

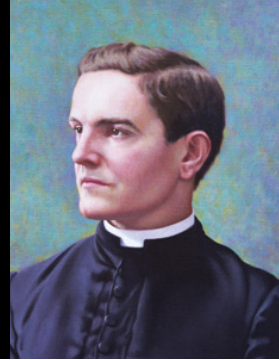


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# Patuxent Ripple

Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



## Patuxent Council Delivers Christmas Joy to Children in Need

For the second consecutive year, Patuxent Council was proud to partner with Cross Catholic Outreach, a Catholic 501(c)(3), to participate in the Box of Joy program, delivering shoeboxes of Christmas presents to children in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, and Nicaragua. Many of the children who receive these presents come from families living in such extreme poverty, they have never received a Christmas present before.

On a local level here at St. Mary's, our Council was aided in its efforts by the participation of the Ladies of Charity. Grand Knight Jimmy Williams, who also serves as Maryland State Council Chairman for Box of Joy, pitched the program to Ladies of Charity President Tara Linn over the summer. She and the Ladies were very excited to get involved and joined us without hesitation.

Between the Knights and the Ladies of Charity, approximately 60 Boxes of Joy were packed and delivered. Several individual parishioners also heard about the program and decided to participate, dropping off completed boxes during collection week from November 3rd to 11th. There is hope that, next year, we will be able to expand the program to include the students and families of St. Mary's School.

In addition to packing boxes, Patuxent Council again served as a regional drop-off center for the Box of Joy pro-



gram. Many participating groups brought their filled Boxes of Joy to the Keesler Center, where they were logged in and prepared for shipping to the Cross Catholic Outreach Logistics Center in Doral, Florida.

All told, 59 shipping cartons totaling 1,008 Boxes of Joy were picked up from the Keesler Center lobby on November 14th. A huge thanks to Brother Rick Krutz and Lady Phyllis Williams for spearheading our drop-off center efforts. They put in a lot of effort to make sure the boxes were ready for shipping.

One of the awesome things about Cross Catholic Outreach and the Box of Joy Program is the incredible hands-on approach of the national leadership. Last year, Steve Bostian, the director of the Box of Joy program, personally visited our Drop-off Center and met with then-Grand Knight Steve Sawyer and then-Deputy Grand Knight Jimmy Williams to thank us for joining the effort.

This year, Tessie O'Dea, Relationship Development Manager for Cross Catholic, stopped by the Keesler Center on Monday, November 12th, to visit with Grand Knight Williams. She returned on Tuesday evening, November 13th, to attend our monthly planning meeting and thank our Council for supporting Box of Joy. Seeing such dedication to this ministry from the top is inspiring, and we look forward to participating in Box of Joy again next year.



**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



As most of you know, we as Patuxent Council recently wrapped up our second year of participation in the Box of Joy program, packing and sending shoe boxes of Christmas presents to children in the countries of Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador.

Not only did we pack boxes as a Council, but we also served as a regional drop-off center for other participating groups. I want to share a brief Box of Joy story from another participating Knights Council that we heard as we were working our drop-off center on Veterans Day, November 11th.

Council 5567 from Rockville distributed Boxes of Joy to many people, including children at the school attended by the Deputy Grand Knight's 8-year-old daughter, Susana.

When Susana brought boxes to her 3rd grade class to rally her classmates to help pack them, some of her fellow students threw their boxes away.

Susana observed this behavior and stood up to the students who threw out the boxes, telling them each Box of Joy in the trashcan meant one less child in need would receive a Christmas present this year. Following this, Susana's fellow students took the boxes back, took them home, and returned them filled with Christmas presents.

Susana's courage in standing up to her fellow students, and her passion for helping her fellow children in need, inspires me. Susana is young and just one person, but she nonetheless seized the opportunity to make a positive difference for others, which is what we as Knights of Columbus aspire to every day. From SHARE to Coats for Kids to Winterhaven, we still have plenty of our own opportunities ahead this holiday season to be charitable and make a difference for others. May Susana's story also inspire you and give you hope this holiday season. Vivat Jesus.

## Financial Secretary's Corner by Gary Patishnock, PGK, PFN, FS

I wanted to share three interesting lessons learned from recent annual FS recertification training. First, e-members that join online and pay \$30 in dues to the State can only attend "open" Knights activities. They cannot join a council or attend meetings until they have taken the Admissions Degree. They receive \$30 credit towards their first year dues and would owe us the balance.

Should a member wish to withdraw from the order, the Form 100 and 60-day process to "try to get them to change their mind" is no longer in force. The FS makes the change in online Member Management and it takes place immediately. We also learned other fine points about waiving member dues debt, suspensions and withdrawals. These I can mention in a future newsletter.

It was suggested that councils could (not necessarily should) choose add people or groups that we partner with to our insurance certificates. In our case it could be local charities, youth groups, even Chik-fil-A. Call it "food for thought."

**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 **DGK Steve Hubbard** at [hubbs99@verizon.net](mailto:hubbs99@verizon.net) and **Brother Erik Washam** at [ekwasham@gmail.com](mailto:ekwasham@gmail.com) for review. Please limit submissions to 250-275 words.

## COMMUNITY

### SHARE

Thank you to all the brothers, family members, and friends of SHARE who came out on Saturday October 20 for the SHARE distribution held at Sister Lucy Lobby in Pallotti High School. Special thanks to those who went to the warehouse to pick up the food. The additional help really made a difference getting the food counted and on the trucks. We can always use brothers who want to drive to the warehouse or just to go down to help load the food into the vehicles. We can also use additional help with the deliveries we make after bag and tag. We may have a new route opening up that would need a driver. If interested, just show up at the lobby at the show times listed below and speak with Gary Hall, John McLeod, or Rick Rekus.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### December Distribution

Saturday December 15 – Pallotti High School Sr. Lucy Lobby

### SHARE Holiday Meals

Thanks to all of the brothers who helped with SHARE Holiday Meals collections on November 3 and November 4. We did well on the collections. Share Holiday Meals will pick up again on December 1. We will be outside St. Mary of the Mills before and after all of the masses on Saturday and Sunday. This is our SHARE Meals program's largest fundraising event of the year and your help is needed. Contact Gary Hall, who will be outside the church, to get your collection bucket. We will be collecting on December 1, December 2, December 8 and December 9.

**Patuxent Council  
Christmas  
Party**

**Saturday,  
December 15th**

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**Start Time:  
6:15 p.m.  
(After 5 p.m. Vigil Mass)**

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**Location:  
Keesler Center-Kutzera Room**

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**Pot luck as follows :**  
**A-F Dessert**  
**G-N Main Dish**  
**O-T Side Dishes**  
**U-Z Appetizers**

**Gift Exchange Game!**

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## Invitation to Patuxent Council's Annual Memorial Mass

You and your family are invited to join us in Pallotti Chapel on  
**Tuesday, November 27th at 7:30 p.m.**

for our Council's  
**Annual Memorial Mass**

honoring our Brother Knights who have gone before us. This is a very special and solemn occasion and we hope you can join us. Light refreshments will follow the Mass in the Kutzera Room.



# Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar

(as of November 20, 2018)

## November

All Tuesdays (20, 27):

**Leading Rosary Prior to Benediction**

6:10 p.m., St. Mary's Church

**20 Admissions Degree**

7:30 p.m. (Candidates 6:45 p.m.), Kutzera Room

**22 Happy Thanksgiving to all Brother Knights Family, and Friends!**

**27 Patuxent Council Memorial Mass**

7:30 p.m.; Pallotti Chapel

## December

**1 UMD Concessions, MBB vs. Penn State**

2 p.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E  
(Beer Carts Only)

**1-2 SHARE Christmas Donation Collections**  
after all Masses

**4 December Business Meeting**

7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

**12/8 UMD Concessions, WBB vs. James Madison**

9 a.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E

**8-9 SHARE Christmas Donation Collections**

after all Masses

**11 December Planning Meeting**

7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

**15 SHARE Christmas Distribution**

Pallotti HS, St. Lucy Lobby, Bag & Tag report 9 a.m.

**15 Patuxent Council Christmas Party**

6:15 p.m., Kutzera Room

**18 December Social Meeting**

7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

**25 Merry Christmas to all Brother Knights Family, and Friends!**

**27 Cooking/Serving Winterhaven Dinner**

Report Time 4 p.m., Pallotti Cafeteria

**29 UMD Concessions, MBB vs. Radford**

3 p.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E

**30 5th Sunday Rosary**

following 10:45 a.m. Mass

## January

**3 January Business Meeting**

7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

(NOTE: Thursday since 1/1/19 is New Year's Day)

**5 UMD Concessions, WBB vs. Ohio State**

1 p.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E

**8 January Planning Meeting**

7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

**11 UMD Concessions, MBB vs. Indiana**

4 p.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E  
(Beer Carts Only)

**12 UMD Concessions, WBB vs. Michigan**

1:30 p.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E

## January (continued)

**15 January Social Meeting**

7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

**18 2019 National March for Life**

Washington, D.C.

**20 UMD Concessions, WBB vs. Penn State**

11 a.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E

**30 Elizabeth House 5th Wednesday Volunteer Shift**

4 p.m., Elizabeth House

## Upcoming Degrees Nearby (Council, City):

**Admission:**

**Tuesday, 12/11**

(Columbia, Columbia)

**Thursday, 12/20**

(Sacred Heart, Bowie)

**Formation:**

**Thursday, 12/20**

(Sacred Heart, Bowie)

**Knighthood:**

**Tuesday, 1/1**

(Resurrection, Ellicott City)

**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

## December Birthdays

Edward J. Wassell	December 2
Chester Ryan Bourne	December 4
Kevin M. Mc Murtry	December 4
William A. Middleton	December 6
Conrad L. Janus	December 8
Perry A. Comeau	December 14
Paul M. Moran	December 14
James L. Poulos	December 14
Richard C. Higdon	December 19
Wendell Belizaire	December 20
Jeffrey M. DuBrul	December 26
Thomas S. Carmody	December 27
Steven A. La Valle	December 27
Gregory E. Magno	December 28