



The Olive Branch

Our 63rd Year

Chartered – November 14, 1954



October 2017

Shooting for a STAR!

Chaplain's Message.....

Dear Brother Knights,

October, A Time to Sow
Spiritual Seeds

Of all the images of saints captured by artists in sculpture, paintings or stained glass, no one is more popular than the Blessed Virgin Mary. By far, she is the saint who is captured most and remembered through art. (Do you know the second most remembered saint by artisans is? That would be St. Nicholas.) It is said that the most beautiful images of Our Lady are those of her holding the Christ Child. That is because Mary always directs us to her son, Jesus. Even in the Eastern Rites of the Church and in Orthodox communities, icons of Mary routinely have her hands and fingers ever so subtly pointing to her son, Jesus. It is like a graphic depiction of the words of Mary spoken at the Wedding in Cana, *Do whatever he tells you* (John 2:5).

Like May, the month of October has traditionally been associated with Mary as the month of the rosary. This is a great time for all of us as followers of Jesus to get to know him better while praying with Mother through reflecting on the mysteries of our Savior's life. The joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mysteries offer us key moments in Jesus' life to focus on while praying – like a sort of mantra – the words spoken by the Archangel Gabriel's in his invitation to Mary on behalf of Most High's to serve as the mother of His son, Jesus.

Make this October a special time to draw closer to Mary, our Mother and the Mother of Jesus by embracing the *powerful spiritual tool* that the rosary has been for ages. If you aren't familiar with the rosary, embrace it! If you don't already know them, try to memorize the mysteries of the rosary that focus on Jesus' saving love and grace. If you are not already praying the rosary with some frequency, begin by praying even one decade a day. If you are in the good habit of praying the rosary daily, do so with more fervor, deeper reflection and experience more peace. Consider introducing a friend to the rosary or even try to foster family spirituality in your home by praying a decade together perhaps before or after the evening meal or later before bedtime. The possibilities are endless and so is the grace. Let the month of October be a time for you to fall in love again with Mary, and know better the love of Jesus her son. October is truly a great time to plant the seeds that bear spiritual fruits. Blessings

Fraternally in Jesus!

Father Paul Zywan

Chaplain, Council #3907



Grand Knight's Message.....

Brothers,

On Friday, September 22, 2017, the Autumnal Equinox marked the beginning of Fall. We have resumed our twice a month regular meeting schedule. I am sure we all feel the summer passed too quickly. There are, however, many warm days ahead.

Our Council enjoyed many activities during the summer including the annual TRY Tournament at Vestal Field at the end of June; the Flag Retirement Ceremony on July 26th at the Wexford Fire Company station; the 5th Sunday Rosary at the Grotto Chapel of Sts. John & Paul Church on July 30th; our Council Summer picnic at Pine Community Park on August 27th; First Friday Eucharistic Adoration on September 1st in the Grotto of Sts. John & Paul Church; the Retired Priests' Luncheon on September 7th at Vincentian Home; and the Outdoor Rosary at Sts. John & Paul Church on September 13th.

In October two significant events that support wonderful charitable programs are scheduled. They are the Columbus Day Dinner Celebration on October 8th at the Doubletree by Hilton Pittsburgh Greentree and on October 20th the Annual Dinner Auction in support of St. Anthony School Programs at David Lawrence Convention Center. I hope you can support these most worthy charities.

The sale of "Football Crazz Sweepstakes" and "Chance of a Lifetime" (C.O.A.L.) Sweepstakes is underway. Mike Conroy is running the Football Sweepstakes and Rich Karapandi is in charge of the C.O.A.L. ticket sales. Please support their work and purchase or sell tickets. In addition, our members are seeking donations and are distributing tootsie rolls at our four parishes after each Mass. Larry Emark coordinates this effort.

George Franz organized a baseball outing for the Council. On September 23rd, members of our Council and their families enjoyed watching the Pirates and the Cardinals play at 7:05 PM at PNC Park. The ticket price included \$10 of food and drink.

Larry Emark, our Council's membership director, has been busy setting up Admission and Formation Degrees for our extended District and Assembly.

Finally, on October 22nd the new church at St. Alexis Parish will be dedicated by Bishop David A. Zubik at the 10:00 AM Mass. Pastor, Reverend Paul J. Zywan has invited the Knights of Columbus Color Corps to participate in the ceremony.

Vivat Jesus!

William J. McKim

Grand Knight



Meeting Schedule

In keeping with past practice, we have returned to our 1st and 3rd Wednesday meeting schedule for the rest of the year. For October come join us for the Rosary at 7:30pm followed by the regular Meeting at 8:00pm.

NOTE: The first **November** meeting will be on Thursday, **Nov. 2nd**, due to the All Saints Holy Day falling on Wednesday Nov. 1st.



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ASK ELIGIBLE MEN TO JOIN

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Contact me if I can be of assistance to you

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

Quarterly Retired Priests' Luncheon

The priest luncheon was held on Friday September 1st at Vincentian Nursing Home. Eleven Knights served hamburgers, hotdogs, beans, corn-on-the-cob and cookies to the twenty male residents and priests who attended.

The next luncheon will be on December 1st at 11:30. 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

Now is the time to get on-board with the 2017 Football Craze tickets. Purchase of a \$10 Crazsavr Discount Code gives you 10 chances to win a minimum of 25 prizes weekly from \$10 to \$400 for a total of \$2,500 each week! The Sweepstakes runs for the last 10 weeks of the NFL Season, Oct 29th to Dec 31st, giving you 10 opportunities to win. This is a very important fundraiser for our council.

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

November Issue of the Olive Branch!

The deadline for the **November 2017** issue of the Olive Branch will be on October 19th. Please send your input to:

George Franz <george.franzjr@gmail.com>

In 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

Please, Please, 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 (\$30.00), 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

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser



Our Annual **Tootsie Roll** fundraiser is being held this September and October, as noted below. Please help-out by Volunteering after Mass for these Collections and making-a-Donation for something Sweet:

Saints John and Paul	Complete
Saint Alphonsus	Complete
Saint Alexis	October 7 th & 8 th
Saint John Neumann	October 28 th & 29 th

Remember in your Prayers

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

Deceased: Lawrence A. Tylenda; Edward Dye; William J. Rastetter; Dennis A. Rohlman; Patricia A. Westerman; Rosemary E. Latess; SK Rev. Regis M. Farmer; Rita A. Davie; SK Robert A. Zoller, Sr; Thomas J Miller, Sr. and SK George A. Ley.

Members: SK Fr. Peter Murphy; SK David E Kelsch

Family & Friends: Buffy Tush; Patricia McKim; Bill Kelly; Ed Mitchell; George Buettner; Larry Sampetro; Kathy Strock, Denise Malchano; C.D. Zebly; Remineten Zebley; Bob Cummings; Nancy Cummings; Helen Kirsch; Betty Kolakowski; JoAnn Schaa; Bernard Klein and Marian Delisi

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 October 6th into Saturday October 7th. Then, next month November 3rd/4th

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.

We Are Starting to Use the \$25,000 Donation We Received

How Do You Think It Should Be Used??

We are starting to act on members suggestions on the best use of the Columbia Knight's Donation to K of C. We are still seeking input from our members on how to use this funding. Scholarships? Donations? Charities? Hurricane Relief? How Much? Who To? We want your input. Any Ideas please bring them to the meetings, or contact....

GK Bill McKim
P.O. Box 131
Wexford, PA 15090-0131
412-736-2672 (mobile)
wimckim@consolidated.net

Membership Note:

According to latest report from Supreme, we have 308 members in our Council...Do you know someone who would like to Join?

Living Rosary

The Living Rosary was held on Wednesday, September 13th in the outdoor Rosary Garden at Sts. John & Paul. After the Flag Presentation, Deacon Tom Lopus led the Rosary, assisted by 7 Boy Scouts. Thirty-Six people attended, including 11 Knights, 2 Scoutmasters, 5 parents of the Scouts, and 8 family members of the Knights. After the Rosary concluded, pizza and pop were served at the Cardinal DiNardo Center. A special thank you to Rita Romig for the tasty cookies she provided.

Vivat Jesus!

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

Fifth Sunday Rosary

The next 5th Sunday Rosary to honor Mary will be held October 29th at St. Alexis after the 11:00am Mass. Please Join US.

Vivat Jesus!

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

Degree Candidates -- REMINDER

We held **1st Admission** and **2nd Formation Degrees Wednesday evening August 30th** at Saint Kilian (old) Social Hall; Clark and Cherry Streets, (Downtown) Mars, PA 16046.

We congratulate: John J. 'Jay' Heurich on completing his 1st&2nd Degrees; and Dr. Timothy A. Ungarean DMD on completing his 2nd Degree. *Welcome!!!!*

3rd Degree Opportunities are coming up, as follows:

- Sunday afternoon October 29th 1:00pm Greensburg....

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

"Enjoy" Books 2018



The 2018 "Enjoy" books will be 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!!!!

Congratulations to Shawn Cannon and his Team. Due to their efforts, they have raised \$3,322 for the TRY Special Needs Organization. ...So far!!!

C.O.A.L. 2017

Brothers, It's **C.O.A.L.** time again. For those of you new to the council, or unfamiliar with COAL, the letters mean: "**Chance of a Lifetime.**" This is our Statewide Raffle to raise money for the Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. It is also a great fund raiser for our Council. Over the years we have had several of our children win these scholarships to help further their education.

There are sixteen prizes, ranging from a Car and Vacation Trips, to a 60" HDTV. The Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Included with your September Olive Branch was one book of C.O.A.L. tickets and an envelope already addressed to me. There are eight tickets in the book and we ask that you sell them (or buy for yourself) and return them in the envelope provided. We would appreciate a donation of a minimum of \$5.00 per Book - make Checks out to: **KofC #3907.**

The return deadline this year is **November 22nd** (the day before Thanksgiving).

If you have any questions or want additional Books, contact me at 412-366-3294 -or- <richrk@verizon.net>

Thanks, and God Bless You!

Rich

Rich Karapandi

K of C – Investment Group

The first several meetings of the Investment Group sparked some interest from brother knights and others. I have also identified an "investment club" that may be of interest to our group. I will place an announcement in the bulletins of the local parishes to hopefully increase the number of participants.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for:

Monday October 16th at 7:00 pm.

Knights of Columbus No. 3907
11676 Perry Highway, Building 2, STE 2308
Wexford, PA. 15090

(Across Route 19, Perry Highway from St. Alphonsus)
Building II - Enter from Rear onto the 2nd floor; take elevator to third floor, Room 2308.

Chuck Mazur
<cmazur326@aol.com>
412-366-2351

"Look Ahead"

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

October 4th	Turn in Football Craze Entrees
October 7th	Columbus Day Parade, Greentree
October 8th	Columbus Day Dinner, Greentree
October 10th	4th Degree Memorial Mass Saint Richard
October 22nd	St. Alexis Church Dedication
October 29th	Fifth Sunday Rosary at St. Alexis
November 1st	All Saints Day – NO MEETING
November 2nd	First Meeting of November
December 1st	Priest Luncheon at Vincentian Home
December 9th	Children's Christmas Party at St. Alexis

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

Christmas Party Heads-Up!!

Saturday December 9th 2017
(Noon to 3PM)

Planning for The CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY is well underway. Please let your kids and grandkids know that this year's party will be held December 9th in the St. Alexis 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

September Charitable Contributions

Our Council made the following charitable contributions in September:

- \$1,000.00 was sent to the Knights of Columbus Texas State Council in Austin, Texas for relief from Hurricane Harvey.
- \$100.00 was given to Blessed Francis Seelos Academy (formar St. Alphonsus & St. Alexis Schools) to assist in their aid to Texas for Hurricane Harvey relief.
- \$50.00 was donated to the Alpha Omega Center, in New Castle, PA (A pro-life women's assistance program).

Vivat Jesus!
Bill Romig, Deputy Grand Knight

St. Alexis Church Dedication

If you plan to participate in the Dedication Ceremonies for the new St. Alexis Church October 22nd, 10 AM, look for our K of C Color Corps who have been asked to participate in this great day.

Congratulations also go out to our K of C Chaplain, Father Zywan who is the pastor of St. Alexis.

Did You Know That Our Council Supports Several 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

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

Annual Memorial Mass & Potluck Dinner

Our annual Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm Wednesday, November 8th at St. Alexis, with Father Zywan presiding. This year we will be honoring:

- **HL SK George Andrew Ley, Jr. FFS3907 PGK3907 GT**
RIP-08/11/2017
- **Thomas James Miller, Sr.**
RIP-07/30/2017
- **HL SK Robert Albert Zoeller, Sr.**
RIP-07/21/2017
- **Robert F. "Bob" Craig**
RIP-07/17/2017
- **HL Wayne R. Yetter**
RIP-05/28/2017
- **Michael J. Zafris**
RIP-04/22/2017
- **Martin "Marty" Amrhein**
RIP-03/07/2017

SK=Sir Knight;
PGK-Past Grand Knight
FFS-Former Financial Secretary
HL=Honorary Life
GT=Gold-Tie

After Mass, a Potluck Dinner will be held in the St. Alexis cafeteria. A sign-up sheet for food items will be passed around at the next several meetings (or please contact me as noted below). Last year there were 60 Mass participants and 44 dinner attendees. Let's have another great turnout!

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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4th Degree Memorial Mass

Saint Richard will host this year's 4th Degree Memorial Mass, Tuesday October 10th 7pm. Please contact Larry Emark for more details.



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October 2017

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Return Service Requested

Our Lady of Olives Council #3907 <> Council Calendar October 1st 2017 – November 11th 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 1 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6 First Friday	October 7 First Saturday Columbus Day Parade Bloomfield 10am
		Pittsburgh Chapter North Hills C4029 7:30pm	K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM	Football Craze Sweepstakes ← Return Date	Overnight(8pm–9am) Adoration: SJ&P →	KofC Tootsie Roll Drive Saint Alexis
October 8 27 th Sunday in O.T. KofC Tootsie Roll Drive Saint Alexis. Columbus Day Dinner Greentree 6pm	October 9 Columbus Day HD ←Columbus Dinner 5pm@Double Tree PGH Greentree	October 10 4 th Degree A2191 Memorial Mass St Rich C15912 7:00pm	October 11	October 12	October 13 Bishop's Project Seals Pickup Noon-7pm Holy Spirit, West Mifflin 7:00pm>Meeting 7:30p	October 14
October 15 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	October 16	October 17	October 18 K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM	October 19 November Olive Branch Articles Due	October 20	October 21
October 22 29 th Sunday in O.T. St. Alexis Church Dedication 10am	October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28 KofC Tootsie Roll Drive Saint John Neumann
October 29 30 th Sunday in O.T. KofC Tootsie Roll Drive Saint John Neumann 5 th Sunday Rosary St. Alexis	October 30	October 31 Halloween	November 1 All Saints Day Meeting Moved→	November 2 Meeting Moved to Today K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM	November 3 First Friday Overnight(8pm–9am) Adoration: SJ&P →	November 4 First Saturday
November 5 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	November 6	November 7 [ELECTION DAY] Pittsburgh Chapter OPEN	November 8 C3907 Memorial Mass St. Alexis 6:30pm & Pot Luck Dinner	November 9	November 10	November 11