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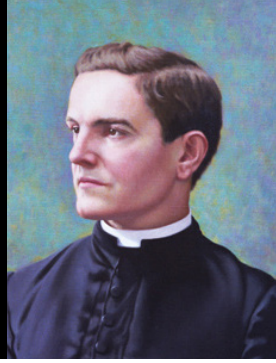

Brother Knights Put Faith into Action with Christmas Gifts to Laurel Families in Need

On the morning of Saturday, December 15th, Brother Knights from Patuxent Council put their faith into action with two wonderful charitable programs to help bring Christmas to Laurel families in need: Coats for Kids and the Christmas SHARE Holiday Meals distribution.

First, a contingent of Brother Knights and Ladies assembled at 8 a.m. at Laurel Elementary School to distribute new winter coats to the elementary students participating in the Laurel Police Department's annual "Santa with a Badge Program," through which pre-selected children in need go Christmas shopping with officers of the Laurel Police Force.

"Last year, we had children who elected to spend part of their gift cards to buy a new, warm winter coat," Police Chief and Brother Knight Rich McLaughlin told this year's participants and their parents. "This year, the Knights of Columbus are here to give each child a new coat free of charge, so the children can spend their gift cards on other items."

Led by Grand Knight Jimmy Williams, Patuxent Council distributed coats to all 22 Santa with a Badge participants, as well as a few extra coats to help some families who recently lost their homes to fire. Before giving out the Coats, Grand Knight Williams explained the history of the Coats for Kids program, which began in 2009 and has since seen thousands of participating Councils distribute more than 500,000 coats.

After the Coats for Kids distribution, activities continued with Patuxent's Christmas SHARE Holiday Meals Distribution. A team of nearly 50 Brother Knights, family members and friends assembled at Pallotti High School and braved the miserable weather to help sort, pack, and deliver approximately 3,174 pounds of food, including turkeys, spiral hams, and other items. Food was distributed to individual SHARE clients, as well as to the St. Mary's Food pantry, to local food pantries at Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS) and Elizabeth House, to the Sisters at Pallotti Covent, and other locations throughout the area.

The total value of all the food from the distribution was $4,620. All SHARE food recipients very extremely thankful to the Knights for facilitating this Christmas blessing again this 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

My Brothers All: As 2018 draws to a close, we have much to be proud of as a Council. As detailed in the end-of-year letter you have received or will receive shortly, along with your 2019 dues notice, this year our Council has been responsible for the distribution of tens of thousands of pounds of food to the less fortunate in our community, has donated nearly $6,000 to support St. Mary of the Mills Parish and School, and has helped support groups such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and American Heritage Girls through our UMD Concessions Fundraising Program.

Just as important, we've grown closer in fraternity and deeper in our Catholic faith, not only as we put our faith into action through our corporeal works, but through our weekly and 5th Sunday Rosaries, the rededication of the Memorial to the Unborn, and other programs.

We've been doing all these wonderful things, and more, for the 98 years we've been a Council, dating back to November 1920. The one issue, perhaps, is that we've been too modest in promoting all that we do. In talking with fellow parishioners, I've learned many don't realize the scope of everything we do, especially our faith-based programs.

Now is our chance to change that. On Dec. 15th-16th, our end-of-year letter ran in the parish bulletin. As we head towards the new year, I urge you to use this letter as a jumping off point to promote the Knights and our Council to your fellow parishioners. Encourage your fellow men to make a New Year's resolution to join us in our mission of charity. Because, while our numbers are impressive, there is always more work to be done in the name of Christ. I hope you will help us add some new "Baby Brothers" in 2019.

In closing, I wish our entire Council family a very Merry Christmas. Vivat Jesus!

COMMUNITY

SHARE

Thank you to all the brothers, family members, and friends of SHARE who came out on Saturday November 17 and Saturday December 15 for the SHARE holiday distributions held 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

January Distribution

Saturday January 19 – Pallotti High School Sr. Lucy Lobby
Warehouse Truckers report time 7:45 AM
Bag and Tag Volunteers Report Time – 9:00 AM

February Distribution

Saturday February 16 – Pallotti High School Sr. Lucy Lobby

SHARE Holiday Meals

Thanks to all of the brothers who helped with SHARE Holiday Meals collections on the weekends of December 1-2 and December 8-9. These collections are the largest fundraising event of the year for the SHARE program. The donations collected go to support the monthly food purchases for the SHARE clients that our council support through the SHARE program.

2019 SHARE Distribution Schedule

Pallotti High School; Sister Lucy Lobby

January 19	May 18	September 21
February 16	June 22	October 19
March 16	July 27	November 23
April 13	August 24	December 21

Elizabeth House

January 30 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, Mark O'Dea, or Gary Hall.

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.

Time to Fill Out the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity!

Brother Knights: It is time, once again, for Patuxent Council to complete its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the 2018 calendar year. The Annual Survey documents our Council's charitable efforts, in terms of both money and time donated, throughout the year. This information helps us quantify our charitable impact to the general public. Please use this form to report volunteer hours performed by you and your family during the year. Your hours can not only include Council-sponsored programs, such as SHARE, Concessions, weekly Rosaries, praying in front of the abortion clinic, Lenten Fish Fries, etc., but also any volunteer service you perform (i.e. Ushering at Sunday Mass, serving as a coach for your child's sports team, etc.). Please submit your hours no later than our January Business Meeting on Wednesday, January 2nd. You can email a report of your hours to admin@kofc2203.org or bring a completed worksheet to the January meeting. **(form is on last page of this newsletter)**

For our sick

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

Sarah Patishnock - wife of GK Jimmy Williams (chicken pox)

Elenore Albright - wife of PSD John Albright (pneumonia)

Ryan Krutz - nephew of Rick Krutz

Gloria Monti - mother of PGK Pete Monti

For our deceased

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

President George HW Bush

Brother James O'Dea (Council 2809) - uncle of Mark O'Dea

Brother Dave Hall - cancer

Brother Thomas Berta

Brother Joseph Breslin

Brother David Hall

Brother Joseph Mahony

Bill Ferris - friend of Steve Hubbard

Brother Knights, family and friends look on as Grand Knight Jimmy Williams awards door prizes at the annual Council Christmas Party. Brother Brian Williams won a Knights Centennial License plate, while Fr. Anthony took home a Knights license plate frame.

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Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar

(as of December 20, 2018)

December

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 2018

2 January Business Meeting
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
(NOTE: Wednesday because 1/1/19 is New Year's Day)

5 UMD Concessions, WBB vs. Ohio State
1:30 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
2 p.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E

15 January Social Meeting
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

18 2019 National March for Life, Washington, D.C.

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

20 UMD Concessions, WBB vs. Penn State
11:30 a.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E

30 Elizabeth House 5th Wednesday Volunteer Shift
4 p.m., Elizbeth House

February

5 February Business Meeting
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

9 (Tentative) Casino Night to Benefit Christian Refugee Relief Fund
6:30 p.m., Breen Room

12 February Planning Meeting
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

16 SHARE Distribution, Pallotti HS
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February (Continued)

19 February Social Meeting,
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

23 UMD Concessions, MBB vs. Ohio State
11 a.m. Report, Xfinity Center Gate E

Upcoming Degrees Nearby (Council, City):

Admission:

Thursday, 12/20
(Sacred Heart, Bowie)

Formation:

Thursday, 12/20
(Sacred Heart, Bowie)

Knighthood:

Tuesday, 1/11
(Resurrection, Ellicott City)

Friday, 1/18
(Rock Creek, Bethesda)

Visit **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

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

20__ Individual Member Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES / FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS / BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20____.

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

COUNCIL HOURS

Faith Activities (where applicable)	Hours of Service
a. RSVP Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
e. Prayer & Study Programs	
f. Sacramental Gifts	
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	

Family Activities (where applicable)	
a. Food for Families	
b. Family Formation Programs	
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	
d. Family Week	
e. Family Prayer Night	
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	

Community Activities (where applicable)	
a. Coats For Kids	
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	
c. Habitat for Humanity	
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	
h. Columbian Squires	
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	
j. Athletics	
k. Youth Welfare/Service	
l. Scholarships/Education	
m. Veteran Military/VAVS	
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	

Life Activities (where applicable)	
a. Special Olympics	
b. Marches for Life	
c. Ultrasound Initiative	
d. Pregnancy Support	
e. Christian Refugee Relief	
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	

Other Fraternal Commitments:	
Visits to the Sick	
Visits to the Bereaved	
Number of Blood Donations	
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families	
TOTAL	0

ASSEMBLY HOURS

Faith Activities (where applicable)	Hours of Service
a. RSVP Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
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