



The Olive Branch

Our 64th Year

Chartered – November 14, 1954



April 2018

Shooting for a STAR!

Chaplain's Message.....

Easter

New Life, New Hope

Dear Brother Knights,

Easter is always about new life. That's because of what Jesus has done for us. He has conquered the grave and won for us new life – eternal life. Easter is more than a historical event, it's about experiencing new life – new hope here and NOW! In countless ways, we thirst for that new life. Jesus is with us to assist with our crosses and to make it possible for us to experience his love and presence in the midst of life - in whatever experience of life we find ourselves.

I was reflecting on a number of intentions that I was asked to pray for just this past week. There was the mother who is struggling to make ends meet in supporting her family. She dearly loves her children and between caring for them and working to support them, she's exhausted. She can't seem to save the money she needs to pay for repairs on her car that she desperately depends on. A young husband with two children is stressed-out over reconciling matters with his wife whom he loves dearly. She's wants to separate from him and has intimated her desire for a divorce. Besides that, his position at work is in jeopardy. A woman came up to me after Mass asking me to please pray for her brother who has not been heard from in recent days. In the past, he threatened to take his own life. Another parishioner asked me to remember her uncle in prayer. He recently passed through death. Her father is deceased and this uncle was his last living sibling. Life is hard!

All these stories are true, and overwhelming. And this is precisely why Jesus came, preached, suffered, died on the cross and rose from the dead. He did this for us so that we too, could transcend the crosses we bear and to share in the victory over sin, death, and all that pains us. He wants us to have new life - a better life, a life with him! This is not just about the now, but FOREVER!

Wherever you are in your life, no matter what is coming at you, remember that Jesus is right there with you. That's what Easter is all about. We are never alone; God is with us! And Christ's new life is ours. All we need to do is welcome him, walk with him and believe. Whatever is going on in your life, never lose sight of the presence and promise of the risen Christ. There is always hope, because it is always Easter! Once we have taken to heart this good news, how can we keep it a secret? As disciples transformed by the power of God's love, we must share what we have experienced so that others may also come to know the Father's infinite and unconditional love. This is what Christians do. This is what must be at the heart of our service as Knights.

To you and yours, may you have a blessed and glorious Easter season! And remember to rejoice always, for the Lord's risen life is ours!

In Jesus,

Father Paul Zywan

Chaplain, Council #3907



Grand Knight's Message.....

Brothers,

On April 1st 2018, the Church celebrates Easter Sunday, the most important Holy Day of the Liturgical Year. It is the culmination of Holy Week. On this day Our Savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead, the most significant event in all of History.



Although the men's retreats at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery are not Knights of Columbus functions, many of our members attend and benefit from the weekend retreats held annually by the Passionists. Many members from each of the parishes affiliated with our Council attend one of the retreats presented by the priests at the Monastery. Early in March the parish retreats were completed.

Our regular events continue as follows:

- On February 21st 2018, the Council voted to elect Chuck Hagen to fill the position of Outside Guard which was left vacant by the passing of Chuck Haefner. Brother Hagen will fill this position until Council elections are held in June.
- On March 1st 2018, a Retired Priests' Luncheon was held at Vincentian Home. Bob Shaffrey and Morrie Stack organize this event. Sixteen (16) residents, several of whom are Knights, attended along with eight (8) Knights who helped serve the residents. The assembly enjoyed pizza, drinks and cookies.
- First Friday Overnight Eucharistic Adoration took place on March 2-3rd 2018, in the Grotto Chapel of Saints John & Paul.
- The 4th Degree held a Mass for the disabled at Holy Name Church on Troy Hill at 9:00 am on March 4th 2018.
- The Eleventh Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance was held on Saturday March 10th 2018 starting at 6:00pm in The Columbian Room, at our former Council Home on Swinderman Road. Hors d'oeuvres were served at 6:00pm followed by an Irish Themed Buffet Dinner at 7:00pm. Entertainment was supplied by the "Bell School of Irish Dance". DJ Jack Armstrong provided music. Approximately one hundred brothers and their guests attended. Thanks to Morrie Stack, Rich Karapandi, and Ed Thomas for organizing the event.
- A Family Rosary was recited after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, March 18th 2018 at St. John Neumann Church. Chris Kelley made the arrangements and led the Rosary.
- On Sunday, March 25th 2018, a Western Section meeting was held at the Greensburg Council Home. Registration will be at 1:00pm followed by the meeting at 2:00pm.
- Larry Emark continues to lead the Degrees, updating the schedule as required.
- Finally, the 120th Annual State Convention of the PA Knights of Columbus will take place in Harrisburg, PA on May 4-6, 2018. Seven members of Council #3907 have prepared or helped with the preparation of materials that were submitted in consideration for a State Program Award or a Supreme Council Award.

Vivat Jesus!

William J. McKim

Grand Knight



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Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

April 15th (tax-day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income-tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can — properly structured — guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

Contact me to arrange for an appointment.

Joe

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Meeting Schedule

For April come join us for the Rosary at 7:30pm followed by the regular Meeting at 8:00pm April 4th and 18th.

May's meetings are at the same time on May 2nd and 16th

K of C Sponsoring Vets on Gateway Clipper Cruise

As an "fyi", your council sponsored 2-Veterans to participate in a Gateway Clipper River Cruise that is organized by the local **Sharing and Caring** veterans support group. It's the 28th year hospitalized veterans have been welcomed by the Sharing and Caring organization and we are proud to be a part of this effort.

A Night at the Races May 12th 2018



We are planning this year's "Night at the Races" for May 12th in Bovard Hall at St. John Neumann Church. By purchasing a Horse or Jockey ahead of time, you can name them for the race, and share in the winnings should they come in 1st for their race. The particulars-are as follows:

Location: St. John Neumann, Bovard Hall

Doors open 6:45pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

Racing begins 7:45pm

Dinner Admission: \$25.00 per person

General Admission: \$10.00 per person

Purchase a Horse for \$10.00 per horse

Purchase a Jockey for \$5.00 per jockey buy 3 get one free

This is a BYOB event with Snacks, Beer, Wine, Soda and mixers included in your dinner admission (a pretty good deal for a night of fun and excitement).

Please Note: There is a May 1st 2018 Deadline for Dinner Reservation, purchasing Horses and Jockeys.

Look for a **Flyer** on this event within this issue of the *Olive Branch*.

This is usually a fun, well attended night. If you would like to attend, or wish to sponsor a horse or jockey, please contact:

Terry Conroy, (412) 865-9998,

<terrence19650@yahoo.com> or any C3907 Officer.

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.

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 Contact...

Dru Rezzetano – 724-625-1803 or 724-321-7363

<drurezz@gmail.com>

Knight of the Month

Please join me in congratulating Dan Murrer for receiving the Knight of the Month award for March-2018. This award is conferred by each Council at various times during the year to recognize one of our Brother Knights for outstanding service to the Knights and our community. Congratulations!! Dan.....

"Wives Appreciation" Dinner

A Wives Appreciation Dinner is being organized for June. Date, location and Time will be listed once established. Look for more details in a following issue of your *Olive Branch* newsletter

May Issue of the Olive Branch!

The deadline for the **May 2018** issue of the Olive Branch will be on April 19th. 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>

Thank You!

On behalf of our members that were present, I want to extend our sincere thanks to Paul McMahon, Director of Marketing at the *Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors* for his very informative presentation at our council home on Wednesday evening March 21st. As a fellow Knight, Paul was invited to stay for our regular council meeting afterwards, but although his schedule did not allow that, he was able to stay and pray the Rosary with us prior to the meeting.

I also want to thank Trustee Chuck Mazur for arranging Paul's presentation and for the work that he does for us as the Chairman of our council's Investment Committee.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Romig,
Deputy Grand Knight

LIVING ROSARY

The Knights will hold its first Living Rosary of the year in the outdoor Rosary Garden at Saints John & Paul on Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00pm. After the Rosary, we'll have pizza and refreshments at the Cardinal DiNardo Center. In case of inclement weather, the Living Rosary will be held in the Center. As is our custom, we will invite First Communicant girls to participate in the Rosary. Please join us for this wonderful tribute to Mary.

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



Thank You!

Now that our "40 Cans for Lent" campaign has ended, I wanted to extend my sincere gratitude on behalf of myself and the North Hills Community

Outreach's *Loaves and Fishes* food pantry for your food donations. As many of you know, our Council has taken collections various times throughout the year and those of you that brought donations to our March meetings for the "40 Cans" totaled 195 lbs. of canned goods. What wonderful "alms giving"!

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Romig,
Deputy Grand Knight

Remember in Your Prayers

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

Deceased: Mike Malone; Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy; Edward Jadlowiec; Regina Mascerelli; Rev. Charles Bergman; Alba Spinelli; Gloria H. Ley; Martha C. Mission; SK Raymond Newcomer Sr.; and HL Thomas Joseph Kelly Jr.

Members: Ed Unger; PGK Morrie Stack; Dave Kelsch; and Larry Sampietro.

Family & Friends: Kathy Strock; Marlene Seaman; Ed Mitchell; Amanda Gunkle; Marian Stack; Bill Kelley; Beth; Denise Malchano; George Buettner; Nancy Cummings; Bob Cummings; Bob Malone; Rich Pierce; Amanda Gunkle; Francine Fischer; Helen Knox; Nancy Dye; 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 April 6th into Saturday morning April 7th. Then, next month May 4th and 5th.

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

"A Look Ahead"

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

April 22 nd	Family Mass & Lunch
April 25 th	4 th Degree Applications Due
May 12 th	Night at the Races
May 4 th - 6 th	The 120 th Annual State Convention
May 20 th	State Warden's Testimonial
June 3 rd	Exemplification 4 th Degree

St. Patrick's Day Party

We held our **Eleventh Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** on Saturday March 10th at the Grand Ball Room of our Old Council Home. Ninety-Five Knights, Wives and friends enjoyed Hors-d'oeuvre and the **Irish themed Buffet Dinner**. The highlight of the evening was the return of the Irish dancers from The Bell School of Irish Dance. Thanks to Ed Thomas, Rich Karapandi and Morrie Stack who organized this event, and to all who brought the Hors D'oeuvres, and help set up/decorate and clean up after things were over. If you couldn't join us this year, please remember to plan to attend our next party.

120TH ANNUAL PA STATE CONVENTION

The 120th Annual State Convention of the PA Knights of Columbus will take place from May 4-6, 2018. The convention will be held at the Hilton Harrisburg, 1 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA. All 3rd Degree+ Members are welcome to attend. The business sessions are on Friday evening 9:00pm - 11:00pm; Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm; and Sunday from 9:00am - noon. This Convention is where we will elect the state officers. For full details and other information, go to the PA State Council Website at <www.pakofc.us>.



**Exemplification of the PATRIOTIC
4TH Degree**

Knights of Columbus Calvert Province Pennsylvania West District
Pittsburgh DoubleTree by Hilton -- at Pittsburgh

Meadow Lands, Washington PA Sunday June 3rd 2018
- Mass (Optional): 10:00am
- Registration: 11:00am to 12:30pm
- Exemplification: 1:00pm
- Ladies Luncheon: 1:00pm
- Banquet: 5:00pm

This is a formal degree open to all 3rd Degree Knights in good standing who wish to advance to the 4th degree. [The six-month waiting period from 1st Degree to 4th Degree has been eliminated, by RESOLUTION 2012-09.] **Candidate applications need to be received for processing ASAP, prior to our April 25th monthly 4th Degree Meeting. 4th Degree Member/Guest Banquet Reservation deadline is May 12th 2017.**

(NEW DRESS-CODE) All candidates must dress in a dark suit (black, dark grey, or navy blue), white dress shirt, tie, black socks and black shoes. Details provided within application. Clergy and Servicemen who are candidates or members may attend in the formal dress uniform of their respective service.

Your Lady's attendance is requested. An optional morning Mass is offered prior to the degree. There will be a Ladies program provided during the degree.

A formal sit-down dinner will follow this degree. Fees for this degree and dinner are required to be prepaid. Details provided within application. This degree is for all-of Western Pennsylvania, from Erie to Pittsburgh.

The class honoree will be: **SK FRANK J. ROZZO, STATE WARDEN.** Local 4th Degree units, called assemblies, draw their members from Knights of Columbus Councils, in our case the eight councils that makeup Western PA Districts-100 & 122. The 4th Degree imparts a lesson on the virtue of patriotism. The primary purpose of this degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship. A 4th Degree Knight may become part of the Assembly's Color Corps. These members are recognized widely by their distinctive attire of tuxedo, feathered hat (chapeau), cape and sword; or the new Uniform and sword. These members regularly take part in civic events such as parades and wreath-laying ceremonies, and at ecclesiastical functions at Catholic churches. The 4th Degree Color Corps is the visible arm of the Knights. **For more information on this exemplification, contact PGK SK Larry Emark 412-367-0525 <emarklw@verizon.net> or any other 4th Degree member.** This PA Western Region **Patriotic Fourth Degree Announcement** (plus the upcoming Degree Schedule) can be found on PA State Website at: <www.pakofc.us/degrees/upcoming/west/index.html>

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>

Quarterly Retired Priest' Luncheon

On March 1st, the Quarterly Retired Priests/resident Men's luncheon was held at Vincentian Home. Sixteen residents were served a pizza lunch by eight brother Knights, led by Bob Shaffrey and Morrie Stack. Our Council furnished the pizza and beverages (some with hops and natural carbonation). This joint project with Vincentian Home, is now in its 14th year. Our next luncheon is planned for June. We encourage you to participate. Watch the May Olive Branch for more details.

Your 2018 Labels are Out!

Brothers:

The 2018 KofC Labels are out. This program benefits PA Special Olympics and supports vocations in all 10-Dioceses in the state. Your participation also helps Councils like ours who attend the State Convention as we can qualify for a rebate to help defray the cost of attending. The Labels are distinctive and proudly proclaim that you are a **KNIGHT**. Please use your Labels and make-a-donation for this worthy cause. If you need more or would like a special set, contact Mike Conroy

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Conroy, Email: <conroy1603@gmail.com>

March Charitable Contributions

- Our Council made the following charitable contributions in March:
- \$1,500 Tuition Grant - Student attending Central Catholic HS**
- \$1,500 Tuition Grant - Student attending Vincentian Academy**
- \$1,500 Tuition Grant - Student attending Blessed Francis Seelos Academy**
- \$1,000 Ultra Sound Initiative (Machine Maintenance).**
- \$1,000 North Hills Community Outreach.**
- \$1,000 Angels' Place, Inc.**
- \$1,000 Brother's Brother Foundation (Aid to Puerto Rico.)**
- \$1,000 Victim Outreach Intervention Center - for: (Cranberry Women's Shelter)**

You may review previous issues of the Olive Branch to see all the contributions we have made to-date in the 2017-2018 year. A recap of all the budgeted donations made for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year will appear in the July 2018 Olive Branch.

May we continue to meet the challenge of the "First and Foremost Principal of our Order": Charity!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each year, **TRY-A Special Needs Organization**, hold their annual dinner-dance and members of the Knights of Columbus graciously donate their time to wait on tables to serve them. This year, it will be held 6:00 pm on Friday, May 4th at The Columbian Room, our old location, 250 Swinderman Rd., Wexford PA.

If you wish to help, please communicate with Bill Eaton: 724-933-0284, 724-612-1914, or <willroe@consolidated.net>

Annual Family Mass & Luncheon

The Knights' annual Family Mass will be held at 11:00am on **Sunday April 22nd at Saint Alexis'** new church, with Father Zywan presiding. Knights and their Families will be seated in the first several rows of pews. Afterwards, the Knights and their families will be hosted in a private room at the Walnut Grill on Route-19, starting at Noon. Reservations for the Luncheon are required, as I need to provide a final head-count to the restaurant, prior to the luncheon. Please RSVP to Chris Kelley (contact information below) by April 13th.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Kelley, Church Director

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April 2018

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Return Service Requested

Our Lady of Olives Council #3907 <> Council Calendar March 25th 2018 – May 5th 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Passion of the Lord</i> Western Section Meeting Greensburg C1480 Greensburg, PA 15601	March 26	March 27	March 28 4 th Degree 7:30pm Assembly #2191 Meeting St. Kilian C14807	March 29 HOLY THURSDAY	March 30 GOOD FRIDAY Fast & Abstinence <i>Fish Fries / No Meat</i>	March 31 HOLY SATURDAY <i>(Vigil of Easter)</i>
April 1 EASTER SUNDAY Resurrection of the Lord	April 2 The Annunciation of the Lord	April 3 Pittsburgh Chapter Chartiers C875 (Crafton) 7:30pm	April 4 K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM	April 5	April 6 <i>First Friday</i> Overnight(8pm-9am) Adoration: SJ&P →	April 7 <i>First Saturday</i>
April 8 Solemnity of the Second Sunday of Easter	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14
April 15 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	April 16	April 17 Income Tax Day	April 18 K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM 7:30PM	April 19 May Olive Branch Input Due BISHOP'S PROJECT DINNER	April 20	April 21 CMF @ CWNCHS
April 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Family Mass @SAIx & Lunch at Walnut Grill	April 23	April 24	April 25 4 th Degree 7:30pm Assembly #2191 Meeting Cranberry C11838	April 26	April 27	April 28
April 29 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	April 30	May 1 Pittsburgh Chapter Holy Child C12043 (Bridgeville) 7:30pm	May 2 K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM	May 3	May 4 <i>First Friday</i> PA State Convention TRY DINNER Overnight(8pm-9am) Adoration: SJ&P →	May 5 <i>First Saturday</i> PA State Convention