



# KNIGHT LIFE



EDWARD DOUGLASS WHITE COUNCIL 2473

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1 & 2	Summer Camp registration online	
February 1	Pool registration online	10am
February 4	EDW-CCA meetings	CFP 7:30pm
February 4	LUK meeting	CH 7:30pm
February 7	Super Bowl	CH
February 11	Officers' & Chairmen's meeting	CH 7:30pm
February 12	Valentine's Supper Club	CFP 6pm
February 18	1st Degree & EDW meeting	CFP 7:30pm
February 21	Family Breakfast	MH 9am – 12pm
February 23	CCA board meeting	CH 7pm
February 25	2nd Degree	MH 7:30pm
March 13	3rd Degree	MH 11am

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

## SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN VIRGINIA!!



### FEBRUARY 4 DEADLINE TO DONATE

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](http://bit.ly/edwplunge)

We're looking for our next:

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jerry Garren PGK, has held the vital financial secretary position since December, 2004. Jerry took over with a heavy heart, as Gene Rutherford his predecessor took ill that February.

For over 11 years Jerry has been the Camerlengo of the Edward Douglass White Council. He has not only cared for the financial well-being of EDW, he has been the chief advisor on all fiscal matters and a core advisor along with the trustees and the Past Grand Knights for all matters when valued informed opinions are needed by the Grand Knight.

With Jerry's announced resignation at the January 7 council meeting we are now looking for our next financial secretary. The person will be appointed to a three year term by the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson with a recommendation from the Grand Knight.

EDW's Financial Secretary duties are much more intensive for obvious reasons than a normal council. The duties run the gamut from maintaining both the Knights of Columbus and the EDW databases, collecting and depositing dues and donations, working closely with the treasurer to safely handle the income, deposit and withdrawals of council funds. Maintaining our council membership rolls, arranging death notifications in The Washington Post, control of the 500 Club roster. The FS also acts as

the Financial Agent for the Columbus Club of Arlington, Inc. in respects to collecting the club's dues.

The duties and responsibilities of a financial secretary are graver than those of the other council officers hence why the Supreme Knight, through the Grand Knight, controls the appointments. With the more serious role comes the understanding that the time demands for the job are heavy. The Financial Secretary does need to be available on a continual basis, seven days a week. The Financial Secretary position is the only council-level office that comes with a modest compensation package.

Candidates must be a third degree member of the Order, shall not hold a license or be engaged in the sale of life or health insurance and cannot have a criminal record.

If you are interested in applying for this key position or have any questions regarding it please contact the Grand Knight, John White, via email [donager21@hotmail.com](mailto:donager21@hotmail.com). **If you are applying for the position please send a letter of interest with your qualifications and resume to the Grand Knight via email [donager21@hotmail.com](mailto:donager21@hotmail.com).**

Those who show an interest or apply will be given a more detailed listing of the job description. Those candidates still showing an interest will be interviewed in person by the Grand Knight and designated other senior officers. At the conclusion of the interviews the Grand Knight will forward a recommendation to the Supreme Knight in New Haven, Conn. for his consideration of appointment.

## COUNCIL OFFICERS 2015 - 2016

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



It is with sadness and a heavy heart that the newly formed Boy Scout Pack 2473 and the Venture Crew 2473 will be leaving our council effective no later than the end of the year.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has made the decision to dissociate from the Boy Scouts and ask all units if at all possible to move into our parishes. We've been proud to be the chartering organization for the Venture Crew and excited about building a relationship with the newly formed pack 2473. Mark Stoffel and Carl Stout, council members and leaders of the respective units, have been stellar Catholic gentlemen and BSA leaders. EDW will do everything we can to assist them in a smooth transition and will provide support where needed in the future. The Boy Scouts do an excellent job of molding young kids into outstanding Americans and we've been honored in our small way to be a part of that journey and hope to continue it in whatever fashion we can. If you have young kids and are thinking whether or not to join the scouting movement I strongly encourage you to do so. The lessons my daughter is learning and the camaraderie she's building with friends are cornerstones for her development that make Jenifer and I proud of her.

In the coming months there will be other changes around our campus, mostly superficial tweaks, some cosmetic signage changes and paperwork. Some changes may be more in depth depending on the outcome of our continuing research and analysis by the board and the council officers. The Supreme Council has "asked every council using facilities owned by a home association to undertake a serious assessment of how that relationship supports the council in its fulfillment of the core mission of the Knights of Columbus." An ad hoc committee of Jerry Garren, Bob Dannemiller, Steve McTeague and me, with the approval of the immediate past and current presidents of the Columbus Club, have been hashing out the assessments and various requirements from Supreme. We've read the documents, handbook, attended statewide meetings that were convened for home corporation-based councils, I've had a conversation with a Supreme legal counsel. We've reached out to the diocese to try to gain their moral and ethical guidance. We will also be receiving guidance from one of our pro bono attorneys. We've already initiated a couple basic items and are working towards creating a presentation to give to the council officers and the club's board of directors. Once that has been worked through, a presentation will be given to the membership for a question and answer session and implementation.

EDW and the Columbus Club are shining examples of what home corporation councils were always meant to be for our parishes, our families and the community. We've been told by people at the State and Supreme levels that EDW is the stellar example, the gold standard for how we do things. That's a great thing to hear, and a testament to our joint mission to be shining examples of Catholicism. That doesn't mean that we don't have to continue being vigilant or to keep improving. The credit for that reputation clearly lies with every member of the council over the years, all past and current directors of the Columbus Club board and every council officer through the years who've helped us honor the desire of Bishop Ireton, who in 1951 blessed our newly purchased property and encouraged us to be a center of Catholic activity for Northern Virginia.

If you have any questions whatsoever please do not hesitate to cordially reach out to me for a conversation.

John White  
 Grand Knight

## SICK AND IN OUR THOUGHTS

We are starting fresh with our prayer request listings for those members and wives who are sick or in distress.

If you, your spouse or your child [or you know of a brother knight] are in need of prayers due to illness or a life altering circumstance please call or email the Grand Knight, John White, at 202 352 7955 gk2473@vakofc.org.

Once a name has been added it will remain for three months and then removed. You can resubmit the prayer request every three months for as many times as is needed to assist your loved one.



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## NEW YEAR'S EVE 2015

A wrap up with huge thank yous!

A good sized crowd of about 170 enjoyed another successful and festive New Year's Eve celebration in EDW's main hall. Such an event can only be pulled off with the help of several contributing their time and expertise. Thanks to Vince Long and Chris Hudson for helping to decorate the main hall. Thanks again to Chef Maria Diaz and her daughter, Claudia Giron for preparing and serving (in a very timely manner), hors d'oeuvres, followed by a superb choice of entrees and dessert; thanks also to the crew of 17 of EDW's Redcoats led by Peter Kehoe, Owen Beirne, PGKs Kenny Goss, Steve McTeague and Vince Long, and another 12 Redcoats for doing a great job on the bar, and serving the 3-course meal in under an hour! The lively Jim Bowie Band provided their wide-range of dance music before an enthusiastic and appreciative full dance floor from 9pm to 12:30am (2016). Thanks also to our Columbus Club office team of Managers, Peter Silano, Nick Beirne and especially to Jeff Koch who handled the bulk of the reservations, including the several last-minute calls still coming in New Year's Eve afternoon!

Besides the dinner and the dancing, another highlight of the evening was our annual door-prize drawing; Another BIG THANKYOU to the following local area restaurants which have ALL been contributing gift certificates for our event for several years (in alphabetical order):

- \* **Argia's Italian Restaurant**, 124 N. Washington St., Falls Church
- \* **Bentley's Restaurant**, 6654 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church
- \* **Clare and Don's Beach Shack**, 130 N. Washington St., Falls Church
- \* **Dogfish Head Alehouse**, 6220 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church  
(Seven Corners Ctr)
- \* **Dogwood Tavern**, 132 W. Broad St., Falls Church
- \* **Elevation Burger**, 442 S. Washington St., Falls Church
- \* **Famous Dave's BBQ**, 370 W. Broad St., Falls Church
- \* **Ireland's Four Courts**, 2051 Wilson Blvd., Arlington
- \* **Ireland's Four Provinces**, 105 W. Broad St., Falls Church
- \* **Joe's Place Pizza & Pasta**, 5555 Lee Highway, Arlington
- \* **Ledo's Pizza & Pub**, 7510 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church
- \* **Metro 29 Diner**, 4711 Lee Highway, Arlington
- \* **Miguel's Mexican-American Restaurant**, 6633 Arlington Blvd.,  
Falls Church
- \* **Mylo's Grill**, 6238 Old Dominion Dr. (Chesterbrook Ctr), McLean
- \* **Outback Steakhouse**, 4821 First St North, Arlington

All 15 of these restaurants are truly "Friends of EDW" having supported us by donating gift certificates for several years. Please keep these restaurants in mind when dining out in 2016; tell the owner/manager that you're with EDW Knights of Columbus council. Final note: Any comments or suggestions concerning this event? Please let us know: Bob Muschamp, cell: 703-489-2856, or Chris Bannon, 703-869-1460.

## MANAGER'S CORNER

Peter Silano

February is Registration month at the club. **CAMP REGISTRATION:** The link to register will be emailed to all returning 2015 families at 8am on Monday, February 1, 2016, to KofC EDW members at 8pm on Monday, February 1, 2016, will be posted on the Knights of Columbus summer camp website for general registration at 8am on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. **POOL REGISTRATION:** February 1, 2016 at 10:00am. Please see other camp and pool related articles in this edition. Please join us at the Valentine's Day Supper Club on February 12, and please make reservations early as this event fills up quickly. The Family Breakfast will be held on February 21. Please find menus elsewhere in this publication. As always we look forward to seeing you.

## WELCOME TO COLUMBUS CLUB POOL REGISTRATION 2016!

We at the club hope all our families had a great Holiday season and are keeping warm for the winter that is just setting in. Not much has changed with registration this year. You'll notice below that our rates have not increased for the year 2016. As previous years, we will open registration for all our families on February 1st at 10:00am. Registration and payments are to be made through our registration portal found on the website below. All you have to do is click the big blue REGISTER NOW button. Follow the prompts and it should only take you a few short minutes.

<http://kofcedw2473.org/facilities/pools.shtml>

For Columbus Club/EDW council families, please make sure your husband's council dues are in good standing for the year 2016. If not, your membership will be inactive until dues have been paid with any late fees applied. Any questions regarding club/council membership status, please contact Jerry Garren via email at [FS2473@hotmail.com](mailto:FS2473@hotmail.com).

Any further questions please call the main office and ask for Nick Beirne.

### 2016 Columbus Club Pool Membership Rates

	Columbus Club of Arlington/Knights of Columbus EDW 2473 Council Member	Non-Columbus Club/EDW 2473 Council Member
Family Swim Membership	\$520.00	\$895.00
Single Swim Membership	\$245.00	n/a
20 Multi-Swim Pass	\$200.00	n/a
Senior Swim Membership (65 and over, senior couple)	375.00	n/a
Daily Swim Rate (must be with a member)	\$10 Adults \$5 Children 12 and under Free Children 3 and under	n/a

There is a \$30.00 processing fee for each club/council membership listed above and \$45 processing fee for Non-club/council membership. All registration must be done on line via the web site. If choosing to pay by check, you must add the processing fee stated above.

- The Columbus Club of Arlington, Inc. Pool membership is available to both club/council members and the general public.
- Pool membership applications are approved on a first-come first-served basis and are not guaranteed year over year, however we pride ourselves on making a concentrated effort to safely accommodate as many families as we can.
- We do not have a waitlist at our property.
- Our Memberships are for the entire summer season.

## 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](http://bit.ly/edwsignup)**

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

If you wish to **cancel** the Knight Life please email a note to [edwkofc@hotmail.com](mailto:edwkofc@hotmail.com) or call 202 352 7955.

**Please do this now!**



## LADIES U-KNIGHTED NEWS

Jo Balsamo Wood

Greetings all. Do you believe we are already in the second month of 2016? Yes, it's February, the month where we celebrate Groundhog Day on Feb 2. Let's hope Punxsutawney Phil gives us the news that spring is almost here. Holiday number two of the month is Saint Valentine's Day, an annual commemoration held on February 14, celebrating love and affection. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 492 AD. It was deleted from the General Roman Calendar of Saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI. The popular customs associated with Valentine's Day undoubtedly had their origin in a conventional belief during the Middle Ages, that on 14 February, the birds began to pair.

However, before we get to the February holidays, I want to express my sincere thanks to those who helped LUK put up and take down the Christmas tree and other decorations at the Old Council Home. We were very short-handed this year and LUK greatly appreciates everyone who assisted.

During our first Ladies U-Knighted meeting of the year, we looked ahead at some of the activities we would like to do in 2016. Unfortunately, we are a small group and can only do so much, so, we have scaled back our scope of activities for now. As we planned our activities for the upcoming year, we decided to stick with what has worked for us in the past and concentrate our efforts on charity, moneymaking and fun events. Once again, LUK will continue to support and assist unwed mothers, by holding its 6th Annual Baby Shower. Watch the *Knight Life* for more information. Additional plans for charity include making blankets in the fall to give to the homeless. The moneymaking events discussed were an Easter candy sale, a summer Margaritaville party, and continued sales of cookbooks and ornaments at the bake sales at summer events. Of course, we will continue to sponsor the annual Halloween Party in October and help decorate the Old Council Home for Christmas.

This year, Easter is March 27. While that seems like a long way away, it is never too early to begin planning for this very special day. This year Ladies U-Knighted will make chocolate Easter-themed pops. We will sell them via orders and at the Easter egg role. See the March *Knight Life* for more information.

I usually reserve this space to wish our current LUK members a Happy Birthday. Since we have no current members with February birthdays, we are looking for new members who were born in February or any other month. For those of you that are unfamiliar with Ladies U-Knighted, we are a group of women that support and promote the goals and endeavors of the Knights of Columbus, Edward Douglass White Council No. 2473 by raising funds through volunteer efforts. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the K of C Old Council Home, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA. Membership is open to any woman who is compelled to help those in need, provide excellence in its many activities, whether religious, charitable, or social, and have fun. Please stop by for a meeting or contact Jo Balsamo Wood at [balsamowood@verizon.net](mailto:balsamowood@verizon.net) for more information.

Wishing everyone a Happy Groundhog Day and Happy Valentine's Day. Remember your sweetie on Feb 14. The next LUK meeting is on Feb 4 at 7:30.

## SUMMER CAMP

Dear Knights of Columbus Families

I'm thrilled to be coming back to spend another summer season as your Camp Director. I had such a great experience last year, and am looking forward to making things even better for your children this summer. For those of you who are new members, just a quick introduction. My name is Jill Burdick-Zupancic and I'm currently in my 8th year of teaching high school English and art history, most recently at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria. I'm also very pleased to let you know that Mary O'Connor will also be returning as Assistant Camp Director this year. We both look forward to leading our wonderful staff members and making the 2016 the best summer season yet for you and your camper(s).

The Knights of Columbus Summer Camp is a perfect place for children to take a break from the rigors of the school year. Campers love running around our spacious campus, learning how to swim, making life-long friendships and learning how to work together with each other and their counselors. Our camp offers nine 1-week sessions during the summer. During each session campers partake in various activities including: Music, Arts and Crafts, Sports, Swim Lessons and Free Swim.

The link to register will be emailed to all returning 2015 families at 8am on Monday, February 1, 2016, to KofC EDW members at 8pm on Monday, February 1, 2016, will be posted on the Knights of Columbus summer camp website for general registration at 8am on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

For dates, questions, and updated policies, please check our website: [http://www.kofcedw2473.org/facilities/camp\\_1.shtml](http://www.kofcedw2473.org/facilities/camp_1.shtml)

The cold weather may be deceiving now, but summer will be here before we know it. We are all looking forward to the 2016 season of the Knights of Columbus Summer Camp in June. Hope to see you there!

-Jill

## HELP A FRIEND JOIN THE KNIGHTS!

Looking to bring a friend or a neighbor into the Knights of Columbus?

We will be holding a First Degree initiation on February 18 at 7:30pm. Potential candidates need to contact our membership chairman, Greg Strizek, in advance. They or their sponsor can get a hold of Greg by email at [membership@kofcedw2473.org](mailto:membership@kofcedw2473.org) for a qualification interview and advance paperwork.

EDW's membership degree program dates are:

### First Degree:

Thurs. Feb. 18, candidates need to arrive no later than 7pm

### Second Degree:

Thurs. Feb. 25, candidates need to arrive no later than 7pm

### Third degree:

Sun. March 13, candidates need to arrive no later than 11am

### First Degree:

Thurs. May 19, candidates need to arrive no later than 7pm

### First Degree:

Thurs. June 16 candidates need to arrive no later than 7pm



## CHOOSING LIFE

*By Mary Rivas Glaser*

If you are searching for a Pro-Life story filled with extreme circumstances that will leave you wanting to picket the next abortion clinic you see, this is not going to fulfill that desire. My life was that of a normal teenager, living only by making decisions based on the thrill of the moment or the smiles of good looking boys. I lightly gave myself to those boys and, like so many stories, many of which are left untold, my irresponsibility lead to a small red “YES” on a pregnancy test at the age of 19. Was he my first? No, I wish that I could say he was, but there I sat in the Starbucks bathroom holding that little stick that changed my life. As I shakily tried to pull myself together, I could feel my infatuation subsiding and my vision broadening. I didn’t love this boy, but there I was carrying his child, a product of our careless mistake. We had taking part in the most important act of love between a man and a woman. One that is meant only for the Sacrament of Marriage.

For years I had marched in the March for Life in Washington, DC, Austin, Texas, and occasionally even in Dallas. I chanted and prayed with everyone else around me and felt grief for the countless women and children affected by abortion. I can honestly say that from the moment I found out I was pregnant I never once thought of having an abortion. For years I had prayed that girls in my situation would not make that terrible decision. I knew that this baby was meant to live. That left me with two choices: keep the baby and raise it to the best of my ability or pursue adoption. I was 19 and adoption seemed like it was the smart decision for everyone involved, including the baby. So, for the first five months of pregnancy I went through life convinced that this baby was better off with another family and even another mother.

At my 20 week sonogram the nurse looked at me and asked if I would like to know the sex of the baby. I replied yes. A few nervous moments went by and then she pointed to the screen and said, “Here is your baby girl.” I sat there looking at the round head in the picture with a nose that was so small and cute. That day I decided that I was going to keep her and do the best that I could with what I had to make sure she was always taken care of. In August I gave birth to a very healthy 7 pound baby girl. I named her Elizabeth.

The decision to keep her was only the first part of our journey together. I needed to provide for her, and that required me to work. At first I was able to work half days and live in my mother’s house, which was a blessing because grandparents are the best, but Elizabeth and I needed to move on. We needed our own space to live in. This was only going to be possible if I worked full days from 9:00 am to 6 pm. So, Elizabeth stayed with a nanny and I worked and worked and worked. It wasn’t easy and most definitely wasn’t glamorous, but I knew that saying yes to life meant that there would be sacrifices that I would have to say yes to as well.

It was a custom for families in our group of friends to bring new mothers dinner during the first couple weeks after the baby was born. One of the families who had offered to bring dinner didn’t actually bring it until Elizabeth was already three months old. Their entire family stayed for dinner, including their son, who had just graduated from college. We started dating a week after that dinner and were married almost three years later. My daughter has known him since she was only a couple months old and he is the most amazing father she could have. Our relationship was different and more serious than that of a normal relationship that starts off without

children. My husband is directly impacted every day by my decision to say “yes” to life, and he has chosen to love my daughter as his own. We are currently expecting our second baby girl and could not be happier.

Being pro-life cannot simply consist of marches in major cities and rants about the horrors of abortion. If we only focus on the culture of death we will lose the culture of life. Being pro-life for me meant choosing love in a situation where I had not been shown love. My daughter’s life has given me the ability to love in a way that I did not think I was capable of. It means loving the women who have said yes to life in those horrific and extreme circumstances, loving the women who have said yes to becoming single mothers, loving the women who have quietly said yes and have given up their babies for adoption. But most especially loving the women who did not choose life for their children, because they need our love the most.

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## THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Board of the Columbus Club of Arlington is held every year on the first Thursday of the month, barring a holiday. The purpose of the meeting is to give the entire membership a chance to vote on a budget, elect new board members and to discuss any other topics of need for the club.

This year, the meeting was conducted on January 7th. The membership passed the 2016 budget, elected two members as trustees for any funds earned from the potential sale of the club’s Transfer of Development Rights.

We also want to congratulate the newly elected members of the 2016 Columbus Club of Arlington Inc.’s Board of Directors: Owen Beirne Jr, Jerry Garren, John O’Neill III, Brett Smith and Greg Strizek.

The full 2016 Columbus Club of Arlington, Inc. Board of Directors consists of:

### Appointed Directors:

Grand Knight John White

Deputy Grand Knight Chris Bannon

### Elected Directors:

Owen Beirne Jr

Bob Dannemiller

Jerry Garren

Larry Harrison

Tom Hazzard

Tom Maguire

John O’Neill III

Brett Smith

Greg Strizek

Bill Wester

The officers for the 2016 board of directors will be elected by the directors at the January 26 board meeting. All board meetings, which are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm on the 2nd floor of the Council Mansion, are open to the full membership. You are encouraged to attend the meetings. The 4th Tuesday meetings are held in a roundtable format chaired by the president of the club. All club members in attendance are encouraged to ask any questions of the board and to participate in the discussions.

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## STAY INFORMED

Please sign up TODAY for the EDW email system by visiting this website:

[bit.ly/edwesignup](http://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.

## Supper Club Dinner Valentine's Day Dinner

February 12, 2016

6:00pm ~ Cocktails

6:30pm ~ 8:30pm ~ Dinner & Dancing

### Soup

Chicken with Rice

Tomato Bisque - Lenten

### Salad Bar

Glass of Champagne

### Entrée

Beef Tenderloin with Cabernet Reduction

Lobster Ravioli with Vodka Sauce - Lenten

Eggplant Parmigiana - Lenten

Twice Baked Potatoes - Lenten

Broccoli and Baby Carrots - Lenten

### Dessert

Array of Cakes & Pies - Lenten

Reservations by

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

703 536-9656x6

Adults \$15.00 ~ Children \$8.00

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

**Tim Walthall** has served EDW through his service on the Columbus Club of Arlington board of directors since 1999. A lot of decisions have been made by the board for our wellbeing in those 16 years. Tim was always a steady voice in those decisions. The appearance and operations of the club in the past ten years is black and white. In 2005 the mansion was dilapidated and some people were advocating tearing it down. Tim was a clear voice to spend money to bring it back to life. Tim has earned a much deserved retirement however we will pull him back in when needed to assist on any projects.

You've been warned, Tim!

Thank you for your dedication to our Catholic mission at EDW, Tim. A donation will be made to the Diocese of Arlington's work camp in Tim's name.

## Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast

February 21, 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

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FEBRUARY 18TH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Burger night CH 6:30pm	<b>3</b> Retirees CH 11am Taco night CH 6:30	<b>4</b> EDW & CCA meetings 7:30pm Spaghetti night CH 6:30 LUK meeting CH 7:30	<b>5</b> Seafood Special CH 6:30	<b>6</b> Steak Night CH 6:30 pm
<b>7</b> Rosary MC 12:30pm <b>SUPER BOWL 50!!</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Burger Night 6:30 pm CH	<b>10</b> Retirees CH 11am Taco night CH 6:30	<b>11</b> Officers & Chairmen's CH 7:30 Spaghetti night CH 6:30	<b>12</b> Supper Club Valentine's Day MH 6pm Seafood Special CH 6:30	<b>13</b> Steak Night CH 6:30 pm
<b>14</b> Rosary MC 12:30pm <b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Burger Night 6:30 pm CH	<b>17</b> Retirees -Ladies invited- CH 11am Taco night CH 6:30	<b>18</b> <b>1st Degree</b> EDW meeting CFP 7:30pm Spaghetti night CH 6:30	<b>19</b> Seafood Special CH 6:30	<b>20</b> Steak Night CH 6:30 pm
<b>21</b> Family Breakfast 9am – 12pm Rosary MC 12:30pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Burger Night 6:30 pm CH Columbus Club board meeting CH 7:00 pm	<b>24</b> Retirees CH 11am Taco night CH 6:30	<b>25</b> <b>2nd Degree</b> CFP 7:30 Spaghetti night CH 6:30	<b>26</b> Seafood Special CH 6:30	<b>27</b> Steak Night CH 6:30 pm
<b>28</b> Rosary MC 12:30pm	<b>29</b>					
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