pickle pops, water, and more. The availability of regular toilet facilities was an added bonus that riders truly appreciated.

A heartfelt thank you to the Brother Knights and Columbiettes who volunteered their time and energy to make this year's rest stop such a memorable experience. Your hospitality, generosity, and attention to detail helped us remain the No. One Rest Stop on the MS Bike Deception Pass Classic 2025 bike tour.

Looking ahead, the success of this year's event is a testament to what can be accomplished when a community comes together. As we celebrate our achievements, let's look forward to another year of making a difference, supporting each other, and maintaining our reputation as the riders' favorite rest stop.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved!





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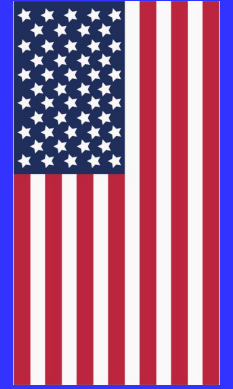
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The Patriotic Degree

Assembly 2276 Digest



Homeport: 3259 Old Goldie Rd. Oak Harbor

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

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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 4th Degree meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, October 21st at 7pm (1900) at the Knights Club of Oak Harbor. Social to follow.

As always, all SK spouses, partners, or that special someone are cordially invited.

4th Degree Uniform Raffel

The Uniform Raffle has been discontinued and will incorporate a new format.

In addition, all Sir Knights (SKs) who attend an assembly meeting will receive a ticket upon entry. A uniform drawing is scheduled to take place at Fr. John E. O'Brien's summer picnic, which is typically held in August. This initiative aims to encourage participation and foster camaraderie among members.



4th Degree Official Uniform

When a SK purchases an official 4th Degree uniform, the SK is requested to provide a receipt copy to the assembly to be eligible for a \$100.00 refund.



**EXEMPLIFICATION OF PATRIOTISM
NOVEMBER 8, 2025
HONORING: TBD**

HOSTED BY

St. Columban, Assembly #3947
St. Columban Catholic Church
Yelm, WA 98597

Contact: Darren Johnson

Phone: 253-709-4588 or email: darrenjohnson61@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

11am - 1pm - Registration
11:30am - 12:30pm - Lunch
2:00pm - Exemplification
5:30pm - Mass
6:00pm - Reception/Banquet

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate fee to participate: \$90.00
Includes one meal ticket (additional meal ticket: \$25.00)
Fourth Degree Membership Pin
Certificate suitable for framing

PLEASE NOTE

In order to ensure certificates and programs are correct, we ask that a completed form 4 and all funds be received no later than 30 days prior, October 8, 2025

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 District Master,
CELL PHONE: 206-406-6307 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

Fourth-Degree uniform regalia (no sword)

COLOR GUARD ESCORTS

Fourth-Degree uniform regalia and sword



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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>

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

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1		1 BINGO 5pm	2	3 PRO-LIFE Vigil 3:45-4:45pm 	4
5	6	7 Officers MTG 6pm Club MTG 7pm	8 BINGO 5pm	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day CRE Rifle Drawing Prayer Knight 6:30pm	14 Council MTG 7pm	15 BINGO 5pm	16	17	18
19	20	21 Assembly MTG 7pm	22 BINGO 5pm	23	24	25 Potato Bagging 9am
26 Marysville St. Mary Columbiettes Exemplification 11:35am	27 Agape Dinner 5pm	28 Cor 6pm	29 BINGO 5pm	30	31 Halloween Family Knight 6pm	