

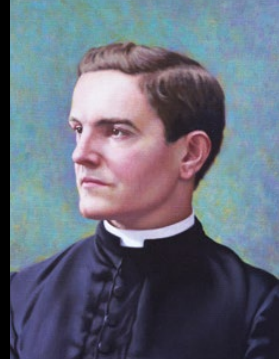


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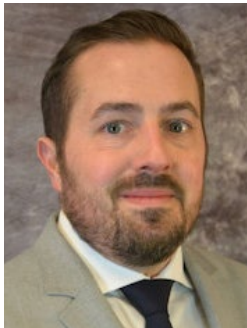
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Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



Grand Knight's Report by Kyle Hubbard



Greetings Worthy Brothers!

The month of May is the month of Mary, where Catholics offer up an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration to the Blessed Virgin. One of the defining characteristics of the Knights of Columbus is its members' deep devotion to Mary. Every Knight receives

a rosary when he joins the Order and is encouraged to turn to Mary as his own Mother, so that she may lead him closer to her Son.

As we move away from the social restrictions imposed by the pandemic toward a new normal, the Knights of Columbus are transitioning from the Leave No Neighbor Behind Program (LNNB), with programs aimed at supporting Brother Knights, the Parish, and the Community; feeding the hungry; and organizing blood drives, to the COVID Recovery Program (CRP). The CRP will focus on resuming operations in a way that inspires members and parishioners to become reinvolved 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 123rd Annual Maryland State Convention was held May 1st. The Council had two resolutions approved: one recognizing our 100th anniversary, the other recognizing 50 years of service for Monsignor Mike Mellone. Patuxent Council was also the recipient of mul-

iple awards, recognizing the impact of our Faith in Action programming throughout the past Fraternal Year. For submitting a report in each of the four Faith in Action areas (Community, Life, Family, and Faith) for each quarter, we were presented the Faith in Action Award. It should be noted that Patuxent Council submitted 28 reports, tied for most in the state. The State Council also rates programs and bestows a General Excellence Award to councils earning the most points in each Faith in Action programming area. Patuxent Council received three General Excellence Awards, including 1st in Community, 3rd in Faith, and 3rd in Life. We also came in 3rd place for the Program Director's Award, given to councils earning the most points over all Faith in Action programming. Finally, Patuxent Council was honored with a Supreme Council Service Award for the highest-rated single program in a Faith in Action programming area for the SHARE program under the Community category. This is an exceptional honor and puts us in the running for an international award conferred by the Supreme Council. We were also nominated for this award in the Life category. Congratulations and thank you to all Brother Knights! Your contributions to our service programs have been, and continue to be, exceptional. You, and your families, have demonstrated your commitment to the Parish and the community by putting your faith into action.

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

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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

Lecturer Reflection

by Gary Patishnock, PGK, PFN, Lecturer

Consider our fraternal year penultimate Lecturer observation as your Insurance Agent Report.

Looking for qualities of a great membership recruiter? Consider the traits of any highly successful salesperson, *especially* a Knights of Columbus insurance field agent.

Becoming a Knight as well as buying our life insurance is a commitment of *time, money* and *effort*. We can choose to involve ourselves in any number of service activities outside of and instead of our Order, *if we choose to do so at all*. We probably can also buy life insurance *cheaper* elsewhere. All regular and insurance member prospects alike must know that they receive and provide value for their efforts.

Convincing prospects of their fraternal benefits and membership *values* are key. Field agents work to have members contribute to their family's futures; so too does a recruiter convince a man to make lifelong contributions of their efforts to the Order. Only then will men contribute their valuable time and treasure as Knights to help others, especially their families and their fellow Knights.

Field agents and council recruiters fail if their only concerns are their income or making quota. Truly successful salespeople sell quality products using relationship selling. Build rapport and trust to discover and understand a prospect's *needs*. Never gain that trust – or far worse, lose it - you lose the prospect.

Great sales and recruiting are *never* one-time affairs. Agents meet periodically with our Knights and their families to meet their changing needs, especially when providing benefits support. They also offer new products to meet new and potential challenges. These efforts sell more products over time, lead to word-of-mouth referrals to other knights and their families, and make our insurance program stronger.

So too should a membership recruiter reach out to that new Knight, encourage their participation in council activities as well as assist in times of need. Word of mouth from active new members in turn make them our best recruiters. This is the sure method to make council membership stronger.

Now go out there and start relationship selling.

Tempus fugit. Memento mori.

Vivat Jesus!



SHARE Food Program by Jimmy Williams, PGK

A big thank you to everyone who came out to assist with our May SHARE Distribution on Saturday, May 22nd. We had another very large distribution this month, with a total estimated weight of 5,765 pounds. This was driven by LARS ordering more than twice the number of Value Packs it typically orders for a large scale food distribution which was held later in the day, as well as our receipt of an additional 100 food boxes from the SHARE Warehouse courtesy of a substantial donation to the SHARE Program. These extra food boxes were split between our regular clients, the Pallotti and Sacred Heart Convents, LARS, Elizabeth House, and the residents of Selborne House on Main Street.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out this month. We are also grateful for the ongoing support of the City of Laurel, which again loaned us a box truck and personnel for the morning to transport our entire order from the SHARE Warehouse in Landover back to the Keesler Center.

June SHARE:

Our June distribution will be Saturday, June 26th. Warehouse volunteers should report to the Keesler Center by 7:25 a.m. for a 7:30 a.m. departure. **All other volunteers, please arrive to the Keesler Center by 8:45 a.m.** Over the last several months, the Warehouse team has been returning to the Keesler Center as early as 8:40 a.m. With the Saturday morning Mass no longer in the Keesler Center, we are able to get started right away and request your presence 15 minutes sooner than in the past so we can pray, make announcements, and start offloading the food.



For our sick

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

Jim Gordon	Sophie Hoover
Ray Turek, Jr.	Grace Walker
Dean Turek	Kathy Holden
Jane Turek	Dave Muzzy
Jim Craze	David Turley
Pete Kutzera	

For our deceased

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

Shawn Gilmore
Polly Gould
Marie Simmons



Family of the Month April 2021

Patuxent Council No. 2203 is pleased to recognize **the Ogordi family - Paul, Philomina, and their children Gloria (19), Felix (17), Daniel (14), & Nicole (12)** - as its Family of the Month for April 2021. When Paul & Philomina arrived in the USA in November 2000, the first church they stepped into was St. Mary of the Mills. They weren't living in the Laurel area at that time, but Philomina said, "I love this church. I wish this could be our home parish." Eventually, in July 2003, they moved to Laurel and joined St. Mary's! Soon thereafter, Paul became a Knight with Patuxent Council. They believe it is a great blessing to be members of this parish community! As a family, the Ogordis were founding members of the Africa Catholic Association at St. Mary of the Mills. Philomina has been a Pastoral Council member and is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She also helps organize & work the annual parish Christmas bazaar. Gloria, a college sophomore, was a member of the young adult choir and was vice president of the parish youth group. She served as a Master altar server, a vacation Bible camp counselor, and with the Africa Catholic Association. Felix, a high school junior, is a Master altar server, member of St Mary of Mills youth group, and active in the Africa Catholic Association.



Daniel, a high school freshman, is an altar server and a youth member of Africa Catholic Association. Nicole, a seventh grader, is an Altar server and youth member of Africa Catholic Association. Paul states that his prayer is that God Almighty will give them the wisdom to serve God's Church with love, support, and commitment and to lead them to continued spiritual growth and opportunities for service to the Lord and the larger community. Patuxent Council & St. Mary of the Mills Parish are grateful for the Ogordi family's dedication & service to our parish & the greater Laurel community.

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

Other than recruiting, which is always necessary & important (we have a month to meet our goal, which will be easy if everyone recruits just one!), there is another important aspect of Knights' membership. It is buying insurance!! If you're like me, I already had plenty of life insurance when I joined, but one thing I hadn't been aware of is that the Knights' insurance program offers Long Term Care (LTC) insurance, not only at reasonable rates but more importantly - our LTC coverage is high end as far as coverage goes. Your agent can give you the details, but it's never too early to plan for the possibility of LTC needs. Do any of us want our family members to be burdened with paying for long term care when a relatively inexpensive policy can relieve those concerns? Call our agent! Look into LTC coverage ASAP!

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.

Mother's Day Breakfast Report by Dick Stevick, Mother's Day Breakfast Chair

Patuxent Council's Mother's Day Brunch drive through successfully supported the parish mothers with a to-go breakfast and potted marigold distribution after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. \$193.62 was netted for the morning activity from 8am through 12pm.

We served 16 sausage/bacon/onion/cheese frittatas, 9 spinach/mushroom/cheese frittatas, 3 cheese frittatas, 11 cinnamon roll boxes, 30 crumb cakes (double portions) and 15 fruit cups. Simplicity was the mantra. Orders were quickly filled to waiting cars as they arrived. Food preparation was done by 10am. The majority of sales were via PayPal. Only several drive up orders.

We used the Keesler center kitchen. Moved the warmer to the front lobby. Had three tables set up. One for the coordinator. Two for food distribution. Overall activity flow was very relaxed and efficient. Lots of social time.

Recommendations include: to improve: A banner(s) of some sort advertising the event. Possibly moving the sales to the Breen room - better when the Church smells the food preparation. Keesler Center kitchen is better for food preparation - especially the convection oven, warmer, refrigeration and storage.

Special thank you to the 13 volunteer team!

Christian Refugee Relief Benefit Concert



Knights of Columbus presents

CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF BENEFIT CONCERT

to raise money for persecuted Christians around the world

FEATURING THE BAND



Bring your own food and beverages and watch the concert from your car!

Limited snacks and beverages will also be available for purchase.

Saturday, May 22nd
6:00pm and 7:15 pm
\$1 per person or \$3 per car

Keesler Parish Center Parking Lot
800 Main St
Laurel, MD 20707



**Scan for
details or to
donate!**

Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar

(as of May 21, 2021)

All dates are tentative due to the COVID-19 crisis

May

- 22 SHARE Distribution**
8:45am – 11:00am; Keesler Center
- 27 Rosary for Life**
8:00pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL

June

- 1 Planning Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm; HYBRID
- 3 Rosary for Life**
8:00pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 5 Soccer Shoout-Out!**
- 8 Business Meeting**
7:30pm-8:30pm, HYBRID
- 10 Newsletter items Monthly Submission Deadline**
- 10 Rosary for Life**
8:00pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 15 Social Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, HYBRID
- 16 McNamara Chapter Meeting**
8:00pm, James C. Fletcher, Jr., Largo
- 17 Rosary for Life**
8:00pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 19 Little Sisters of the Poor**
10:00am, Keesler Center
- 24 Rosary for Life**
8:00pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 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**
- 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
- 22 Rosary for Life**
8:00pm – 8:30pm, live-streamed
- 24 SHARE Distribution**
8:45am – 11:00am; Keesler Center
- 29 Rosary for Life**
8:00pm – 8:30pm, live-streamed

May Birthdays

John J. Starzec	May 2
Randy L. Anastasi	May 3
Rev Oliver McGready	May 3
Ronald M. Chrismer	May 4
Richard L. Novak	May 4
Stanley L. Potter	May 6
Christopher J. Walker	May 8
Michael J. Korba	May 11
Rev. Joseph Seemiller	May 12
Gary M. Patishnock	May 13
Kevin P. Kenealy	May 15
James R. Whittingham	May 15
Gary A. Hall	May 16
Richard T. Cusick	May 17
Richard C. Moyer	May 17
John H. Richardson	May 19
Michael J. Timchalk	May 19
Adrian G. Paez	May 20
Nicholas W. Lancaster	May 22
Robert A. Landini	May 22
Joshua Mar Ignathios	May 24
Donald M. Moran	May 24
Richard T. Stevick	May 28
Patrick L. Fink	May 29
Michael A. Carruthers	May 30
Santhosh George	May 30
John A. Lamirande	May 30
Johnny R. Williamson	May 30

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