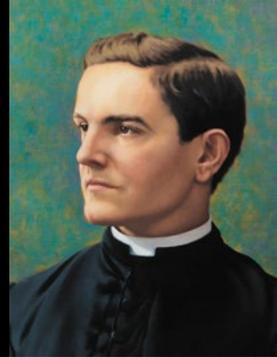




November 2017

# Patuxent Ripple

Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



## Grand Knight's Report by Stephen Sawyer



I wish to thank all of you who have help with our various projects in past month.

We have been busy with the Silver Rose Icon Program, Church Bazaar, Church Ministry Sunday, and the Box of Joy Program.

We be having Share Holiday Christmas Collections at all the

Masses on 2,3 and 9,10 December. Please help with collections.

Please do not forget the Council Memorial Mass on 21 November at Pallotti Chapel.

We will have our Christmas Party on 2 December.

And last but not least have happy and enjoyable Thanks Giving Dinner with family and friends. And remember all those without anything.

Ask yourself what can I do to help Council, Church and Community.

In God We Trust.

Vivat Jesus

## Deputy Knight's Report by Jimmy Williams



The period from October to early November was a very busy time for our Council from a programming perspective. We are thankful to all of you who participated in events over the last several weeks, helping Patuxent Council keep up its stellar reputation for doing good in our community.

Over the past month we have, among many other projects, led the staffing of a concessions stand at three UMD football games. Although the on-field product hasn't lived up to our expectations, we have raised thousands of dollars for our Council and facilitated fundraising for several partner organizations, including the University of Maryland Knights of Columbus Council and local Boy Scout, Girl

Scout and American Heritage Girl units. We held another successful Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night to raise funds for seminarian support and tuition assistance. And we ran concessions at the St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar, donating all profits back to the Parish.

As we turn our attention to the major holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas and the inevitable stress that comes with them, let's remember our guiding principle of Charity and practice this charity through both our words and deeds. I hope many of you plan to participate in our SHARE Thanksgiving distribution on Saturday, November 18th. Please also see the calendar of events and an article nearby about the SHARE Christmas collections and food distribution. Finally, we have a great opportunity for fun, fraternity and fellowship at our annual Council Christmas Party on Saturday, December 2nd. More details to come.

### Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

Our Council held its second and final Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night for tuition assistance and seminarian support on Wednesday, October 25th. We had another great turnout and raised about \$108, bringing our two-Spirit Night total to approximately \$230. During

our November business meeting, a motion was proposed and approved to donate the \$115 these Spirit Nights raised for seminarian support to a group of Maryland seminarians who are planning a mission trip to Guatemala in February.

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

The holiday season is a time for giving. We give thanks at Thanksgiving Day, we give gifts at Christmas, and we give our annual dues checks to Councils and Assemblies. Dues statements will be generated in mid-December. "All I want for Christmas" is for people to pay their dues in a timely manner. Please send checks to the PO Box 95 address or bring to a meeting. We are also exploring the options for online bill paying so stay tuned.

Speaking of giving, I have played the role of both Santa Claus and St. Nicholas a number of times in the last 40

years. My Santa and St. Nick does not ask children what they want for Christmas. Instead, they ask what the child is *giving someone else* for Christmas. The gift can be a present or an act of kindness. Council 2203 supports a number of charity efforts such as Pass the Helmet, SHARE, Laurel Pregnancy Center, Coats for Kids and the Wheelchair Initiative. Please have you or your family consider giving a check made out either to the Council or the Charity Corporation and earmark it to your desired activity.

**Happy Christmas!**

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## 2017 Recruiting Speech

After all Masses on the weekend of October 21st and 22nd, Brother Gary Patishnock, PGK, PFN, gave the following speech in an effort to recruit new members into the Knights of Columbus. His speech is reproduced here, to remind everyone of our core mission of Charity:

"With Charity, we change lives and save lives". I'm Gary Patishnock of the Knights of Columbus. I'm here to give our annual recruiting speech – and this year, we want to recruit everyone here today.

I'm appealing to three groups of people. First, to all Catholic men over the age of 18, I invite you to learn about and join the Knights. Our Charity does so much to help our church – our community – our family and youth – and the culture of life. We ask little and offer much. Look for a

Knight with a name badge after Mass – he will answer any question you have.

Second, be the "Knights Auxiliary". It's not a formal group. It's everyone who makes what we do possible. When you donate money, eat at our Lenten fish fry, collect food for SHARE, and so on, your Charity makes you a member.

Finally, I ask all of you – young and old – to take our Knights message to heart. "Do some good every day." An act of love, kindness or mercy. Kids, do your homework or chores without complaining, or hug Dad or Mom "just because". You can always pray the Rosary. All these things are acts of Charity. Charity is what a Knight of Columbus is all about.

"With Charity, we change lives and save lives". The life we change may be your own. We'll see you after Mass.

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## Patriotic Degree Corner Sir Knight Arthur Blenkle Faithful Navigator, Archbishop Michael J. Curley Assembly No. 383



The month of November is a month in which we remember our Veterans! This November in particular, we remember the American involvement in World War I. Did you know that the first American to die in World War I was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Did you also know that the last American to die in World War I was also a Knight. On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of 1918 World War I came to an end, for which we call this day Veterans Day.

I am proud that the Curley Assembly 383 was well represented at the World War I Commemoration at the Prince George's County Court House on November 4th. I want to thank SK. Arnie Rausch, SK. Steve Matera and SK Jimmy Williams who co-wrote the script for this event, with our Worthy Master SK Mike Thumm. I also had the honor

and privilege of attending a Wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the unknown soldier on the hallowed ground of Arlington National Cemetery on November 5th with our Worthy Master Mike Thumm.

I want to thank SK Steve Matera, SK Stan Potter, and SK Jimmy Williams for their help with our visit to the Old Soldiers Home in Washington D.C. This was a great event as we served Ginger ale and cake to our Veterans.

December also will be a busy month for the Curley Assembly. We have Wreath across America at the Old Soldiers National Cemetery on December 16 at 12:00pm. Our Christmas Party will be held on December 19 at Resurrection Church in Burtonsville, MD at 6:30pm. Our next meeting will be on December 4th in the Kutzera Room at St. Mary's of the Mills in Laurel, MD at 7:30pm. Color Corp. meeting at 7:00pm.

I want to take this time to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

## The Good of the Order Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

We can overcome disagreements through, and for the sake of, our shared charity, unity and fraternity

ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER, the authoritative play-book on how to run a meeting, stipulates that meetings should include a segment called the “Good of the Order.” This is time that is reserved for participants to offer comments or observations about the organization and its work. It is also time set aside for disciplinary matters involving fellow members.

That’s what the phrase “the good of the order” means to those who are skilled parliamentarians. But when I hear this phrase, I also think about the Knights of Columbus. I think about the good of our Order, founded in 1882 by Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. Not even he could have imagined how his beloved Order would grow and the world of good it would do for its members, their families, the Church, and communities all over the world.

### STRONG OPINIONS

I think about who makes up the Knights of Columbus and all that it does in service of others, and I ask myself, “How can I promote the good of the Order?”

Left to my own resources, I can’t adequately answer that question, for the good of the Order cannot be reduced merely to my opinions. The same is true of every Knight of Columbus. The Order we joined is not a debating society, nor is it an arena where we play out a contest of wills. Rather, it is an organization rooted in charity, which expresses itself in genuine unity of mind and heart and in a brotherhood of service. In fact, our ability to do great good for our members, our Church and our world depends on our willingness to preserve and strengthen this solidarity.

Time and again, I have experienced the great dedication of many brother Knights. In their commitment to the Order, they are passionate about the principles upon which the Knights of Columbus was founded, about the brotherhood we share, and about the good works that we do. Such commitment and passion sometimes lead to strong opinions, and experience teaches that these opinions can differ. At times, we may disagree with a decision made by our local or state council, or with a decision that comes from Supreme. After we’ve expressed our opinion respectfully and cogently, we may be upset that our view did not prevail. When that happens, it’s easy to throw our unity and charity under the proverbial bus. Sadly, some brother Knights may even decide to walk away.

If and when we reach such a crossroads, I firmly believe

that we need to stop, look, and listen. We have to stop being angry, look at what the Order is really all about, and listen to the voice of the Lord.

### SOLIDARITY IN CHRIST

The first step is quelling our anger. There is such a thing as just anger when we see injustice or corruption. However, that is not the same as harboring enmity, grudges, rivalries or even thoughts of vengeance against a person who gets under our skin. When we nurture our anger against leaders or other members of the Order, we chip away at the unity and fraternity that makes the Knights of Columbus distinctive and great.

Second is the need to look carefully at what is central in the life of the Order. The charity we share is not merely our good will but the charity of Christ. The unity we share is not merely a human consensus but rather the unity of the Holy Trinity. And the brotherhood we share is that of the Son of God who became one of us and united himself to us. If you think this sounds a bit inflated, please reconsider! Our Order was founded as a Catholic organization by a parish priest to draw us closer to Christ and to the Church. Our principles come from the Gospel and lead us deeper into the Gospel.

Our solidarity in Christ, for example, is more than agreement based on common interests. It is a moral virtue and a God-given power to band together to do enormous good.

Our fraternity is, to be sure, a path to great friendships that extend to our families and a source of real support in living our faith, especially in times of trouble. But in our solidarity, we are not confined to our individual interests and opinions. Rather, we participate in something much greater than ourselves and accomplish things we could never do alone. We share profoundly in one another’s faith and humanity, and together we open ourselves to God’s grace.

So, while it is natural to get upset when we don’t get our way and our views are overridden, we must not stay angry and forget to look at the bigger picture.

Finally, we need to listen – first to the voice of the Lord and of the Church, then to our loved ones, and then to our brother Knights. From time to time, our strong opinions can make it difficult to pray so as to discern the will of God and to hear what the Church or others are telling us. Therefore, we need to keep things in perspective by developing our life of prayer – listening to the voice of the Lord and seeking his will in our lives. Then, when we speak, even if we disagree, our words will have the ring of wisdom and authenticity.

With this in mind, let us all devote ourselves anew to the good of the Order!



## Community Activities Report

The November SHARE Distribution is on Saturday, November 18th, at Pallotti High School in the Sr. Lucy Lobby. This is the Thanksgiving Distribution, which is the largest of the year. **We can use your help!** Those who are going to the warehouse need to report at 8:00 a.m. We can always use people who have larger vehicles (vans, SUVs, trucks) who can drive to the warehouse to pick up the SHARE food. We also have opportunities on various delivery routes once the food is brought back to Pallotti and sorted. Bag and tag volunteers should report at 9 a.m. to begin unloading, sorting and bagging the food for pick-up from customers. We then help customers take their food to their cars as they arrive.

The December SHARE Distribution, for Christmas, will be on Saturday, December 16th, also at Pallotti High School in the Sr. Lucy Lobby and with the same schedule as outlined above. Prior to the Christmas distribution, we need Knights to participate in collecting monetary contributions to the SHARE program, the program's biggest fundraiser of the year! We will be standing in front of St. Mary of the Mills after each Saturday 5:00 PM Mass and after all Sunday Masses (except 6:45 PM) on the following weekends: December 2-3 and December 9-10. Please contact Brother Gary Hall at [wave90@verizon.net](mailto:wave90@verizon.net) to sign up for one or more Masses.

## OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

● Four times a week, Brother Knights go to area food stores to pick up bakery items to distribute to the LARS pantry, Elizabeth House pantry, Pallotti Early Learning Center, Pallotti Convent, and on occasion the Route One Resource Center. Additional helpers are needed to insure coverage. The times are usually early weekday mornings (around 8:45 AM). If interested, please contact Brother Paul Simon at [paul.simon@wap.org](mailto:paul.simon@wap.org) or GK Steve Sawyer at [ecsawyer@verizon.net](mailto:ecsawyer@verizon.net).

● Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS) is a local agency that helps those who are experiencing crisis. LARS can always use volunteers to help with events and activities. Contact Angelica Christian, the LARS Volunteer Coordinator, at 301-301-776-0442 ext. 32 or [achristian@laureladvocacy.org](mailto:achristian@laureladvocacy.org). The next big LARS event will be the annual Turkey Trot which will be held Thanksgiving morning. It is a great way to start Thanksgiving whether by entering the race or by volunteering to help. To find out more, contact Laura Wellford at 301-776-0442 ext.27 or [llwellford@laureladvocacy.org](mailto:llwellford@laureladvocacy.org). You can follow LARS on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/laureladvocacy](http://www.facebook.com/laureladvocacy).

● Our Council supports Elizabeth House by making bag lunches and cooking dinner on the 5th Wednesday of the month. This works out to about four times per year. The next opportunity to help will be Wednesday, November 29. For more information, contact PGK Marc Alvarez at [alvarez3m@aol.com](mailto:alvarez3m@aol.com) or Brother Mark O'Dea at [modeal@verizon.net](mailto:modeal@verizon.net).



## Boxes of Joy on Their Way to Children in Developing Countries

This year, the Maryland State Council introduced a new program for local Councils to participate in: The Box of Joy program. This program, run on a national level by Cross Catholic Outreach, aims to provide children in developing countries with a shoebox of simple Christmas gifts. Boxes are being shipped to Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic this year. Patuxent signed up to both pack boxes and serve as a drop-off center for other local groups to drop off their completed boxes. Our members packed 24 Boxes of Joy and donated money for another 6 online. All told, 220 Boxes of Joy were picked up from the Keesler Center during the week of November 13th. Hopefully next year, more members of our Council will participate in this wonderful program.

## November Birthdays

Nakhon Baek  
Thomas E. Devine  
Paul R. Schneeman  
William R. Schnieders  
William L. Wellford  
Vincent W. Zagorski  
David John Knitowski

Salvador C. Ochida  
John F. McKay  
Charles A. Casazza  
Louis A. Rozzi  
Mario A. Serna  
Guy G. Burgio  
Robert M. Henry

Nicholas F. Fell  
Carmyn J. Lombardo  
Buhnange N. Terrence  
Julian Ezirike  
Christopher M. Pohl  
Marcos I. Alvarez  
Kevin P. Murphy

Andrew G. Paez  
Ronald M. Jacobs  
Gerald J. Kremer  
John A. Mima

# Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar

(as of November 15, 2017)

## November

- 18 **SHARE Thanksgiving Distribution**  
Bag and Tag 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
- 29 **5th Wednesday Volunteering at Elizabeth House, 4 p.m.**

## December

- 2 **Council Christmas Party, after 5 p.m. Mass**  
Breen Room
- 2, 3 and 9, 10 **SHARE Holiday Meals Christmas Collections after all Masses**
- 9 **Men's Basketball Concessions vs. Gardner-Webb**  
9:30 a.m. Report Time, Xfinity Center
- 5 **December Business Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 12 **December Planning Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room (Knights Office)
- 16 **SHARE Christmas Distribution**  
Bag and Tag 9 a.m., Pallotti HS Sr. Lucy Lobby
- 19 **December Social Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 29 **Men's Basketball Concessions vs. UMBC**  
Report Time 5 p.m.
- 31 **5th Sunday Rosary after the 10:45 a.m. Mass**

## January

- 2 **January Business Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 7 **Men's Basketball Concessions vs. Iowa**  
Report Time 5 p.m.

## January (continued)

- 9 **January Planning Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room (Knights Office)
- 16 **December Social Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 20 **SHARE Distribution**  
Bag and Tag Report Time 9 a.m.  
Pallotti HS Sr. Lucy Lobby
- 28 **Men's Basketball Concessions vs. Michigan State** Report Time 10 a.m.

## Long Term Planning (More Details to Come):

- Fridays from Feb. 23rd – Mar. 23rd –  
Weekly Lenten Fish Frys
- April 14th – Combined 125th Anniversary of School/175th Anniversary of Church Gala
- April 20th – Hosting Knighthood Degree Ceremony
- April 21st-22nd – 175th Anniversary Weekend for Church
- April 29th – 5th Sunday Rosary/Re-dedication of memorial to the unborn

## Upcoming Degrees Nearby (Council, City):

### Admission:

11/28 (Deacon Lynn, Laurel)

### Formation:

11/16 (Fr. Cornyns, Ellicott City)

12/14 (Rock Creek, Bethesda)

### Knighthood:

11/17 (St. Pius X, Forestville)

1/12 (Rosensteel, Silver Spring)

For full list of all upcoming Degrees in the State of Maryland, please visit:

<http://kofc-md.org/docs1617/degrees/Degrees.pdf>

### For our sick

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

Mary Pilkerton, Aunt of Mike Moran  
Donnelle Fitzgerald, Mother-in-Law of Mike Moran  
Brother Gerald Kremer, Member of 2203  
Linda Rozzi, Wife of Lou Rozzi  
Brother Kevin McMurtry, Member of 2203

### For our deceased

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

Phil Asplen, PSD, FM  
Cesar B. Martinez, FM  
Those Killed in the Texas Shooting



## Invitation to Patuxent Council's Annual Memorial Mass

You and your family are invited to join us in Pallotti Chapel on

**Tuesday, November 21st 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.