



# The Olive Branch

## OUR LADY OF OLIVES COUNCIL #3907



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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January / February 2010

We Are a STAR!

### Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights,

The New Year is here and Ash Wednesday and Lent are around the corner. We trust everyone had a happy and joyful holiday.

Activities for this month include: **March for Life to Washington DC** (*this Friday*). If you haven't already signed up please do, we still have room on the bus. Each of our parishes is sponsoring a bus this year, contact them for reservations or call me and I'll find you a place. We also have **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees** (page-2), and our **Annual FREE Throw Competition** (page-3). Please bring your 10 to 14 year old children, grandchildren and their neighborhood friends (boys & girls) to Saint Alphonsus School on Saturday morning August 30<sup>th</sup>. These activities are in additions to our **1<sup>st</sup> Friday Overnight Adoration, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Breakfast,** and our **Sunday Night BINGO.** We again would like to see all of you take advantage of some or all of these opportunities. C.O.A.L. and local Sweepstakes winners are posted below (pages-3&5).

We also ask you to keep the **Culture of Life and Culture of Life Fund** in your hearts and minds. Every member and every council is encouraged to make additional voluntary contributions to this Fund. **Please consider signing "The Manhattan Declaration"**, if you have not already done so. (See shortened summery page-5)

In this "Year of the Priest", please continue to volunteer at your local parish and keep our Seminarians in your prayers as they go through discernment of their lifetime vocation. Also, remember our veterans and our departed Brothers and family members, especially **Louise Esther Linder** widow of deceased member Raymond F. Linder, and **Elizabeth M. Yourish** mother of PSD Joe Yourish, who passed to their eternal rewards since our last newsletter. A visit to a shut-in will brighten their day (and yours too). Also, please continue to pray your Rosary to change minds and hearts to End Abortion. May God Bless you always!

**Vivat Jesus! & Happy New Year!**

*Larry Emark*

Grand Knight

### **U.S. Knights Urged to Oppose Abortion**

**Mandate in Health Reform Bill.** See: <<http://www.kofc.org/>>

Knights and their families are strongly urged to contact their Senators and Congressmen, and ask that they support the House language authored by Representative (and brother Knight) Bart Stupak (D-MI), which retains the long-standing policy against federal funding of abortion. Stupak's language was approved by a strong bipartisan majority in the House.

The Senate version of the health care reform bill does not ban abortion funding, and the American Catholic bishops oppose it: under the Senate version, "federal funds will help subsidize, and in some cases a federal agency will facilitate and promote, health plans that cover elective abortions," the bishops said.

### Chaplain's Message

Dear Fellow Knights,

As we begin the New Year of Our Lord, 2010, it seems that it was not long ago that we celebrated the beginning of the Third Millennium with the Jubilee Year of 2000. For Christians, this is especially significant because we are continuing to live in the Third Millennium of the Coming of Jesus among us.

This should also give us as Catholics a special awareness of the universality of the Church. The expansion of time has been an opportunity to extend the Gospel over the years to many nations.

I always mark my calendar when I read of the pope's planned pilgrimages for the future. On April 17-18, Pope Benedict XVI will be visiting the Island of Malta for the 1,950th Anniversary of St. Paul's shipwreck of three months (Acts of the Apostles 28:1). Malta is a small island south of Sicily.

On May 2nd, our Holy Father will travel to the City of Turin, in Italy, during the public display of what is believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus.

It is also planned that Pope Benedict will make a pilgrimage to England this September 16-19 to personally preside at the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-90) a convert who became a great teacher and defender of the Catholic faith.

So as the years move on, at the Church reviews the years of the past so as to renew people's faith for the present and the future...

"Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

May all of you men grow in wisdom and strength of faith during this New Year of Grace!

**Fraternally in Christ!**

*Father Peter P. Murphy*

Chaplain



### PA State College Loans Available

PA Knights of Columbus sponsored Stafford loans are available to members, sons, daughters, and wife (or widow) of a member (deceased member) who has attained the Knighthood 3rd Degree of the Order at least six months prior to the date of application, and who is/(was at the time of death) a member in good standing of a Pennsylvania Council. See application for details. Loan forms are available through Financial Secretary (George Ley), or from the Pennsylvania State Council Website <[www.pakofc.us](http://www.pakofc.us/)>/ State Forms. (Contact information: Page-7).

## *Saints John and Paul Adoration*

The Saints John and Paul (SJP) Parish Roundtable, participates in **First Friday – All Night Adoration** at the request of Father McCaffrey. Our next date for this activity will be Friday night/ (Saturday morning) **February 5<sup>th</sup>pm /6<sup>th</sup>am**, and every First Friday night (Saturday morning) thereafter. Volunteers are especially needed for the hours of **10:00pm Midnight to 6:00am**. If you have any questions, please contact GK Larry Emark at 412-367-0525 or <emarklw@verizon.net>. The scheduling guidelines are for one hour (more or less), **and that you do not leave unless someone else is present or until relieved by the next participant**. Also, when entering and leaving the presence of Our Lord, it is customary to genuflect on both knees while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. This can be a family affair. We are always looking for more participation. Everyone is welcome, as Pope Benedict XVI formally opened the Year for Priests on June 19<sup>th</sup>.... (See Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> Pittsburgh Catholic). This SJ&P 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Overnight Adoration began for our Council Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> of 2007 and has been fulfilled by us monthly ever since.

We also have **First Saturday 8:00am Mass at Saint Athanasius in West View**, followed by peaceful recitation of **four Rosaries in front of Planned Parenthood facility in Downtown Pittsburgh**. Carpooling is available. This activity sponsored by Bellevue Council #1400. To participate, just show up at the 8:00 am Mass.

**The follow is provided by member Andy Maul:**

**Sunday, 02/14/2010, 1-3 pm:**

**Prolife Demonstration** on Forbes between Halket & Craft by Magee Hospital (2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> trimesters done here, even a post born mother was killed here after they killed her preborn baby). This service held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 1-3 pm, of every even numbered month (every other month: Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Apr 11<sup>th</sup>, Jun 13<sup>th</sup>, Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, etc...)

Please include in your perpetual prayers, the 21 babies (average) killed every day in the county. It's estimated through public records (mandated if public funds, e.g. our tax dollars, pay for them) that 7500 are murdered each year in our county alone. Thanks.

**Saturday morning, 03/13/2010:**

Promoting the Divine Mercy Image at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Non-Color Corps Knights help needed in carrying the image banner. 4th Degree Color Corps proceed before the Divine Mercy image.

### **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Schedule**

**First & Second Degree exemplification Saturday morning January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at our council home: **Degree candidates are to arrive by 9:00am**. The 1<sup>st</sup> Degree begins at 9:30am; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree will immediately follow 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at ~10:30am. **Please be at the Council Home before the times noted. Dress code is casual.** Your acceptance is requested.... We encourage all 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Candidates to re-witness their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. We will follow up with a confirmation phone call, as needed. Thank You in advance! We are expecting a moderate 1<sup>st</sup> Degree class and a large 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree class. All guest/observers must be in possession of their 1<sup>st</sup> or higher Degree Card. Your sponsors on copy are also welcome and encouraged to join us. *[Our next normally scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees at our council home will not be until mid March or April.] \$4.00 Repast to follow.*

**Third Degree exemplification Saturday morning January 30<sup>th</sup>:** **Degree candidates are to arrive by 9:00am**. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree begins at 10:00am. Please be at the Council Home before the times noted. **Business attire suit or sport coat with tie is required for all.** All 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Candidates must be in possession of their signed 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Card. Your acceptance is requested.... (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Reservations need to be received by Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup>.) [Everyone is welcome and encouraged to re-witness the above 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees, as needed.] **All guest/observers must be in possession of 3<sup>rd</sup> or higher Degree Card.** *[The next 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at our Council Home is expected to be Saturday morning January 29th 2011. There will be other 3rd Degrees scheduled nearby in the coming Months.] \$7.00 per person Pasta & Salad Luncheon to follow*  
**For Reservations call GK Larry Emark 412-367-0525 ASAP.**  
 For proper planning, **this applies to all candidates, guests, observers and helpers.**



**Joyful Luminous Sorrowful Glorious**

**+ Remember in Your Prayers +**

The following persons were included in our prayers at the meetings in November & early December 2009 or called in to the officers. We ask that you keep them in your daily prayers as well:

**Priests:** SK Rev. Peter P. Murphy our Chaplain & Pastor St. Alphonsus; Rev. Paul Zywan, Pastor, St. Alexis; Rev. Joseph R. McCaffrey, Pastor, SS John & Paul Parish; Rev Albin C. McGinnis, Pastor, St. John Neumann Parish; SK Archbishop Donald Wuerl; SK Bishop David A. Zubik; Rev. Regis R. Alberth; Rev. William R. Bovard, Rev. James E. Seeger; Rev. James L. Armstrong; Rev. Kevin Dominick; SK Rev. James R. Gretz; Rev. William Fay; Rev. Thomas Ferris; SK Rev. Kevin McKnight; Rev. Jack O'Malley; All Priests & Religious.

**Members:** Kerry Aquadro; Martin Amrhein; John A. Baranowski; Joseph A. Baranowski PGK285; Jack Batykefer Sr.; **James J. Beadling Jr. RIP**; Vince Cannon PGK; Mike Conroy DD PGK; Jack Cummings; Joe Cummings PGK; Alex Czaplicki PGK; Joe Daquelente; Ed Devine; Mike Delisi; Joe Ellena; **Don Ettore RIP**; Chuck Fischer; Ed Gallagher; **Jacob C. "Jack" Glover RIP**; **Michael D. Graham RIP**; Ray Greco; Jim Jordan; Ted Ketterle FSW; David Kelsch; Patrick Kern; Ralph Kirsch; Irwin Klimas; Bill Kunz; Brad Magill; Ted Manick; **SK N. Michael "Bud" Markl RIP**; Thomas J. Miller; Russell Nicoletti PGK; Ramon Obringer; **Vincent J. Pegher RIP**; **SK Robert F. Roda RIP**; Larry Rusch; Earl Schaaf; Ed Stadnik PGK; Robert Swinderman; Victor Waryck; Thomas Wilson, Sr.; Thomas Wilson, Jr.; Ralph Zabel; Bob Zoeller.

**Relatives:** Anonymous (son of member); Josephine Baranowski; Roy Barton; **Virginia H. Beggs (Hammers) RIP**; **Christine A Boles RIP**; **Mary V. (Cicci) Brooks RIP**; Colleen Conroy Bunney; Judy Cannon; Elvira Cannon; Max Cieply (*newborn*); Yolanda Cronin; Nancy Cummings; Rita Czaplicki; Joan Daquelente; Patrick Daquelente; Marian Delisi; Marcella DeMarko; Dick Domville; **Edward Thomas (Butch) Duerstein RIP**; Ruth Duerstein; Paul Emark; Lillian Fernald; Irene Galati; Nicole Gallagher; Charles Gerst; Margie Gerst; Sue George; Kathy Gillespie; Labetta Glancy; Patty Glasser; **Kathryn E. (Kube) Glover RIP**; **Shirley Grosick RIP**; Audrey Haefner; **Genevieve (Jean) Hagen RIP**; **Clarence "Eddie" Hunkele RIP**; Ed Kelsch; Margie Kelsch; The Norbert J. Kelsch Family; Helen Kirsch; Maureen Kirsch; Paul Koral; **Joan Kunz RIP**; Bert Labrolia; Valerie Laylock; **Louise Esther Linder RIP**; Mildred Long; Mary Maconr; Fran Maher; Denise Malchano; Diana Marks; Patricia Maul; Patricia McChesney; **Debbie Mendoza RIP**; **Porforio Mendoza RIP**; Joe Moricci; Janet Rubus; Theresa Sampietro; Bob Sandharr; Steve Seaman; Nancy Strueber; Carol Stypolkowski; Mary Szymanski; **Rose Thompson RIP**; Brent Verner; Greg Voettiner; Sheree Voettiner; Chris Wagner; Christine Zarilla & Raymond Zarilla.

**Other K-of-C:** Tom Alfano FST; Mike Cherubino PGK3530; Bob Cranden; F Parker Lessel PSD; Bob Mendoza; Jack Nagg; SK Ernie Tegge; SK Joseph Yourish PSD.

**Friends:** **Unborn Babies**; **Beverly J. Cherup RIP**; Tom W. Dean; Leslie Dermody; Bill and Sue Devinney; Sister Eileen; Mary Flynn; **Eileen M. (Spec) Graff RIP**; **Dr. Alicia J. Kaplan & Family**; Bobby Klette; Millie Klein; Marie Kowalski; Eleanor & Susan Lessel; Brian Maguire Family; **Lorena "Enie" (Holt) Mashuda RIP**; **Dana May RIP**; Ed Murphy; Kevin O'Sullivan; **Thelma (Chessman) Pimpsner RIP**; **Heidi Overmier RIP**; **Elizabeth M. Yourish RIP**; **Haitian Earthquake Victims**; **Pray for USA**; Families helped by our Charity Fund.

To have someone added to or deleted from our Prayer List, contact the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, or Chancellor.

## K of C Free Throw Championship

**Saturday morning January 30<sup>th</sup> 2010:** Our Lady of Olives Council 3907 of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Basketball Free Throw Championship** at St. Alphonsus School, Wexford, in the Ryan Center. The competition is free and open, to all boys and girls ages 10 thru 14. Age eligibility will be determined by the age of the contestant as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. Times for shoot offs are:

10 and 11 year olds	9:00AM
12 thru 14 year olds	10:00AM

Winners will receive trophies and advance to district competition. For additional information contact David Barton at 724-935-5262.

**Council Members Extra Help needed**, since we are using four baskets. Please bring children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends along. (Note, this is the same time as #3907 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree)

- **Thursday evening February 11<sup>th</sup> 2010:** **District 100 Free Throw: 6:00-9:00pm** at Deer Lakes Middle School.
- **Sunday afternoon March 7<sup>th</sup> 2010:** **Regional Free Throw at Bishop Canevin High School registration 12 noon.**
- **Saturday afternoon March 20<sup>th</sup> 2010:** **State Free Throw at Trinity Catholic High School registration 12 noon.**

## St. Alphonsus Men's Golf League

Membership at Saint Alphonsus is not required; anyone wishing to join the league or to find out more information is welcome to call. The league plays on Monday nights at Rittswood Golf Course with tee times starting at 4:00pm. The league season runs from April through August and includes two Sunday outings and an end of the season banquet. League contact for 2010 is: Ray Rupp at 724-772-7065 or "SAlp - Ray Rupp" <rupp@zbzoom.net>.

## Annual Council Survey due January 29<sup>th</sup>

Brothers....Supreme K of C relies on the volunteer hours you report to ensure that our Order retains its charitable status with the IRS. Every service for others, every visit to the sick, shut-ins, funerals, every hour counts for the Fraternal Survey. Please review last year and send us your report ASAP before January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanks for your help!**

## Christmas Party Report

The annual Christmas Party on December 12<sup>th</sup> was attended by over 200 people.

Entertainment was provided by Magician Jay Brenner. Thanks to Elmer Gerst and the ladies of our council, plenty of food and refreshments, including pizza and desserts were there for the eating. Our thanks go to all who donated to the buffet line. Donation cans around the hall collected a total of \$275, which helped defray the cost of the party for the council. Special thanks to Mike Delisi for his efforts to procure donations from various area businesses.

Thanks also to Wally Merriman and the men of 3907 who entertained with their timely tunes. A big "THANKS" to our brothers who set-up and cleaned up the hall, packed bags, and helped in any other way to make this another successful affair.

And last but certainly not least, Santa who did his usual fine job keeping 100 kids very happy. Please remember all the businesses and individuals who donated to our party. Show your appreciation by patronizing them in 2010. Please don't hesitate to tell them you appreciate their support of Council #3907.

*Morrie Stack, Bill Domvile & Ed Thomas*

## 2009 - 2010 Men's & Women Retreat Dates

Source: St. Paul of the Cross Retreat News -- Fall 2009

<u>Men's</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Promoter/Telephone#</u>
St. Alexis	<b>January 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>	Ed Thomas (724) 625-1315 <b>Eugene Lersch (412) 366-1622</b>
St. Alphonsus,	<b>January 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>	Mark Prybyl (724) 776-0876 George Payne <b>(412) 736-0483</b>
St. John Neumann	<b>March 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>	Andrew James (412) 369-0640 Paul Crnkovic (412) 367-7481
SS John & Paul	<b>April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>	Tony Muhlenkamp (724) 933-0434 Tom Windfelder (724) 776-6049
<u>Women's</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Promoter/Telephone#</u>
St. Alexis	<b>January 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>	Mary Ann Nudi Burge (412) 761-9625 Barbara Konczakowski (724) 934-4962
St. Alphonsus	<b>January 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>	Eileen Minnock (724) 776-0876 Joyce Ley (724) 776-2212
St. John Neumann	<b>January 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>	<b>Carol Caruso (412) 369-5794</b>
SS John & Paul	<b>&lt;Not Listed&gt;</b>	Retreat Center (412)-381-7676

## #3907 Golf Shirts

All of the original Carolina Blue Golf polo shirts are gone. We have thirteen matching hats remaining at \$8.00 each.

Others have questioned the availability of larger shirts, plus shirts with (or without) pocket. We cannot order until we have an idea of how many. **DEADLINE TO ORDER: January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.**

Currently, we have interest in **three Shirt L, XXL & XXXL** without pocket, plus **six Shirts (2)L, (2)XL, XXL, & XXXL** with pocket, **plus two original Shirt L** (no pocket). *For the original shirts (S-6X), we need a minimum order of six at ~\$24.75 each. [A \$35.00 TAPE charge could also apply for less than 24 pieces. (This depends if they recognize our previous order.)]*

The original shirt is Golf style three button polo shirt with collar, size S-6X, 6.7oz, Carolina Blue, with Navy pin strip & edging on collar and sleeve (no pocket), 60/40% cotton /polyester blend, [or S-2X, 6.5oz, 100% preshrunk combined ring spun cotton pique knit], depending where purchased. Also available are similar Blended Pique polo Sport Shirt two button, tapered collar, with (or without) pocket, XS-4X, Bimini Blue (no pin strips), 6oz, 60% ring spun cotton/40% polyester pique knit sport shirt. The asking price: \$22 XS-2XL or \$24 3XL-4XL, including shipping and stitching. There is no minimum order requirement in these sizes. Other colors are also available. Larger size 5X & 6X are available via another catalog. Note K of C Logo on new shirts will use gold in lieu of yellow thread.

**HOW MANY OTHERS OF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A SECOND SIMILAR SHIRT WITH or WITHOUT A POCKET?** If you need to order a larger size, please contact GK Larry Emark at 412-367-0525 ASAP.

## FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS -Results

In the ten weeks of Football Sweepstakes, our Council #3907 had four winners: **David Pelletier \$90** sold by member David Barton, week Two; and **Daniel Stack \$10** sold by his Dad Morrie Stack, week Five; **Deb Berarducci \$144** sold by BINGO worker Kevin Abraham week Six; **Mike Bernat \$50** sold at BINGO week Nine; and our District #100 has twelve winners. For full details, see: <http://footballsweeps.com/>.

## Children's Christmas Party

(December 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 -- Sponsors)

- **Ace Hardware**  
several misc kids' games, (guitar etc.)
- **American Legion Post #161, (724) 935-2352**  
P.O. Box 94, Wexford, PA 15090-0094.  
Cash donation.
- **Applebee's** Two \$10 Gift Certificates
- **Arby's** One \$10 Gift Card.
- **Billy's** \$25 Gift Certificate.
- **Chick-A-Fil** One stuffed Cow.
- **Cicis Pizza**  
40 plus buy one get one gift one certificate.
- **Commodore Perry Barbershop**  
Two free haircuts.
- **Cranberry Cinema**  
Four gift passes for movies.
- **Delisi** 80 lined spiral tablets.
- **Dollar Discount** \$20 Gift Card.
- **Dynasty Buffet**  
Sever \$1.00 gift discount certificates.
- **Eat-N-Park Cranberry** One \$10 Gift Card.
- **First Watch Restraint** Three \$15 Gift Certificates.
- **Flavor of India** One \$20 Gift Certificate.
- **Giant Eagle Cranberry** Four \$10 Gift Cards.
- **Giant Eagle Mars** One \$25 Gift Card.
- **Giant Eagle Wexford** Two \$20 Gift Cards.
- **Great Clips for Hair** Two free haircuts.
- **Great Clips** Four free haircuts.
- **Grazies**  
One \$25 Gift Certificate plus 6 two for one Brunch.
- **House of Chen** One \$25 Gift Certificate.
- **Ichiban** Two \$10 Gift Cards.
- **Kings Family Restaurants** \$15 Gift Card
- **Learning Express** One \$20 Gift Certificate
- **McDonalds**  
20 McCafe free coffees expiring in December
- **McDonalds**  
70 plus free hamburger and fries for kids.
- **McDonalds Mars (228)** 80 plus certificates.
- **McDonalds, Wexford**  
Five free large sandwiches certificate.
- **Daryl Metcalfe** 80 Coloring Books.
- **Olive Garden** One \$15 Gift Certificate.
- **On The Border Restaurant** Four \$10 Gift Certificates.
- **Perkins**  
80 kids meal certificates with purchase of an adult meal.
- **Pet Boys**  
Two free oil changes (~\$40 each).
- **Pizza Hut, C/o Restaurant Manager**  
10650 Perry Hwy., Wexford, PA 15090.  
Three personal pan Pizza's, plus  
One dinner certificate up to \$20.
- **St. Sen. Jane Clare Orie, Kathy Campbell**  
9400 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
Carrot Snowman.
- **Soergels** Two \$25 Gift Certificates.
- **Supercuts** Three free haircuts.
- **Wal-Mart** \$20 Gift Certificate.

### **A Big Thanks to all!**

Please patronize these sponsors,

**Morrie Stack**, Christmas Party Chairman

Phone: 412-366-2475 (H) or Email: <mstack21@verizon.net>;

and **Mike Delisi**, Donations Coordinator

Phone: 724-935-1239 or Email: <rilyc4@infonline.net>.

## Children's Christmas Party

(December 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 -- Sponsors)

- **Cokesbury Christian Bookstore 724-776-6150**  
19015 Perry Hwy., Mars, PA 16046  
Misc puzzles, Christian Frames, etc.
- **Holiday Inn Express, Renee Sudano CHA 724-772-1000**  
20003 Route19, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066  
Complimentary Night's Stay Certificate
- **Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, Eugene R. Seifert GM**
- **Quaker Steak & Lube, Joll Enterprises, Inc.**  
1298 Freedom Road, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066  
Cindy Losego Administrative Assistant 724-772-5515 X24

## Bishop's Project -- Christmas Seals



Bishop's Project Christmas Seals were distributed the weekend before Thanksgiving at each of our four Parishes (*and others*).

**Please note:** Each K of C Member of record dating from July 1<sup>st</sup>, received your own Seals and self addressed labeled donation envelope in the mail. Please use that envelope to make your donation to ensure our council receives credit for your donation. For council credit, make sure our **Council #3907** number appears somewhere on the envelope, either on the inside donation flap or on your address label. If you also place a 44¢ Stamp on the return envelope, you save the project something like 52¢ in return Business Reply Mail postage. As of January 15<sup>th</sup>, (80 out of 321 members) and (81 out of 3600 seals) distributed have been returned, for a total of \$3526. We have until Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> for your donations to count towards this year's goal. Thank You, Please continue your support and patronage!

Larry Emark, GK



*Your Knights of Columbus*

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS Sign**

(Reprint message on backside of sign)

If you would like to get double duty out of your sign, give Rick Corcoran at SIGN CITY, Pine Center (R19N & Brown Road), Wexford PA a call at 724-935-1733 or email at <signcity1@earthlink.net>. For \$4:00 per-sign, he will reprint identical message on the backside of sign, for message to show in both directions up and down the street. If you are currently using two signs to accomplish this, this will free up one sign for you to share with someone else. These (~100) signs (green lettering on white background) were distributed by our council a coupe years ago, courtesy of Russell Roda (son of our late recorder Bob Roda). Do this, before you put your sign away for next year. Give Rick an advance call and he will apply the backside of sign while you wait. If we submit a quantity of signs at onetime, he may be able to reduce the cost per-sign even further.

## STATE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS 2009 C.O.A.L. DRAWING

The 2009 C.O.A.L. drive is now history. Thank You to all who participated. We sold more books this year than last, and it was a very successful campaign. Unfortunately, no winners came from our council. A list of winners is included below and posted on the Council Bulletin Board. It is a pleasure for me to hear from each of you, and once again, say Thanks for your participation.

*Rick Karapandi*

AWARD	TICKET #	WINNER'S INFORMATION	COUNCIL
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE 2010 TOYOTA YARIS 3 DOOR LIFTBACK	G081362	John Polron Yardley, PA	11013
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE 2010 HYUNDAI ACCENT 3 DOOR LIFTBACK	C063202	Kay Wogtowiz Newtown, PA	6145
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE CIE IRISH TOUR 10 DAYS	A061643	Mr. and Mrs. Brown Wrightsville, PA	6353
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE NAT'L PARKS & CANYON 13 DAY TOUR	E104565	John McBryer Utica, PA	1020
5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE 14 DAY GOLDEN WEST ADVENTURE	H128327	Henrie West Chester, PA	1333
6 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE RIVIERA MAYA* 7 NIGHTS	C087987	Daniel Dargay Weatherly, PA	12105
7 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE PUERTO VALLARTA* 7 NIGHTS	E063252	Amy Cutchingl	6145
8 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE 7 NIGHTS	B026090	Leonard Weckel Blandon, PA	793
9 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE BRANSON BUS TOUR 7 NIGHTS	F123329	St. Jude Council Mifflintown, PA	10842
10 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE DISNEY WORLD VACATION 7 NIGHTS	H063378	Vince Jasinnas Philadelphia, PA	6145
11 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE LAS VEGAS 4 DAYS WITH \$500	E136305	Whitaker Bensalem, PA	4279
12 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE BERMUDA CRUISE 7 DAYS (PHILA)	C003206	Joe Schwartz Philadelphia, PA	315
13 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE 50" PLASMA HD TELEVISION	D120906	Elliot Layland Covington, PA	6050
14 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE LAPTOP COMPUTER	A039217	Francis Chiaromonte Glenshaw, PA	9984
15 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE CANON DIGITAL CAMERA	C097211	Edward Dunlap Media, PA	10934
16 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE SEARS 24" SNOWBLOWER	B076699	Betty Sage Pittsburgh, PA	9019

\* ALL INCLUSIVE

### Saint Patrick's Day Party

We have the hall reserved for our annual Saint Patrick's Day Party on Saturday evening March 13<sup>th</sup>, if someone wants to pick up the charge. **This could also double as a mini fund raiser.**

## A Stand against the State and the Repression of Christian Conscience the Government vs. the People Time to Take a Stand The Manhattan Declaration

### A CALL OF CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE

(Full Summary provided in December 2009 Olive Branch.)

#### **CATHOLICS URGED TO SIGN MANHATTAN DECLARATION ONLINE.**

Since it was issued November 20<sup>th</sup>, the "Manhattan Declaration: A Call of Christian Conscience" has been signed online by more than 300,000 people. Organizers have asked for a nationwide effort to increase the number of people signing the document who vow renewed zeal in defending the unborn, defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman, and protecting religious freedom.

(Reference: *Pittsburgh Catholic*, Friday January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 Page-2)

#### A Summary

Christians, when they have lived up to the highest ideals of their faith, have defended the weak and vulnerable and worked tirelessly to protect and strengthen vital institutions of civil society, beginning with the family.

These truths are: the Sanctity of Human Life, the Dignity of Marriage as the Conjugal Union of Husband and Wife, and the Rights of Conscience and Religious Liberty. **No matter what pressures are brought upon us and our institutions to abandon or compromise them.** We make this commitment not as partisans of any political group but as followers of Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Lord, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

#### Human Life

The power of government is today often enlisted in the cause of promoting what Pope John Paul II called "the culture of death." We will refuse to permit ourselves or our institutions to be implicated in the taking of human life.

#### Marriage

Marriage is not a "social construction," but is rather an objective reality—the covenantal union of husband and wife—that it is the duty of the law to recognize, honor, and protect.

#### Religious Liberty

*Freedom of religion and the rights of conscience are gravely jeopardized against the overweening power of government.*

#### Unjust Laws

From the beginning, our faith has taught that civil disobedience is required in the face of gravely unjust laws or laws that purport to require us to do what is unjust or otherwise immoral. Such laws lack the power to bind in conscience because they can claim no authority beyond that of sheer human will.

**Therefore, we will not comply.**

**Further, we will not bend** to any rule forcing us to bless immoral sexual partnerships, treat them as marriages or the equivalent, or refrain from proclaiming the truth, as we know it, about morality, marriage, and the family.

**Further, we will not be intimidated into silence or acquiescence** or the violation of our consciences by any power on earth, be it cultural or political, regardless of the consequences to ourselves.

We will fully and ungrudgingly render to Caesar what is Caesar's. **But under no circumstances will we render to Caesar what is God's.**

**Reference:** Boston Catholic Journal <<http://www.boston-catholic-journal.com/>>. **Full Text & Sign Declaration** <<http://www.manhattandeclaration.org/>>.

**Those signing the document range from** evangelical leader Chuck Colson to two of the leading Catholic prelates in the United States, Archbishop Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C., and Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York, and Bishop David A. Zubik of Pittsburgh. (Drafted October 20, 2009, Released November 20, 2009) There are 394298 signatures and growing in support to date.

**See editorial:** Religious Leaders: Civil Disobedience OK to Protect Faith: <[http://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/wuerl\\_colson\\_christian/2009/11/21/289471.html](http://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/wuerl_colson_christian/2009/11/21/289471.html)>



## Important Dates

- **Council Meetings** — 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evenings of each month. Rosary at 7:30p, Meeting 8:00p, [Columbian 8:45p], except when Ash Wednesday falls on one of these dates, in which case the meeting move's to Tuesday per the council by-laws. (Officers planning meeting scheduled for at 6:30p, as needed.)
- **First Friday overnight Adoration at Saints John and Paul Church, 10:00pm Midnight to 6:00am**, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>/(2<sup>nd</sup>), Feb 5<sup>th</sup>/(6<sup>th</sup>), Mar 5<sup>th</sup>/(6<sup>th</sup>),
- **First Sunday of the Month Breakfast**, (October thru May) 9:00am to 1:30pm **February 7<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, & May 2<sup>nd</sup> ...**
- **Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>**— Pgh Chapter Memorial Mass at Bellevue Council #1400, Bellevue, PA, Mass 6:30pm & Dinner, (RSVP \$12.00)
- **Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup>** — Pgh Chapter Meeting at St. Joseph's, Verona, Penn-Allegheny Council #4242
- **Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup>** — 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees at Wexford Council 3907. Candidates 9:00am, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree 9:30am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree to follow. (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Candidates are encouraged to re-witness the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.) Contacts: DD Mike Conroy, GK Larry Emark, or FS George Ley.
- **Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup>** — 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting, St. Ferdinand's Council #11838, Cranberry. Rosary 7:30pm, Meeting 8:00pm.
- **Saturday January 30<sup>th</sup>** — 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at Wexford Council 3907. Candidates 9:00am, Degree 10:00am. Contacts: DD Mike Conroy, GK Larry Emark, or FS George Ley.
- **Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>** — Pgh Chapter Meeting at Resurrection Parish, Brookline, Pittsburgh Council #491
- **Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup>** — 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting, Our Lady of Olives Council #3907, Wexford. Rosary 7:30pm, Meeting 8:00pm.
- **Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>** — GK Seminar 7-9pm, St. Gregory Zelenople, Council # 6177, open to all who have interest.
- **Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>** — Pgh Chapter Meeting — OPEN
- **Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>** — Saint Patrick's Day Parity (details later).
- **Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>** — Annual Eucharistic Mass 10:00am at Saint Alphonsus Church (SAIp). Mark your calendar. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter. Donut Social to follow in School Cafeteria.
- **Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>** — Three River's Mass at the Point 9:30am.
- **Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>** — Bishop's Project Dinner at Council #3907.
- **(Date to be determined)** — Vincentian Home Retired Priest's Luncheon, 11:00am (Previous Luncheon November 10<sup>th</sup>) (The next luncheon will not likely be until April or May when the weather breaks.)
- **Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>** — Pgh Chapter Meeting at Our Lady of Olives Council #3907, Wexford, PA. Meeting: 7:30pm. (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and above members only.)

## K of C & Catholic Web Sites

Pgh Chapter: <<http://www.pittsburghchapterkofc.org/>>.  
 PA State: <<http://www.pakofc.us/>> \*\*.  
 National : <<http://www.kofc.org/>>.  
 Insurance: <<http://www.kofc.org/>> See Insurance (Annuities).  
 Fathers For Good: <<http://www.fathersforgood.org/>>.  
 Catholic Dads: <<http://catholic-dads.blogspot.com/>>.  
 Catholic News Service: <<http://www.catholicnews.com/>>.  
 Life PAC (Vote Pro-Life): <<http://www.lifepac.net/>>.  
 PA for Marriage: <<http://www.pa4marriage.org/>>.  
 Diocese of Pittsburgh: <<http://www.diopitt.org/>>.  
 Pittsburgh Catholic: <<http://www.pittsburghcatholic.org/>>.  
 Retreats: <<http://www.catholic-church.org/stpaulsmonastery/>>.  
 US Conference of Catholic Bishops: <<http://www.usccb.org/>>.  
 PA Catholic Conference: <<http://www.pacatholic.org/>>.  
 The Holy Father: <[http://www.vatican.va/home\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/home_en.htm)>.  
 The English Company, Inc.: <<http://www.kofcsupplies.com/>>.  
 Lynch & Kelly, Inc.: <<http://www.lynychkelly.com/>>.  
 \*\* Our Lady of Olive Newsletter now available on PA State website.

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## January / February 2010

### Our Lady of Olives Council #3907 Council Calendar — January 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 > March 13<sup>th</sup> 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 17 →SAIp & SJN Women Retreat BINGO CREW 3	January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Holiday)	January 19	January 20 Meeting Night Rosary 7:30 PM Meeting 8:00 PM	January 21	January 22 March for Life Washington DC SAIp & SALx Retreat →	January 23 Candidates 9:00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree 9:30pm @ Wexford #3907
January 24 →SAIp & SALx Men's Retreat BINGO CREW 4	January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul	January 26	January 27 4th Degree Meeting @ Father Newell #11838 Cranberry	January 28 Annual Survey Due → Special Olympics Rpt. Free Throw Rpt. Substance Abuse	January 29 Saturday Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup> → Council Free Throw 9:00-11:00am SALp Full Moon →	January 30 Candidates 9:00pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree 10:00pm @ Wexford #3907 Luncheon to follow
January 31 Pro Bowl 2010 Miami FL on DTV BINGO CREW 1	February 1 The Presentation → of the Lord →	February 2 Groundhog Day Pgh Chapter 7:30pm Pittsburgh #491 Brookline	February 3 Meeting Night Rosary 7:30 PM Meeting 8:00 PM Columbian 8:45 PM	February 4 ←Officers 6:30pm, as needed	February 5 1 <sup>st</sup> FRIDAY Overnight(10pm-6am) Adoration: SJ&P →	February 6 1 <sup>st</sup> SATURDAY 8am Mass St. Athanasius Four Rosaries for Unborn at Planned Parenthood Pgh
February 7 Sunday Breakfast 9:00am – 1:30pm BINGO CREW 2	February 8 ← Super Bowl XLIV ← Miami FL on DTV	February 9	February 10	February 11 February/March OB Deadline	February 12	February 13 New Moon
February 14 Valentine's Day Prolife Demonstration Magee Hospital 1-3pm BINGO CREW 3	February 15 Presidents Day Semianual Rpt. due	February 16 Meeting Night Rosary 7:30 PM Meeting 8:00 PM	February 17 Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstinence)	February 18	February 19 (Abstinence) Bishop's Project meeting 7:30pm Brookline #491	February 20
February 21 BINGO CREW 4	February 22 The Chair of St. Peter	February 23	February 24 4th Degree Meeting @ Our Lady of Olives #3907 Wexford	February 25 GK Seminar 7-9pm St. Gregory Zelenople Full Moon	February 26 (Abstinence)	February 27
February 28 Full Moon BINGO CREW 1	March 1	March 2 Pgh Chapter 7:30pm OPEN a	March 3 Meeting Night Rosary 7:30 PM Meeting 8:00 PM Columbian 8:45 PM	March 4 ←Officers 6:30pm, as needed	March 5 1 <sup>st</sup> FRIDAY (Abstinence) Overnight(10pm-6am) Adoration: SJ&P →	March 6 1 <sup>st</sup> SATURDAY 8am Mass St. Athanasius Four Rosaries for Unborn at Planned Parenthood Pgh
March 7 Sunday Breakfast 9:00am – 1:30pm BINGO CREW 2	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12 (Abstinence)	March 13 Saint Patrick's Day Parade ←SJN Men's Retreat → Saint Patrick's Day Party

Symbols: ←(day before), ←←(days before), →→(days after), →(day after), ↑(day above), ↓(day below);