

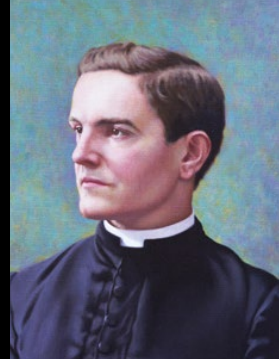


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Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



Brother Knights and Ladies of Charity Team Up to Support **Christian Refugee Relief**

In response to a call to action from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at the 2018 Supreme Convention, the Brother Knights of Patuxent Council teamed up with the St. Mary of the Mills Ladies of Charity to host a fundraising dinner on March 30th, to raise funds to help complete the construction of the McGivney House Apartment Complex in Erbil, Iraq. When completed, the McGivney House Apartments will provide 140 units of housing for Christians in the region who lost their homes as a result of ongoing persecution.

Thanks to the efforts of about a dozen Brother Knights and the six Ladies of Charity who worked the dinner, nearly \$1,000 was raised to contribute to the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund and the completion of McGivney House. Approximately 60 people attended the dinner. State of Maryland Co-Chair of the Christian Solidarity Action Committee and District Deputy Bill Newbrough was our guest speaker for the evening, speaking about the plight of persecuted Christians around the world and sharing with the audience the many different ways the Knights of Columbus have worked to respond to the crisis over the last five years. To help raise additional funds, hand-carved olive wood crosses made in the

Bethlehem region were available in exchange for a donation, and a 50-50 raffle was conducted. We were blessed to have the 50-50 winner donate the prize money, more than \$100, back to the cause.

Special thanks to Brother Knight Marc Alvarez for serving as head chef for the evening, and to the Ladies of Charity for coordinating the many delicious desserts. Brother Knight Mike Turek, a cantor at St. Mary's, provided a sound system and music for the evening. We also thank Fr. Anthony Lickteig, Pastor of St. Mary's and Chaplain of Patuxent Council, for not only allowing us to host this event, but also for attending the dinner and taking an active part in the evening.

Overall, it was a successful evening. Our hearts and prayers go out to the persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

DD Bill Newbrough, DD and GK Jimmy Williams stand with a story board and various materials explaining how the Knights work to support persecuted Christians.



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



Spring has arrived and Easter is right around the corner. It's hard to believe we've now entered the final quarter of this Fraternal Year. We've accomplished so much to this point and we still have a number of activities and events coming up between now and the end of the Fraternal Year in June.

My thanks to everyone who has supported our events over the past several weeks. Our last 3 fish fries saw us take in about \$1,500, and we're in the process of calculating our final income and expenses so we can plan out the donations we'll make with the proceeds. We also had a very successful Christian Refugee Relief Dinner in partnership with the Ladies of

Charity. Including some donations that came in after the dinner, we will be donating \$1,000 towards the completion of the McGivney House Apartments in Erbil, Iraq.

Saturday, May 11th, is the Laurel Main Street Parade. As we've done for many years, we will walk in the parade with our Brother Knights from Resurrection Council 14099. We will be escorted by a Color Guard from Curley Assembly 383. All Brothers Knights and family members are welcome to walk with us.

Our May meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, will feature elections for Council Officers for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. A full list of the current nominees appears in this newsletter. I hope many of you will avail yourself of this opportunity to participate in the selection of your next group of Patuxent Council leaders. Beyond our elected officer positions, we also have many opportunities to serve as activity directors, program chairmen, etc. If you're interested in serving in one of these capacities, let myself or DGK Steve Hubbard know.

Vivat Jesus!

COMMUNITY

SHARE

Thank you to all the brothers, family members, and friends of SHARE who came out on Saturday March 16 for the SHARE distribution held in Pallotti High School. Thanks to those who went to the warehouse to pick up the food and to those who delivered the food. Special thanks to Kay Decker (Friend of SHARE) for bringing the delicious homemade muffins to share with the volunteers.

We will be losing one of our warehouse drivers soon, so we are in desperate need of someone else to go to the warehouse to ensure we can continue serving the people who depend on SHARE food each month. We can also use additional help with the deliveries we make. If interested, just show up at the lobby at the show times listed below and speak with Gary Hall, Rick Askins, or Rick Rekus. If we do not have enough drivers for pick-up and delivery, we will not be able to continue with this program.

IMPORTANT DATES

April Distribution

Saturday April 13 – Pallotti High School Sr. Lucy Lobby

This will be the Easter Distribution and there will be more food to pick up, bag and tag, and distribute.

Warehouse Truckers report time 7:45 AM

Bag and Tag Volunteers Report Time – 9:00 AM

May Distribution

Saturday May 18 – Pallotti High School Sr. Lucy Lobby

2019 SHARE Distribution Schedule

Pallotti High School; Sister Lucy Lobby

April 13	July 27	October 19
May 18	August 24	November 23
June 22	September 21	December 21

Financial Secretary's Corner

by Gary Patishnock, PGK, PFN, FS

Among the online tools Financial Secretaries have is "Member Management" software. It is used for billing, generating membership cards, updating personal and fraternal information and much more. This year we expanded its use by having a \$2 voluntary assessment for the Good of the Order Fund. Next year we may also choose to use it to track shirt and hat orders and payments. If your fraternal records need to be updated, please email me at gary.patishnock@verizon.net.

Member Milestones

On Saturday, April 6th, Brother Knights Don Duru, Tony Habada, Habib Konate, Paul Ogordi, Tony Okoma, and Fr. Anthony Lickteig participated in the Patriotic (4th) Degree Exemplification at the Keesler Center. Our congratulations to these Knights on taking the Knights' highest Degree and earning the title "Sir Knight." All will be members of Archbishop Michael J. Curley Assembly 383, which is also based at St. Mary's.

Community Awards Celebration Night

Patuxent Council honored our Community Award winners on Tuesday March 19th with a celebration that included cake and refreshments. Each award winner was presented with a \$50 gift card and a certificate from the Council by GK Jimmy Williams. Each awardee was also given a copy of their narrative that was submitted to the State Council to be considered for the State award. Our award winners were Mr. Richard McLaughlin as the Citizen of the Year; Mr. Jessie Linder as EMT of the Year; Sgt. Boswell as Police Officer of the Year; Ms. Katherine Vaughn as Catechist of the Year; and Ms. Amanda Goco as Parochial teacher of the Year.

It is of special note that Sgt. Boswell was recognized as the Police Officer of the Year from the Maryland State KoC as was Ms. Katherine Vaughn as the the State winner for Catechist of the Year. Both Ms. Vaughn and Sgt. Boswell and three of their guests were invited to attend the Founder's Day Dinner on March 31st where they received recognition including a plaque from the State recognizing their contributions to the community.

Our local celebration was well attended by our fellow Knights and their families, with approximately 50 people in attendance. Laurel Mayor Craig Moe also attended the ceremony supporting our teachers, first responders, and citizen of the year.

A special thanks to the sponsors of our awardees who recognized their staff and wrote inspiring narratives. The sponsors were, LVRS Captain Richard Walker, LPD Deputy Chief Keven Gray, St. Mary Religious Education Coordinator Ms. Jennifer Juzwiak, and Ms. Alisha Jordan, Principal St. Mary's school.

VJ

Pete Monti, PGK

Vocations Roundtable

On Friday, March 1, 2019, 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 organized and moderated by Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Hubbard. Brother Knights Kyle Hubbard (Chancellor) and Fr. Phil Ilg (Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Mills) were also in attendance. The roundtable featured nine panelists, including:

- Fr. Nate Dreyer, Institute of the Incarnate Word
- Fr. Mike McCormack, Dominican Friar, Province of St. Joseph
- Sr. Maris Stella, Dominican Order, Mount de Sales Academy
- Sr. Marie Genevieve, Dominican Order, Mount de Sales Academy
- Sr. Beatitude, Servants of the Lord
- Sr. Sacre Coeur, Servants of the Lord
- Deacon (and Brother Knight) Jim Munno, St. Mary of the Mills
- Eddie and Erica Velazquez, married couple

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, allowing for an open dialogue about recognizing and answering the call to vocations. At the conclusion of the evening, the Youth Group leaders thanked those who gave of the time and talents to make the evening possible.

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

2019-2020 Council Officer Nominees

The following Brother Knights have been nominated as Council officers for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. Nominations remain open until the elections are held during our May Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 7th. If you are interested in running for an officer position, please contact GK Jimmy Williams or DGK Steve Hubbard for additional information:

Grand Knight: Steve Hubbard

Deputy Grand Knight: Kyle Hubbard

Chancellor: Augustine Nwabueze

Warden: Dick Stevick

Treasurer: Marc Alvarez

Recorder: Jerry Gager

Advocate: Ted Gambogi

Inside Guard: Rick Krutz

Outside Guard: Adam Novak

3-Year Trustee: Jimmy Williams

2020 State Convention Delegate (must be PGK):

Jimmy Williams

2020 State Convention 1st Alternate

(must be 3rd Degree): Kyle Hubbard

2020 State Convention 2nd Alternate

(must be 3rd Degree): Bill McMahon

The following officers are not up for election or are appointed:

2-Year Trustee: Steve Sawyer (elected to 3 year term in 2018)

1-Year Trustee: Pete Monti (elected to 3 year term in 2017)

Financial Secretary: Gary Patishnock (appointed by the Supreme Knight to a 3 year term in Summer 2017)

Lecturer: Appointed by the new Grand Knight upon his assumption of office;
Current Lecturer is Bill McMahon

Chaplain, Associate Chaplains, Assistants to the

Chaplain: Appointed by the Grand Knight;

Fr. Anthony is Council Chaplain,

Fr. Phil is Associate Chaplain,

Deacon Bob and Deacon Jim are Assistants to the Chaplain

Patuxent Council 2203 Officers

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3-Year Trustee Steve Sawyer ecsawyer@verizon.net

FS Gary Patishnock gary.patishnock@verizon.net

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Field Agent Steve Clites stephen.clites@kofc.org



For our sick

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

Marie Rohini - Friend of Brother Bill McMahon

Gay Magruder - friend of Brother Jim Gordon

For our deceased

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

Celene Berry - Friend of Brother Bill McMahon

Liz Whaley - sister of Brother Dave Muzzy

Kathy Johns - wife of SK Mike Johns, PGK Council 11106



Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar

(as of April 12, 2019)

April

- 12 Lenten Fish Fry Friday**
Report Time 4 p.m.
Doors Open 5:30 p.m., Breen Room
- 13 Easter SHARE**
Pallotti HS, St. Lucy Lobby
Warehouse Drivers 7:45 a.m.
Bag & Tag 9 a.m.
- 16 Formation (2nd) Degree**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
candidates no later than 7 p.m.
- 26 Host Knighthood (3rd) Degree**
7:30 p.m., Keesler Center
candidates no later than 7 p.m.
- 27 Maryland Day Concessions**
Report Time 8 a.m., McKeldin Mall
- 28 Maryland State Council Family Day at Hershey Park**
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., \$34/person

May

- 3-5 Annual Maryland State Council Convention**
Ocean City, Md.
- 7 May Business Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room – Council Officer Elections
- 10 Save the Date for Gabriel Network Fundraising Gala**
College Park Marriott
- 11 Laurel Main Street Parade**
- 12 Annual Mother's Day Brunch**
after 7:30 and 9 a.m. Masses, Breen Room
- 14 May Planning Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 18 SHARE**
Pallotti HS, St. Lucy Lobby
Warehouse Drivers 7:45 a.m.; Bag & Tag 9 a.m.
- 18 St. Mary's School Bull Roast**
Council to provide bartenders, more details TBA
- 21 May Social Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 29 Elizabeth House 5th Wednesday**
olunteer Shift, 4 p.m.

June

- 2 Curley Assembly Annual Knights**
Afternoon at the Baysox
1:35 game, \$12/ticket

June (Continued):

- 4 June Business Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 11 June Planning Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 18 June Social Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 22 SHARE**
Pallotti HS, St. Lucy Lobby
Warehouse Drivers 7:45 a.m.; Bag & Tag 9 a.m.
- 22 Parish Block Party**
Council will assist, more details TBA
- 29 Blood Drive**
Breen Room, more details TBA

Upcoming Degrees Nearby (Council, City):

Admission:

Wednesday, 4/17
(Resurrection, Ellicott City)

Thursday, 5/23
(Sacred Heart, Bowie)

Formation:

Wednesday, 4/17
(Resurrection, Ellicott City)

Thursday, 5/16
(St. Louis the King, Ellicott City)

Knighthood:

Friday, 6/7
(Patapsco, Catonsville)

Visit http://kofc-md.org/docs1820/degrees/2018_2019_Degree_Calendar.pdf for full schedule of Degrees in the State of Maryland

April Birthdays

James J. Fischetti	April 1	Raoul T. Paez	April 13
Rev. Jacob C. George	April 4	Brian P. Switalski	April 14
Dante Aantonioni	April 4	Oran A. Silvey	April 15
Ronald W. Savoie	April 4	Hon. Habib A. Konate	April 15
Andrew T. Magno	April 6	Stephen D. Hubbard	April 19
George J. Hranicky	April 7	Stephen J. Wallace	April 28
Peter E. Monti	April 8	Lawrence B. Krieger	April 29
Izuchukwu F. Nwadike	April 9	Michael J. Keating	April 29
Erik K. Washam	April 10	Nick J. Bagileo	April 30
Joseph D. Dvorsky	April 12	Donald P. Kutzera Jr.	April 30