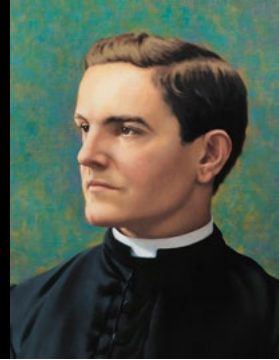




September 2017

Patuxent Ripple

Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



Grand Knight's Report by Stephen Sawyer



My Brothers All,
I am pleased to announce the re-launch of our monthly Council newsletter, The Ripple! I'd like to say a big thank you to Brother Knight Erik Washam, who has agreed to be our newsletter editor. He has done an excellent job with his first edition.

We are now almost a quarter of the way through the new Council year. So far we have had our Installation of Officers, PGK appreciation dinner, a fifth Sunday Rosary and the Parish Picnic. We recently submitted our Council's 1st period service award activity reports, covering the period from March to August, to the State Council. These activity reports present our best Council activity in each of the six service areas: Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Culture of Life. One program I wish to highlight in particular is SHARE. During the reporting period, more than 40 Council members and other volunteers contributed 399 volunteer hours to this project, which distributed more than \$18,000

worth of food to the Community. I wish to thank everyone for their help in making these first few months a success.

We have an Admissions Degree on the 19th of September. Our annual Tootsie Roll Drive, led by Warden Ted Gambogi, will take place after all Masses on the 23rd and 24th of September. On the 29th of September we will be cooking dinner for the St. Mary's Youth Group in the Keesler Center.

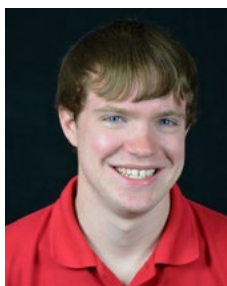
We have procured a Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe for display during Council meetings. I'd like to thank Deacon Santiago for blessing the statue during the PGK Appreciation Dinner in August.

We are preparing an order of Council polo shirts. If you are interested in ordering, please let me know. Prices run from \$30-33 per shirt.

Finally, as an administrative note, please remember all of our meetings (business, programming, social, Degrees) all now start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. In looking at our by-laws, we discovered we never officially codified this change. A vote to do so will be held during the October business meeting.

Vivat Jesus

Deputy Knight's Report by Jimmy Williams



I'd like to thank everyone for turning out for our two big events this past weekend: UMD Concessions on Saturday, September 9th, and the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 10th. We had a total of 12 Brother Knights at Concessions and at least that many at the picnic on Sunday. Fr. Phil expressed his

thanks to the Knights for all their help and support at the picnic.

The Fall season is always a busy and exciting time for our Council, which is a blessing because it means we have many opportunities to participate in projects and events and make a positive difference in the lives of others. Please see our Council's full calendar of upcoming events nearby

for more details on these many opportunities. In the near future, please plan to participate in our next UMD Concessions date on Saturday, Sept. 23rd for the game against UCF. Report time will be Noon for a 3 p.m. kick. Please also see the prior email about our annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses on Sept. 23rd and Sept. 24th.

Finally, please continue to sell your State Car Raffle tickets! Remember that a share of the proceeds stays with our Council for projects like Coats for Kids, SHARE, Seminarian Support, etc. while the rest goes to support the State Council's charitable initiatives. And someone gets either a Ford Mustang or \$18,000 cash! Everyone's a winner! If you need more tickets, please contact Car Raffle Chairman Raoul Paez at raoulpaez@verizon.net or 301-928-4287.

Vivat Jesus!

Financial Secretary's Report

by Gary Patishnock

Did you know that under certain circumstances, Knights in good standing who are totally disabled for at least six months do not have to pay council dues as well as supreme and state per capita taxes? See the FS for a Form 1831. You must have a certification of disability from any one of the following: Health and Human Services, the Internal Revenue Service, the Veterans' Administration, or your attending physician. The FS and GK will attest, affix the council seal and take it from there. Note that this does not relieve a Knight from making any fraternal insurance payments.

The Council's Check Request Form has been revised so it is easier to read and complete. The requester fills out the top block and attaches receipts, the GK, FS and Trustee sign for financial approval and oversight in a middle block and the Treasurer actions are in the bottom block. These will be available to members in hard copy and electronically. Second, if someone is looking to perform a valuable Council activity and have access to a scanner and lots of computer memory, we have a long-term service project available. The K of C council office is chock full of financial records and images that need to be digitized to save space. This is a great project for someone who can't make meetings and events but wants to play a more active role. Contact me or the DGK if interested

Two items from the Apostleship of the Sea Ministry (A.O.S.). First, the North American Maritime Ministry Association (NAMMA) will be in Baltimore, date and time TBA. Details will be posted at www.AOSBalt.org when available. Second, those interested in helping at the Baltimore Seafarer Center (6 Dunman Way, Dundalk, MD 21222) or driving a van to transport seafarers should call 443-845-7227. Rev. Msgr. FitzGerald and staff could use your help.

For our sick

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

Danny Betman, Friend of Mike Webster

For our deceased

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

Sunny Helms, Patishnock Family

SK Dr. J. Richard "Dick" Compton,

Member of Patuxent Council and Curley Assembly

John Bryan, Uncle of SK Frank Duff

Bob Adams, Co-worker of Mike Webster

Patriotic Degree Corner

Sir Knight Arthur Blenkle

Faithful Navigator

Archbishop Michael J. Curley Assembly No. 383

The next Exemplification of the Patriotic (Fourth) Degree will be Saturday, October 28th, 2017.

WHAT: 48th Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree

WHEN: Saturday, October 28th, 2017,

candidate check-in 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Nativity Catholic Church,

6001 13th Street NW, Washington DC, 20011

COST: \$70; all monies and Form 4s due by Saturday, October 14th, 2017

In order to meet these deadlines, all candidates must be voted on and approved at Curley Assembly's October 2nd, 2017 business meeting.

If you would like to join the Patriotic Degree this year, or if you have any questions about the Patriotic Degree, please do not hesitate to contact SK Art Blenkle at arthb@aol.com or 443-223-7738, or SK Jimmy Williams at jimmydwjr@verizon.net or 240-554-7477. More information can also be found on the Archdiocese of Washington District's website: awddistrict.org.

Remember our primary mission. As Sir Knights, we support and defend the flag of our country and the Constitution. As Sir Knights, we proudly support our military and military chaplains through the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund. As Sir Knights, we support our veterans with comfort kits, bottled water, and coffee cart supplies for the VA Medical Center. We donate to and volunteer for Warriors to Lourdes every year. We assist in the cleaning and preservation of our monuments and memorials in Washington. And the list continues. This is what we need to remember. This is what we need to be communicating to our prospective Sir Knights.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Don Kutzera Room of the Keesler Center, the same meeting location as Patuxent Council. Color Corps will hold training starting at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there!





Savage 7k

Many thanks to Grand Knight Steve Sawyer, PGK Raoul Paez, and Lady Phyllis Williams for volunteering as course marshals at the Savage 7K on Sunday, September 17th. They were also joined by two Brother Knights from Columbia Council, Pat and Tom. Deputy Grand Knight Jimmy Williams helped organize the race and ran in the event. The race, held annually, raises funds for continuing preservation efforts at Carroll Baldwin Hall in Savage, MD. This year's event raised nearly \$1,500.

Left to right: Pat, Tom, Phyllis, Steve, Raoul, Jimmy



Parish Picnic

Patuxent Council supported the 2017 St. Mary's Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 10th. Our Council assisted by cooking more than 200 hot dogs and many pounds of barbequed chicken, manning the beverage station, and providing general traffic control as attendees worked their way through the food line. We also sold tickets for the State Council's annual Car Raffle, selling more than 250 tickets by the end of the day.

Grand Knight Stephen Sawyer and Art Blenkle, PGK, at the Parish Picnic with a 2018 Ford Mustang similar to the one you can win through the Car Raffle.

Concessions vs. Towson

We had an excellent start to the 2017-2018 University of Maryland Concessions season on Saturday, September 9th, for the UMD football game against Towson. Not only did the Terps thump the Tigers by a score of 63-17, we raised approximately \$1,400 to be split amongst our Council, SHARE, and several other community organizations! Concessions is our single biggest fundraiser

of the year, so your participation is critical. Last year's concessions efforts yielded a total of approximately \$22,000. The next game is this Saturday, September 23rd, at 3 p.m. against University of Central Florida. Report time is 11:30 a.m. Please contact Stan Potter, stanley.potter@verizon.net, or 240-481-9134.

Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar (as of September 7, 2017)

September

- 23 UMD Concessions vs. UCF**
Report Time 11:30 a.m.
SHARE Distribution
Bag and Tag Report Time 9 a.m.,
Pallotti HS Sr. Lucy Lobby
- 23-24 Church Tootsie Roll Drive**
after all weekend Masses
- 27 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night**
4-9 p.m., Contee Rd. location (The Centre at Laurel)
- 29 Dinner for St. Mary's Youth Group**
6 p.m., Keesler Center-Wilson Room

October

- 1 Living Rosary as Part of 40 Days for Life**
Report Time 2:45 p.m. for 3 p.m. start,
Metropolitan Family Planning,
5915 Greenbelt Rd., College Park, MD 20740
- 3 October Business Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 7 Columbus Day Ball**
6:30-11:30 p.m., BWI Marriott,
1743 West Nursery Road, Linthicum, 21090
- 8 St. Mary's Ministry Fair**
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Breen Room
- 10 October Planning Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room (Knights Office)
- 14 UMD Football Concessions vs. Northwestern**
Report Time TBA
- 15 Council-Level Soccer Shootout**
Res. Of Our Lord, 8402 Brock Bridge Rd.,
1:30-3 p.m.
- 17 October Social Meeting**
"Columbus Day Pot Luck,"
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 21 SHARE Distribution**
Bag and Tag Report Time 9 a.m.,
Pallotti HS Sr. Lucy Lobby
- 21-22 Fall Church Recruitment Drive**
after all weekend Masses
- 22 District-Level Soccer Shootout**
Res. Of Our Lord, 8402 Brock Bridge Rd.
1:30-3 p.m.
- 25 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night**
4-9 p.m., Rt. 198 location (Corridor Marketplace)

October (continued)

- 28 UMD Concessions vs. Indiana**
Call Time TBA
- 29 5th Sunday Rosary**
after the 10:45 a.m. Mass

November

- 5-6 SHARE Holidays Meals Thanksgiving Collections**
after all Masses
- 7 Admissions Deg./Biz. Mtg.**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room,
Candidate Report Time: 6:45 p.m.
- 11 UMD Football Concessions vs. Michigan**
Report Time TBA
- 11-12 SHARE Holiday Meals Thanksgiving Collections**
after all Masses
- 14 November Planning Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room (Knights Office)
- 18 SHARE Distribution**
Bag and Tag Report Time 9 a.m.
Pallotti HS Sr. Lucy Lobby
- 21 Annual Memorial Mass Honoring
Our Departed Brothers**
7:30 p.m., Pallotti Chapel
- 25 UMD Football Concessions vs. Penn St.**
Report Time TBA

Upcoming Degrees Nearby (Council, City):

Admission:

- 9/21** (St. Louis, Ellicott City),
9/25 (PG, College Park)

Formation:

- 9/21** (St. Louis, Ellicott City)
9/25 (PG, College Park)

Knighthood:

- 9/15** (Griffin, Bryantown)
9/23 (Gibbons, Baltimore)
10/20 (Calvert, North Beach)

**For full list of all upcoming Degrees in the
State of Maryland, please visit:**
<http://kofc-md.org/docs1617/degrees/Degrees.pdf>

September Birthdays

Col. Thomas L. Berta	Gerard M. Gager	Bill J. Kudwa	Dr. Vincent A. Schembari
Michael J. Borsi	Patrick M. Garvin	William T. Low	Timothy J. Sullivan
Kirby Bowling	Mathieu A. Greenwood	Thomas J. Mitchel	Joseph M. Tredway
Thomas H. Bresson	Robert A. Guzman, Jr.	Robert W. Moore	Anthony B. Vittor
Vernon J Broadwater	Conrad J. Katulski	David F. Muzzy	Glenn R. Wilson
Wallace E. Czaplá	Mark L. Kelley	Jeffrey A. Palumbo	David A. Zelonis
Robert A. Flores	Thomas J. Kish	Richard R. Rekus	

