

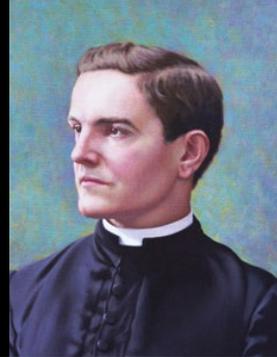


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Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



Grand Knight's Report by Kyle Hubbard



Greetings, Worthy Brothers!
The month of October this year will be historic for the Knights of Columbus, as our founder, Fr. Michael McGivney, will be beatified. The Mass of Beatification of Venerable Michael McGivney will be broadcast live (and livestreamed) from the Cathedral of St Joseph in Hartford, CT on Saturday, 31 October at 11am. Fr. McGivney's

journey toward sainthood has been 23 years in the making. Known by his contemporaries for his devotion to the faith and his embodiment of the characteristics of the "Good Samaritan," Fr. McGivney's cause for sainthood was opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1997. In 2003, St. John Paul II lauded Father McGivney's principles, stating, "In fidelity to the vision of Fr. McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a spiritual force for the renewal of the Church in holiness, unity and truth." In 2008, he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI, who cited the "remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus." Pope Francis officially recognized a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. McGivney, allowing him to be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. This miracle, officially recognized and promulgated by Pope Francis, involved an unborn child who, in 2015, was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Fr. McGivney. An additional miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

To quote our Supreme Knight. "Fr McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action." Even with the restrictions imposed

upon us due to the ongoing pandemic, our Council embodies this principle, with our service to both the parish and the community. Throughout late September and early October, Patuxent Council successfully executed no fewer than three Life Programs, including our Novena for Life, Cemetery of the Unborn, and Silver Rose Ceremony. Thanks to Mike Turek for the tremendous effort leading these programs! We have also been able to support our community through our ongoing support of the SHARE program, serving as a drop-off location for Little Sisters of the Poor donations, and volunteering at the Elizabeth House. This month's SHARE distribution (Saturday, 24 October) will be a little different than those prior, because Supreme will be sending representatives from the Communications Department to document the event. This will be a great opportunity to market our efforts to the broader Knights membership, as well as the Laurel community. Please volunteer to help; and wear your Knights gear!

We've been doing exceptional business with our contactless drive-thru dinner sales. Since its inception, this fundraising effort has generated nearly \$2000 in profits, half of which the Council has donated back to St. Mary's parish. Please continue to patronize and volunteer!

Some upcoming live, and in-person events to keep in mind: our annual Council Memorial Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, 17 November at 7:30pm, and our 100th Anniversary Mass is Saturday, 28 November at 5:00pm (Saturday after Thanksgiving). More information will follow as plans become finalized.

Finally, please continue to recruit new members! Online registration is quick and easy. Simply direct potential members to kofc.org/joinus to sign-up. Anyone who registers between now and 31 December, and uses the promo code MCGIVNEY2020, will receive their first-year membership for free! Of course, in-person recruiting also works. Please contact our Membership Chair PGK Steve Hubbard with any questions you may have, but especially with the names and contact info for any recruits you are pursuing.

Serving Others is Faith in Action

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Council Meets: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Kutzera Room of the Keesler Parish Center, 800 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707

Mailing Address: K of C Patuxent Council 2203, P.O. Box 95, Laurel, MD 20725

Membership Director's Report by Steve Hubbard, PGK, Membership Chair

Guys! Help, I'm dyin' here! Recruit, recruit, recruit!! Those of you who are active in our programs know that we're seeing the same 20-30 guys over and over. We need some "new blood"! Many hands make light work ... so let's recruit some new members so we have more hands!! Membership dues are waived for new members through December in honor of Father McGivney's beatification. Give me names (and contact info) of men you recruit and I'll take it from there!

Car Raffle - Drawing on Founder's Day Dick Stevick, Car Raffle Chair

No you didn't miss the car raffle as the October Columbus Day Ball was cancelled. We just obtained our council's tickets and will be distributing/selling over the coming months. Drawing will be at the Founder's Day Dinner on 21 March 21. Stay tuned for more information.

<https://kofc-md.org/incentive-car-raffle/>

SHARE Food Distribution Saturday, October 24th by Jimmy Williams, PGK

Thank you to everyone who came out to assist with our October 24th SHARE Distribution. We had great weather and everything went very well as we successfully distributed another 2,415 pounds of food. The film crew sent by the Supreme Council was able to capture a ton of great footage and we look forward to seeing the video they create in the weeks ahead.

We also hit another significant milestone with this month's distribution: 10 tons of food distributed during the pandemic. In other terms, that's nearly 1,200 Value Packs and Specials and maybe 25-30 pickup truck/van loads of food over the past 8 months. Year-to-date we are at approximately 12 tons, with our larger Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions still to come.

We truly appreciate your support as we could not do this with-

out you. We also appreciate the kind words, thoughts, and prayers of those of you who have not been able to volunteer due to the pandemic. We miss you and hope we'll be able to see you again soon.

The Thanksgiving Distribution will take place on Saturday, November 21st. We anticipate it will be around 4,000 pounds of food, possibly more.

Finally, we are now recruiting volunteers to assist with our annual SHARE Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Collections. We will be collecting donations after all Masses Nov. 7th-8th, Nov. 14th-15th, Dec. 5th-6th, and Dec. 12th-13th. We are looking for two volunteers per Mass. If you can assist, please contact Phyllis Williams at phylliscw@verizon.net or sign up via SignUp Genius. Look for the SignUp Genius links to be distributed via Council email.

Centennial History: A Century of Support for St. Mary of the Mills by Jimmy Williams, PGK

As we celebrate our 100th anniversary, there is no question that Patuxent Council is deeply integrated into the fabric of St. Mary of the Mills. We meet (during "normal" times) in the Kutzera Room of the Msgr. Keesler Parish Center, where we also have a permanent

office and pantry, Brother Knights are involved in almost every ministry the parish has to offer, and we run numerous activities and programs every year for the benefit of the parish and our fellow parishioners.

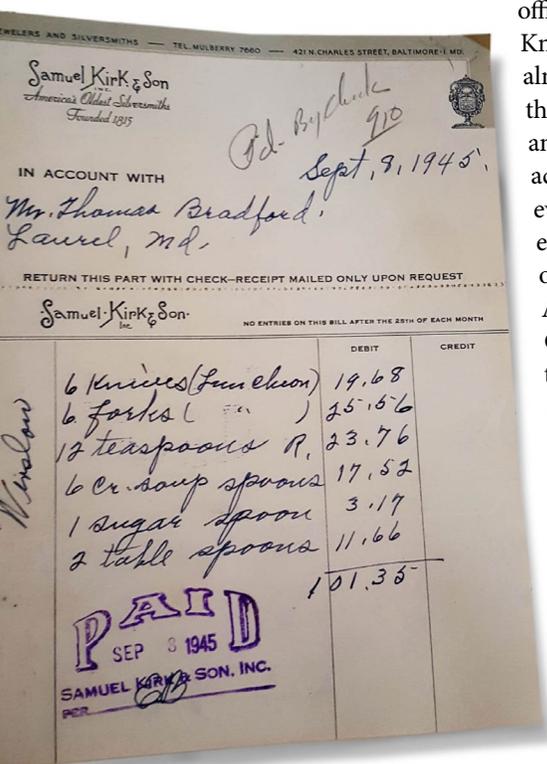
As our research of our Council's history continues, I am pleased to report our record of support for the parish over our 100 years, in efforts big and small, has been strong.

In September 1936, amid the Great Depression, the Council stepped up to pay tuition for three stu-

dents in the parish school. By the mid-1940s, following the arrival of Fr. Hugh Breen, namesake of our Breen Room, the Council had begun First Friday Communion Breakfasts for students, which appears to have become a long-running Council program. In 1947, Knights helped organize three major events, an oyster roast, a supper and bazaar, and a dance at the Laurel Armory, to raise a combined \$10,000 (more than \$116,000 today) for the construction of the current school building. In more recent years, our annual Tootsie Roll Drive has provided much-needed funding to support students with intellectual disabilities.

In a Minutes Book from the mid-1940s, we came across a receipt tucked in between the pages for a 33-piece silver set worth \$101.35 (more than \$1,450 today) which the Council gifted to the rectory. Another major milestone came in Summer 2012, when the Council donated \$80,000 from its Building Fund to the construction of the Keesler Center. We've also conducted many other programs and supported numerous events over the years providing both spiritual support to parishioners and material support to the parish, including Men's Retreats, an annual Vocations Roundtable for the Youth Group, various prayer services, serving breakfast and lunch at the Christmas Bazaar, providing sponsorship and TIPS-certified bartenders for the annual Gala/Bull Roast, and so much more.

As we reflect on our century of service to St. Mary of the Mills and the greater Laurel community, we celebrate these milestones of support for our parish and look forward with great excitement to what the future holds.



Knights Raise over \$1900 with Drive-Thru BBQ

by Stan Potter

Patuxent Council raised over \$1900 through the Drive-Thru BBQ held each Saturday in September. We donated \$970 to the parish from these proceeds, and will use the rest to fund our charitable programs. Special thanks go to the shoppers Dick Stevick and Mike Webster for purchasing food and supplies. Marc Alvarez, Dick Stevick, Chris Walker, Mark O'Dea, Mike Webster, Sunny Francis, and Ben Stevick spent many hours watching over the pork shoulders as they slowly cooked, and then pulled the pork when done. Marc Alvarez, Art Blenkle, Dick and Doris Stevick, Chris Walker, Mark O'Dea, Greg Smith, and Ben Stevick prepared and cooked sides on Saturday mornings. Rick Novak, Jack and Luke Kudwa, Steve Hubbard, Jimmy Williams, Austin Nwabueze, and Ted and Angelo Gambogi bagged and served orders. Phyllis Williams, Jimmy Williams, Bob Tenney, Jim Gordon, and Chris Erdle took orders from drivers as they drove through the driveway at the Keesler Center. In October the council cooked sausage dinners while in November they plan to feature turkey dinners and other meals. These funds help replace the income lost due to the lack of concessions income from the University of Maryland sports events. The University at first cancelled sports events, and then reinstated them with no fans due to the corona virus. These Drive-Thru meals will enable the Council to continue providing charitable services while supporting the parish at the same time.



For our sick

We pray for the healing, comfort and consolation of our sick, and their caretakers:

Brother Ron Jacobs

PGK Roger Lambert

PGK Steve Sawyer

Karen Giddings, friend of PGK Steve Hubbard

Sophie Hoover, friend of PGK Steve Hubbard

Jane Turek, mother of Brother Ben Turek

Ray Turek, brother of Brother Mike Turek

John Kish, brother-in-law of brother Rick Krutz

For our deceased

We offer prayers for the repose of their souls.

May they rest in peace:

Lady Florence Jean Webster, mother of DD

Mike Webster, PGK

Dorothea Chrismer, wife of Brother

Ron Chrismer & mother of Brother Jeff Chrismer

C. J. Hall, CDR, USN (Ret.), friend of

PGK Steve Hubbard



Family of the Month September 2020

Patuxent Council No. 2203 is pleased to recognize the **Turek family - Mike and his son Ben** - both Brother Knights of Patuxent Council - as its Family of the Month for September 2020. As our council's current LIFE activities director, Mike has planned, organized, and led: the clean-up of our parish Memorial to the Unborn; the praying of our Novena for Life; the installation of a Cemetery of the Innocents on our church lawn; the Silver Rose Prayer Service; and an ongoing weekly virtual bi-lingual Rosary open to all Brother Knights, all parishioners, and all interested community members. Ben assisted/assists Mike in executing each of these programs while also performing technical support functions. As a paralegal professional, Ben also provides advice to pro-Life causes on carrying out law-abiding peaceful protests. Both Mike & Ben also served as parking marshals (completely staffed by Patuxent Council members) during our parish "Parking Lot Adoration" events held during the height of the CoViD-19 pandemic while celebrating public Mass was not allowed. Mike has been active in numerous parish ministries over the past 20 years. He has served St. Mary of the Mills parish music ministry as an instrumentalist & vocalist for many varied events, including Masses, other liturgical services, & parish social events. He is also active in the parish Haiti Twinning program. Both he & Ben are currently also serving the parish as ushers for the pandemic-modified attendance-restricted Sunday Masses. Ben served the parish as an altar server throughout his school years. In the local community, Mike volunteered with the 40 Days for Life (College Park) movement for several years and recently served as its interim director for six months after its long-time director retired unexpectedly. When the council received a request from FISH of Laurel to help with their community garden, Mike stepped up and tended



the garden twice weekly for 9 months. He treated the soil to balance its pH, planted the garden, tilled the soil, and delivered 10 pounds of fresh veggies twice weekly to Elizabeth House (FISH's community "soup kitchen") and the St. Mary of the Mills parish pantry. Patuxent Council & St. Mary of the Mills Parish are grateful for the Turek family's dedication & service to our parish & the greater Laurel community.

Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar

(as of October 29, 2020)

All dates are tentative due to the COVID-19 crisis

October

- 29 Weekly Rosary for Life**
8:00pm, VIRTUAL
- 29 Spirit Night, Tampico Grill**
12:00pm – 9:00pm, 42 Washington Blvd, Laurel, 20707
- 31 Sausage Dinner Drive Thru**
Pick-up 11:00am – 2:00pm, Keesler Center
- 31 Fr. McGivney Beatification Mass**
11:00am, VIRTUAL

November

- 3 Patuxent Council Business Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 5 Centennial Committee Planning Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 7 Turkey Dinner Drive Thru**
Pick-up 11:00am – 2:00pm, Keesler Center
- 7-8 SHARE, Thanksgiving Meal Collections**
following all weekend Masses
- 10 Newsletter item Monthly Submission Deadline**
- 10 Patuxent Council Officers/Planning Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 14 Spiral Ham Dinner Drive Thru**
Pick-up 11:00am – 2:00pm, Keesler Center
- 14-15 SHARE, Thanksgiving Meal Collections**
following all weekend Masses
- 14-15 Box of Joy Collection**
following all weekend Masses
- 15 State Council Memorial Mass & Reception**
2:00 pm, St. Louis Catholic Church 12500 Clarksville Pike
Clarksville, MD 21029
- 17 Patuxent Council Memorial Mass**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, St. Mary of the Mills Church
- 18 Chapter Meeting, Memorial Mass**
8:00pm, Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council, Silver Spring
- 21 Italian Dinner Drive Thru**
Pick-up 11:00am – 2:00pm, Keesler Center
- 21 SHARE Distribution**
9:00am – 11:00am, Keesler Center
- 21 Little Sisters of the Poor**
10:00am, Keesler Center
- 28 Patuxent Council 100th Anniversary Mass**
5:00pm, St. Mary of the Mills Church



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December

- 1 Patuxent Council Business Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 5-6 SHARE, Christmas Meal Collections**
following all weekend Masses
- 8 Patuxent Council Officers/Planning Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 10 Newsletter items Monthly Submission Deadline**
- 12-13 SHARE, Christmas Meal Collections**
following all weekend Masses
- 12 Patuxent Council Christmas Party**
6:30pm – 9:00pm, Keesler Center
- 15 Patuxent Council Social Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 16 Chapter Christmas Party**
8:00pm – 9:00pm, Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council, Bowie
- 19 SHARE Distribution**
9:00am – 11:00am, Keesler Center
- 19 Little Sisters of the Poor**
10:00am, Keesler Center
- 19 State Christmas Party & Star Night**
Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521, Time TBD

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October Birthdays

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| William E. Mc Mahon Jr. | Oct. 1 | Edmund C. Omanukwue | Oct. 16 |
| Duclair Djabatang | Oct. 2 | Michael J. Case | Oct. 17 |
| John O. Oteniya | Oct. 4 | David P. Le Boeuf | Oct. 18 |
| Roy P. Gilmore | Oct. 8 | Christopher M. Jacobs | Oct. 19 |
| John Richard Askins | Oct. 10 | Rev. Brian A. Coelho | Oct. 24 |
| William P. Turpin | Oct. 10 | Fr. Christian Huebner | Oct. 27 |
| Augustine B. Nwabueze | Oct. 11 | Stephen E. Curtin | Oct. 28 |
| George B. Otis | Oct. 13 | James H. Gordon Jr. | Oct. 28 |
| Michael D. Greigg | Oct. 14 | Howard W. Bland | Oct. 30 |
| Jose G. Duarte | Oct. 16 | Arthur J. Schweiss | Oct. 30 |