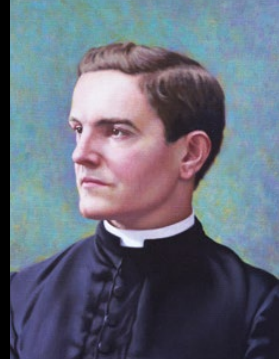




Patuxent Ripple

Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



Grand Knight's Report by Kyle Hubbard



Greetings Worthy Brothers,
As we move into the summer months and close out another Fraternal Year, we pray for the successful completion of our goals and for the beneficiaries of our myriad programs. Let us remain active and vigilant in our duty to the community and plan ahead for the upcoming fraternal year.

As I noted in last month's Ripple, Supreme and State will be pushing the COVID Recovery Program (CRP), which will be a series of programs focused on resuming operations in a way that inspires members and parishioners to become re-involved with Church and community activities. The CRP has three key elements: parish support, interactions between state and local councils, and fraternal engagement. We will be looking to implement aspects of the CRP as details become available.

The closing of one Fraternal Year means the beginning of another, so at this time, I would like to recognize and congratulate the Council officers for the 2021 – 2022 Fraternal Year: **Grand Knight:** Augustine Nwabueze;

Deputy Grand Knight: Dick Stevick; **Chancellor:** Patrick Onyekweli; **Warden:** Habib Konate; **Advocate:** Ted Gambogi; **Financial Secretary:** Bob Tenney; **Treasurer:** Marc Alvarez; **Recorder:** Rick Krutz; **Inside Guard:** Adam Novak; **Outside Guard:** Chieloka Ifudu; **3-Year Trustee:** Kyle Hubbard; **2-Year Trustee:** Steve Hubbard; **1-Year Trustee:** Jerry Gager; **Delegate:** Kyle Hubbard; **1st Alternate:** Jimmy Williams; and **2nd Alternate:** Bill McMahan.

As the Fraternal Year comes to a close, I would like to thank all Brother Knights and their families for their dedication to the Council, the St. Mary of the Mills Parish, and the Laurel community. This past year laid bare some unprecedented challenges, but we rose to the occasion. Your contributions to our community programs were exceptional. It has been my honor serving as your Grand Knight.

And, one last time...it's never too late to recruit! All prospective members that register between now and 30 June will receive a first-year membership for free! Simply have your recruit use the promo code MCGIVNEY2020 at www.kofc.org/joinus, and they will enjoy free membership for a full year.

Serving Others is Faith in Action

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

Worthy Brothers,
For at least a decade, the only thing that has stood between us and earning the Star Council award has been our lack of recruiting. It's true that because we have a large council, we also have a large quota to meet each year in order to qualify for the award, but we belong to a huge parish and should, with a little effort, be able to recruit a dozen or

so members over the course of a year! I've said many times that if we could just recruit one new member per month, we'd be golden. I think what can help us now is to go back to guys we may have asked in the past and re-initiate our invitations to join. Perhaps after CoViD they will be more interested in getting out and joining with us in our community pursuits and our brotherhood! Let's give it a go!!

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Council Meets: 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.

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

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Lecturer Reflection

by Gary Patishnock, PGK, PFN, Lecturer

Tempus fugit. Memento mori. Vivat Jesus! We heard these words on our first day as Knights. It is fitting to use them to close these fraternal year reflections.

Time has flown this year. COVID-19 gave us many challenges for our individual lives and our ability to accomplish council goals. There have been plenty of awards and reasons to celebrate. We have also had our fair share of setbacks – the postponement of centennial festivities and the lack of direct human contact in much of our work. And of course so many deaths in all its forms and causes. Everyone reading this is within six degrees of separation from someone who died of COVID-19. We always lose council members, their spouses and members of our extended families to inevitable death.

Death however is a necessary part of all existence. Nothing on Earth goes on forever – even the mountains rise and fall over time. All living entities feed on the death of something. The Sun consumes itself over countless millions of years to give off the energy to warm our planet and allow plants and plankton to photosynthesize. These are eaten from the microbes to the largest animal on Earth (the blue whale). All in turn are eaten by others in the food chains, including us. When everything dies and return to dust, bodies become food for microbes, worms, scavengers and more. The cycle begins anew.

We as Catholics however are proud to profess our belief in the resurrection of the body and of life everlasting. To the devout, Death is not an end, an enemy to be feared - it's an inevitable part of our overall physical and spiritual life. Jesus Himself died for our sins so that we can live: *“By dying He destroyed our death, by rising He restored our life.”*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 reminds us *“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to reap.”* All Grand Knights must give way for another in order for all councils to grow and thrive. Growth requires change. This Lecturer hopes to stand down as soon as July, in order to grow professionally with evening graduate school studies and increased work responsibilities. Another inevitably will spread seeds of humor, wisdom, knowledge and truth. It must be so.

I pray that amid the many seeds I and others have planted, someone will be inspired to become the next Lecturer, a program chair, a future Grand Knight. We wither and die as a council unless we plant seeds in the hearts of men to join us, nurture them and their families as brothers and continue the life cycle.

Tempus fugit. Memento mori.

Vivat Jesus!

Submissions

This newsletter is published on or about the 15th of every month. If you have an article you would like to submit for publication, please submit to:

GK Kyle Hubbard at hubbard.kyle@gmail.com and **Brother Erik Washam** at ekwasham@gmail.com for review. Please limit submissions to 250-275 words.

SHARE Surpasses 24 Tons of Food Distributed During Pandemic; Council Celebrates 25 years of SHARE

by Jimmy Williams, PGK

Through our June 26th SHARE Food Distribution, we have distributed about 49,500 pounds, or 24.75 tons, of food through our SHARE Food Program since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. The estimated value of this food is at least \$66,300. These numbers are absolutely staggering and provide a concrete example of the difference we are making for our brothers and sisters in need in and around Laurel during the pandemic. Thank you to all the volunteers who have collectively put in about 1,500 volunteer hours in the last 16 months.

We also celebrate our Council's 25th anniversary of participating in the SHARE Food Network. This milestone was recognized in the June SHARE Newsletter (see screen capture below). Over the last 25 years, SHARE has become one of our Council's signature charitable programs. Through the June 2021 distribution, we have distributed an estimated 777,072 pounds of food worth about \$1.02 million through our Host Site.

HOST SITE ANNIVERSARIES

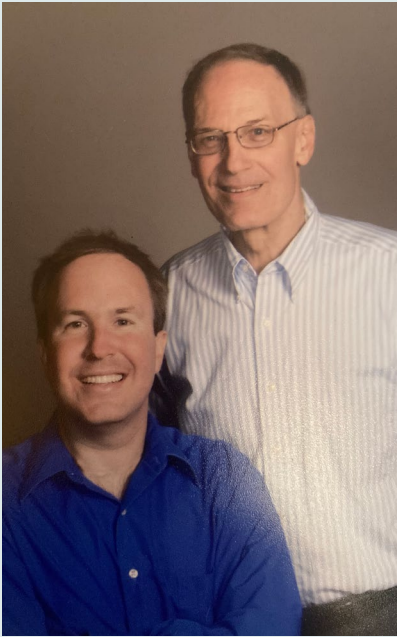
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MT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH	31
ST AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH	30
FIRST BAPTIST- GEORGETOWN	30
PILGRIM AME CHURCH	30
ANTIOCH BAPTIST CH, CLINTON	30
REFRESHING SPRING COGIC	30
SIMPSON HAMLIN UM MEN & WOMEN	29
GREATER ST JOHN	28
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2203	25
FIRST A M E CH OF GAITHERSBURG	24
FT WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH	20
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE	17
MORNING STAR BAPTIST-BALTIMORE	16
FAITH EMBASSY CHURCH	1

A reminder that our July SHARE Distribution is Saturday, July 24th. ***Please note***: Due to a conflict with Granny's Attic, this distribution will take place in the Sister Lucy Lobby of Pallotti High School, the lobby "down the hill" closer to McCullough Field. This is planned as a one-off relocation. Additional upcoming dates include:

Saturday, August 28th

Saturday, September 25th

Family of the Month May 2021



Patuxent Council No. 2203 is pleased to recognize **the Chrimer family – Ron and his son Jeff** – as its Family of the Month for May 2021. As third-degree members of Patuxent Council, both Ron & Jeff support various council activities, such as Lenten Fish Fries, the annual parish Christmas Bazaar, and UM Concessions. In the parish, they both serve as ushers for weekend & Holy Day Masses. In the community, they serve as: Troop Committee members for Scout Troop 1250, chartered by St. Mary's parish; staff volunteers for the Hydrocephalus Association fundraising walks and events; and are active – Ron as a performer, Jeff as logistical & technical support – in the musical group Lost 'N' Found, which performs at parish activities, fundraisers, and local community events, including parish picnics, block parties, Haiti Twinning fundraisers, the Christian Refugee Relief Concert, Laurel Main Street Festivals, Hydrocephalus Association events, and Butterbean Softball Tournaments and fundraisers for the Lauren T. Giddings Memorial Fund. Ron also serves the Laurel Pregnancy Center as a care coach and member of the counseling team. Jeff serves regularly as a member of Troop 1250 Eagle Scout boards of review and annually raises funds for Fisher House – supporting wounded Veterans & their families – by running in the Marine Corps Marathon. Patuxent Council & St. Mary of the Mills Parish are grateful for the Chrimer family's dedication & service to our parish & the greater Laurel community.

June 36 Blood Drive by Augustine Nwabueze, DGK

The Blood Drive hosted by Knights of Columbus, Patuxent Council #2203, today June 26th, 2021 was successful. We had volunteers from both our brothers and Ladies of Charity.

Tara Linn of Ladies of Charity was able to rally 3 volunteers to support the blood drive for 5 hours while our 7 of our Brother Knights contributed 18 hours.

The Blood Drive yielded the following:

Whole Blood donors = 19units

Double Red (2RBC) = 10 units

Total Donors = 24

I will like to thank the Council, Ladies of Charity and all the volunteers for their contribution to the success of this event.

FYI - we are scheduled for our next blood drive on October 16th, 2021. I'll keep everyone posted as the date approached. Thanks all.



For our sick

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

Steve Sawyer, PGK

Paul Simon

Jim Gordon, PGK

Patrick Palazzo

Roger Lambert, PGK

CDR Tom Hill, USN (Ret.)

For our deceased

We offer prayers for the repose of their souls. May they rest in peace:

Mary Ann Krehbiel

Frederick Opia

Shawn Gilmore



Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar

(as of June 25, 2021)

All dates are tentative due to the COVID-19 crisis

June

- 26 SHARE Distribution**
8:45am – 11:00am; Keesler Center
- 30 Elizabeth House**
4pm – 5pm

July

- 1 Rosary for Life**
8:00pm – 8:30pm, live-streamed
- 6 Patuxent Council Planning Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm
- 8 Rosary for Life**
8:00pm – 8:30pm, live-streamed
- 10 Newsletter items Monthly Submission Deadline**
- 10 Installation & GK Appreciation Dinner**
after 5:00 pm Mass
- 13 Patuxent Council Business Meeting**
7:30pm-8:30pm
- 15 Rosary for Life**
8:00pm – 8:30pm, live-streamed
- 17 Little Sisters of the Poor**
10:00am – 12:00pm, Keesler Center
- 20 Patuxent Council Social Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm
- 21 McNamara Chapter Meeting, Passing of Jewels**
8:00pm-9:00pm; James C. Fletcher Jr. Council #11422, Largo
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June Birthdays

Rev William P Carloni	June 1
Mark F O’Dea	June 1
Evan T. K. Williams	June 1
James D Williams Jr	June 3
Matthew J Sullivan	June 5
Timothy J Stevick	June 8
John A Giannetti	June 9
Shane A Walker	June 12
Rodolfo A Roldan	June 14
Ismael M Isip	June 17
Chielokalum E Ifudu	June 18
Richard B Morel	June 22
Grant L Simmons	June 24
Kyle S Hubbard	June 27
Benjamin A Stevick	June 28
Michael G Turek	June 29
David Madoo	June 30

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