

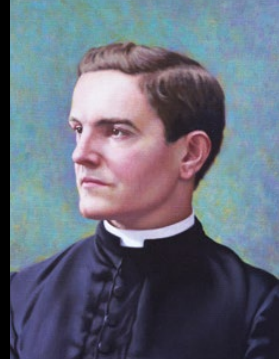


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# Patuxent Ripple

Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



## March in and Volunteer for the **National March for Life!**

This Friday, January 18th, the 2019 March for Life will be held just down the road in Washington, D.C. As Catholics and Knights of Columbus, we are called to defend life in all its stages, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. And who among us is more vulnerable than the unborn child?

Again this year, the Knights of Columbus will be a major sponsor and driving force behind the March for Life and its related activities, including the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Capital One Arena, the Rose Dinner, and multiple pro-life Masses Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Tens of thousands of marchers will be carrying the famous green and white Knights of Columbus "Defend Life" signs as they march from the National Mall to the Supreme Court.

If you are able, you are highly encouraged to participate in

the March and related activities as your time permits. Below, you will find details of where and when to gather to participate in the March with your Brother Knights from the Maryland State Council, as well as the details for opportunities to serve as volunteer marshals for the Youth Mass for Life, and as an usher for one or more of the Masses at the Basilica.

If you cannot make it to the National March for Life this weekend, then please mark your calendars now for the annual Maryland March for Life in Annapolis on Monday, March 4th, 2019. More details will follow, but the Council will organize a carpool to the Maryland March for Life, where we will rally to support legislation such as the pain capable unborn child protection act, and voice our opposition to harmful legislation such as a bill to legalize physician assisted suicide.

## March for Life Details and Volunteer Opportunity

All Brother Knights are invited and encouraged to walk with the Maryland State Council during the 2019 March for Life on Friday, January 18th, in D.C. Details:

**Rally Point for Maryland State Council:**

14th Street and Madison Drive, NW

**Timing:**

Gathering between 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Look for State Council banner

Moving to the staging area at 10:45 a.m.

Prior to the March, volunteers are needed to serve as marshals outside the Capital One Arena (former Verizon Center) for the Youth Rally and Mass for Life. Details as follows:

**Event: Archdiocese of Washington Youth Rally & Mass for Life (Marshaling)**

**Date:** Friday, January 18, 2019

**Time:** 5:45am - 10am

**Location:** Capital One Arena, 601 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

**Volunteers: ~20 around the Arena directing students to the open entrances of the arena. This is a ticketed event. This is rain, snow, or shine and outdoors.**

Please contact Maryland State Council Life Activities Director Roger Donnelly if interested in this opportunity. Phone: 301-520-5620; Email: rd5472@verizon.net



# MARCH for LIFE

**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

## Grand Knight's Report by Jimmy Williams



Happy New Year, Brother Knights, Family, and Friends! I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas season and that you were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. As we pass the halfway point in this Fraternal Year, I wanted to check in with you on of the goals we set as a Council back in July.

I am pleased to report we are on track to again meet and exceed the requirements to earn the Columbian Award for programming excellence in our activity areas of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. This year, we are required to earn 16 program "credits," including one required program in each of the four areas. As of this writing, we are on track for all required programs, and for a total of at least 20 program credits. This is a testament to our collective commitment as Brother Knights of Patuxent Council to being a force for

good in support of our Parish and the Laurel community.

In other areas, we've been published this year in Columbia magazine's "Knights in Action" online. We've also expanded on a Coats for Kids partnership with the Laurel Police Department, distributing a total of 72 new winter coats. Meeting times have been held to about an hour or less.

However, one area where we are lagging is in recruiting new members. Through 6+ months, we have only added 4 new members to our Council this year. In order to continue as a force for good, we must continue to bring "baby Brothers" into our Council. As I urged last month, please talk to your fellow parishioners about the Knights and help spread the word about our multitude of good works. Talk up our forthcoming programs which are specifically spiritual in nature (the Marian Icon Prayer Service, a Men's Retreat, our Rosary Program, etc.). Remember, together as Knights we provide charitable service to others while living and growing deeper in our Catholic faith. It's something we should all be a part of.

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### Maryland State Council Notification:

Posted on behalf of State Deputy Dale Trott. Praying in support of Life is fundamental to our Order. This message primarily targets DDs

and GKs, but all recipients are encouraged to spread this message and take advantage of this opportunity to publicly stand for Life.



#### Dear Brother Knight,

In just a two weeks, thousands of visitors will be coming to Washington and will attend various Masses at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as a part of the March for Life weekend.

Eleven Right to Life Masses are scheduled on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 16 to 19 and Ushers are needed at all Masses.

This provides you with many opportunities to serve. In addition to the opening and closing Vigil Masses, several visiting dioceses also celebrate Mass at the Basilica before or after the March.

**1/16 (9:30 am)** Diocese of Baton Rouge Right to Life Mass (Great Upper Church)

**1/17 (9:30 am)** Diocese of Wichita Right to Life Mass (Great Upper Church)

**1/17 (5:30 pm)** Opening Mass for the Solemn Vigil for Life (Upper Church, Crypt Church & Memorial Hall)

**1/18 (7:30 am)** Closing Mass for the Solemn Mass for Life (Upper Church)

**(9:30 am)** Diocese of Syracuse Right to Life Mass (Crypt Church)

**(10:00 am)** Archdiocese of Philadelphia Right to Life Mass (Upper Church)

**1/18 (11:30 am)** Dioceses of Charlotte & Raleigh Right to Life Mass (Upper Church)

**1/19 (9:30 am)** Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Right to Life Mass (Upper Church)

**(4:00 pm)** Diocese of Birmingham Right to Life Mass (Crypt Church)

**(5:15 pm)** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Upper Church)

**(7:00 pm)** Archdiocese of St. Louis Right to Life Mass (Upper Church)

Maybe you are not able to attend the March, come to the Basilica instead, your service is needed there.

Perhaps you can encourage your Brother Knights to come and serve with you. Consider serving as a Council or Assembly Faith in Action project in support of the Culture of Life.

All are very welcome, Brother Knights and parish men. Maybe this will encourage them to join.

Pilgrims come from as far away as Kansas, making considerable sacrifices to travel to Washington, they deserve our best service and support.

Be a part of this public display of our faith and demonstrate that we are "Knights for Life".

The attire is dark suit or blue blazer, Emblem of the Order lapel pin, Knight's or plain necktie and your Council/Assembly name badge.

You can direct your questions to ShrineUsher@gmail.com or 240-429-6889.

These Masses are exceptional opportunities to serve at the Basilica in support the "Culture of Life", don't hesitate to volunteer!

Patrick B. McAleer

Shrine Usher Chairman

Maryland State Council

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

## Financial Secretary's Corner

by Gary Patishnock, PGK, PFN, FS

Ever wonder how your \$38 dues is spent? Imagine the Council taking in \$6,600 in dues. "Known overhead" of \$3,300 accounts for exactly half this total: \$1,800 State per capita and \$700 Supreme per capita, about \$700 for Catholic advertising and Culture of Life and \$100 for Grand Knight Chapter dues. That leaves \$3,300 for supplies from both Supreme as well as office expenses (computer ink and paper does add up), about \$500 for liability insurance, website maintenance and other fees and materials. These amounts are relatively stable.

There is one more expense that fluctuates, and it is one that you personally can control: postage. At \$.50 per letter, each member is sent both their first notice dues bill and then their membership card. Second and third notices add up accordingly. Members in arrears get additional letters. You can help cut these costs! Pay your dues at a meeting or upon receipt, of course. Those who no longer want to remain in the Order need only send the notice back with a signed statement saying "I no longer wish to be a Knights of Columbus member" and that is that.

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### For our sick

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

**Polly Gould** - friend of Pat Gager

**Brother Roger Lambert**

**Brother Marc Alvarez**

**Nephew of Brother Dominic Prunesti** - Leukemia

**Mary Szyperski** - wife of Brother Ray Szyperski

### For our deceased

*We offer prayers for the repose of their souls.*

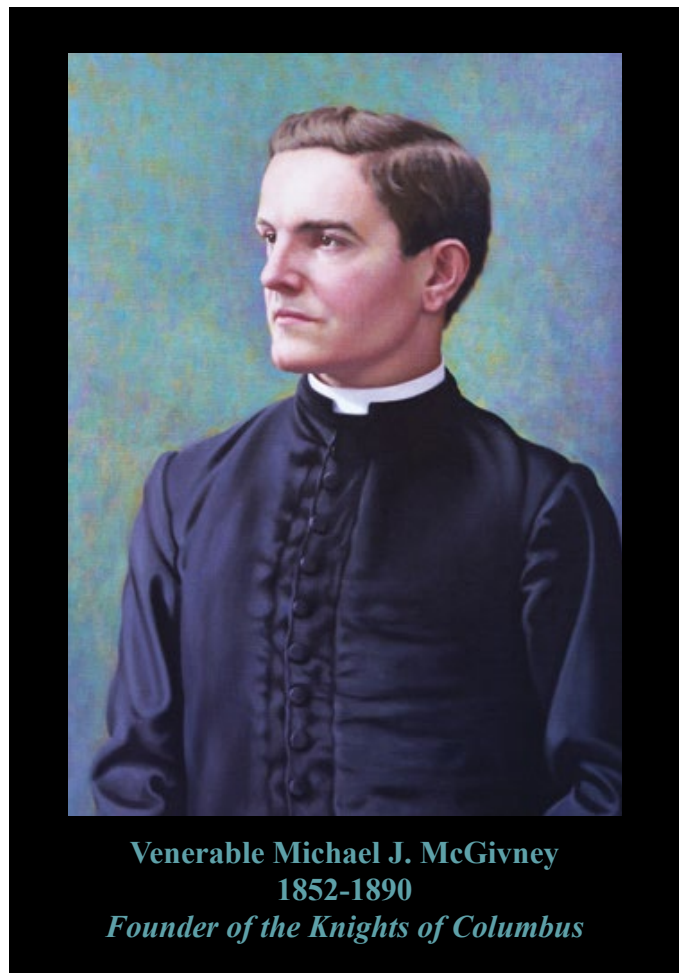
*May they rest in peace:*

**Robert Willmont** - cousin of Jerry Gager

**Elenore Albright (88 years old)** - wife of Past State Deputy

**John Albright**

**Brother Joseph Breslin**



Venerable Michael J. McGivney

1852-1890

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

# Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar

(as of January 14, 2019)

## January

- 15 **January Social Meeting** 7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 18 **2019 National March for Life** Washington, D.C.; Rally at 14th and Madison, NW, 10:15 a.m.
- 19 **SHARE Distribution**  
Pallotti HS, St. Lucy Lobby, Bag & Tag report 9 a.m.
- 20 **UMD Concessions, WBB vs. Penn State**  
11:30 a.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E
- 30 **Elizabeth House 5th Wednesday Volunteer Shift**  
4 p.m., Elizabeth House

## February

- 5 **February Business Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 12 **February Planning Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 16 **SHARE Distribution**  
Pallotti HS, St. Lucy Lobby, Bag & Tag report 9 a.m.
- 16 **Marian Icon Prayer Service**  
following 5 p.m. Vigil Mass; Church
- 19 **February Social Meeting,**  
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 23 **UMD Concessions, MBB vs. Ohio State**  
11 a.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E
- 24 **District 10 Basketball Free Throw Contest**  
6 p.m., Keesler Center Gym

## March

- 3 **UMD Concessions, MBB vs. Mich.**  
12:30 pm. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E (Beer Carts Only)
- 5 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**  
Report Time 4 p.m., Doors Open 5:30 p.m., Breen Room
- 8 **UMD Concessions, MBB vs. Minn.**  
4 p.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate (Beer Carts Only)
- 8 **(Tent.) Lenten Fish Fry Friday**  
Report Time 4 p.m., Doors Open 5:30 p.m., Breen Room
- 9 **Council Retreat**, beginning with 8 a.m. Mass  
in Church, retreat to follow in Wilson Room
- 12 **March Business Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 15 **Lenten Fish Fry Friday**  
Report Time 4 p.m., Doors Open 5:30 p.m., Breen Room
- 16 **SHARE Distribution**  
Pallotti HS, St. Lucy Lobby, Bag & Tag report 9 a.m.
- 19 **Annual Patuxent Council Community Awards**  
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 22 **Lenten Fish Fry Friday**  
Report Time 4 p.m., Doors Open 5:30 p.m., Breen Room
- 29 **Lenten Fish Fry Friday**  
Report Time 4 p.m., Doors Open 5:30 p.m., Breen Room
- 31 **5th Sunday Rosary;** Time TBA, Church
- 31 **State Council Founder's Day Mass & Reception**  
2 p.m. Mt. Calvary Church, District Heights, Md.

## April

- 2 **April Business Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 6 **Exemplification of the Patriotic (4th) Degree**  
at the Keesler Center, 9:30 a.m.

## Upcoming Degrees Nearby (Council, City):

### Admission:

- Thursday, 1/17**  
(St. Louis, Ellicott City)
- Monday, 1/28**  
(PG, College Park)

### Formation:

- Monday, 2/25**  
(PG, College Park)
- Wednesday, 2/27**  
(Fr. Maher, Olney)

### Knighthood:

- Friday, 1/18**  
(Rock Creek, Bethesda)

Visit [http://kofc-md.org/docs1820/degrees/2018\\_2019\\_Degree\\_Calendar.pdf](http://kofc-md.org/docs1820/degrees/2018_2019_Degree_Calendar.pdf) for full schedule of Degrees in the State of Maryland

## January Birthdays

FRANK J. FELLEENZ	January 3
GEORGE . KNAUER	January 3
STEVEN J TAYLOR	January 3
THOMAS J. WERNER	January 4
CHARLES J. TOPPER	January 11
JAMES V. LOCKMAN	January 11
DANIEL L. ROBERTS	January 12
REINHARD P. BORCHARDT	January 12
DANIEL L. LANDRY JR.	January 13
HOWARD W. MILLER	January 18
ANTHONY E. LICKTEIG	January 19
ANTHONY SPEZIO	January 23
JAMES M. TESTA	January 25
DAVID A. HOBSON	January 26
ROGER LAMBERT	January 27
HUMBERT R. ESCALANTE	January 27

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