**EDWARD DOUGLASS WHITE COUNCIL 2473** 

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

January 2016

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Number 7

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 31	NYE Dance	MH 6:30
Jan 1	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Methe Mother of God	Mary,
Jan 7	EDW & CCA Annual Meeting	MH 7:30
Jan 7	LUK meeting	CH 7:30
Jan 9	Va. State Mid Year Meeting	MH all day
Jan 17	Family Breakfast	MH 9am - 12N
Jan 22	Supper Club	MH 6:30
Jan 26	CCA board meeting	CH 7pm

Every Sunday we pray the Rosary at 12:30 within Mary's Circle. If it's raining we move inside the mansion.

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Kevin McKeon had been caring for us as one of our Council Mansion caretakers for several years now. He spent that time not merely taking care of his daily duties but as an integral part in helping our members bond and aid one another. Always quick with a one liner, he always made everyone feel comfortable and a part of the team. What many of us came to appreciate over time was his ability and skill to know when one of us needed a little spirit lifting or at times a little tap off the high horse. He was able to do those things without drawing attention to himself but have no doubt he made a difference for the positive. As grand knight I've relied on Kevin and the other Mansion caretakers for help and he never hesitated to step up to get it done for the betterment of EDW and the entire Knights of Columbus organization.

It is with great sadness that Kevin passed away on December 15. He wanted to spend his last days with his family and his EDW brothers and friends respected his wish. However, we did come together as a council the Sunday before his death to pray the Rosary for his care.

In honor of Kevin's service a donation will be made in his name to Kevin's parish.

# SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN VIRGINIA!!



## LAST CHANCE TO DONATE!

Please help fund Virginia's Special Olympics program by donating to the Grand Knight's February plunge into the Atlantic Ocean!

John White will be representing EDW at this year's Polar Plunge in Virginia Beach on the

Virginia State Council freeze team.

The Knights of Columbus have always been a major supporter of the Special Olympics and this is one great way to continue that patronage.

Please go to the below website NOW and make a donation:

bit.ly/edwplunge

# FIRST DEGREE

**FEBRUARY 18TH** 

The time is now to ask your Catholic friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners to join the Knights of Columbus!

Recruiting young Catholic men to be new members is essential to the continued growth of the EDW council and the Order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and faith. EDW provides many resources for Catholic families to spend time together relaxing and volunteering within a very vibrant Catholic organization that's in service to our parishes. We strongly consider our campus to be an extension of St. Agnes, St. Ann, St. Charles Borromeo and St. James parishes.

If you have a prospective candidate please pick up a Form100 from the Council Mansion and contact Greg Strizek, our membership chairman, at membership@kofcedw2473.org to continue the process and ensure everything is ready for the February 18th Initiation Degree.

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### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year's! I know we're all loaded up with parties and family gatherings especially the week between Christmas and New Year's Eve. Those who are attending the New Year's Eve party at EDW enjoy your selves and have a safe evening.

There's a lot of animosity in the world today. We as Americans and as Catholics need to try and make the world a better place. It seems like it is too easy these days to just disrespect the person in front of us than it is to show kindness to them. By "in front of us", yes I mean physically but also on the receiving end of our keyboards. We forget

sometimes that there are real human beings on the other side of our tirades and snarky insults. We forget too that not only does that person see it but so do hundreds if not thousands of others. It's too easy to think we need to be macho, tough guys and give no quarter to those who make mistakes or do something negative. However, when we misstep we expect people to, of course, know we didn't mean it "that way" or that we were just trying to be funny or get a rise out of someone.

This we need to change, or we'll get so far down the rabbit hole that we won't be able to recover as a person, as a Catholic and as a nation until it's too late and someone ends up injured or lost.

We are in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Now is the time to reflect on abandoning the kneejerk, short-tempered reaction to things around us. Please do not let people manipulate us into betraying our Catholic faith and our American values. Now is the time to extend a hand in mercy, kindness and respect to each other which can be pretty easy to do. But what is much harder to do is to extend that hand of mercy, kindness and respect to strangers. This jubilee year is the time to show our children what kind of adults we want them to grow up to be, the ones who shine a light and comfort those who need comforting. Pope Francis tells us "We have to put mercy before judgment."

A bit of business if I may: Please plan on attending the Annual Meeting of the membership on January 7 in the Main Hall at 7:30pm.

Please pray for the patron saints of the Arlington diocese, Sts. Thomas More and Elizabeth Ann Seton, to guide us.

> Mercifully, John White **Grand Knight**

## **STAY INFORMED**

Please sign up TODAY for the EDW email system by visiting this website: bit.ly/edwesignup

It will take you 60 seconds to fill out the form and allow you to receive up-to-date information on the council. You'll also be able to receive the Knight Life quicker by email. BONUS: the emailed version is in color! This will save the council quite a bit of money and allow us to focus it on our charities rather than on overhead.

### SICK AND IN OUR THOUGHTS

Please remember the following members and their families in your daily prayers. If you have time, give them a call or drop them a note.

John Corrado Scotty Skotek Ed Watkins Kay Halpin Ed Kunec Maria Willson Leo Maimone PGK



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# PROTECTING WIDOWS – A FOUNDING GOAL

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

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## MANAGER'S CORNER

Peter Silano

Happy New Year!

Our Annual Council Christmas party was well attended and a great success. This is always a great way to close the year. Kudos to Bob Muschamp and his team for yet another successful New Year's Eve Gala.

As always, we begin the New Year with both Camp and Pool registration. Please be certain to mark, February 1, 2016, on your calendars and connect to the Council website kofcedw2473.org for details.

We look forward to seeing you at the Family Breakfast on January 17 and the Supper Club "Sock Hop" on January 22. Please find menus listed elsewhere in this publication. Stay warm.

# FISH CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS WONDERFUL

Our Fish Club had a very successful year. A great fishing trip in the Spring and a wonderful Christmas party to finish the year. Unfortunately our August crab feast was canceled because many Fish Club members were not available to help with this event. We are hoping to have it again next year. Anyone wishing to help would be more than welcome. After many year as Fish Club Captain, Mark Koerner has decided to step down. I was elected as the new Fish Club captain. I am in training and Mark is still doing the bulk of the work while I am learning from him. Eventually I will be able to completely take over. Have a blessed new year everyone! Sincerely, Chris Hudson Fish Club Captain



# **COUNCIL OFFICER VACANCY**

As has previously been reported in council meetings A.J. Valinote has stepped down as the council advocate. A.J. has served the council with honor in this position since 2012. We've been fortunate to have his advice and guidance for many years. We look forward and expect A.J. will remain involved with the council and available to aid our officers. Thank you, A.J., for your service.

At the January 21st council meeting we will elect an advocate to fill the remaining unexpired term which runs until June 30th.

In order to be a council officer in the Knights of Columbus you need to have attained the Third Degree of the Order. Please know as well that though a member joins the officers in one position they are expected to work their way through various chairs to eventually become grand knight. If you are interested in becoming an officer with an eye towards leading one of the more unique and largest councils in the Knights of Columbus please see Grand Knight John White, the Financial Secretary Jerry Garren or one of our trustees, Bob Dannemiller, Steve McTeague & Art Gamotis to learn more.

One outstanding gentleman has already shown interest in the position and further nominations will be taken from the floor the evening of January 21.

## ATTENTION POOL PATRONS!

Please be on the lookout for an email pertaining to this year's registration procedure. We are right around the corner and open Feb 1st 2016 for registration. If you do not receive an email by the 10th of January 2016, please contact Nick Beirne at the main office. operations@columbusclubevents.com



# LADIES U-KNIGHTED NEWS Jo Balsamo Wood

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and wonderful holiday season. Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the Old Council Home for Christmas. The three trees, the nativity, and other decorations helped to bring the spirit of Christmas into the Council.

**SAVE THE DATE!** We will be taking down the Christmas trees and removing the decorations on **January 10 at noon**, the first Sunday after the day of Epiphany or the Feast of the Three Kings. Looking for volunteers to help with this effort.

We had our annual LUK Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange on Dec 6th. Fun was had by all. See the LUK annual photo in this month's Knight Life.

It's a new year to start on a new track for membership. We ended 2015 with two new members, Emily Formica and Lucinda Meehan. Ladies U-Knighted meets at 7:30 in Dining Room of the Old Council Home the first Thursday of every month. If you have a friend or family member that may be interested in joining, please have them stop by for a meeting. Check out the LUK website at www.ladiesuknighted.com for information and upcoming events. Follow us on Facebook at Ladies U-Knighted.

Please join Ladies U-Knighted in wishing a very happy birthday to Marijo Galvin (1/28). The next LUK meeting will be Jan 7.



# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING COLUMBUS CLUB OF ARLINGTON, INC.

**January 7, 2016** 

Be advised of the annual meeting of the Corporation to be held on January 7, 2016, immediately following the 7:30 p.m. meeting of the Council.

Please make sure to attend and to arrive early if you have not yet received your 2016 KofC membership card as there are two very important matters that require a quorum to be present for approval.

First, the Corporation Budget for 2016 will be presented for membership approval.

Second, an election will be held to fill five vacancies on the Corporation Board of Directors caused by expiration of that many two-year terms.

Additionally, two members will be elected to serve as trustees of all proceeds to be realized from the Transfer of Development Rights [TDR].

The slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors, as published in the December 2015 Knight Life by the Nominating Committee, is:

Owen Beirne, Jr.\* Brett Smith
Jerry Garren\* Greg Strizek\*
John O'Neill III\* Tim Walthall\*

\* = current term will expire in January

If YOU are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Mike McMorrow [703.241.0894 or m.j.mcmorrow@verizon.net], Nominating Committee Chair.

More nominations from the floor will be in order during the annual meeting on January 7, 2016.

# **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**



### **KEVIN W. McKEON**

June 16, 1961 - December 15, 2015 Knights of Columbus May 18, 2000

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

### FRATERNITY AND TURKEY!!

Marijo & Thom Galvin and Shannon and David Nassar; remember those names! For the 31st continuous year, and who-knows-how-many-total years EDW fed those in need around northern Virginia on Thanksgiving. Every single brother, wife, child, neighbor and friends of the Knights of Columbus who donated money, cooked one or more turkeys, helped carve the turkeys, cut the pies, make the salads, the cranberry sauce, the stuffing, mashed potatoes, helped package them, drove cars, vans and buses, colored homemade placemats and helped clean up deserve extra blessings. Standing above all of those volunteers however are the Galvins and the Nassars. These two power couples once again cajoled, gathered, straight-lined and kept moving the very complicated machine that's needed to hold this event. We don't just bring people to us and feed them. We package up meals and deliver them to shut-ins and to shelters around the area to make sure as many of our neighbors have a hot meal. Once we have a good idea of how many turkeys we'll need they arrange for the extra whole turkeys to be delivered to shelters and other facilities that will place the food on even more plates. So next year when you're wondering or reach out to ask if we need one or two turkeys, don't. Go ahead and cook two, we'll put them to great use!

We were fortunate to have great publicity again this year thanks to Chris Bannon with ABC7/NewsChannel8 broadcasting live in the morning, Telemundo sending a team in the afternoon and The Washington Post featuring Marijo on the Front Page the next day. This publicity helps us spread the word of what we do which aids us in the following year with gathering volunteers.

Thank you very much for caring and helping our neighbors.

# The Washington Post



Fraternity and turkey

Fraternity and turkey
Marjo Gobin, right, greets quests at the Knights of Columbus half in Arlington, where volunteers
provided Thurkeyishing dismer to humbreds of people. Others special the holdest fighting for
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# EDW "ADOPTS" 4 SEMINARIANS AND 1 RELIGIOUS FOR 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

Once again our council has sent \$500.00 to cover some of the personal expenses for four seminarians. These seminarians are from the diocese of Arlington. These young men were selected for us by Fr. Jaffe who is the Director of the Office of Vocations for our diocese.

Our seminarians are listed below along with their mailing and email addresses.

Please feel free to drop them a letter to let them know of your support and appreciation for answering the call of our Lord. Our seminarians are remembered each Sunday during one of the decades of the rosary.

Cory Russman St. John Paul II Seminary 145 Taylor St. NE Washington, DC 20017 Cory.russman@gmail.com

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Luke Poczatek Pontifical College Josephinum 7625 N. High Street Columbus, OH 43235 luke@stan3.com

Joe Moschetto St. John Paul II Seminary 145 Taylor St. NE Washington, DC 20017 Jmoschetto28@gmail.com

In addition our council sent a check for \$1000.00 to Ashley Clark who is studying for the religious life as a Benedictine nun. Fr. Jaffe asked if we could send her the equivalent of two checks as she needs to pay off her student loans.

Ashley Clark's address:

Ashley Clark 940 Apple Jack Circle Linden VA, 22642

She also has a Go Fund me page if you are so inclined to contribute to help reduce her student loans.

http://www.gofundme.com/benedictinevocatio (note there is no 'n' at the end of this URL).

Thank you brother knights for all you do. Know that our charitable work does make a difference in this world.



# Supper Club Dinner "50's Sock Hop"

January 22, 2016 6:00pm – Cocktails 6:30pm – Dinner & Dancing

# Soup

Tomato or Chicken Noodle

## Salad Bar

Including
Fruit Cocktail, Deviled Eggs, Celery Stalks
Stuffed with Blue Cheese

## Entrée

"Blue Plate Specials"

Maria's Homemade Meatloaf Country Fried Chicken Seafood Newburg

Mashed Potatoes
White Rice
Baked Mac & Cheese

Peas & Carrots
Green Bean Almandine

### **Dessert**

Array of Cake & Pies

Reservations by noon January 20, 2016 703 536-9656 x 311 Adults \$15.00 – Children \$6.00

# Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast

January 17, 2016, 9:00AM Omelets Cooked to Order Belgian Waffle Station Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links Sausage Patties Bacon Corned Beef Hash Ham Scrapple Sausage Gravy Chipped Beef Home Style Biscuits Seasoned Home Fries Cheesy Potato Casserole French toast Sticks Regular or Cheesy Grits Fried Apples Fresh Fruit Salad Assorted Breakfast Breads & Pastries Fruit Cobbler Assorted Juices Coffee, Tea or Milk

This is an all you can eat Buffet

\$10.00 - Adults \$5.00 - Children 10 and under Free - Children 3 and under Tax and tip included in price

### KNIGHT LIFE DELIVERY

If you have email service we need you to register to receive the Knight Life by email rather than by U.S. Postal Service. This will allow us to use the cost savings for charitable causes instead of overhead expenses. This is especially helpful to us for those of you that live out of the northern Virginia region.

#### Please go to: bit.ly/edwsignup

It will take you 60 seconds to sign up. You can register both, husband and wife, to receive it.

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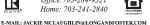
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