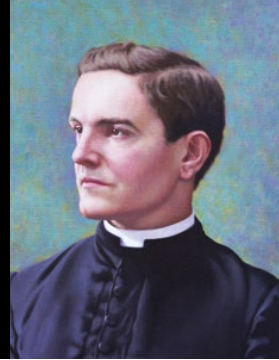


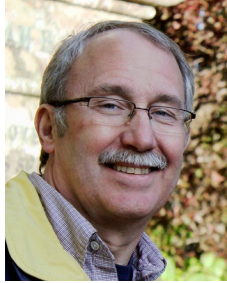


Patuxent Ripple

Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



Grand Knight's Report by Steve Hubbard



Our Council continues to be quite busy with our service to the church and to the community.

We've completed our November **SHARE** donation drive and the monthly food distribution, which included turkeys, etc. for Thanksgiving. We have our second round of holiday

SHARE collections coming up the first two weekends in December – please volunteer to help with these collections at the Mass of your choice (i.e., before/after Mass). See the link to our sign-up genius in my weekly e-mails. Our December distribution will be on 21 December.

We recently collected dozens of **Boxes of Joy** and shipped them off to Cross Catholic, have just completed our **Keep Christ in Christmas** poster contest, and have engaged our St. Mary's School students &

faculty in our **Christmas Cards for Troops** effort. Our **Coats for Kids** drive is in full swing.

Our annual **Consecration to the Holy Family** will occur on the weekend between Christmas & New Year's Day – 28/29 December – during all Masses.

Our **Family of the Month** selection for October was the Hans & Marie Raven family.

Please plan on attending our **Council Christmas Party** in the Keesler Center lounge at 6:30 pm, Saturday 7 December. As we did it last year, it will be a potluck dinner, and will include a voluntary gift exchange game. See my weekly e-mails for details.

I hope you & your families had a blessed & safe Thanksgiving and I wish for you all a joyous & peaceful Christmas!

VJ/Steve

Serving Others is Faith in Action

Membership Director's Report by Jimmy Williams, Membership Chair

Our Council will be hosting a combined Admission/Formation Degree on Saturday, December 14th, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Wilson Room on the 3rd Floor of the Keesler Center. Candidates should report to the main lobby on the Main Street side of the building no later than 9:30 a.m. Please note the change in date, time, and location from the original Tuesday, December 17th.

Please use the time between now and then to attempt to close the deal with any prospective Knights you are working with so they can join us and take advantage of this opportunity to take their first two Degrees in one morning. Current 1st Degree members are also highly encouraged to join us take their 2nd Degree.

Outside of this combined Admission/Formation Degree, there are not many additional opportunities for Degrees in

December, but things do pick up in the New Year. We will have local Admission Degree opportunities in Ellicott City and Jessup on Thursday, January 16th and in College Park on Monday, January 27th. There is also a combined Admission/Formation Degree at Fr. Peter Boyle Council in Bowie on Thursday, January 23rd.

Finally, for those desirous of taking their Knighthood (3rd) Degree, the Council is now making plans to attend the Knighthood Degree at Rock Creek Mansion in Bethesda (Council 2797), on Friday, January 31st, 2020. This is the next opportunity within reasonable driving distance. Candidates must arrive no later than 7 p.m. We will arrange for a carpool from the Keesler Center. More details to come, but please put this date on your calendar now.

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

Concessions Reports Stan Potter, Ways and Means

OCTOBER 19

Thanks very much for coming out on a beautiful afternoon to help raise funds for your organizations. We were very short staffed, but managed to keep up since the game was lightly attended. Everything went well without incidents until the end of the game. During reconciliation, the University determined we were short 40 cups. We recounted everything in the stand and never found the missing 40 cups. The University charged us \$250 for the missing cups. This was our lowest grossing game of the season. Our sales totaled \$14,244.25, including the missing cups. We took in a total of \$135.00 in tips, which is good. After we pay for the missing cups, we expect to earn \$1218. We welcomed newcomers Andrew Glowick and Sam Ayodele. Sympathies to Bill Kudwa and Bill Stoner who carpooled with Stan Potter and endured a very late night scavenging for cups. (If anyone knows anything about those missing 40 cups, please let me know.)

NOVEMBER 2

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the Michigan on November 2. We had a full roster. Loaning 3 TIPS-certified volunteers to the beer cart across from us left us slightly short-handed. As predicted, it was a very busy game. Grill Meister Chris Walker cooked a record 300 burgers, 300 hot dogs, and 144 sausages on the grill, nearly all of which we sold. The Michigan crowd was really hungry! We took in \$17,988.75 in food and drink sales as well as \$143.01 in tips. The beer cart, for which we provided three staff members, probably took in around \$2000.00. Our share of the tips from the beer cart was \$108.32. This stand and our share of the beer cart probably nets us about \$2000 in commissions, bonuses, and tips. Unlike the Indiana game, we had no missing inventory. Thanks to everyone who started cleaning during the third quarter, and especially Mario, George, and Aaron who started washing dishes early. Because of this, we were able to leave the stadium in record time; everyone was on the road by 4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 23

Thanks to all who turned out for our final and expanded concessions event at Maryland Stadium on Saturday, November 23 against Nebraska. The University asked us to take on the beer cart across from our concessions stand. I felt confident, based on early volunteer sign-ups for this game, that we could muster the staff. Unlike the Maryland football team, you did not disappoint. We had many new faces who volunteered for this game, including Nicholas Gambogi, Cody Smith, Lynne Smith, Yetunde Onyekweli, and Segun Famure. All of our newcomers pitched in like pros. We are very lucky to have so many self-motivated volunteers who see what needs to be done and just does it. Clean up and check out went very smoothly. Special props to Ed Wassell who drove his 11-passenger van to accommodate most of the carpoolers, and to Mario McKell who mastered the grill for us for the first time. Special thanks, also, to Jimmy Williams, PGK, who volunteered to manage the beer cart. Although the beer cart had some minor issues with inventory during check out, it was all to the good. The stand had no inventory issues and we left rather quickly following check out. Including commissions, bonuses, and tips from the stand and beer cart, we will probably net about \$1650 for this event. The charitable causes for your organizations will certainly appreciate your time effort to raise funds for them.

Upcoming Concessions

Date	Event	Location	# of Volunteers
12/8/19	WB vs. Loyola	XFINITY	15-20 (8 TIPS)
12/28/19	WB vs. Michigan	XFINITY	15-20 (8 TIPS)
1/4/20	MB vs. Indiana (Stand / 4 Carts)	XFINITY	23-28 (16 TIPS)
1/18/20	MB vs. Purdue (Stand / 4 Carts)	XFINITY	23-28 (16 TIPS)
2/9/20	WB vs. Rutgers	XFINITY	15-20 (8 TIPS)
2/29/20	MB vs. Michigan State	XFINITY	15-20 (8 TIPS)
3/8/20	MB vs. Michigan	XFINITY	15-20 (8 TIPS)

COMMUNITY

SHARE

IMPORTANT DATES

December Distribution

Saturday, December 21 –
Pallotti High School; Sister Lucy Lobby*
Warehouse Truckers report time 7:45 AM
Bag and Tag Volunteers Report Time – 9:00 AM

January Distribution

Saturday, January 25 –
Pallotti High School; Sister Lucy Lobby*
Warehouse Truckers report time 7:45 AM
Bag and Tag Volunteers Report Time – 9:00 AM

2019 SHARE Distribution Schedule

Pallotti High School; Sister Lucy Lobby

Saturday, **December 21**

**Please note: The location of the distribution may change depending on usage requests for the lobby.*

Elizabeth House

January 29 is the next day to volunteer at Elizabeth House. We will make dinner and bag lunches and set up the dining room for that night's dinner. Report time is 4:00 PM. For more information, contact Marc Alvarez, Rick Askins, Mark O'Dea, or Gary Hall.

Memorial Mass Report

Bill McMahon, HLM, FDD, PGK, PFN

On November 19th our Chaplain, Fr. Anthony Lickteig, celebrated our annual memorial Mass to remember all our deceased brothers and family members. It began at 7:30PM in the Pallotti chapel and refreshments followed in the Kutzera room of the Keesler center where we usually meet.

Our widows who were able to attend were: Phyllis Williams, Vitaline Handy, Ruth O'Brian, and Gay Magruder.



Silver Rose Prayer Service

by Jimmy Williams

On Monday, November 18th, Patuxent Council brought the Silver Rose Icon to St. Mary's for a special Silver Rose Prayer service. The Icon arrived in Maryland on November 4th from West Virginia and reached us after about two weeks of daily prayer services at other Councils. This is the fourth year in a row we have been blessed with the opportunity to host a Silver Rose Prayer Service. The service was open to all parishioners and afforded us a special opportunity to pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of America, and reaffirm our commitment as Catholics to the sanctity of human life.

The prayer service was attended by a total of 20 parishioners, including 9 Brother Knights from our Council. We are very thankful to our Pastor and Council Chaplain, Fr. Anthony, for leading the service. Thanks also to those Brother Knights who stepped up to take a part in the service. We couldn't have done it without your support.

At the conclusion of the prayer service, all in attendance had the opportunity to venerate the Silver Rose and were presented with a prayer card to take home with them. We then passed the Rose to St. Pius X Council 4076. On November 22nd, the Silver Rose was transferred to Washington, D.C., where it will continue its journey until the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th.



Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar

(as of November 30, 2019)

December

- 3 **Business Meeting**, 7:30pm, Kutzera Room
- 7-8 **SHARE Holiday Meals Christmas Collections**
After All Weekend Masses
- 7 **Council Christmas Party**
Keesler Center Lounge, following Vigil Mass, 6:30pm
- 8 **Concessions**, 10am, Women's Basketball vs. Loyola
- 10 **Planning Meeting**, 7:30pm, Kutzera Room
- 14 **State Christmas Party and Star Night**
Sacred Heart Council, Bowie
- 14 **Admission/Formation Degrees**
7:30pm, Kutzera Room
- 14,15 **SHARE Holiday Meals Christmas Collections**
After All Weekend Masses
- 17 **Admission Degree**
St John the Baptist Council, Monsignor Lyon Center,
12319 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20905,
7:30pm
- 18 **Chapter Meeting**
Dr. Kidd Council, Holy Family Church
12010 Woodmore Rd, Mitchellville, MD 20721
Chapter Christmas Party, 7pm
- 21 **SHARE**, 9am – 11am
- 28 **Concessions**, 5pm, Women's Basketball vs. Michigan
- 28-29 **Consecration of the Holy Family**, all Masses

January

- 4 **Concessions**, 9am, Men's Basketball vs. Indiana
- 7 **Business Meeting**, 7:30pm, Kutzera Room
- 11 **State Council Mid-Year Meeting**
Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave
Nottingham, MD 21236, 8am – 7pm
- 14 **Planning Meeting**, 7:30pm, Kutzera Room
- 15 **Chapter Meeting**, Fr. Rosensteel Council
9707 Rosensteel Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Ladies Night
- 18 **Concessions**, 11am, Men's Basketball vs. Purdue
- 21 **Social Meeting**, 7:30pm, Kutzera Room
- 23 **Admission Degree**, St John the Baptist Council
Monsignor Lyon Center, 12319 New Hampshire Ave,
Silver Spring, MD 20905, 7:30pm
- 24 **March for Life**
National Mall, Washington, DC, 11am – 3pm
- 24 **Knighthood Degree**
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
22375 Three Notch Rd, Lexington Park, MD 20653,
7:30pm – 9:30pm
- 31 **Knighthood Degree**
Rock Creek Council, 5417 W. Cedar Ln,
Bethesda, MD 20814, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

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 Steve Hubbard** at **hubbs99@verizon.net** and **Brother Erik Washam** at **ekwasham@gmail.com** for review. Please limit submissions to 250-275 words.

For our sick

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

Carmen Fichter - Parish Secretary
Joanna Chiarella - Daughter of GK; Sister of DGK
Bob Tenney - FS, recovering from surgery
Sunny Francis - upper respiratory infection
Sick of St. Mary's Parish
Linda & Roger Lambert

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November / December Birthdays

Nakhon Baek	Nov. 1	Marcos I. Alvarez	Nov. 27
Thomas E. Devine	Nov. 2	Kevin P. Murphy	Nov. 27
Paul R. Schneeman	Nov. 2	Andrew G. Paez	Nov. 29
William R. Schnieders	Nov. 6	Lcl. Ronald M. Jacobs	Nov. 30
William L. Wellford	Nov. 7	Gerald J. Kremer	Nov. 30
Vincent W. Zagorski	Nov. 8	John A. Mima	Nov. 30
Salvador C. Ochida	Nov. 8	Edward J. Wassell III	Dec. 2
Rev. John F. McKay	Nov. 11	Kevin M. McMurtry	Dec. 4
Charles A. Casazza	Nov. 12	Chester Ryan Bourne	Dec. 4
Louis A. Rozzi Jr.	Nov. 13	William A. Middleton	Dec. 6
Guy G. Burgio	Nov. 14	Paul M. Moran	Dec. 14
Robert M. Henry	Nov. 16	Perry A. Comeau	Dec. 14
Nicholas F. Fell Jr.	Nov. 16	James L. Poulos	Dec. 14
Faisal Van Nostrand	Nov. 16	Richard C. Higdon	Dec. 19
Tony S. Habada	Nov. 17	Wendell Belizaire	Dec. 20
Carmyn J. Lombardo	Nov. 18	Jeffrey M. du Brul	Dec. 26
Buhnange N. Terrence	Nov. 19	Steven A. la Valle	Dec. 27
Julian Ezirike	Nov. 23	Thomas S. Carmody	Dec. 27
Christopher M. Pohl	Nov. 24	Gregory E. Magno	Dec. 28