



The Olive Branch

Our 63rd Year

Chartered – November 14, 1954



December 2017

Shooting for a STAR!

Chaplain's Message.....

December 2017 – Keep Christ...

Dear Brother Knights,

For many years, St. Martin Episcopal Church in Monroeville displayed a sign attached to the roofline of the back of their building. It read, "JESUS IS ALIVE." Do you remember seeing it? If you travel the Parkway East, the building sits across from the Monroeville and Plum exits. At one point, the word "ALIVE" was taken down for repairs or some other reason and the sign simply read: "JESUS IS." I found that abbreviated message intriguing. Every time I would pass it, I would fill in the blank of the missing word or simply muse on the two remaining words, "JESUS IS..." I actually-found the temporally modified sign more engaging than the full display of words. Maybe it's just me, I recently passed by that church and was surprised to see the entire sign has been removed, the building has been repainted, and it appears that it is now being used for an altogether different congregation. Though the sign, "JESUS IS ALIVE" is gone, I still remember it with fondness.

On a recent return visit from Philadelphia, I drove behind a mini-van with that familiar magnet attached to its rear door: "**Keep Christ in Christmas.**" Driving down the PA Turnpike, the thought crossed my mind, "What if that magnet was modified to simply read: '**Keep Christ...**'" I'm all in for reminding fellow Christians to keep Christ at the center of their Christmas celebration. But the whole notion of **keeping Christ** at the center of our everyday lives is equally important. For example, keeping Christ at the center of driving down the interstate served as a great reminder for me to keep within the speed limit and drive safely - respectfully.

I am grateful to my brother Knights for their witness of faith and charity in so many ways. The magnet that you make available is a good reminder to all who read it to "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" Perhaps we can keep in mind the big picture throughout the entire year: In all that we do, "**Keep Christ...**"

Wishing you and yours God's choicest blessings during the most holy season and throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas!

In Jesus,

Father Paul Zywan

Chaplain, Council #3907



Grand Knight's Message.....

Brothers,

The 20th Annual Dinner Auction in support of St. Anthony School Programs took place at David Lawrence Convention Center on October 20th. The event featured both a live and silent auction that offered a wonderful variety of auction gifts. While perusing an interesting display of auction items and deciding on what items to bid, the guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and drinks. During a pause in the auction, a delicious dinner was served at which The Most Reverend David A. Zubik addressed those in attendance.

As noted in the November issue of the Olive Branch, on October 22nd the new church at St. Alexis Parish was dedicated by The Most Reverend David A. Zubik, at the 10:00AM Mass. Pastor, Reverend Paul J. Zywan, the Chaplain of our Council, who concelebrated the Mass, invited the Knights of Columbus Color Corps to participate in the ceremony. Pictures of the new church, the Bishop and Fr. Zywan, and the Knights of Columbus Color Corps from Assembly #2191 appeared on the first page of the November issue of the Olive Branch.

On October 25th, our Council hosted a meeting of Queen of Angels Assembly #2191 at our Lady of Olives Council home. Father Ed Schlieker, chaplain of the Assembly, gave a talk on the Gospel of St. Matthew.

On October 29th following the 11:00AM Mass at St. Alexis Church our Council gathered to recite the Family Rosary, formerly called the Fifth Sunday Rosary. Following the Rosary, a group of Knights and their spouses gathered for brunch at J. Clark's restaurant.

On November 8th at 6:30PM Our Lady of Olives Council members and their guests gathered at the new St. Alexis Church to attend its Annual Memorial Mass celebrated by Council #3907 Chaplain Rev. Paul J. Zywan. A potluck dinner took place following Mass at the parish cafeteria. Our thanks to all who helped prepare and serve the dinner.

On November 24th the 54th St. Joan of Arc Medallion Ball was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Pittsburgh. Young women from the diocese of Pittsburgh were recognized for their charitable works and service hours. The Most Reverend David A. Zubik presided over the event. The Color Corps of the Knights of Columbus Queen of Angels Assembly #2191 escorted the Bishop and participated in the event.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on the evening of December 1st and the morning of December 2nd at the Grotto of Saints John & Paul Church.

At noon on December 9th, Council #3907 will sponsor a Children's Christmas Party at St. Alexis Cafeteria.

Finally, I hope all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving Day. This holiday is a great opportunity to thank God for the many blessings we have received.

Vivat Jesus!

William J. McKim

Grand Knight



Meeting Schedule

For December come join us for the Rosary at 7:30pm followed by the regular Meeting at 8:00pm December 6th and 20th.

January's meetings are at the same time on Jan. 3rd and 17th.



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A Founding Notion: Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer as we approach 2018, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours;" it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage. I can help you in this regard.

Contact me to arrange for an appointment.

Joe

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

Quarterly Retired Priests' Luncheon

The priest luncheon will be held on Thursday December 7th at Vincentian Nursing Home at 11:30am. Please plan to attend and help.

Thanks

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>

Football Craze Sweepstakes

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The Football Craze is in full swing until December 31st. So far, Our Lady of Olives has had (4) winners!

Thanks to all who supported this great program and watch for more winners. We will notify all winners from our Council as the results are published. We wish all a blessed and happy holiday. May God bless you one and all!

Thanks,
Mike

Mike Conroy at 412-364-7342 - or <conroy1603@gmail.com>.

January Issue of the Olive Branch!

The deadline for the **January 2018** issue of the Olive Branch will be on December 21st. Please send your input to:

George Franz <george.franzjr@gmail.com>

If you would like to receive your **Olive Branch** (in color) **via Email** (saving printing and mailing costs), send your **Email** address and **Phone** number (for follow-up) to:
Larry Emark <emarklw@verizon.net>

Family Rosary

On October 29th, after the 11:00am Mass, Grand Knight Bill McKim led the Rosary at St. Alexis' new church. Twenty-one people attended the Rosary, including 8 Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

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

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The 2018 "Enjoy" books are available NOW at the same low price as last year...only \$30.00 per Book.

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Please contact: Jim Fernald at – 412-551-6593 or <jefernald2@comcast.net> I DELIVER!!!!

Remember in your Prayers

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

Deceased: Rev. J. Lawrence Bruney; HL James Patrick McGinnis, Jr.; Irene Gates; Richard A. Eck; G. Paul Lang; Phillip Rezzatano; Rev. Dan Whalen; Marie Mascari; Dorothy B. Bergman; Anthony Latess; Edward Dye; Sr. Ursula Kelly; and Charles Craford.

Members: Larry Sampietro; and SK Dave Kelsch.

Family & Friends: Kathy Strock; George Buettner; Pam Meeder; Bill Kelley; P.J. Eckert; Ed Mitchell; Kristin Seaman; Patricia McKim; Joe Cavalier; Dave Docherty; Nancy Docherty; Marjorie O'Keefe; Mary Jo LeDonne; Nancy Cummings; Bob Cummings; Helen Knox; Dee Karapandi; Ed Mitchell; Amanda Gunkle; Andrew Gunkle; Francine Fischer; Denise Malchano; Helen Kirsch; Betty Kolakowski; and Maria S. Thomas.

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

First Friday Overnight Adoration

(This past 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 First Friday of each Month through the night until 8:45am Benediction on Saturday morning.

Our next scheduled Adoration is on Friday December 1st into Saturday December 2nd. Then, next month January 5th & 6th

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.

SJ&P also offers Thursday All-Day Eucharistic Adoration (beginning with Advent 2017) following the 7:00am Mass until 7:00pm.

Children's Holy Hour: Thursdays from 10am-11am; Divine Mercy Holy Hour: Thursdays 3pm-4pm; After School Adore: Thursdays from 4-5pm.

A Night at the Races

Due to scheduling conflicts, we are planning our Night at the Races to be in May 2018 to coincide with the Kentucky Derby. Watch for further detail in the 2018 March and April issues.

New Tri-Fold K of C Brochure in Production



As noted in last month's Olive Branch (and with thanks to Brother Joe Cummings) we are in process of updating the Tri-Fold Brochure which describes some of the activities we focus on. We hope that this will interest some of the other Catholic men in our parishes to inquire about the Knights of Columbus. You should see these showing up in the back of our Churches shortly. Pick one up on your way by and look it over. Give it to your son, father another practical Catholic gentleman, etc. (you get the idea). Please throw away any old Tri-Fold flyers you may have...they will be outdated.

Degree Candidates -- REMINDER

1st Degree Opportunities are coming up, as follows:

- Wednesday 7PM December 6th South Hills
- Wednesday 7PM December 13th Ellwood City

3rd Degree

- Saturday 10AM December 2nd Aliquippa

This schedule may be found online at:

<http://www.pakofc.us/images/degrees/West_Degree_Dates.pdf>

Let: Larry Emark know ASAP, for your Reservation: 412-367-0525 or Email: <emarklw@verizon.net>

November Charitable Contributions

Our Council made the following charitable contributions in November:

\$1,000.00 was given towards the Ultra Sound Initiative for machine maintenance.

This brings contributions to date (Previous Issues):

\$1,000.00 Austin Texas Hurricane Harvey Relief.

\$100.00 Blessed Francis Seelos Academy (for same).

\$50.00 Alpha Omega Center.

\$1,000.00 North Hills Community Outreach.

\$1,000.00 Angels' Place, Inc.

\$1,000.00 Special Olympics Foundation.

\$1,000.00 Brother's Brother Foundation Aid to Puerto Rico.

Please Note: We are also working out the details for donations to the four parishes that we support for a contribution to the tuition of two (2) Catholic students in each one of those parishes. These donations have been budgeted for our "Fraternal Year" that ends June 30, 2018 so we are on schedule. *(From general funds)

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Romig, DGK / Rich Karapandi, Charities Director

"Keep Christ in Christmas" and "HE IS RISEN" Car Magnets



Larry Emark, Mike Conroy, and Chuck Hagen, have an ample supply of **Keep Christ in Christmas** and **He is Risen** car magnets. Look for us promoting these sales at our respective local Parishes.

Larry Emark at 412-367-0525 or <emarklw@verizon.net>
Mike Conroy at 412-401-3797 or <conroy1603@gmail.com>
Chuck Hagen at 412-367-8957 or <papaagoo@aol.com>

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities....

"Keep Christ in Christmas"



As in past years, Our Council has contributed to the Knights of Columbus Pittsburgh Chapter, in support of LAMAR "Keep Christ in Christmas" roadside billboards around Pittsburgh during this Christmas Season. Look for these in your area.

Christmas is coming – Don't Forget to Support Our Seminarians

Both in our prayers and sometimes financially, we support several young men in their journey towards priesthood. Please add them to your Christmas Card list (and include a small "present" if you are so inclined):

- Jeffrey Craig, N. American College, Vatican City <jcraig@diopitt.org>
- Jacob Gruber, Theological College, Washington, DC <jgruber@diopitt.org>
- Gabriel Salibi, St. Paul, Crafton <gsalibi@diopitt.org>
- Sean Farrell, St. Paul, Crafton <sfarrell@diopitt.org>
- Nicholas Clinton, St. Paul Seminary, <nclinton@diopitt.org>

St. Paul Seminary

2900 Noblestown Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4227

Theological College

401 Michigan Ave, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Pontifical North American College [PNAC]

00120 Vatican City State
Europe

Christmas Seals

Christmas Seals (You should have them soon/now)



Bishop's Project Seals: <www.bishopsprojectkofc.org>

Note: To be counted as a Member Donation, **please use the Seals Envelope mailed to your home**, or if you use the envelope from your Church Bulletin, mark "MEMBER 3907" near the box where the committee enters the donation amount or **next to your name on the return envelope**, or your donation will be counted as non-member donations. We eagerly look for our membership support. *Thank You!*

"Look Ahead"

Important dates in-the-near-future - mark your calendars now.
More information to follow:

- December 7st Priest Luncheon at Vincentian Home
- December 9th Children's Christmas Party at St. Alexis
- December 21st January Olive Branch Input Due

K of C Scholarship Program information (time to get started)

Christmas Party December 9th

(Noon to 3PM)

The CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY is coming up fast! Please let your kids and grandkids know that this year's party will be held December 9th in the St. Alexis School Cafeteria beginning at 12pm (noon). Over the past few years this has become **THE social event of the season**. Members and their Families gather to wish one and all a **"MERRY CHRISTMAS"**. We will be providing lunch, followed by entertainment, caroling, and if we are all "good", possibly a visit by Santa. Please bring an appetizer to be shared, everything else will be provided. If you have questions, or would like to help, please contact

George Franz <george.franzjr@gmail.com>
724-772-0494

Annual Memorial Mass & Potluck Dinner

Our annual Memorial Mass to remember deceased Brothers was held on November 8th. The 6:30pm Mass was celebrated in St. Alexis' beautiful new church. Father Zywan presided at the Mass attended by 41 people, including 17 Knights. The St. Alexis choir added their voices to the celebration. The Potluck Dinner, held after the Mass, was attended by 35 people. Good food and good conversation was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Bill and Rita Romig for all their help.

Vivat Jesus!

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

K of C Scholarship Program Please Act Now to Participate

As a benefit of the C.O.A.L. Raffle Program: Ten scholarships (\$3,000 each) are available to the sons and daughters of Pennsylvania Knights. These are for students graduating from an accredited 4-year high school in 2018. Please get an application from any of the K of C Officers, or on line as noted below. A copy of your ACT or SAT must be included with the application. **It must be submitted with all required signatures (see below) by December 31st 2017.** Also, please support C.O.A.L. Raffle (Page-4)

- Two years ago, **Meredith V. Walker**, daughter of member **Gregory & Lori Walker**, was the recipient of a \$3,000.00 scholarship.
- Last year, **Annamarie Lovre**, daughter of member **Donald & Monica Lovre**, was the recipient of a \$3,000.00 scholarship.

For 2018 Scholarship Requirements and Application see:

<www.pakofc.us/programs/youth/scholarship>

Application Deadline: December 31st 2017

Signatures of: Pastor, School, FS & GK required (please apply early) ...



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December 2017

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Our Lady of Olives Council #3907 <> Council Calendar November 26th 2017 – January 13th 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 26 1 <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	November 27 <i>34th or Last Week in Ordinary Time</i>	November 28	November 29 <i>1st & 2nd Degrees St. Mary's C14722</i>	November 30 <i>Pgh Chapter Memorial Mass & Dinner \$15 6pm Bellevue C1400 →</i>	December 1 <i>First Friday Overnight(8pm-9am) Adoration: SJ&P →</i>	December 2 <i>First Saturday</i>
December 3 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	December 4	December 5 <i>Pittsburgh Chapter NO MEETING (Memorial Mass Dec 1)</i>	December 6 <i>K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM</i>	December 7 <i>Pearl Harbor Day Priest Lunch 11:30am Vincentian Home</i>	December 8 <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception (HDO) COAL Drawing</i>	December 9 <i>Christmas Party St. Alexis (N-3pm)</i>
December 10 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	December 11	December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	December 13	December 14	December 15 <i>Bishop Project meeting, St. Mary of Mont. C491</i>	December 16
December 17 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	December 18	December 19	December 20 <i>K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM</i>	December 21 <i>January Olive Branch Input Due</i>	December 22	December 23
December 24 <i>4th Sunday of Advent Vigil of Christmas Christmas Eve</i>	December 25 <i>Nativity of Jesus Christmas Day (HDO) HOLIDAY</i>	December 26 <i>St. Stephen</i>	December 27 <i>St. John</i>	December 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	December 29	December 30 <i>Last Day to Submit KofC Scholarship Application</i>
December 31 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph New Year's Eve.</i>	January 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (HDO) New Year's Day HOLIDAY</i>	January 2 <i>Pittsburgh Chapter Penn Allegheny C4242 (Verona) 7:30pm</i>	January 3 <i>K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM</i>	January 4	January 5 <i>First Friday St. John Neumann Overnight(8pm-9am) Adoration: SJ&P →</i>	January 6 <i>First Saturday</i>
January 7 <i>The Epiphany Of the Lord</i>	January 8 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	January 9 <i>1st Week in Ordinary Time</i>	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13