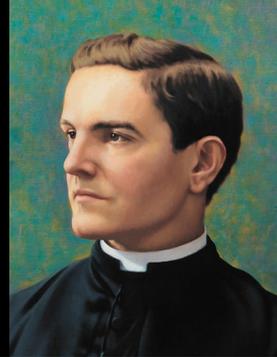




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Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



Grand Knight's Report by Stephen Sawyer



Well, here we are halfway through Lent and now into daylight savings time. I hope everyone has adjusted from our lost hour over the weekend, although we will now enjoy longer evenings. With the beginning of March, we have resumed leading Tuesday evening rosaries prior to benediction. Thank you to Brother Pete

Monti for leading this project. Please note the rosary will now begin at 6:10 p.m. to keep the Benediction on-time at 6:30 p.m.

We have now completed four of our five Fish Fry Fridays, which have been a great success so far. We have taken in approximately \$400 each evening. Remember we donate all proceeds from the Fish Fry back to the Parish, so your assistance and participation to ensure the success of the Fish Fries is needed and appreciated. Thanks to all who have helped so far, especially Brother Rich Morel for his leadership of the project.

In February, we started with Shove Tuesday and finished with the last of the UMD Basketball concessions dates. I would like to thank Stan Potter and all of those who worked that last Saturday and last Sunday as it was a crazy two days.

Before our meeting on March 6th, we approved an application for a new member. We welcome Brother Knight Jose Duarte, who took his Admissions Degree on March 15th at Fr. Comyns Council in Ellicott City, accompanied by DGK Jimmy Williams.

On Sunday, March 18th, the Council will be leading the Living Rosary for 40 Days for life at 3 p.m. at the abortion clinic in Greenbelt. This is a great opportunity for us to demonstrate our commitment to the pro-life cause. On March 20th, we will have the Patuxent Council Annual Community Awards Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. in the Kutzera Room, please attend this event and show your appreciation for our Policeman, EMT, Teacher and Catechist of the Year.

Do not forget on April 14th we celebrate the Parish's 175th Anniversary Gala and we need bartenders.

Thank you all for a great year and God Bless. Vivat Jesus!

Deputy Knight's Report by Jimmy Williams



Lent bring many opportunities for you as Brother Knights to get involved in our many charitable and fraternal programs! Please consider helping us lead the weekly Tuesday rosaries for the last two Tuesdays this month and then again when we lead them again in May.

You can sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4ea5ae2babfa7-2018>.

Our monthly SHARE distributions continue Saturday, March 24th, at 9 a.m. Thanks to everyone who has been turning out to support these distributions month-in and month-out so they run smoothly and efficiently for all involved.

April is a big month for both our Council and our Parish,

so please make plans now to participate. The weekend of April 14th and 15th will be our Spring Recruitment drive after all Masses, so we will need volunteers to help bring some new "baby Brothers" into Patuxent Council. As with many other programs we have run this year, if you just come and help out before and after the Mass you regularly attend, there is no reason we shouldn't have a very successful recruitment weekend.

April also features two very big anniversary events, the 125th/175th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, April 14th, and the 175th Anniversary Mass with Cardinal Wuerl on Sunday, April 22nd, at 10:45 Mass. As the Grand Knight noted above, we are serving as bartenders for the gala, and volunteers are needed. Please email me at jimmydwjr@verizon.net to sign up. The gala organizers need our names to in advance, and they would also like to offer us the opportunity to participate in the online auction, so they would appreciate your email address and phone number as well.

Financial Secretary's Corner Report for 03/06/2018 by Gary Patishnock, PGK, PFN, FS

Bank: Ledger balance is **\$22,882.84**; this represents bank balance of \$24,721.63 less \$1,838.79 of outstanding checks. Deposits pending for UMD and fish fry proceeds, 50/50 income and a dues check. Check requests pending for final St Mary's gala donation and reimbursements for fish fry, Shrove Tuesday and awards night expenses.

\$5,397.05 collected so far. Knight Alerts went out 2/18/2018. 49 members on Knight Alert have **\$2,202 outstanding**. Dues totaling \$342 waived: 4 for Military or Foreign Service, 3 for Good of the Order, 2 students.

Audit submitted to Supreme et.al. on time. Trustee recommendation for improved record keeping were implemented.

Awards Progress								
	Quota	Month to Date			Year to Date			%
		Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	
MBR	18	0	0	0	3	4	-1	
INS	6	0	0	0	6	1	5	83

Council Membership	
Total Membership 3/2/2018	YTD Change in Membership
271	-6

Council checks written fraternal year to date exceed income by **\$406.48**; total income is expected to exceed expenses by April. For the year, we budgeted **\$750** for Discretionary items as follows: \$150 for Council, Family and Culture of Life; \$100 for Church, Community and Youth. We also received member donations of **\$200** to make **\$950** in discretionary funds.

We spent **\$550** on discretionary matters so far. If the **\$342 current loss of dues income** were to be treated as discretionary expenses, **\$58** remains in the discretionary budget. [This of course does not include items that the Council voted on as additional unbudgeted expenses (examples: **\$1360.23** for plaques, **\$500** and additional St Mary's anniversary donations)]

Given the dues situation just mentioned, note that our recent budgets have never made specific allowances in the Council category for the relief of member Knights sick or in distress. I will address this matter during the Good of the Order.

Good of the Order by Gary Patishnock, PGK, PFN, FS

"Does any Brother present know of a member of our Order, sick or in distress?" How many meetings have you attended when this question is asked "pro forma" and is met with cold silence? It shames me to admit that there are always members of our order – especially in our local councils – that need relief and assistance. We often just don't know either who or, besides with prayer, how to help.

Here are four modest proposals to do so.

1. Revitalize the Retention Committee role to make the effort to contact all Knights at least once annually. Telephone and personal visits are best, email if available, else a postcard

2. Expand future Council and Assembly budgets to have a fund for membership relief – and use it
3. Build a "gift card bank" from business donations, parish collections and the relief budget. Make an emphasis on supermarket and gasoline gift cards as well as unrestricted ones
4. For a Brother who needs more aid, perform service tasks and/or have a fundraiser to pay bills

Our Order is founded on Charity. Charity begins at home – with our wives, children and our Brothers. As Council 2203 Financial Secretary, I stand ready to plan and implement these and other suggestions.

Vivat Jesus!



UMD Concessions for Anniversary Gala

On Saturday, February 24th, eight Brother Knights volunteered to work beer carts at the Terps-Michigan basketball game at the Xfinity Center. Working the game helped raise nearly \$830, which was donated to the 125th/175th Anniversary Gala raising funds for repairs to St. Mary's School and renovations to St. Mary's Church.

District Basketball Shootout Winners Congratulations to the Patuxent Council 2203 District Basketball Shootout Winners.

Below are the Winners by Age group.

The next step, (for the winners ages 9 thru 14), is the Knights of Columbus Maryland State Basketball Free Throw Shootout. District winners will be competing with other District winners within Maryland State.

Event Date, Time Location:

Date – Sunday, March 18th, 2018.

Time – 12:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Location:

Archbishop Spaulding High School
8080 New Cut Road
Severn, Maryland 21144

Knights of Columbus – District Council Winners eligible for Maryland State Shootout:

GIRLS

Name	Age	Coach
Payton Holt	9	Ray Carter
Scarlett Guenin	10	Ray Carter
Emily Dankwa	11	John Mima
Allure Hyman	12	Troy Eggleston
Clarice Andrews	13	Troy Eggleston

BOYS

Name	Age	Coach
Isaac Abraham	9	Dennis Moninghoff
John Sullivan	10	Dennis Moninghoff
Elam Almas	11	Page Etzel
Mark Sullivan	12	Page Etzel
Evan Hawkins	13	Page Etzel

Special Note:

Congratulations also to the District Council Winners Age 8.

Though 8 year old winners for the District are not eligible for the Maryland State Shootout (Ages are 9 thru 14), please extend our Congratulations to:

GIRLS

Name	Age	Coach
Emma Guenin	8	Ray Carter

BOYS

Name	Age	Coach
Aaron Ssewanyana	8	Dennis Moninghoff

Thank You, Rick and Adam Novak, Patuxent Council Youth Activity Directors.



Our members who participated in our February Game Knight social on Tuesday, February 20th, had a great time! Pizza, drinks and fun, family-friendly games led to a fun evening. If you missed Game Knight, you missed out! Please mark your calendars for our next family-friendly social event, a Trivia night on Tuesday, April 17th!



For our sick

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

Donelle Fitzgerald

Kevin McMurtry, Council 2203 member

For our deceased

We offer prayers for the repose of their souls.

May they rest in peace:

A. Estacon, Mother of St. May's Usher

Sir Knight Ed Terech, PFN

March Birthdays

Austin E Greenawalt	March 2
Robert C Polkiewicz	March 5
James S Chu	March 6
Jeffrey R Chrismer	March 7
F Christopher Erdle	March 7
Michael J Caridi	March 8
Jonathan O Haight	March 9
Frederick J Krutz	March 10
John G Mikulka	March 11
Eric F Harris	March 13
Garry Fitzgerald II	March 15
John N Mc Leod	March 17
Adam R Novak	March 18
Christopher L Smith	March 18
George E Creighton III	March 19
Brian S Williams	March 22
Jeffrey C Cheney	March 25
Daniel E Kusnierz	March 26
Barnard S Walsh	March 27
Eusebio C Maningding	March 29
Stephen J Sawyer	March 29
Michael W Budzinski	March 31

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Knights of Columbus
Patuxent Council
7th Annual Lenten

Fish Fry Friday



Our Lenten Fish Fries have been going well so far. We have taken in approximately \$400 in each of the first four weeks. If you haven't yet been out to volunteer or enjoy a meal, please come out to the final Fish Fry on **Friday, March 23rd!**

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Breen Room

St.Mary's of the Mills Catholic Church

\$10 All You Can Eat Dine-In!

\$7 Traditional Main Entree and 2 Sides

Dine-In or Takeout!

Children under 12 \$5 Dine-In or Takeout !

Children under 3 Eat Free!!

For more information,

contact admin@kofc2203.org



Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar

(as of March 17, 2018)

March

All Fridays except the 30th (16, 23):

Lenten Fish Fry Friday, Report beginning at 4 p.m.,
Doors Open 5:30 p.m., Breen Room

All Tuesdays (13, 20, 27):

Leading Rosary Prior to Benediction,
6:10 p.m., St. Mary's Church

17 **Md. State Council Lenten Pilgrimage
to St. John Paul II Shrine**, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

18 **Md. State Council Basketball
Free Throw Competition**
Abp. Spaulding HS, 12 p.m.

18 **Living Rosary for 40 Days for Life**
3 p.m., 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park

20 **Patuxent Council Annual
Community Awards Ceremony**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

24 **SHARE Distribution**
Pallotti HS, Sr. Lucy Lobby
Bag and Tag report time 9 a.m.

25 **Md. State Council Founder's Day Mass/Dinner**
3p.m. Mass at St. Ursula Catholic Church,
Parkville, Md.; dinner to follow at
Columbus Gardens

April

3 **April Business Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

7 **Exemplification of the Patriotic (Fourth) Degree**
Good Counsel HS in Olney, 9:30 a.m.

10 **April Planning Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room (Knights Office)

14 **125th/175th Anniversary Gala**
Keesler Center, 6 p.m.
Knights will serve as bartenders

14,15 **Spring Recruitment Drive after all Masses**
more details TBA

17 **April Social Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

20 **Knighthood Degree Ceremony**
Keesler Center, 7:30 p.m.
candidates no later than 7 p.m.

21 **SHARE Distribution**
Pallotti HS, Sr. Lucy Lobby
Bag and Tag report time 9 a.m.

22 **Parish 175th Anniversary Mass with Cardinal Wuerl**
10:45 a.m.; reception to follow

28 **Maryland Day Concessions**
8 a.m. Report Time, McKeldin Mall

29 **5th Sunday Rosary/Rededication of
Memorial to Unborn**
tentatively after 12:30 p.m. Mass

May

All Tuesdays (1, 8, 15, 22, 29):

Leading Rosary Prior to Benediction
6:10 p.m., St. Mary's Church

1 **May Business Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

4-6 **120th Maryland State Council Convention**
Ocean City

8 **May Planning Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room (Knights Office)

12 **Laurel Main Street Parade**
Report at 8 a.m. to 6th and Montgomery Streets

13 **Mother's Day Brunch**
after 7:30 and 9 a.m. Masses, Report at 7 a.m.

15 **Admissions Degree Ceremony**
Keesler Center, 7:30 p.m.
candidates no later than 7 p.m.

19 **SHARE Distribution**
Pallotti HS, Sr. Lucy Lobby
Bag and Tag report time 9 a.m.

30 **5th Wednesday Volunteering at Elizabeth House**
4 p.m.

Long Term Planning

June 2nd – Annual Parish Block Party to assist
St. Joseph's Parish in Haiti

Upcoming Degrees Nearby (Council, City):

Admission:

3/26 (Prince George's, College Park)

Formation:

3/28 (Fr. Peter Paul Maher, Olney)

Knighthood:

4/20 (Patuxent, Laurel)

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*

*Grand Knight Stephen Sawyer at
ecsawyer@verizon.net for review.*

*Please limit submissions to
250-275 words.*



MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

CHURCH ACTIVITY REPORT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR DETAILS AND PHOTOS

On Friday, February 2, 2018, Patuxent Council hosted its annual Vocations Roundtable for members of the St. Mary of the Mills Youth Group during its weekly meeting. The roundtable was facilitated/moderated by Brother Knight Stephen Hubbard, Chancellor and Vocations Chairman for Patuxent Council. The Roundtable featured the following panelists:

- Fr. Philip Ilg, Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Mills
- Mr. & Mrs. Chet Higdon, St. Mary of the Mills Parishioners
- Deacon Jim Munno, St. Mary of the Mills
- Sister Karen, S.A.C. (Society of the Catholic Apostolate- "Pallottines")
- Sister Bernadita, S.A.C. (Society of the Catholic Apostolate- "Pallottines")
- Brother Ignacio Gonzales, O.S.B. (Order of St. Benedict --- "Benedictines")

The evening began with a dinner of pizza, salad, soft drinks and cookies provided by Patuxent Council #2203. The Roundtable followed the dinner, beginning with panel members introducing themselves, individually presenting a brief, five to 10-minute, biography and story of how they were called to their respective vocations, including some of the joys and challenges of their respective vocations. After all introductions were complete, the floor was opened to questions from the audience. Members of the Youth Group and the adults who volunteer with the group took the opportunity to ask questions, and a very engaging discussion followed. At the conclusion of the evening, the Youth Group thanked those who gave of the time and talents to make the evening possible.



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COMMUNITY ACTIVITY REPORT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR DETAILS AND PHOTOS

Patuxent Council was proud to once again participate in the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program this fraternal year. Every year, the Council purchases Coats using funds raised by its 501(c)(3) Charitable Corporation, which allows donors to make tax-deductible contributions towards the purchase of the coats. Most of the funds are raised through responses to announcements in the St. Mary of the Mills Parish Bulletin. This year, our fundraising appeal ran in the bulletin for three weeks. A screenshot of the bulletin announcement is included below. Many Brother Knights and their families also make individual donations to help purchase coats.

By the end of the fundraising period at the end of November 2017, the Council collected nearly \$1,800, allowing for the purchase of 8 cases of coats – 4 for girls and 4 for boys. The coats arrived in the third week of December and were brought to our Council home at the Keesler Parish Center. Half of the coats, 24 each for boys and girls, were donated to Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services. To distribute the remaining 48 coats, our Council reached out to Brother Knight and Laurel Chief of Police Richard McLaughlin. The Laurel Police Department inventoried the coats and then contacted staff at Laurel-area elementary schools to determine the need for coats for students. Chief McLaughlin and Grand Knight Stephen Sawyer then distributed the coats to four elementary schools: Scotchtown, Bond Mill, Laurel, and St. Mary of the Mills.

The schools were incredibly happy to receive the coats and indicated they had demand for additional coats if we were able to assist. The Laurel Police Department shared photos of the coat distribution on its Facebook page and encouraged citizens to donate to the cause. This call for community support and additional support from members of Patuxent Council raised an additional \$450, allowing for the purchase of two additional cases of coats, 1 each for boys and girls. Upon arrival, the Council delivered these Coats to the Laurel Police Department, which ensured prompt distribution of the coats. In total, Patuxent Council raised approximately \$2,250 for Coats for Kids this

COATS FOR KIDS

Please support the 3RD annual Coats for Kids project co sponsored by St. Mary's Church and Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus. Donations will purchase much needed new coats from the Knights at a bulk discounted price. Please make checks out to K of C Patuxent Council 2203 Charitable Corporation. Please send checks to: Patuxent Council 2203, P.O. Box 95, Laurel, MD 20725-0095, and write "Coats for Kids" in the memo section of the check. Thank you for your support. Please postmark by October 16.



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CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITY REPORT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR DETAILS AND PHOTOS

In December 2017, St. Mary of the Mills Pastor and Council Chaplain Msgr. Mike Mellone reached out to the Council to ask if we could begin leading the Rosary every Tuesday evening in odd-numbered months at the end of weekly Adoration just prior to Benediction. We quickly replied to Msgr. Mike that we would step up to lead the rosaries, with Brother Pete Monti, PGK, stepping up to chair the program. In even-numbered months, the weekly rosaries are led by the Ladies of Charity. We are praying the rosaries to both honor and pray for the unborn and as part of our celebration of the 175th anniversary year of St. Mary of the Mills Parish.

On the first Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018, we had only two Brother Knights at the front of the church leading the rosary. However, the program has quickly become a success, with nearly 10 Brother Knights regularly attending each week. With so many Knights participating in the program, we can have one Knight serve as the leader, have five different Knights each lead one decade of the rosary, and still have additional Knights stand and pray alongside them. Both Msgr. Mike and our parishioners who attend adoration have expressed thanks for our leadership of this rosary program. We look forward to continuing this program throughout calendar year 2018.



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COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR DETAILS AND PHOTOS

For our February 2018 Social Meeting, Patuxent Council hosted a Family Game Knight for members and their families. We started the meeting 30 minutes earlier than usual, at 7 p.m., so we could end a little earlier, around 8:30 p.m., allowing Brother Knights with younger children attend and still get home at a decent hour to get ready for school, work, etc. the next day.

Brother Knights and their families were encouraged to bring some of their favorite games to share with their fellow Knights and their families. Members brought classic games, such as Scrabble and Bingo, as well as games which were more unique, such as the card game known as Cribbage, to play for the evening. The Council also provided pizza and drinks for everyone for the evening.

It was very encouraging to see our Brother Knights engage with other Knights and family members during the event, as opposed to members keeping to themselves or only playing games with their family members. In doing so, several members got the opportunity to learn and play new games, or games they hadn't enjoyed for some time. To give just a couple examples, one member rediscovered Scrabble after having not played in many years, while another had the opportunity to learn how to play Cribbage.

Overall, the atmosphere was very light and low-key. Rules were not strictly enforced, as making sure everyone had





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FAMILY ACTIVITY REPORT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR DETAILS AND PHOTOS

Patuxent Council is committed to the Knights of Columbus' work to end hunger in local communities and has been active in facilitating the collection of food from local grocery stores and bringing it to local food pantries and organizations which aid our Brothers and Sisters in need for many years. By some estimates, this program has been ongoing in some form for at least the past 25 to 30 years.

Brother Knights and other volunteers, led by Chairman Paul Simon, make 14 grocery store and one restaurant pick up per week. Most of the food collected is an assortment of bakery items (loaves of bread, rolls, buns, etc.). The food is then distributed to various charities in the area, including Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS), Elizabeth House, the food pantries at St. Mary of the Mills Church and Resurrection of Our Lord Church in Laurel, two convents in the area, and a local senior center. In addition to transporting the food from the grocery stores to these organizations, our members also assist in unloading the food and stocking the shelves when they arrive.

The project has also expanded to the Knights working with the local SHARE food warehouse to pick up produce which will not last until the next SHARE distribution day. Items are selected according to the specific needs of the local charities we work with. We are further leveraging a temporary partnership between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and SHARE to distribute ready-to-eat meals to these same local charities. To date, the Council has picked up and distributed 55 cases of 18-count meals.

In just the three-month reporting period from December 1st, 2017 to February 28th, 2018, Patuxent Council collected and donated approximately \$23,500 worth of food to local charities. Members donated more than 250 hours to the success of this program during the reporting period. In calendar year 2017, members of Patuxent



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YOUTH ACTIVITY REPORT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR DETAILS AND PHOTOS

Patuxent Council conducted its annual Basketball Free Throw Contest for children ages 9 to 14 throughout the month of January 2018. Youth Director Rick Novak and Assistant Youth Director Adam Novak, along with fellow Brother Knights, attended the practices of St. Mary of the Mills CYO teams to allow all players the opportunity to participate in the contest. After our members visited all team practices, scores were totaled up and the winners were announced to the coaches of all teams. The Council also submitted the names of the winners for publication in the parish bulletin. A screen capture of the bulletin announcement is included below, along with a photo from the District-level shootout.

All winners then advanced to the District 10 Free Throw Contest on Sunday, February 25th, from 6 to 8 p.m. Patuxent Council hosted the District 10 Contest in the St. Mary of the Mills Keesler Parish Center gym. Volunteers from Patuxent Council 2203 and Resurrection Council 14099 facilitated the evening for the Council-level winners who showed up to participate. In the end, Patuxent Council saw 10 players win at the District level and advance to

COUNCIL BASKETBALL WINNERS

Congratulations to the following: Emma Guenin, Payton Holt, Scarlett Guentn, Emily Dankwa, Allure Hyman, Clarice Andrews, Aaron Ssewanyana, Isaac Abraham, John Sullivan, Elam Almas, Mark Sullivan, Evan Hawkins for winning their age groups at Patuxent Council's Basketball Free Throw Contest.

