



The Olive Branch

Our 64th Year

Chartered – November 14, 1954



June 2018

Shooting for a STAR!

Chaplain's Message.....

A Father's Father

Dear Brother Knights,

Being a Catholic father is a big responsibility as well as a great privilege. Alongside of their wives, fathers are entrusted to raise their children to know and love God, and to prepare them for adulthood as disciples of Jesus. This may seem like a short order, but it's not an easy task. Great too, are the rewards of fatherhood; a personal satisfaction that I can only imagine. With Father's Day approaching, I want to express gratitude to all fathers, grandfathers and even godfathers, for their tireless dedication to their families through love and self-giving. You bear witness to our Heavenly Father's love for all His children. May you know not only our Heavenly Father's joy in what you do for your families and His Church, but the grace, strength and wisdom that He bestows on you each day. That is why I have included the following prayers in this edition; one "for" you, and one prayer "of" fathers for their families. May you know the Father's gratitude and abiding love with you as you serve Him through those entrusted to your care. In addition to your awareness of the Father of all father's presence, I encourage you to walk daily with good St. Joseph, the patron saint of fathers and the Universal Church. Remember, you are never alone. May God bless you abundantly for all that you do and appreciate the fact that it's not just about this world, but you are making a difference for the sake of the kingdom!

A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family as a sign of your love, care, and constant protection. May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need. Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support their family. Guide every father with a Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family closer to you. Amen.

A Prayer of Fathers

Most gracious Heavenly Father, I commend my children to Your care. Be their God and Father; and mercifully supply whatever is lacking in me through the frailty or negligence. Strengthen them to overcome the corruptions of the world, whether from within or without; and deliver them from the snares of the enemy. Pour Your grace into their hearts; and strengthen and multiply in them the gifts of Your Holy Spirit, that they may daily grow and in knowledge of our Lord Jesus; and so, faithfully serving You here, may come to rejoice in Your presence hereafter. Amen

In Jesus,

Father Paul Zywan

Chaplain, Council #3907



Grand Knight's Message.....

Brothers,

May has been a busy time including Graduations, First Communions, Weddings, and Mother's Day. In addition, in May we pray for, and remember on Memorial Day, those who died in the service of our Country.

In my last message, I reported that the **120th Annual State Convention** of the PA Knights of Columbus would take place in Harrisburg, PA on May 4-6. Mike Conroy and I were the two representatives of Council #3907 who attended. It was an educational and informative experience which provided a great opportunity to meet brothers from throughout the Commonwealth including our State Officers. Members of Council #3907 prepared brochures on topics to be submitted for consideration for a State Program Award or a Supreme Council Award as follows: George Franz wrote on Public Relations Activities and Family Activities; Terry Conroy covered Youth Activities; Bill Romig prepared one on Community Activities; Chris Kelley covered Pro Life Activities and Church Activities; and I did one on Council Activities. In addition, PSD Joe Cummings and Mike Conroy provided general oversight and help with formatting. Awards were announced and distributed during the Sunday morning session. We received a plaque for our **Church Activities** submission which was written by Chris Kelley. Congratulations to Chris. In addition to these awards, I am pleased to report that Andrew T. Walker, the son of a member of Our Lady of Olives, was awarded a \$3,000 State Scholarship. Finally, on Sunday, elections of the new State Officers were held. Mark Jago was elected the new State Deputy. Details of the other election results may be found on the State Website: <www.pakofc.us>.

The following are our recent activities:

On Thursday, April 19, the **Fifty-Ninth Pittsburgh Bishop's Project Appreciation Dinner**, hosted by St. Joseph the Worker Council #5947 took place at The Club at Shadow Lakes in Aliquippa. Under the leadership of Steve Seaman, Council #3907 raised \$11,000 this year which is our highest annual total ever. In the Project's 59-year history \$259,591.40 has been raised by our Council. Our Council received two awards. One was for reaching our goal and having our best year. The other was for our Council being the 3rd highest contributor.

On May 8, we hosted a **Living Rosary** at Saints John and Paul's Rosary Garden followed by Pizza in the Cardinal DiNardo Center. On Saturday, May 12, Council #3907 held: "**A Nite at the Races**" in Bovard Hall at St. John Neumann Church.

Finally, I thought it might be of interest to the members of our Council to learn of the origin of the title, Our Lady of Olives. I came across this information by chance while scanning the web. According to <www.catholic365.com>, in the 1490s a church in a French village was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. A wooden statue of Mary was the only thing to survive. The Olive is associated with strength, prosperity, and blessings in the Bible. On May 10th 1878, Pope Leo XIII in an Apostolic Brief made "**Our Lady of Olives**" an official title. Mary, under this title, was crowned on June 18th 1881. Our Lady of Olives is sometimes also referred to as the "**Divine Olive of Peace**". Today, many Catholics still believe that a medal of Our Lady of Olives will protect them from lightning.

Vivat Jesus!

William J. McKim

Grand Knight





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You won't regret that you did. Contact me to arrange for an appointment.

Joe

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Mary Statue

The statue of our Blessed Mother Mary that was in the Rosary Garden at our old Council Home, has now been repaired and restored to her original colors. She will be donated to St. John Neumann Parish this month, as decided last year when removed from the old location.

St. John Neumann currently does not have a statue of Mary on the grounds and is waiting to give her a new home. Look for an update in the July issue Olive Branch.

Bill Romig
Deputy Grand

(Editor's note: this statue was used during the Crowning of Mary Ceremony, following the Living Rosary at Saints John and Paul. A photo on the last page shows the statue prior to final painting. Bill Romig restored the statue.... Thanks Bill !!!)

"Wives Appreciation" Dinner

A Wives Appreciation Dinner is on track for June 2nd at the UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex. By the time you see this issue of the *Olive Branch*, the cut-off date to participate will have passed. We'll let everyone know what they missed out on in the next OB.

Summer Meeting Schedule

June's meetings will be as typical, the First and Third Wednesday of the month.

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

Wednesday June 6th and 20th plus....

Wednesday July 18th and Thursday August 16th (Aug. 15th is a Holy Day – Assumption of Mary)

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

We Need You! **Church Director Position**

By the time you are reading this, our Council will be getting ready to elect the new Officers for the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. This will take place at our first council meeting this month on June 6th

It is also time to ensure that our appointed positions are filled and we now have a **Vacancy in the Church Director position**, as Chris Kelley moves into the Deputy Grand Knight position. I want to personally thank Chris for the excellent job he has done over the last two years as both Chancellor and Church Director.

If you would like to help your council (and yourself) by answering the call to "step up" and assume the Church Director duties it will be much appreciated. **You will find it personally rewarding as well!** Please contact me and I can explain the duties of the position, as I was Church Director the two years prior to Chris.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Romig, Deputy Grand Knight
412-364-3679 or <wercr@verizon.net>

July / August Issue of the Olive Branch!

The deadline for the **July / August 2018** issue of the Olive Branch will be on June 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>

LIVING ROSARY WELL ATTENDED

The Knights held its first Living Rosary of the year on May 8th in the outdoor Rosary Garden at Saints John & Paul. Led by Deacon Rick Caruso (St. John Neumann) 40 participants, including 18 Knights, recited the Rosary to honor Mary. Three 1st Communicant girls crowned the statue of Mary (beautifully restored by Bill Romig) and helped us sing *Immaculate Mary*. After the Rosary, we shared scrumptious pizza and cold beverages in the Cardinal DiNardo Center. Our next Living Rosary will be held in September and will include Boy Scouts

Chris Kelley

Church Director

724-799-0249 & <chris081476@gmail.com>

**JOIN YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS
Pittsburgh Pirate Game
September 21st**

We are taking seat reservations to join your brother Knights at the September 21st Pirate Game against the Milwaukee Brewers. This is also a Fireworks Knight. Please contact George Franz by Sept. 8th with the number of tickets you want to reserve. Costs will \$38 per seat which includes a \$10 credit for food/beverages.

George Franz

Email: <george.franzjr@gmail.com>, Text/Call: 724-772-0494

**Annual Council 3907 Picnic
August 26th 1PM - Dusk**

Mark your calendars to plan on attending our annual Council Picnic, August 26th at the Pine Community Park, Keys Pavilion. (By the basketball court). More information will follow in next month's *Olive Branch*.

Family Rosary

Our next Family Rosary will be held at St. Alphonsus on June 3rd after the 11:30am Mass. Knights and their families will have reserved seats at the front-left side of the church (east entrance).

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Kelley

Church Director

724-799-0249 & <chris081476@gmail.com>

Remember in Your Prayers

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

Deceased: Marianne McCabe; Robert M. Irlbacher; Gloria Ley; Martha C. Misson; Thomas J. Kelly Jr.; Robert "Bob" Malone; SK Raymond H. Newcomer; and SK Robert Zoeller.

Members: SK Morrie Stack; SK Dave Kelsch; Ed Unger; SK Bob Cummings; SK Father Murphy; Paul Turnley.

Family & Friends: Marian Stack; Kathy Strock; Mary and Lisa; Nancy Cummings; Amanda and Pat; Bob Robonis; Larry Sampietro; Denise Malchano; Bill Kelley; Helen Knox; Marlene Seaman; Ed Mitchell; Anita Mitchell; Joan Schaaf; Angela Amhrein; Dave Waggoner; Nancy Waggoner; Paul Black; Betty Kolakowski and those affected by the Church Alive Program.

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 June 1st/2nd 2018 marks the Twelfth Year for this Project)

Several Members of C3907, 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 June 1st into Saturday morning June 2nd. Then, next month July 6th and 7th.

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

First Friday All Day Adoration will also take place at **St. Alexis** following the 8:00am Mass until 6:00pm on the first Friday of each month. Please feel free to sign up at the St. Alexis website <www.stalexis.org> or just walk in and "enjoy some quiet" time with Jesus

"A Look Ahead"

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

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| June 2 nd | Wives Appreciation Dinner |
| June 3 rd | Family Rosary |
| June 3 rd | Exemplification 4 th Degree |
| June 6 th & 20 th | Regular Meeting |
| June 7 th | Retired Priest Luncheon |
| June 23 rd & 24 th | TRY Tournament |
| July 25 th | Flag Retirement Ceremony |
| August 26 th | Annual Council Picnic |
| Sept 21 st | Pirate Game |

TRY Tournament

The TRY Tournament supporting the special needs of our local kids will be held Saturday/Sunday afternoon June 23rd and 24th. **We will need more Knights and others to help-out this year.** Please contact Shawn Cannon to sign up. See the attached Letter from Shawn for more information.

Donations are still being accepted; please send what you can to:

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

Flag Collection & Retirement

The Knights of Columbus are collecting unserviceable and discarded flags from now through July 4th weekend. 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. 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 will take place 6:00pm Wednesday **July 25th** out-front of Wexford Volunteer Fire Company, (228 North Chapel Drive). The Knights of Columbus is collaborating with our local American Legion, the Boy Scouts, and the Wexford Volunteer Fire Dept. to handle the proper disposal. The K of C Color Corps and Boy Scout Honor Guard will participate in the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

For further information, contact...
SK Larry Emark...412-367-0525... <emarklw@verizon.net>

Upcoming Degrees

4th Degree: Knights of Columbus Calvert Province Pennsylvania West District to be held at **Doubletree by Hilton, Pittsburgh Meadow Lands, Washington, PA: Sunday June 3rd 2018** - Mass: (Optional) 10:00am. Exemplification: 1:00pm

Please contact SK Larry Emark at <emarklw@verizon.net> or 412-367-0525 for further information or visit State website.

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>

First Communicants at the Living Rosary



Jen, Nina and Sarah

Quarterly Retired Priests' Luncheon

The next Priest luncheon will be held on **Thursday June 7th, 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.

Nominated Officers for 2018-2019

The following Brothers Knights have been nominated to represent us as Officers of Our Lady of Olives Council #3907 for the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year - July 1st 2018 through June 30th 2019. Nominations will remain open until voted upon during the July 6th meeting:

Grand Knight	Bill Romig
Deputy Grand Knight	Chris Kelley
Chancellor	George Franz
Recorder	Jim Conroy
Treasurer	Joe Daquellent
Advocate	Jim Fernald
Warden	Dan Murrer
Inside Guard	Rich Karapandi
Outside Guard	Chuck Hagen
	(Automatic Elect.)
Three Year Trustee	Bill McKim
Two Year Trustee	Chuck Mazur
One Year Trustee	Ed Thomas
Financial Secretary	Bill Eaton – Appointed by Supreme
Lecturer	Larry Rusch – Appointed by GK
Chaplain	Fr. Zywan - Selected by GK, Trustees with approval of Bishop Zubak

First Communicants at the Living Rosary





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Our Lady of Olives Council #3907 <> Council Calendar May 27th 2018 – July 7th 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2
The Most Holy Trinity	Memorial Day NO Golf		1 st &2 nd Degrees C3907 St. Alexis 7:00PM		First Friday Overnight(8pm-9am) Adoration: SJ&P →	First Saturday Wives Dinner
June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) FAMILY ROSARY 4 th Degree, Meadow Lands 12N Washington, PA	St Al's Golf League Rittswood CC	Pittsburgh Chapter Our Lady of Olives C3907 Wexford 7:30pm	K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM Election of new Officers	Retired Priest Luncheon 11:30am Vincenitian Home	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Al's Golf League Rittswood CC			Flag Day		
June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Al's Golf League Rittswood CC		K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM	July/Aug Olive Branch Input Due		Deaconate Ordinations 10:00am St. Paul TRY Tournament 1 \$ 3pm Vestal Field
June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist TRY Tournament	St Al's Golf League Rittswood CC		Flag Retirement 6pm Wexford VFD			
July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Al's Golf League Rittswood CC		Independence Day		First Friday Overnight (8pm-9am) Adoration: SJ&P →	First Saturday
		Summer Meetings:	Wed July 18th	Thu 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 9, 2018

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 48th Anniversary of sponsoring this tournament.

The tournament this year will be held on **Saturday and Sunday June 23rd and 24th** at **IFPAA Vestal Field**. 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 \$87,000.00, 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

Faternally,

Shawn D. Cannon
Tournament Director