



The Olive Branch

Our 63rd Year

Chartered – November 14, 1954



June 2017

Shooting for a STAR!

Chaplain's Message.....

Happy Father's Day!

Dear Brother Knights,

The celebration of Father's Day takes place on the second Sunday June each year. It's a day to recall the difference our fathers have made in our lives by their example and the sacrifices they have made on our behalf. Our very lives are all gift rooted in the love of our fathers and our mothers alike. I'm sure that you can think of at least one favorite story about your dad that has had a meaningful impact on your life. To them we owe a debt of gratitude.



Besides thanking God for the gift of our fathers, most Knights of Columbus *are* fathers themselves. What a gift your "yes" to the vocation of marriage is and again to those who have been called to be parents. One powerful statement that I once read stated that, "The best Gift a father can ever give his children is to Love his wife." The same can be said of wives Loving their husbands. The point is the difference our example makes in the lives of others; not just telling our children to be loving toward others, but to be a living example to them. This is the best way to school the next generation in the ways of God.

Fathers also have a *tremendous* influence on their children in how they bear witness to the faith. In an age when fewer young people practice the faith traditions handed on to them by their parents, studies continue to indicate that fathers who practice the faith and participate in the sacramental life of the Church are more likely to influence their children than mothers who (we all know) are usually the ones who undertake these responsibilities. (Sorry moms!)

Father's be thankful to God for the role in your family He has bestowed on you. Recognize that you do make a *real difference* in the lives of your children and so many others. Continue even in the smallest way to hand on the faith to others by your own faithfulness and relationship with Jesus. And by all means, celebrate your vocation not just on Father's Day, but every day knowing that God is Father to all and is grateful for our witness.

Fraternally in Christ!

Father Paul Zywan

Chaplain, Council #3907

July / August Issue of the Olive Branch!

The deadline for the **July/August 2017** issue of the Olive Branch will be on June 22nd

Send to: **George Franz** <george.franzjr@gmail.com>

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Larry Emark <emarklw@verizon.net>

Grand Knight's Message.....

Brothers,

On May 1st&2nd 2017, a group of brothers gathered at our former Hall at 250 Swinderman Road to complete the move to our new location at Suite 2308 in the Wexford Professional Office Building No. II, 11676 Perry Highway, Wexford, PA 15090. A great variety of materials had been collected in the attic over the years. These items were carried down the stairs and were staged in our former Council Chambers. There we evaluated the collection and determined which items to keep and which to dispose of in a dumpster waiting outside the back door. Arrangements had been made for the use of a truck which was donated by Jim Conroy and many of our members volunteered the use of their own cars or vans. The items to be kept were loaded into the truck or one of the vehicles to be transported to either our new location or to a storage facility affiliated with Mike Conroy. By the time the job was done the attic had been completely emptied and was swept clean.



At 11:30AM on April 30th 2017 the Annual Family Mass, organized by Chris Kelley, was held at St. Alphonsus Church. Following Mass, we held the 5th Sunday Rosary. Following the Rosary, the Knights hosted a lunch for all at the New Hall.

At 5:30PM on May 5th 2017, the TRY Dinner was held at the Columbian Room. Many of the brothers, dressed in white shirts and black bowties, were servers for the event. Many of the wives helped in the kitchen. The TRY organizers of the event did a really nice job in decorating the tables. The food was excellent. Our Council donated \$5,000 to TRY. These funds were raised through various Council activities including proceeds from the Baseball Tournament held in June of 2016.

At our last two meetings in May nominations for the following year's officers were made. Elections will be held in early June.

At 7:00PM on May 10th 2017, the Outdoor Rosary, organized by Chris Kelley, was held at Saints John & Paul's outdoor Rosary Garden. The event was well attended and was highlighted by the participation of eight young ladies in their First Communion dresses. Deacon Lo pus of Saints John & Paul Parish led the Rosary and had the girls each recite the Hail Marys in each decade. Having the girls participate in this way added a great deal to the program and was very much appreciated by the parents. Following the recitation of the Rosary, the group moved to Cardinal DeNardo Center where one of the girls crowned a beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother. Following the crowning, pizza and drinks were served in the Center. While the group enjoyed the food, Brother Wally Merriman played and sang a medley of songs on his accordion.

On May 18-21st 2017, the 119th PA State Convention will be held at Mt. Pocono, PA.

On May 31st 2017, 1st and 2nd Degrees will be held at Holy Sepulcher Church. Contact Larry Emark for further information.

Thanks to all who support the above activities.

Vivat Jesus!

William J. McKim

Grand Knight



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE



How to prepare financially for your death (no matter how young you are)

Whether young or old, with a lot or little to leave behind, there are things you can do now to make it easier on your family in case you die or are too ill or injured to speak for yourself. Many have experienced firsthand why end-of-life planning is important: A client's 51-year-old brother died in a car accident. "It was a disaster compounded by the fact that we had no idea of what he wanted or what he wanted us to do," his sister says. "It left my family in a nightmare situation of having to track things down in a short period. Whether young or old, with a lot or little to leave behind, there are things you can do now to make it easier on your family in case you die or are too ill or injured to speak for yourself.

Follow these steps to financially prepare:

Name financial and medical power of attorneys

Estate attorneys recommend all adults have these in place:

- **An advanced health care directive:** This includes a living will stating your wishes for medical care, and a durable health care power of attorney, which names someone to make decisions if you can't.
- **A financial power of attorney:** This designates someone to handle your financial affairs. The document can be written to apply broadly or kick in if you're incapacitated.

Create a will / Set-up a Trust

Ideally, every adult should have a will. It's a must for parents of minors. In a will you name a guardian for your children. Without a will, the state will decide. States have preferences for who should be appointed. Setting up a trust for your kids is also important because children can't directly inherit money or property until they're adults. A trust holds property and money for them, and the trust document states how the assets should be managed and used. An adult you appoint as trustee carries out the instructions. If both parents die and there is no trust, the court appoints someone to manage the assets. Hire an estate attorney when you need advice. Although you can download legal forms online, the internet is not a good lawyer.

Buy life insurance

You need life insurance if your death would be a financial blow to someone. Most parents need coverage to replace income or pay for services they provide for the family. You also need life insurance if you have debts that would fall on someone else. Term life insurance is sufficient for most people. You buy coverage to last as long as your loved ones will depend on you financially, such as 10, 15 or 20 years. Ideally, by the term's end you no longer need coverage: Your children are independent and you have enough savings to support a spouse. Permanent life insurance, such as whole life insurance, is the answer if you have a lifelong financial dependent, such as a child with special needs, or if your heirs would owe estate taxes. For 2016 federal estate taxes, this would happen if your assets totaled more than \$5.45 million as a single person or \$10.9 million as a couple.

Save for a funeral

Put your last wishes in writing and share them with loved ones. A way to make sure a funeral is funded is to buy a small whole life insurance policy or prepay for a funeral.

Keep organized records and communicate

Store important documents in a safe at home or safe deposit box. Make sure your trusted loved ones know where to find them.

Update your estate plan

Review your wills, beneficiary designations and titling of property every five years and after major life changes.

Don't let the mere topic of death scare you off from getting your affairs in order. It should not be looked at as morbid. It should be thought of as being responsible. Contact me today.

Joe

Joe Latess,
Field Agent and Brother Knight
Phone: 724-776-9263
Email: <Joseph.Latess@KofC.org>

Annual Flag Collection & Retirement

We Knights of Columbus are again collecting unserviceable and discarded flags between Memorial Day weekend May 28th through the July 4th weekends. Look for an appropriately marked (red, white, & blue) Drop Box (for Flags only) near the Main Parish entrance (Parish Hall or parish Collection Center). Please dispose of your Flag Staff or Pole separately.

A Drop Box will also be available at our new Wexford Council home. Your participation in this project is a way for all of us to respectfully dispose of our Withered Flags. Eight Councils in our two Districts are participating in this Flag Retirement Project.

The Flag Retirement ceremony is scheduled to take place at 6:00pm Wednesday evening July 26th at Wexford Volunteer Fire Company (228 North Chapel Drive). Our 4th Degree Color Corps Knights welcome our local American Legion, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Veterans, and Firemen to participate in our Flag Retirement Ceremony...

For further information, contact...

SK Larry Emark...412-367-0525... <emarklw@verizon.net>

"Look Ahead"

Important dates in the near future mark your calendars now, more information to follow:

May 31th	1st & 2nd Degrees at Holy Sepulcher
June 1st	Retired Priest Luncheon
June 4th	4th Degree at Cranberry Marriott
June 7th & 21st	Columbian Knights Mtg; Council Hall
June 24 & 25	TRY Tournament: IFPAA Vestal Field
July 26th	Flag Retirement, Wexford Fire Company
July 29th	Charity Golf Outing; Lake Arthur CC
July 30th	5th Sunday Rosary; St. John Neumann
August 27th	Summer Picnic; Pine Community Park

Summer Picnic – August 27th

Mark Your Calendars to Reserve August 27th so you can attend the Council family picnic at Pine Community Park, Keyes Pavilion. (By the basketball courts), 1PM to dusk. More info to follow, but please plan to attend.

Summer Meeting Schedule

In keeping with past practice, we will have only one meeting in the months of July & August as follows:

Wednesday June 7th and 21st plus....

Wednesday July 19th and Wednesday August 16th....

Come join us for the Rosary at 7:30pm each meeting night followed by the meeting at 8:00pm.

Remember in your Prayers

The following individuals were included in our prayers at the two March meetings; please add them to your prayer list....

Deceased: **Wayne R. Yetter; Rita Mary Lopus;** Michael J. Zafris; Rosemary Conroy; and Edward Dye.

Members: SK Robert Zoeller; SK PGK George Ley; Morrie Stack; Larry Sampietro; and SK Dave Kelsch.

Family & Friends:; Betty Kolakaski; Robert E. Cummings; Audrey Flamos; Marian Stack; Joe Kadas; Dolores Kadas; Bill Kelley; Denise Malchano; and Nancy Cummings....

To add or delete any names to/from this list, please contact Grand Knight Ed Thomas or Financial Secretary Bill Eaton.

First Friday Overnight Adoration

(This June 2nd/3rd marks the Tenth Year for this Project)

Several members of #3907, many along with their wives, continue to spend "An Evening with Our Lord" in the Grotto Chapel of Saints John & Paul Parish. Most are in one-hour shifts beginning with 8:00pm Mass on the 1st Friday of each Month through the night until 9:00am Benediction on Saturday morning.

Our next scheduled Adoration is on Friday June 2nd into Saturday June 3rd. Then, next month July 1st/2nd.

Please contact/reply SK Larry Emark at <emarklw@verizon.net> or 412-367-0525 to get your name on the Adoration List.

SJ&P also offers Tuesday All-Day Eucharistic Adoration (all year long) following the 7:00am Mass until 7:00pm Benediction.

Quarterly Retired Priests' Luncheon

The next Priest luncheon will be held on **Thursday June 1st 11:30am at the Vincentian Nursing Home**. This will be an outdoor cookout on the patio with a backup to move inside if the weather dictates. Knights will be needed to move the Priests and Men to and from their rooms, to serve lunches, and converse with our guests.

To participate or if you have any questions, contact:
Morrie Stack – 412-366-2475 – <mstack21@verizon.net>
Bob Shaffrey – 724-443-2284 – <boxcar685@gmail.com>

K of C – Investment Group

The initial meeting of the Knights of 3907 Investing Group was held May 15th with 8 Brother Knights attending. The decision to open the meeting to "non" Knights was agreed-to and outside investment speakers will be arranged. The next meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday June 13th, 7:00PM

Location:

Knights of Columbus Council #3907
Wexford Professional Building II, Suite 2308
11676 Perry Highway, Wexford, PA. 15090
(Across Route 19, Perry Highway from Saint Alphonsus)
Building II - Enter from rear onto 2nd floor, take elevator
(or stairs) to third floor, Room 2308

Please join in the discussions if you have an interest:
Chuck Mazur, 412-366-2351, <cmazur326@aol.com>

10th Annual Charity Golf Outing

Our Brother Knights of Sts Peter & Anthony Council #13943 in Slippery Rock will be hosting their 10th Annual Charity Golf outing on Saturday, July 29th 2017 at Lake Arthur GC - 1:00PM Shotgun start.

Openings are available for individuals or foursomes at \$80.00 per person, includes 18-holes with cart; lunch, dinner, beverages and prizes.

Proceeds will benefit the medical needs of Cadence O'Brien who has a Congenital Heart Defect and Kabuki Syndrome.

For more information or to register, contact Chuck Plinta at 724-794-2200 -or- <cplinta@accelse.com>.

Upcoming 4th Degree

4th Degree: Knights of Columbus Calvert Province Pennsylvania West District to be held at **Pittsburgh Marriott North: Sunday June 4th 2017** - Mass (Optional) 10:00am. Registration 11:00am to 12:30pm. Exemplification (and Ladies Luncheon) 1:00pm. Banquet 5:00pm.

You must have already registered to go through the 4th Degree Initiation, but all 4th Degree Brothers are welcome.

Annual Columbian Knights Meeting

In accordance with our By-Laws, we are required to hold an annual Corporation meeting on the 3rd (Third) Wednesday in June of each year.

This is in addition to the regular Columbian Knights meetings that we conduct on the First Wednesday of each month, so please mark your calendars for **June 21st 2017 – 7:00pm**. The meeting will be held at our new Council Home located in Suite 2308 of the Wexford Professional Building II – 11676 Perry Highway, Wexford, PA 15090.

Some of the important topics that will be discussed will include the Revision of the By-Laws, the final move out our old property at 250 Swinderman Road, status of our investments of proceeds from the sale to name a few.

Vivat Jesus,
Bill Romig

Annual Family Mass

Thirteen Brother Knights plus their significant others and friends attended the 11:30am Family Mass at St. Alphonsus on April 30th. During the celebration, Father Kevin Fazio recognized the Knights and thanked us for our presence.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Kelley, Church Director
724-799-0249 & <chris081476@gmail.com>

"Social" Dinner – May 13th

Eleven brother Knights with their Wives/Other attended the Social Dinner **May 13th** at the **Walnut Grill**. Judged by the "noise" in the room, a good time was had by all, plus we rooted for a Penguin win... Well at least the dinner and deserts were good.

George Franz

5th Sunday Rosary

After the conclusion of the April 30th 11:30am Family Mass, 30 worshippers (Knights, family, and friends) prayed the Rosary at St. Alphonsus. A social Lunch was provided at our new K of C Hall afterwards. Thank you to all who attended. The next Living Rosary will be July 30th at St. John Neumann.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Kelley, Church Director
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Living Rosary

What beautiful weather we had on May 10th to celebrate the Living Rosary in the outside Rosary Garden at **Saints John & Paul Church**. Sixteen Knights, family members, and eight First Communicant girls joined Deacon Tom Lopus in this celebration of Mary. The eight girls recited the Hail Mary in every decade, moving around the Rosary Rope. After the Living Rosary, the First Communicant girls participated in the Crowning of Mary ceremony outside the Cardinal DiNardo Center. After the Crowning ceremony concluded, 40+ participants moved into the DiNardo Center to share pizza and pop. Thank you to all who helped plan the evening's festivities and to all those in attendance. Our next Living Rosary will be in September.

Vivat Jesus!

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**First Communicants and Friends
(by St. Theresa Stature at SJ&P)**

You Can Recruit for our K of C

We all may know other "practical" gentlemen who would benefit us and them by their becoming a Brother Knight. If you want to brush up on your recruitment skills, you may want to refer to the "Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual" on the <kofc.org> website for ideas on how to discuss our Organization with them. Check-out Page 6 at the following address: <www.kofc.org/en/resources/membership/membership_recruitment_6.pdf>

Please Send in Your 2017 Dues NOW!!!

If you have a membership card that is dated **2016** and before, that card is invalid. **Please send your dues, payable to K of C #3907**

Please Send to:
W. R. EATON F.S.
2590B GROUSE RIDGE RD.
WEXFORD PA 15090-7637

Remember that old colloquialism:

"YOUR BILLS PAY OUR BILLS."

Thank you.
Bill

Nomation of Officers

The following Brothers Knights have been Nominated to represent us as Officers of Our Lady of Olives Council #3907 for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year ... July 1st 2017 through June 30th 2018. Election will take place on June 7th (the first Wednesday of the Month) Meeting. Be there....

Grand Knight	William J. McKim
Deputy Grand Knight	William E. Romig
Chancellor	Christopher M. Kelley
Recorder	James E. Conroy
Financial Secretary*	William R 'Bill' Eaton FS
Treasurer	Joseph A. Daquelente
Lecturer*	Larry P. Rusch
Advocate	James E. Fernald PGK
Warden	George A. Franz
Inside Guard	Daniel A. Murrer
Outside Guard	Charles E. Haefner Sr.
3-year Trustee	Charles J. Mazur
2-year Trustee**	Edward W. Thomas PGK
1-year Trustee**	Joseph M. Mancuso
Chaplain*	Rev. Fr. Paul J. Zywan

* Appointed Positions

** 3-Year Term Positions

Delegates to State Convention:

William J. McKim GK; Edward W. Thomas PGK

Alternate Delegates:

Joseph A. Cummings PSD; Michael J. Conroy PGK

Pgh Chapter Delegates:

William J. McKim GK; Edward W. Thomas PGK;

William E. Romig DKG; Christopher M. Kelly;

Lawrence W. Emark PGK; Michael Conroy PGK

Recent 3907 Donations

Thanks to your hard work and generosity, our Council has been able to continue contributing to several charities and programs. We continued these past weeks with donations to the following:

- Special Olympics
- TRY
- ARC of Pennsylvania
- The Sharing & Caring Project
- St. John Neumann Outing Support

NOTE: Your Council has established a Charity Fund, managed by our fellow Knight Rich Karapandi, set up to provide immediate help to those recommended by a Knight for consideration. Please contact Rich at <richrk@verizon.net> or 412-366-3294 for more information on this program.



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Our 63rd Year of Columbianism!

June 2017

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 in the Knights of Columbus

Return Service Requested

Our Lady of Olives Council #3907 <> Council Calendar May 28, 2017 – July 8, 2017

Sunday May 28	Monday May 29	Tuesday May 30	Wednesday May 31	Thursday June 1	Friday June 2	Saturday June 3
<i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	Memorial Day No Golf		1st&2nd Degrees 7pm Holy Sepulcher C10175	Retired Priests Luncheon 11:30am Vincentian Home	First Friday Overnight(8pm—9am) Adoration: SJ&P →	First Saturday <i>4th Degree Practice</i>
June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10
Pentecost Sunday 4 th Degree Exemplification Cranberry Marriott	<i>St. Boniface</i> St Al's Golf League Rittswood CC	** NEW HOME ** Pittsburgh Chapter Our Lady of Olives C3907 7:30pm	Meeting Night Rosary 7:30pm Meeting 8:00pm Col. Knights 8:45pm	← <i>Election of new Officers</i>		
June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17
The Most Holy Trinity	St Al's Golf League Rittswood CC	Investment Club Mtg. 7pm K of C Hall	Flag Day			
June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Father's Day	St Al's Golf League Rittswood CC		Meeting Night Rosary 7:30pm Meeting 8:00pm Col. Knights 8:45pm	Deadline for July/Aug Olive Branch	<i>Host Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> <i>The Nativity of → St. John the Baptist</i>	Priestly Ordinations 10:00am St. Paul TRY Tournament IFPAA Vestal Field 1&3pm
June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
<i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> TRY Tournament IFPAA Vestal Field 1&3pm	St Al's Golf League Rittswood CC		4th Degree Assembly Meeting St. Mary C14722	<i>Sts Peter & Paul</i>		First Saturday
July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8
<i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	St Al's Golf League Rittswood CC	NO Chapter Meeting	NO Meeting		First Friday Overnight(8pm—9am) Adoration: SJ&P →	
		Summer Meetings:	July 19th	August 16th		



Our Lady of Olives
National Shrine
St. Alphonsus Church
Wexford, PA



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Lady of Olives
K of C Council No. 3907
P.O. Box 131
Wexford, PA 15090-0131

May 15, 2017

Dear Brother Knight;

Once again, it's that time of year, time for our very own **"Knight's Invitational Baseball Tournament."** As in the past, we sponsored this youth league all-star tournament for the benefit of **"TRY" - A Special Needs Organization.**

This year is our 47th anniversary of sponsoring this tournament. We are sad to announce that we lost one of Gods special persons this year **Martin Amrhein RIP.**

Martin was a Charter member of **"TRY,"** a member of Our Lady of Olives Council 3907, and an original special coach of this Tournament for Ingomar/Franklin Park AA. We will be honoring Martin by dedicating this year's Tournament in memory of him.

The Tournament this year will be held at **IFPAA Vestal Field** on **Saturday and Sunday June 24th and 25th.** The games will be played at **1:00pm and 3:00pm,** each day, and promises to be very exciting, for the players, the fans, and the members of **TRY.**

We are hoping that you and your family can join us in making this another successful tournament. If you are unable to attend you can still help to make the tournament successful, by sending a Donation in the enclosed envelope. Your responses to this appeal in the past have been very good, and the members of **TRY** have been very appreciative of your generosity. Our Total donations to date are well over \$82,000.00, which came from the collections at the games, concession stand profits, and your kind donations.

TRY has used this money in providing many various activities for the Special Needs youth of the greater North Hills. The tournament committee, and the members of **TRY** will appreciate whatever you can see clear to give.

Make checks payable to: **"K. of C. #3907"** and send your Donation in the Envelope provided to:

Shawn D. Cannon
138 Tanglewood Drive
Valencia, PA 16059-2554

Fraternally,

Shawn D. Cannon
Tournament Director