



The Olive Branch

Our 64th Year

Chartered – November 14, 1954



February 2018

Shooting for a STAR!

Chaplain's Message.....

We Can All Make a Difference

Dear Brother Knights,

As baptized Christians, our constant mission is to build the Church. This has nothing to do with buildings and everything to do with a community of believers. We also know that the best way to make disciples for Jesus is to become better disciples of Jesus. Are you active in growing the Church? Here are a few suggestions to consider that can contribute to the good of every parish:

1. First: Do all that you can to become a more welcoming member of your community. Feedback from and statistics of those who join a church will tell you that the number one factor that influences their decision to join (or leave) a community is experiencing a sense of welcome. Ask yourself why you go back to certain restaurants or businesses? It's not just about the food, but the service. Hospitality is not just the work of a few who wear name tags and serve as "official greeters". It's the responsibility of everyone in the parish. It's not hard; treat everyone at church as you would a guest in your home. Pay special attention to strangers or new comers. This is how you can help build a welcoming community.
2. Second: Sing. Unfortunately, we as Catholics do not enjoy a good reputation for singing in church. (If you don't believe me, visit a Protestant church.) You don't have to sing well, just sing – like you mean it! Worship involves action! Anything less is just observation which is not what disciples of Jesus do. Can you imagine what our worship would feel like if everyone (beginning with you) sang openly?
3. Third: Everyone needs to practice responsible stewardship. Responsible stewardship involves knowing what percentage of weekly, monthly, or annual income you return to God through charitable giving? We know what the Lord asks of us – 10% - the tithe. Not bad when you appreciate that God allows us to use 90% of our income for our own responsible purpose. How close are you to meeting that expectation? Do the math and identify the actual proportion your gift in comparison to your income. Consider increasing your gift just 1% each year until you reach the goal. This is the only fair way of giving that it makes a sacrificial gift equal to everyone – no excuses.

As the baptized and as Knights, we are called to lead. Pray. See the difference your openness, faith, and growing love of Jesus makes in your community.

In Jesus,

Father Paul Zywan

Chaplain, Council #3907



Grand Knight's Message.....

Brothers,

The new year of 2018 is underway. Our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ with our families and friends is over all too quickly. I hope that each of you will continue to experience the joy and peace of Christmas and keep its spirit alive for the entire year. In a few short weeks, on February 14th, we will observe Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season, that culminates with Christ's Passion, His death on the Cross and His Resurrection.



We commenced our year with Eucharistic Adoration at the Grotto of Saints John & Paul Church on the evening of Friday, January 5th into the morning of January 6th and again on February 2nd & 3rd.

As previously reported our Council sponsored a Priests Luncheon on December 7th 2017 at Vincentian Home. The next luncheon is scheduled for March 1st 2018.

The 45th Annual March for Life Rally in Washington, D.C. took place on Friday January 19th. Buses were loaded at Saint Alexis Church and Saint Kilian Church at 6:30am and arrived back around 11:30pm.

Planning is underway for a variety of events for this year including the following: A Saint Patrick's Day Party in March; A Night at the Races event in May; a Family Rosary every three month; our Annual Council Picnic; our Council Memorial Mass; and Pass the Gavel Night Dinner Party. In addition, our Knights plan on attending the Bishop's Appreciation Dinner.

Finally, as described in detail in the Olive Branch, our Council has instituted a program of regular support to charities including the sponsorship of Tuition Scholarships benefiting two students in each one of our four parishes.

Vivat Jesus!

William J. McKim

Grand Knight

Meeting Schedule

For February come join us for the Rosary at 7:30pm followed by the regular Meeting at 8:00pm February 7th and 21st.

March's meetings are at the same time on March 7th and 21st



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE



Plan and Protect

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been a family-first organization. Father McGivney was striving to find Catholic men who could come together to protect and support the families in their communities who needed it most – including their own.

As we begin the new calendar year of 2018, the Knights of Columbus has well over \$100 billion of life insurance in force, covering the lives of hundreds of thousands of our members and their families. Knights across North America continue to trust their Order to protect them and to see to it that their loved ones are well taken care of once they are gone.

More and more members are preparing to leave behind legacies of protection for their loved ones. But how are each of us doing on an individual level? How well protected are our families? Are we certain that the insurance that we have in place is enough to cover their needs? Is it enough to allow those left behind to remain in their homes, to attend college, to continue to live the lives they are accustomed to? Would we even know how to begin calculating and projecting those needs?

There are a lot of moving pieces and parts that go into calculating just how much your life is worth in dollars and cents. You are worth far more to your family than simply a number on a page, of course, but you do provide for them. And, if you are no longer able to, you want to make sure that their lives are not further devastated by your absence.

These calculations and determinations are not ones that you need to make on your own. I can help you identify what you need to do in-order to adequately protect your family. The Knights of Columbus provides members a comprehensive, complimentary needs analysis titled "Profiles & Forecaster", a proven industry tool that helps you determine your needs. I will gladly perform this custom analysis for you and your family **absolutely-free**. It is a fraternal benefit that costs you nothing, but could tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses and shortages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses, and more.

How could you turn down a free comprehensive analysis from one of the "World's Most Ethical Companies?" Why would you pass up on a complete review from North America's most highly rated Life Insurer? *

Helping your family to prepare for life without you is one of the most selfless actions you can make. So, as your family realizes how much they love you and how much you mean to them, show them how much they mean to you. Make an appointment with me for your custom analysis, and begin to build an insurance portfolio that will guarantee their protection after you are gone.

**As of 12/31/16, rated A++, superior for financial strength by A.M. Best. Designated a 2016 World's Most Ethical Company by the Ethisphere Institute.*

Contact me to arrange for an appointment.

Joe

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

40 Cans for Lent

Supreme Council has suggested that Councils help fight hunger by planning a "40 Cans for Lent" Drive by asking members of the community to contribute one can of food for each day of Lent.

An excellent way to support this initiative would be to ask folks to bring their 40-Cans to the **St. Patrick's Dinner on March 10th**.

You could also bring cans to our Meetings on Feb 21st and March 7th.

As a reminder, our Council does support the North Hills Community Outreach Food Pantry as well as others, so please help with whatever you "Can". **Pun intended!**

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Romig – 412-364-3679 – <wercr@verizon.net>

Think Spring! Think Golf!

Golfers of all skill levels, join the Saint Alphonsus Men's Golf League for our 49th Season. Open to new and returning golfers, ages 18 and over, you are invited to join us for a summer of fun and fellowship.

The organizational meeting for the 2018 Season will be held on Thursday March 15th at 7:00PM in the Art Room at Saint Alphonsus School (or Blessed Francis Seelos Academy, the new school name).

Practice Sessions will begin on Monday, April 2nd Tee-Off" any time after 4:00PM through 5:30PM.

League play begins on April 23rd and continues thru the end of August at Rittswood Golf Course in Valencia.

All interested golfers should Attend Meeting or Contact...

Dru Rezzetano – 724-625-1803 or 724-321-7363
<drurezz@gmail.com>

2017 – 2018 Bishop's Project Report

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of our Brother Knights and the members of our four Parishes, we will again exceed our Bishop's Project Goal. Thank You to those Knights that sold Tootsie Rolls after Mass at our four Parish Churches and everyone that stuffed Christmas Seals into envelopes and Church Bulletins. We want to especially thank everyone that was so generous with their contributions to the Tootsie Roll and Christmas Seal....

Collections: In the 59-years of the Bishop's Project, Council 3907 have exceeded our goal almost every year. Our Council's 59-year total will be over \$259,000.00.

If you have not contributed so-far this year, it is not too late to do so; deadline to be included in this Year's campaign is **Monday, February 19th**. Send to: K of C, Bishop's Project, PO Box 9691, Pittsburgh PA 15226-9905; or Donate online at: <www.bishopspjprojectkofc.org> Donate Now. **Please include Council #3907 & your Parish name.**

Steve Seaman

724-935-2576 – <sgseaman@zoominternet.net>

March Issue of the Olive Branch!

The deadline for the **March 2018** issue of the Olive Branch will be on February 18th. 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

Our next Family Rosary is confirmed for Sunday March 18th at Saint John Neumann after the 11:30am Mass. Please join Your Brother Knights and pray this wonderful Devotion to our Blessed Mother, Mary. Everyone is welcome.

Vivat Jesus!

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

Father Murphy has a new address

Our previous Council Chaplain, Father Murphy, has a new address. If you have a minute, send him a note:

Rev. Peter P. Murphy
Saint John Vianney Manor
2600 Morange Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4241
<pmurphy@diopitt.org>

Vacancy – Outside Guard

Brother, as most of you know by now, we lost a dear friend with the passing of member Chuck Haefner this past December. Please take the time to “re-read” the wonderful tribute in the January Olive Branch – Page-4. Chuck’s death has not only left an empty space in our Hearts, it has left an empty spot for his old-position as Outside Guard. Chuck Hagen has been nominated to fill this position until the council elections in June, pending any further nominations before/during our next meeting February 7th.

Other nominations are welcome. You can self-nominate, or nominate someone else via call/e-mail to GK Bill McKim at <wjmkim@consolidated.net>, or call 412-736-2672, or just come to the February 21st meeting and Vote.

2017 "Football Sweeps"

We had another successful year with our State Football Sweepstakes program. Council #3907 was credited with selling some (576) tickets. We were #3 for tickets sold in our W-PA Area:

Thanks to PGK Mike Conroy for Chairing this committee and thanks to all members who sold and/or purchased Tickets. The profits from this program will go a long way in supporting our Charitable Programs....

Remember in Your Prayers

The following individuals were included in our prayers at our two January meetings; Please add them to your Prayer List....

Deceased: Marilyn (Sestric) Zivic; Jean Kelley; SK John J. Batykerfer Sr.; John Wylie Sr. Dan Malecki; and Mike Sabol.

Members: PGK SK Morrie Stack; SK Dave Kelsch....

Family & Friends: Marian Stack; Bob Malone; Pat Corcoran; Denise Malchano; Larry Sampietro; George Buettner; Bill Kelley; Nancy Cummings; Bob Cummings; Ed Mitchell; Marlene Seaman; Gloria Ley; Amanda Gunkle; Helen Knox; Angela Amrine; Mary Jo LeDonne and Betty Kolakowski

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 2017 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 February 2nd into Saturday morning February 3rd. Then, next month March 2nd & 3rd

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

Degree Candidates -- REMINDER

Admission & Formation 1st & 2nd Degrees Opportunities are coming up, as follows:

- Wednesday January 31st 7:00pm Saint Kilian C14807
Old Social Hall in downtown Mars (beside Old Church).
- Tuesday February 13th, 6:30pm Bentleyville C5826.

Full Knighthood 3rd Degree:

- Saturday 9:00AM February 3rd Saint Kilian C14807
(new) Church (basement).
- Sunday 1PM February 11th in Lower Burrell C1381

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>

"A Look Ahead"

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

January 31st	1st & 2nd Degrees, Mars, PA
February 2nd/3rd	Overnight Adoration Saints J & P
February 3rd	Knighthood 3rd Degree, Saint Killian's
February 7th / 14th	Council Meeting
February 13th	1st & 2nd Degree, Bentleyville
February 14th	Lent Begins (Ash Wednesday)
February 19th	Last Day to Contribute to Bishop Project.
March 1st	Retired Priest Luncheon
March 10th	Saint Patrick's Day Party
March 15th	Golf League Meeting
March 18th	Family Rosary
March /April	40-Cans for Lent

January Charitable Contributions

Our Council made the following charitable contributions in January:

- \$1,500** towards tuition of student attending Quigley Catholic HS
- \$1,500** towards tuition of student attending Oakland Catholic HS
- \$1,500** towards tuition of student attending Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic HS

This brings contributions to date (see previous issues):

- ** **\$500.00** Ladder of Truth, Inc.
- \$1,000.00** Ultra Sound Initiative-Machine Maintenance
- \$1,000.00** Austin Texas Hurricane Harvey relief.
- ** **\$100.00** Blessed Francis Seelos Academy-Hurricane Harvey
- ** **\$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:

1. These donations have come from \$25,000 budgeted for our "Fraternal Year" that ends June 30th 2018. We are on schedule.
2. The above \$1,500 "Student Tuition Grants" represent the results (to date) of responses from the four parishes we support. We have budgeted \$12,000 for this Fraternal Year. \$3,000 to each parish for (2) \$1,500 grants each, for recipients chosen at the discretion of the respective Pastors.
3. The donations with (**) indicate contributions from our General Funds not the budgeted \$25,000.
4. All donations shown are separate from, and in addition to, our Council "Charity Fund" that Rich Karapandi maintains.

Final Note: With five months left in this Fraternal Year, we welcome suggestions for additional Charitable contributions. Please send your suggestions to Grand Knight, Bill McKim. Email: <wjmkim@consolidated.net>

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Romig, DGK / Rich Karapandi, Charities Director

C.O.A.L. Raffle

I want to thank all of you who bought or sold tickets in our Annual C.O.A.L. Raffle..... *Thank You!!!* We had a successful drive – even better than last year.

Once Again, we had no winners from our Council, but there were five from our neck of the woods, so "*maybe next Year*"

Once again Thanks & God Bless

Rich Karapandi

St. Patrick's Day Party



Saturday March 10th

Mark your calendars **NOW** for our **Eleventh Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** on Saturday, March 10th 2018 at the Grand Ball Room of our Old Council Home at 250 Swinderman Road, Wexford, PA 15090-0131

The evening will feature delicious Hors d'Oeuvres served at 6:00pm, followed by an **Irish themed Buffet Dinner** at 7:00pm. Included are wine, beer and soft drinks. A cash bar for other beverages will also be available. Also, we'll have a DJ for Irish music and dancing.

The price for all above is only \$25.00 per person.

Line up your family & friends to enjoy an outstanding evening. Please contact **Morrie Stack** for Reservations now at 412-366-2475. Or send your check to Morrie at: (161 Parkfel Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-4849)

March for Life

The 45th annual March for Life rally was held in Washington, D.C. January 19th. Several of our local Parishes sponsored busses and several of our Knights participated including Larry Emark, Chris Kelley and Ed Thomas. If you would like to see a good video of the event, go to <<http://marchforlife.org/home/>>

Parish Retreat Schedule

St. Paul's Passionist Retreat Center
<www.stpaulofthecrossmonastery.com>
<stpaulsretreatcenter-pittsburgh.org>

Men's Retreats:

Mar. 9-11 - St. John Neumann	Andrew James	412-369-0640
	Paul Crnkovic	412-367-7481
Mar. 16-18 - St. John & Paul	Tony Muhlenkamp	724-934-5139
	Jim Michel	412-980-3377

Others: See Fall Retreat Center Newsletter, else Signup above.

Web Site Links:

Our Lady of Olives	< www.kofc3907.org >
Pittsburgh Chapter	< www.pittsburghchapterkofc.org >
PA State Council	< www.pakofc.us >
Supreme Council	< www.kofc.org >
Diocese of Pittsburgh	< www.diopitt.org >
TRY (Special Needs)	< www.tryspecialneeds.org >
Bishop's Project	< www.bishopsprojectkofc.org >



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Our Lady of Olives Council #3907 <> Council Calendar January 28th 2018 – March 10th 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 28 <i>Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2 <i>First Friday Presentation of the Lord Ground Hog Day Overnight(8pm-9am) Adoration: SJ&P →</i>	February 3 <i>Ft Saturday/St. Blaise Blessing of Throats 3rd Degrees C14807 St. Kilian new Church</i>
February 4 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	February 5	February 6 Pittsburgh Chapter Pius XII C4925 (Monroeville) 7:30pm	February 7 K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM	February 8	February 9	February 10
February 11 <i>Sixth Sunday in O.T. White Mass Cathedral 12N 3rd Degrees C1381 Lower Burrell</i>	February 12 Lincoln's Birthday	February 13 <i>1st&2nd Degrees Bentleyville C5826</i>	February 14 ASH Wednesday Fast & Abstinence Lent Begins → Valentine's Day	February 15	February 16 <i>Fish Fries / No Meat</i>	February 17
February 18 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	February 19 President's Day HOLIDAY <i>Deadline to Contribute to Bishop Project Fund</i>	February 20	February 21 K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM 7:30PM	February 22 <i>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle March Olive Branch Input Due</i>	February 23 <i>Fish Fries / No Meat</i> Bishop Project meeting, St. Mary of Mont. C491	February 24
February 25 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	February 26	February 27	February 28 4 th Degree Assembly #2191 Meeting Russellton C5501 7:30pm	March 1 Priest Lunch 11:30 Vincetian Home	March 2 <i>Fish Fries / No Meat Overnight(8pm-9am) Adoration: SJ&P →</i>	March 3 <i>First Saturday</i>
March 4 <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	March 5	March 6 Pittsburgh Chapter JFK C5501 (Russelton) 7:30pm	March 7 K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM	March 8	March 9 <i>Fish Fries / No Meat</i> SJN Men's Retreat→	March 10 St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Bring Can Goods