

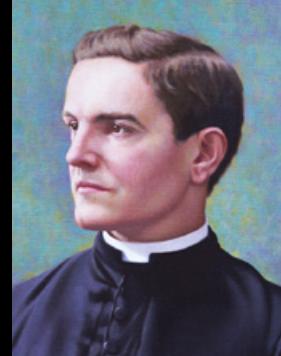


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Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



Grand Knight's Report by Stephen Sawyer



My fellow Knights:

We Brothers are part of a family. A family whose members have talents as well as troubles. Those with lots of free time and others without. Charity, Unity, and Fraternity are what we do have in common.

I am very concerned about the clear majority of our "unseen family members".

Although we have over two hundred members, we seem to have the same twenty or thirty Knights and their families turn out for events. I am thankful as always for their service, yet these men cannot do it alone.

Our council runs on two major sources of "income": UMD Concessions and our annual dues. The Council used to get the bulk of our operating fund from concessions. Today, we only retain about 40 percent of the proceeds – the

rest we pay out to other groups that support "our" fundraiser. We also have about two thousand dollars in unpaid dues to collect. This too is a drain on our resources.

The 2017 annual Service Hours Report numbers were low for a Council our size. I can only hope that our "unseen family members" simply did not report the good works I know they do.

In the spirit of Charity, I remind you Charity is what being a Knight is all about. We all can give something, even we can't be available for every meeting or event. Make your acts of charity count, especially during Lent. Attend a meeting or a sponsored program. Give of your time and effort. Buy all your car raffle tickets in October. Make a small monetary donation to the Council. Do what you can.

In the spirit of Unity, I urge everyone to have a more visible presence in our Church, our Community and our Council. Wear Knights gear and name tags in public. Volunteer to work a food or clothing program, concession stand or a fish fry. Attend a meeting or a Knights activity. Pray the rosary

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Deputy Knight's Report by Jimmy Williams



The new year has brought us an excellent new program in the weekly Tuesday rosaries, which we are leading in odd-numbered months prior to Benediction. I would like to thank all of those Knights who have been involved, particularly Pete Monti, PGK for stepping up to lead the project. It was also great to see

our Knights assist the Ladies of Charity in getting started with leading the rosaries when they took over on February 6th. We as the Knights will be leading again beginning on March 6th.

We are now into the season of Lent, which is always a busier time for our Council as we put on a weekly Lenten Fish Fry on five Fridays during Lent. This year, the fish fries begin on February 23rd and run through March 23rd.

Not only do the members of our parish community appreciate the meal we offer, but all proceeds are donated back to St. Mary's. Last year, we donated about \$1,200 back to the church through the weekly fish fries. I do hope you will consider volunteering for at least one Fish Fry this Lent. Report to the Breen Room beginning at 4 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Finally, we have just three University of Maryland Basketball games remaining this season: February 17th (5 p.m. report), 24th (9 a.m. report) and 25th (9:30 a.m. report). We will also again work Maryland Day on April 28th. I would like to thank Stan Potter, PGK, for his steadfast leadership of the Concessions Program again this Fraternal Year. It is no easy feat to coordinate volunteers for 15 football and basketball games and then lead the group on game day.

However, we as a Council have experienced a huge challenge staffing Concessions this year, especially over the last three games. The Concessions program is our main fundraiser of the year. Last year, we raised more than \$22,000 in

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at Pro-Life activities. Choose at least one thing you are good at – or would like to be good at – and just do it.

In the spirit of Fraternity, I ask everyone to reaffirm why they call themselves Knights. From 1st to 4th Degrees, we learn the lessons of our Order and put them into practice as Catholic Gentlemen. Regardless of how far you progress, no one in the Order can ever “force” you to take on a leadership role or turn out for a specific event. The choice is always yours, but if ever you can help, please do.

As always, I do say THANK YOU and God bless.

Vivat Jesus!

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14 games. As the Grand Knight notes in his article above, without the funds we raise from UMD Concessions, our Council's activities would be severely curtailed. If all our members who are physically able stepped up to work just three games per Fraternal Year, we could staff Concessions with ease. And it would be even easier if your wives, girlfriends and/or children age 14 or older joined you for the day. We understand not everyone can work every game, and we don't expect you to, but we really need a stronger commitment over these last three games basketball games and going forward.

Financial Secretary's Corner by Gary Patishnock, PGK, PFN, FS

“Easy or Hard?”

Many people have had cause to dread the 15th. March 15th was not a good day for Julius Caesar, and April 15th is Tax Day. February 15th is another one of those days. It is the day that the Knight Alert letters (Form #KA1) go out to those who still owe dues.

There are three easy ways to avoid lots of paperwork. If you can pay what you owe, please do so ASAP. If you are having financial difficulty, please advise ASAP so we can work something out. If you no longer wish to be a member of the Order, please send a letter to Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 95, Laurel, MD 20725 and indicate that you wish to resign and why.

Otherwise “for the record” this is the hard part of the process: “The Financial Secretary notifies the delinquent members as a courtesy, then sends a Knight Alert letter (Form # KA1) to each delinquent member, signed by the Grand

Knight and the Trustees listing their contact information so that the delinquent member can contact them. If not reply within two weeks, the Retention Committee begins its work. Any of the following - the Grand Knight, Membership Director, Retention Chairman and Trustees - will make personal contact with the delinquent member to remind them of their obligation and ascertain any reasons for failure to pay. The committee member will provide a written report of his findings to the Grand Knight. If the member is experiencing financial difficulty, the Grand Knight will direct the committee members to visit the member and make arrangements to accommodate him either a payment plan or other financial arrangement acceptable to the council. Again, a full report is to be provided to the Grand Knight as to why the member is delinquent and why he is considering leaving the Order. Financial difficulty is not a valid reason for suspension.”

Easy or hard. I prefer easy.

Pancake Dinner

On Tuesday, February 13th, our Council once again hosted a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in the Breen Room. We were pleased the weather cooperated, allowing us to have the dinner in consecutive years for the first time in quite some time. All told, we served pancakes, sausage and drinks to about 50 guests. Many thanks to the following Brother Knights for volunteering their time to make the evening a success: Grand Knight Steve Sawyer, Jimmy Williams, Gary Hall, Pete Monti, George Forsythe, Dick Stevick, Ben Stevick, Marc Alvarez, Adam Novak, Ron Jacobs, Paul Simon and Stan Potter. We also thank Brother Mike Webster for taking time out of his weekend to do the shopping and organize all the necessary supplies.



Sir Knights Marcos Alvarez and Pete Monti manning the griddle.

Free Throw Winners

2018 Knights Of Columbus Patuxent Council 2203 Free Throw Winners and District Free Throw Event

Congratulations to the Patuxent Council 2203 2018 Basketball Free Throw Shootout Winners. The winners by age group are included here. The next step for these players is the District 10 Shootout on Sunday, February 25th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Keesler Center gym, which will feature our Council's winners competing against the Council winners from Councils 2809, 9808 and 14099. The winners at the District shootout will advance to the Maryland State Council Shootout on Sunday, March 18th, at Noon at Archbishop Spaulding High School.

Council 2203 Winners eligible for District Shootout:

GIRLS

Name	Age	Coach
Payton H.	9	Ray Carter
Scarlett G.	10	Ray Carter
Emily D.	11	John Mima
Allure H.	12	Troy Eggleston
Clarice A.	3	Troy Eggleston

BOYS

Name	Age	Coach
Isaac A.	9	Dennis Moninghoff
John S.	10	Dennis Moninghoff
Elam A.	11	Page Etzel
Mark S.	12	Page Etzel
Evan H.	13	Page Etzel

40 Days for Life

The Winter 40 Days for Life campaign began on Valentine's Day, February 14th, and runs through March 25th. The coordinators of 40 Days for Life are always seeking individuals who can make a commitment to pray on the public right of way outside of Metropolitan Family Planning at 5915 Greenbelt Road in College Park. For more information, you can contact Tom Trunk at 240-593-6982 or 40daysforlifemd@gmail.com or Peggy Gignilliat at pegmg@verizon.net or 301-643-2067.

On March 18th, our Council is facilitating a living rosary outside the clinic. Bill McMahon will be bringing his 100-foot rosary. More details to come as the date gets closer, but please mark your calendars and plan to participate if you are able.

Upcoming Events in Annapolis:

The Maryland General Assembly is in session.

With the entire 188-member legislature and the governorship up for election in November, it is more important than ever for us as Knights and Catholics to make our voices heard on the issues which are important to us. Please strongly consider participating in one of both of the below events.

Catholics in Annapolis

Catholics in Annapolis (formerly known as Lobby Night) will be held on Thursday, February 22, from 3:00 to 8:00 PM. This will be held at St. John Neumann Church in Annapolis. Free shuttles will take participants to the events. Catholics in Annapolis Night gives Catholics the opportunity to promote laws that our bishops endorse, as well as the opportunity to oppose laws that our bishops oppose. We do these by taking issues directly to our State Senators and Delegates.

Catholics in Annapolis Night is organized by the Maryland Catholic Conference, which fully represents our Mary-

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.

land bishops in the Maryland Legislature. Registration is required for Catholics in Annapolis events. You can register online at <http://www.mdcatcon.org/lobbynight>

The event is held in several parts. There will be an afternoon briefing session at St. John Neumann Church, followed by meetings with legislators and their staffs and a reception in the Miller Senate Building. It is not necessary to attend all parts of Catholics in Annapolis but, again, please register in advance.

Maryland March for Life

The annual Maryland March for Life will take place Monday, March 12th, 2018. Things kick off at 4:30 p.m. with a Youth Rally, and continue into the evening. The actual March begins at 6:30 p.m. The base of operations for the March for life is St. Mary's Church in Annapolis. Knights and their families are highly encouraged to participate in the March, which is also attended by a number of pro-life legislators. A full schedule of events can be found by visiting <https://www.mdMarchforlife.com/march>.

2018 Supreme Convention Volunteers Needed

The Maryland State Council is still in need of volunteers for the 2018 Supreme Convention in Baltimore in August. Currently we only have about half of the volunteers we need with less than 6 months to go. If you have not yet submitted your volunteer form, please do so as soon as possible.

The greatest need is for Hierarchy Drivers for all dates and times noted on the form and for Greeters for the dates and times noted on the form, especially the 7 am - 11 am, 3 pm - 7 pm and 7 pm - 10 pm shifts, and for Monday August 6th all shifts. In addition, Youth Activities, and Ladies Luncheon volunteers are needed as well. An updated Volunteer form can be found on the state website at kofc-md.org.

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For our sick

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

Lauren Talley, mother of a coworker of Mike Webster

Donelle Fitzgerald

Fred Krutz, father of Rick Krutz and 3rd Degree Knight in Pennsylvania

Bill Turpin, PGK

Christine Estacon's mother, usher at St. Mary's

Jon Green, friend of Pete Monti

For our deceased

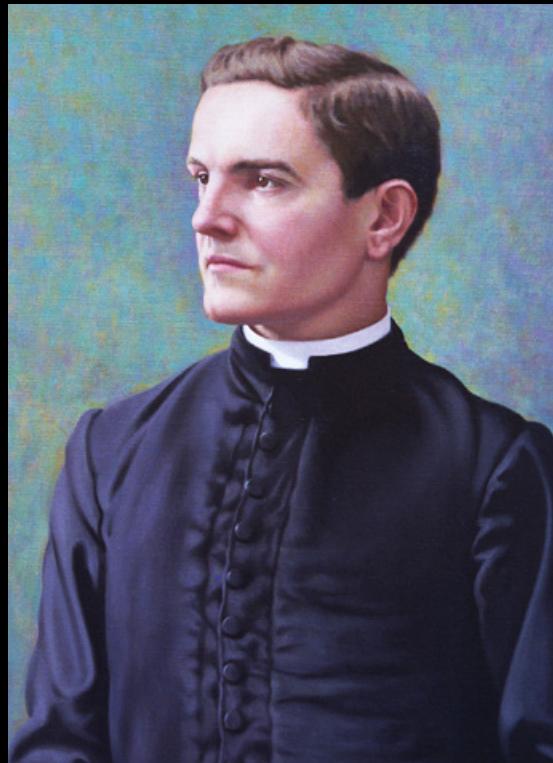
We offer prayers for the repose of their souls.

May they rest in peace:

Conrad Janus, HLM

Scott McKnight

Fr. Albert McMahon, OFM, uncle of Bill McMahon



Venerable Michael J. McGivney

1852-1890

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

January Birthdays

Msr Michael J Mellone	February 5
Robert A Giuliani	February 11
Paul I Ogordi	February 11
George E Supsic	February 16
Frederick G Heizmann	February 17
Samuel O Aimufua	February 18
Thomas P Turgeon	February 18
Michael Rogers	February 20
Lonnie A Woodward	February 23
Arthur H Blenkle	February 24
Richard P McLaughlin	February 24
Donatus U Duru	February 25
Lito B Vidal	February 25

Knights of Columbus Patuxent Council 7th Annual Lenten

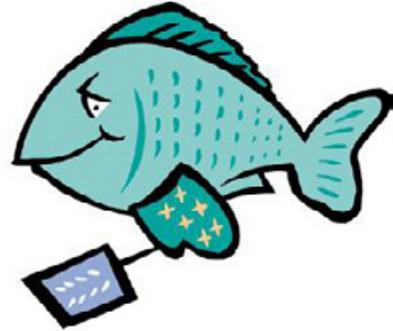
Fish Fry Fridays

February 23 & March 2, 9, 16, 23

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

February

- 17 **UMD MBB Concessions vs. Rutgers**
Report Time 5 p.m., Xfinity Center
- 20 **February Social Meeting**
7 p.m., Kutzera Room
- 22 **Catholic Lobby Night, Annapolis**
3-8 p.m., more details at mdcathcon.org/lobbynight
- 23 **Lenten Fish Fry Friday**
Report beginning at 4 p.m.
Doors Open 5:30 p.m., Breen Room
- 24 **UMD MBB Concessions**
Beer Carts Only vs. Michigan
Report Time 9 a.m., Xfinity Center
- 24 **SHARE Distribution, Pallotti HS,**
Sr. Lucy Lobby, Bag and Tag report time 9 a.m.
- 25 **UMD WBB Concessions vs. Nebraska**
Report Time 9:30 a.m., Xfinity Center
- 25 **District 10 Basketball Free Throw Competition**, Keesler Center, 6 p.m.

March

All Fridays except the 30th (2, 9, 16, 23):

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

All Tuesdays (6, 13, 20, 27):

Leading Rosary Prior to Benediction
6:15 p.m., St. Mary's Church

6 **March Business Meeting**
7:30 p.m., Kutzera Room

12 **Maryland March for Life, Annapolis**
more details at mdmarchforlife.com/march

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

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

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 **Founder's Day Mass at St. Ursula Catholic Church**
Parkville, MD, 2 p.m.

(as of February 16, 2018)

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

Long Term Planning

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

Upcoming Degrees Nearby (Council, City):

Formation:

2/21 (Patapsco, Catonsville)

2/26 (Prince George's, College Park)

Knighthood:

3/10 (DC State Council, JPII Shrine)

4/20 (Patuxent, Laurel)