

Knights Life



FEBRUARY 2006

Edward Douglass White Council No. 2473

Number 8

FEBRUARY EVENTS

CH-Council Home
MH-Main Hall
LL-Lower Lounge

2 nd	Spaghetti Dinner (CH)	6:30-9:00
	Council/Club Meeting (LL)	7:30
	Ladies U-Knighted (CH)	7:30
3 rd	Supper Club (MH)	6:30-9:00
4 th	NY Strip Steak Dinner (CH)	6:30-9:00
5 th	Family Buffet (M H)	2:00-5:00
	Super Bowl Party (CH-See Article)	4:30-9:00
10 th	Fish Fry Dinner (CH)	6:30-9:00
11 th	NY Strip Steak Dinner (CH)	6:30-9:00
	March Knight Life deadline	
16 th	Spaghetti Dinner (CH)	6:30-9:00
	Council Meeting/First Degree (LL)	7:30
17 th	Supper Club (MH)	6:30-9:00
18 th	NY Strip Steak Dinner (CH)	6:30-9:00
19 th	Family Breakfast (MH)	9:00-12:00
24 th	Spiced Shrimp Dinner (CH)	6:30-9:00
25 th	NY Strip Steak Dinner (CH)	6:30-9:00
27 th	Fourth Degree	6:45
Every Tuesday-Burger/Beer Night (CH) 6:00-9:00		
Every Wednesday-Retirees 11:00 AM		

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH AND BEYOND

March 1 st	Ash Wednesday
March 19 th	Blood Drive (LL)
April 20 th -23 rd	KOVAR Weekend
May 5 th -7 th	State Convention (VA Beach)

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

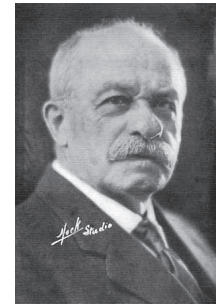
Many of you have seen this Brother Knight around the council doing different tasks from helping to cook for the family breakfast to serving drinks at the holiday picnics. He also works as a red coat and on many days you will find him sharing stories or thoughts with others at our Council Home. While many of you will know this Brother some of you may not know that he has given a lot of his time and knowledge over the years to help keep the Council going. From being on the Columbus Club Board to working to help bring in new regular rental guest of the Council to help keep us moving forward. Thank you Joe Marion for being February's Knight of the Month.

THE HISTORY PROJECT

John M. White

GEORGE NICHOLAS SAEGMULLER

February 12, 1847, Neustadt, Germany –
February 12, 1934, Arlington



As Reserve Hill caretakers we have a special obligation to remember this good man. George N. Saegmuller has influenced Arlington County, our nation and our lives as EDW Knights.

Originally I was going to merely list his accomplishments, and think that would do him justice. However, that would be a disservice to this gentleman, and to his family. In reading his autobiography I found several anecdotes that sum up his character.

One story taking place in England eerily depicts the mood towards Catholics in the 19th century that helped lead to the creation by Father Michael McGivney in 1882 of the Knights of Columbus in the United States. While starting out in life, and living in England in the 1860s, Saegmuller acknowledges "the first mistake...in my life." When he arrived in Manches-

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

While this family may be new to our Council family they have shown great interest in it. During the next few months we will be seeing some of their efforts by the way of some articles about our Council history and the history of our current Council property. They are also looking for any pictures or other information about the history of our Council. They have already gotten involved in the Council John has become one of our new Board members of the Columbus Club. Let us show John and Jennifer White that we appreciate them in our Council. Congratulations John and Jennifer for being February's family of the month.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

While February is a relatively quiet month for the Council we need to remember that it is also a membership blitz month for the Knights of Columbus and if we all take this chance to bring a new member into the Council we will be able to do more things that the Knights are charged with.

We sometimes get so involved with our own lives that we forget that our first charge as Knights is CHARITY. Let us remember charity comes in many ways not just in financial aid but in helping those who are in need due to illness or other events that may have left them in need. Sometimes just a visit from someone to just listen to them or just sharing some time with them can make a big difference in the way they feel. Let us remember that the winter months keep many of our older members from getting around as much as they might like to due to the weather. We may be able to help them just by giving them a ride or running an errand for them.

Let us also take this less active month to reflect and prepare for the balance of this Council year and prepare for what we would like to do in the next Fraternal year. Remember this is your council and your officers are here to lead you but you also have to do your part by coming to meetings and letting them know what projects or events you like or would like to start. As always I pray that Our Lord gives us the guidance so that we may best serve him.

Vivat Jesus
 Art Gamotis
 Grand Knight

COLUMBUS CLUB ELECTION RESULTS

The Annual Meeting of the Columbus Club of Arlington was held on January 5, 2006. Thank you to the 75+ members who attended, exceeding the 5% quorum necessary for the annual meeting. The following members were elected for a two-year term;

Owen Beirne, Jr.	Steve Brown
Tom Hazzard	Mike Kearney
Tim Walthall	

Bro. John White was elected to the one-year term.

Thank you to these Brother Knights for stepping up and assisting the Council and the Club. Again, thank you for your interest and attendance at the meeting. Take Care.

SICK AND RECOVERING

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.

Marie Cotte	Mrs. John Kramer
Mrs. Peggy DiNunzio	Ian McGowan
Eleanor Dougherty	Paul O'Brien
Fr. Louis Gagnard	Gene Rutherford, PGK
Jack Griffin	Eleanor Sajeski
Ann Herrick	Donald A. Thibeault
Claude R. Jenkins	

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

February 2006- "The Dues Edition"

Dues: As reported last month, dues notices for the 2006 calendar year were mailed on December 12, 2005. If you have not yet received your dues notice, please be aware that the dues amounts are \$110 for Regular Members, \$55 for Honorary Members, and \$40 for Honorary Life Members and that you can send your check (without the notice) to me at the Council Home. I must admit that I am encouraged by my observation that the Council has seen a 15 percent increase in the "dues compliance rate" over the same time period as last year! I consider this to be remarkable, as the notices were mailed a week or so later than last year. Thank you to all of the members who have paid (and continue to pay) timely. You make my job much easier!

Traveling Cards: I am happy to report that I have been able to achieve a very short turn-around time on your membership cards and that right now, you should receive them no more than a week after I receive your payment. This is a substantial improvement over the turn around time from last year and I attribute it to the experience that I have gained during my first year as your Financial Secretary and the 'internal controls' process that I have implemented. If you do not receive your membership card after three weeks time, IMMEDIATELY contact me to make sure that I have your current address information and that I received your check. I want you to know that I am deeply committed to ensuring that this process proceeds much more efficiently this year (and future years, too)!

The FAQ About This Year's Dues Notices: As I have processed this year's dues collections, I noted that a couple of members took the time to write notes asking why they received their dues notices later than usual. To begin, I would like you all to know that the preparation of dues notices is NOT an easy process. First, over 1,500 envelopes must be stuffed with a return envelope. Then, each of those 1,500 stuffed envelopes must be again stuffed with your dues notice. Then, each of those envelopes must be sealed. Then they must be sorted, bundled and packaged in accordance with USPS regulations. From there, they must be brought to the Post Office- during the week, they don't accept bulk mailings on weekends. As you can see, the preparation process is VERY time consuming. When you consider that I am a "one man mailing show" (but more importantly a full time dad who works in a very demanding profession) and that the USPS does not prioritize bulk mailings, I try to initiate mailings as far in advance as practical. Though I try to balance my priorities, quite frankly, sometimes dues notices don't make it to the top of the list. To those who complained: I am convinced by the "concern" you expressed that you would prefer that the notices are mailed as early as possible and have taken note of your names to ask you to help next year...I know you'll be happy to help and I'll be happy to buy the beer. Thanks for volunteering.

Deaths: I am saddened to report that Brother James Mulligan (age 80 and living in West Palm Beach, FL- but long time EDW member) passed away on December 21, 2005. Additionally, widows Eleanor Egan (November 30, 2005) and Wanda Conroy (December 4, 2005) recently passed away. Please keep them and their surviving families in your prayers.

God Bless,
PGK Jerry Garren
Financial Secretary

RETIREES' CORNER

February 2006

by

Jerry Kornieck

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To have your birthdays & anniversaries posted, join the Retirees on Wednesday mornings. Last month 10 people at least read the article and thanks for the comments which were out of my control.

Members' Birthdays

Robert Baird, Bob Banasik, Corny Kelliher, Rudolph L. Kirchgessner, Charles F. Magee, and Sylvester Rougeux.

Wives' Birthdays

Peggy Brew, Nancy W. Burke, and Margaret Kemp

Widows' Birthdays

Alice Colins and Luetta

Anniversaries

Marie & Jim Herlihy, Anne & Joseph Jabbour and Phyllis & Jim Puglisi

Prayer Request

Jim Lilles, Vince Manzella, Frank Brew and Walter Burnett

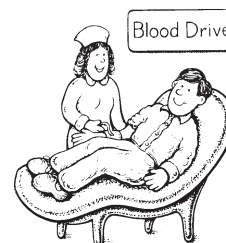
Condolences

To the Joe Valantino family

Information

Please call 703-356-3038 with any news or errors for this column.

Remember all of us in your prayers.



BLOOD DRIVES @ EDW

By Ray Fioramonti

As mentioned in the November KnightLife the turnout for the Blood Drives has been declining. It used to be we had 50-60 donors per drive. Over the last year or so the numbers have dropped to a 30-40 donor level. We need to return to the previous or higher donor levels to maintain the club's program.

Our membership base easily should provide sufficient donors to maintain the program. If you were formerly a regular donor and have recently stopped donating please consider resuming donating, if you've never donated, try it, it's not difficult, painful or risky. I've been a regular blood donor since 1966 and have never had a problem. What I've had was a wonderful feeling once when I was told my donation would provide the final amount needed to permit an "open heart" surgery to proceed. It's nice to know the good a donation provides.

Please join us during our March drive and "Give the Gift of Life."

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

By Bill Johnson

Brother Knights, the following article was written by George F. Will, and offers a clear look at some of the fundamental differences between the sides in the continuing ode to death that is abortion. (Acknowledgement to Randy Alcorn, Eternal Perspective Ministries, 2229 E. Burnside #23, Gresham, OR 97030, 503-663-6481, www.epm.org)

“54 Babies” by George F. Will

CHINO HILLS, Calif.: Where Route 71 crosses over Payton Drive, at the bottom of the steeply sloping embankment, two boys, who were playing nearby, found the boxes. The boys bicycled home and said they had found boxes of “babies.”

Do not be impatient with the imprecision of their language. They have not read the apposite Supreme Court opinions. So when they stumbled on the boxes stuffed with 54 fetuses, which looked a lot like babies, they jumped to conclusions. Besides, young boys are apt to believe their eyes rather than the Supreme Court.

The first count came to a lot less than 54. Forgive the counters’ imprecision. Many fetuses had been dismembered—hands, arms, legs, heads jumbled together—by the abortionist’s vigor. An accurate count required a lot of sorting out.

The fetuses had been dumped here, about 30 miles east of Los Angeles, on March 14, 1997, by a trucker who may not have known what the Los Angeles abortion clinic had hired him to dispose of. He later served 71 days in jail for the improper disposal of medical waste. Society must be strict about its important standards.

What local authorities dealt with as a problem of solid waste disposal struck a few local residents as rather more troubling than that. They started talking to each other, and one thing led to another, and to the formation of Cradles of Love, which had the modest purpose of providing a burial for the 54 babies.

The members of Cradles of Love—just a few normal walking-around middle-class Americans—called them babies, and still do. These people are opposed to abortion, in spite of the Supreme Court’s assurance in 1973 that abortions end only “potential life.” (Twenty-five years later the Supreme Court has not yet explained how a life that is merely “potential” can be ended.)

Some will say the members of Cradles of Love, who are churchgoers, have been unduly influenced by theology. Or perhaps the real culprit is biology. It teaches that after the DNA of the sperm fuse with those of the ovum a new and unique DNA complex is formed that directs the growth of the organism. It soon is called a fetus, which takes in nourishment and converts it to energy through its own distinct, unique organic functioning, and very soon it looks a lot like a baby.

Anyway, theology or biology or maybe their eyes told the members of Cradles of Love that there were some babies in need of burials. So they asked the coroner to give them the fetuses. Then the American Civil Liberties Union was heard from.

It professed itself scandalized by this threat to . . . what? The ACLU frequently works itself into lathers of anxiety about threats to the separation of church and state. It is difficult, however, to identify any person whose civil liberties were going to be menaced if the fetuses were (these are the ACLU’s words) “released to the church groups for the express purpose of holding religious services.” The ACLU said it opposed “facilitation” of services by a public official.

The ACLU’s attack on the constitutionally protected right to the free exercise of religion failed to intimidate, and in October the babies were buried in a plot provided at no charge by a cemetery in nearby Riverside.

Each baby was given a name by a participating church group. Each name was engraved on a brass plate that was affixed to each of the 54 small, white, wooden caskets made, at no charge, by a volunteer who took three days off from work to do it. Fifty clergy and four persons active in the right-to-life movement carried the caskets. Each baby’s name is inscribed on a large headstone, also provided at no charge. Fifty-four doves, provided at no charge by the cemetery, were released at the services.

The ACLU trembled for the Constitution.

We hear much about the few “extremists” in the right-to-life movement. But the vast majority of the movement’s members are like the kindly, peaceable people here, who were minding their own business until some of the results of the abortion culture tumbled down a roadside embankment and into their lives.

Which is not to say that this episode was untainted by ugly extremism. It would be nice if the media, which are nothing if not diligent in documenting and deploring right-to-life extremism, could bring themselves to disapprove the extremism of the ACLU, which here attempted a bullying nastiness unredeemed by any connection to a civic purpose.

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live.” Deuteronomy 30:19

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ter, England his first act obviously was to look for boarding. He came across the Brennan family who provided a room and leads for employment. A good and decent family by his account. Brennan family’s fatal flaw of the time; they were branded as “*Catholics and Fenians*” by a co-worker who held influence over the young and impressionable Saegmuller. Saegmuller, under social pressure moved into the home of the co-worker, abandoning the Brennans. In his own words, “*This was a very despicable thing to do and I have regretted it ever since. Long afterward, when I went to Manchester on a visit, I tried to locate them for the purpose of begging their pardon, but they had moved and my search was in vain.*”

Saegmuller never needed to bring this story to light, but he wanted his family to “*Profit by My Mistakes.*” A good man, strong in character, willing to admit his errors and humble enough to want to try and correct them.

Courtesy of David Burns, a great-great-grandson, I have provided a couple printed copies of George Nicholas Saegmuller’s autobiography at the Council Home/Big House atop the mantel. You can also access the autobiography at www.burnsorama.com if you wish to read it at home.

Please contact me with any historic EDW information, documents, photos or memorabilia you are willing to share, no matter how large or minute. It’s all important to us! You can reach me at EDWHistory@yahoo.com, leave an envelope at the Council Home addressed to ‘The History Project’ or call me at 202.352.7955.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

By **Bernie Oetjen**

The K of C Bridge Club has a weekly duplicate bridge game in the Main Hall (usually) of the Main Activities Building at 7:00 p.m. sharp on Monday evenings. We have two sections: the Open Game and a 299er Game, the latter limited to players with less than 300 masterpoints. All members and guests are welcome.

Congratulations to all of last month's winners:

Open Game

(Neal McKinney and John Miles
Katherine Loh and Ed Molnar
Bob Silverstein and Paul Stygar
Jeffrey Kosnett and Steve Ivins
Madan & Gay Nanda
Rodney Severson and Aquil Ahmed
Thomas Din and Gloria Halstead
Susan Brawn and Jeff Roman

299er Game

Merrill & Ann Luhman
Jerry Kornieck and Mary De Corps
Chuick Kasten and Ellie Clark (2)
Michael Lusick and Fred Adkins

KOVAR

Knights of Virginia Assistance for the Retarded

By **Jim Walsh**

Let's break out of the winter doldrums and have a party. You can have the party in your home, your parish hall, a neighbor's place, a fellow Knight's or you can rent a room at the Council. It does not have to be fit for a king; make it a simple dinner or a dessert. However make it KOVAR party by inviting all to contribute to KOVAR.

Mail you check to EDW to the attention of Jim Walsh/KOVAR. Put a commemorative stamp on it and I will contribute an extra buck for KOVAR.

Please do not forget to mark on your calendar that KOVAR weekend is April 20-23, 2006. It is a great opportunity to show the world that the Knights of Columbus care about some of God's most precious persons. We will need volunteer members and their families to collect at stores and churches that weekend. We will need volunteers to coordinate picking up money from store sites, replenishing Tootsie Roll supplies and counting the money each day.

KOVAR has a job for you and now is the time to volunteer your services. Don't be left out. If you wish to volunteer or you have a question about KOVAR please contact me at 703-534-3152.



LADIES U-KNIGHTED NEWS

By **Jo Balsamo Wood**

Greetings!!! I would like to start by thanking everyone that came out to help us take down the Christmas tree and other decorations in the Old Council Home. We had fun – a tenet of Ladies U-Knighted.

Our first Ladies U-Knighted meeting took place on January 5. We were graced with three potential new members. Two of the women are from Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, while the third is a member of St. Mary's Parish. Our first meeting was successful with many potential moneymaking events and charitable activities discussed. Plans for charity include assisting the Knights in their annual KOVAR event, preparing personal care products for women in shelters, and working with Projects Gabrielle and Rachel to provide support for crisis pregnancies. The moneymaking events considered include a wine and cheese party, miniature golf day, and dance lessons. Of course, we will sponsor the annual Halloween Party in October.

Due to its success, we decided to continue our cell phone drive. There is an ongoing need for donations and each one is tax deductible. The phones are equipped to dial 911 and are given to individuals who may be in danger. Special thanks to John White who donated over 100 phones and accessories! There is a box in the Old Council Home for donations. If you or anyone you know has an old cell phone, please remember that phone could save someone's life.

We are always looking for new members. 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 703-263-1185 for more information.

I want to wish Happy Birthday to the following Ladies U-Knighted members: Pat Conroy (Jan 10), Marijo Galvin (Jan 28), and Susan Walthall (Feb 25). Wishing everyone a Happy Groundhog Day and Happy Valentine's Day. Remember your sweetie on Feb 14! Next Ladies U-Knighted meeting is Feb 2 (Groundhog Day) at 7:30.

THE K OF C STATE COVENTION

Will be May 5, 6 and 7 at the Cavalier in Virginia Beach. All Brother Knights in good standing are welcome.

We will be selling raffle tickets for the K of C state convention sweepstakes. There are twenty \$1.00 tickets in each book. Prizes are a Zodiac boat, bicycle from Conte's, Bicycle and Fitness Center, a weekend at The Cavalier and two baskets of cheer. The convention committee is still working on more prizes. The drawing will take place during the Convention Banquet, Saturday night the 6th.

TICKET BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE COUNCIL HOME.

46TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA AT EDW -

A Final Word and Some Thank You's

Bob Muschamp

Thanks to all 214 who attended and brought friends to celebrate New Year's Eve at EDW making this one of our more successful New Year's Eve Galas!

Thanks to Interim Manager Bob Clarke and Mark Pohutsky for the fine food they prepared. Thanks to the "Redcoats" who gave up part of their New Year's Eve to serve it.

Thanks also to Betty Florence for handling reservations and tickets; and to Brother Wilber Rawlings and his South-eastern Printing Co. for again providing the tickets - gratis. Thanks again to Steve Brown for his help in obtaining door prizes and balloon decorations.

Thanks to James & Jeff Walthall (2/3 of "The Flying Cows") who surprised and pleased all with their musical performance during the bands 1st intermission.

Finally, a special thank you to the following local area restaurants for contributing generous dining certificates (door prizes) as most of them have been doing for several years. These restaurants are all friends/supporters of EDW and I urge our local area members to remember them and patronize these restaurants during 2006:

- * Aldo's Italian Steakhouse-7630 Lee Hwy; Falls Church
- * Anthony's Restaurant-309 W. Broad St., Falls Church
- * Applebee's Family Rest.-27 E. Broad St., Falls Church
- * Broad Street Grill - 132 W. Broad St., Falls Church
- * Irelands Four Provinces - 105 W. Broad St., Falls Church
- * Italian Cafe - 7161 South Washington St., Falls Church
- * Irelands Four Courts - 2051 Wilson Blvd., Arlington
- * Joe's Place Pizza & Pasta, 5555 Lee Hwy, Arlington
- * Outback Steak House - 4821 N. 1st St., Arlington
- * Portabella's - 2109 N. Pollard (Cherrydale) Arlington
- * The Lost Dog Cafe - 5876 N. Washington Blvd. Arlington
- * Whitlow's on Wilson - 2854 Wilson Blvd., Arlington

If you enjoyed the evening and the value for your \$\$, and I trust you did, then spread the word to others during '06, and hopefully next New Years Eve we'll be up to 250 - just like the "old days" at EDW.

P.S. Same great band has already been retained for next year.

NEW CAMP DIRECTOR

**and Special Events Coordinator for the 2006 KofC
Summer Fun Camp**

Owen J. Beirne, Jr.

Please welcome with me our new Camp Director, Stephanie Kingree.

Stephanie is a graduate of American University with a Bachelors of Arts in History. She has worked with the Girl Scouts here in Arlington for over ten years including running a Summer Day Camp. She is in her fifth year of teaching at Yorktown High School. She has four daughters and is a fourth generation Arlingtonian. She can be reached at the camp office or by e-mail, stephanie_kingree@yahoo.com, with any questions

Meghan Ward, our Camp Director from last year, will be working with both individuals during the transition period and she will be with us through June. She will be traveling the rest of the summer as opposed to working at the Camp this summer. Thank you to Meghan for guidance and help that she is giving to both Stephanie and Tracy so that the Camp this summer will be even better as we strive to always improve the camp each year.

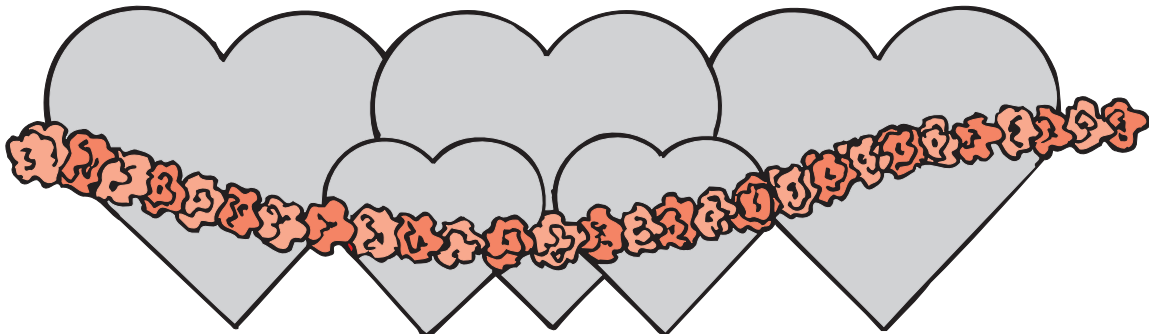
We had 62 out of 198 surveys returned from the 2005 camp families, a 31% return rate which is outstanding! The comments were great and we plan to implement all the suggestions that were given for the 2006 Camp. Thank you to all the individuals who took the time to return these very important surveys.

FEBRUARY FIRST DEGREE DATE

We will be having a First Degree on Thursday February 16, 2006. This degree will be part of the second Council meeting for the month of February.

Please have all candidates in the Main Hall by 7:00 PM that night. Any Brother Knight who can come up at that time to help with the intake process will be most welcome. Such assistance will enable the meeting to start promptly at 7:30.

The district will be having second and third degrees in March.



WANTED: ADVERTISING CHAIRMAN

In the best interest of the council, since I have moved my residence to Springfield, I feel it would be an advantage for the Advertising Chairman to be located closer to the council. Then, one would be better able to contact local places of business for new advertising. Most advertisers are on calendar year subscriptions so invoicing is mainly a once a year event in November. This has been handled at home rather than at the council. Word processing with computer skills is a help. Ad composition is also required because of the space limitations of each ad. Templates are available. I would hope someone wishing to get involved in the council will step up and re-invigorate the council advertising. I will turn over all of the necessary background information, on a floppy disc, for someone to take over. I will assist with the transition, of course. Contact Grand Knight Art Gamotis or myself, Bill Campbell, by phone at 703-569-0646, or to kcbillc@aeitv.net.

COUNCIL HOME BARTENDERS NEEDED

Several shifts, both day and evening, will be coming available in the near future. Anyone interested in obtaining some part-time work as a bartender should contact Bob Clarke in the office (703-536-9656).

EDW WEBSITE-UPDATE

Work continues on updating our council's website. The homepage has a new look and feel to it. A number of links are still under construction but those will be operational in the coming weeks. Officers and chairpersons are encouraged to review the site. You can forward any pertinent content to the webmaster via the webmaster link at the bottom of the homepage. Members with suggestions or comments can use the same link for their feedback.

A special thank you to our webmaster A.J. Valinote for his work on our site. Please bookmark our site <http://kofcedw2473.org> on your browser.

ARLINGTON FOOD BANK

We are still collecting non-perishable food items for the Arlington Food Bank. Next time you come up to EDW look for the box set up in the Council home.

Representatives from the food bank stop by on a regular basis to pick up donated items. Thanks very much for contributing to the food bank which helps less fortunate members of our local community.

VENTURING CREW 2473 HAS A FULL CALENDAR

At its January meeting, Venturing Crew 2473 developed a full calendar of events for the winter and the spring. In January, the crew heads for a day of skiing at Whitetail, PA. February promises another skiing venture to another slope in the area. In March, the Crew will be one of the entries in the Chain Bridge District's annual Amos Alonzo Stagg 50/20 hike – 50 miles in 20 hours from Arlington into D.C. and back. The hike is named after one of the most famous college football coaches of the 19th and 20th century and perhaps the most effective ever. He allowed young men to try out for his teams if they could walk 50 miles in 20 hours. If we're lucky, many of us should make 50 miles on this first attempt.

In April, the crew will conduct its "Venturing Leadership Skills Training" where everyone learns to be leaders in the crew and in their community. Also, the crew plans to take part in the mid-Atlantic states Venturing event and head to the raging waters in the mountains for some white water rafting. In May, the National Capital Area Council will hold its annual Venturing Rendezvous and the crew will be there.

The crew is looking forward to an exciting summer and is looking over several week-long events for a summer camping venture.

Venturing Crew 2473 is sponsored by Knights of Columbus E.D.White Council 2473 through a chartering agreement with the Boy Scouts of America. Venturing is the co-ed part of BSA and is open to all young men and women, between 14 and 21 years of age, and having finished the 8th grade. The Venturing program also includes Sea Scouting which is very active in Arlington, Alexandria and McLean. Like Crew 2473 most crews are interested in high adventure. Other BSA programs the reader will have heard of are Cub Scouts for elementary school-aged boys and Boy Scouts for middle and high school-aged young men. Venturing came from the old Explorer program.

The crew meets monthly on the 1st Sunday from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the council home and conducts activities during the month. Everyone is welcome. On Feb. 5, we will hear a briefing on summer camping and our planned 2007 trip to England to take part in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of scouting in the world.

For information about the crew, contact crew Vice President for Administration Julia Dahlin at Julia.dahlin@gmail.com, or the Council Representative Carl Stout at carlstout@cox.net or 703-992-8870.

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FORGET
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COUNCIL HOME SUPER BOWL PARTY

Please plan to join us on February 5th for the Council Home Super Bowl party. This year's halftime show features famous English nobleman Sir Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones.

This year's party features an all-you-can-eat buffet from 4:30-9:00PM. Item choices include:

Baby Back Ribs
Pulled Pork Barbecue
New Mexico Chili
Texas Beef Stew

All the above served with your choice of extra side items.

Price is only \$12.00/person which includes all taxes. Besides the buffet we will be serving the regular bar menu.

Bring some friends, bring the family and have a ball.



NEW FAMILY BREAKFAST

New as in new lower all-you-can-eat prices. Please plan to join us in the main hall for this breakfast on Sunday February 19, 2006. The breakfast runs from 9:00AM-12:00 noon.

Prices are \$6.75 for adults and \$4.00 for children, all you can eat.

Note our new larger menu:

Eggs
Sausage Links
Bacon
Corned Beef Hash
Chipped Beef
Sausage Gravy
Biscuits
Home Fries
Potato Casserole
French Toast
Pancakes
Grits
Scrapple
Fried Apples
Ham
Citrus Salad
Mini Danish
Syrup
Butter
Orange Juice
Tomato Juice
Coffee
Tea
Milk

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR CLUB MANAGER

Please make a note of the new e-mail address for the Club manager.

It is:

kocarlington@comcast.net

Please use this address any time you need to contact the Club office via e-mail.

WANTED-PART-TIME !!!!

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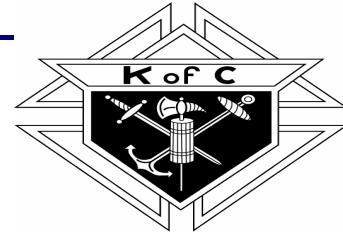
Weekends and some evenings

Please contact Betty Florence @ 703-536-9656 X 6 for further information.

BANQUET CHEF NEEDED

Banquet Chef needed for K of C catering hall. This position should appeal to chefs who like a busy kitchen, want experience in large banquet and event catering facility, and creative culinarians who desire to fine-tune their managerial and administrative skills. Individual will be responsible for all aspects of the kitchen including supervising /managing/overseeing the banquet kitchen.

Position is available **immediately**. The position requires a minimum of 3 year(s) of experience, however that is negotiable. Experience at properties of similar size and quality is also helpful. This position reports to the General Manager. The individual will be required to work a varied schedule that may include evenings, nights and weekends. Benefits include paid vacation, medical insurance, uniforms, and a retirement plan. Please e-mail your resume to willhau@aol.com or fax to 703-536-3287 attention RMH, or call the General Manager at 703-536-9656, ext. #7.



Actual 2005 vs. Budget Fiscal Year 2005 vs. 2001 - 2005

Income	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004	Actual 2005	Budget 2005
Food Sales	\$361,000	\$386,974	\$378,115	\$397,405	\$463,347	\$395,000
Beverage Sales	\$172,000	\$183,021	\$176,354	\$166,253	\$175,775	\$173,000
Facilities Rental	\$46,000	\$49,377	\$63,930	\$59,556	\$85,628	\$70,000
Dues/ Assessments	\$58,000	\$59,559	\$61,412	\$56,790	\$60,694	\$60,000
Pool Membership	\$96,000	\$123,103	\$97,230	\$110,732	\$156,950	\$115,000
Camp Fees	\$139,000	\$192,075	\$209,355	\$214,092	\$180,198	\$215,000
Pool Admissions	\$33,000	\$42,002	\$43,249	\$35,965	\$14,213	\$35,000
Cell Leases	\$17,000	\$16,769	\$17,270	\$19,297	\$27,450	\$19,000
Labor Charged	\$35,000	\$56,907	\$38,062	\$43,923	\$53,973	\$45,000
Miscellaneous Sales	\$34,500	\$10,000	\$38,704	\$30,539	\$18,282	\$13,000
Total Income	\$991,500	\$1,119,787	\$1,123,681	\$1,134,552	\$1,236,510	\$1,140,000
Cost Of Sales						
Food	\$158,000	\$174,138	\$171,825	\$186,129	\$181,443	\$165,000
Beverage	\$69,000	\$71,378	\$67,401	\$65,189	\$65,286	\$70,000
Other	\$45,000	\$51,455	\$43,662	\$45,074	\$55,515	\$25,000
Total Cost of Sales	\$272,000	\$296,971	\$282,888	\$296,392	\$302,244	\$260,000
Total Gross Profit	\$719,500	\$822,816	\$840,793	\$838,160	\$934,266	\$880,000
Expenses						
Salaries	369,000	430,500	414,647	431,830	365,190	415,000
Pool Management					59,071	
Pool Expenses					20,881	
Camp Expenses					4,026	
Utilities& Trash	94,000	81,135	94,889	91,242	95,854	95,000
Depreciation/Amort.	49,000	50,625	39,113	70,242	43,245	50,000
Taxes/ Insurance	87,000	113,386	134,826	140,373	116,608	145,000
Repairs	21,000	17,391	40,829	37,867	26,076	30,000
Other	69,000	92,604	24,242	101,779	96,456	115,000
Professional Fees	27,000	25,045	89,824	34,234	28,539	30,000
Total Expenses	716,000	810,686	838,370	907,567	855,946	880,000
Income	\$3,500	\$12,130	\$2,423	(\$69,407)	\$78,320	0

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

Twice a month the Council offers its Friday Night Supper Club. We have it in the main hall starting at 6:30. We offer a good value for a great meal and you support the Club and Council in the process.

You can select from seafood, chicken, beef or pork (the other white meat). Vegetarians can eat from our "Self Serve" soup and salad bar. Members of our redcoats are your waiters for the evening.

Give the Supper Club a go in February. Bring the Family. Remember Ash Wednesday is March 1st. This limits your menu choice if you wait until March.

Reservations are requested so give Betty a call to let her know you'll be there.

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

FEBRUARY 3rd and 17th, 6:30PM-9:00PM

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY 3:00PM

703-536-9656, x6 or x7

Menu Lineup

Sandwiches

Crab Cake w/tartar \$8.50

Crispy Chicken Sandwich
w/lettuce and tomato \$6.50

Fish Filet w/tartar \$5.50

All served with French fries and cole slaw

Entrees

Crab Cakes \$12.50

Broiled Flounder Filet \$11.00

Flame Broiled Ribeye Steak \$12.00

Chicken Parmesan w/pasta
And vegetable \$10.00

Tender Cut Pork Loin \$11.00

Soup/Salad/Dessert Bar \$6.00

All entrees come w/ 2 vegs, soup, salad and dessert

Children's Menu

Hamburger \$3.75

Cheeseburger \$4.00

Fish Sandwich \$5.00

All served with French fries.

Side Items

Fresh Steamed Broccoli

Country Style Stewed Tomatoes

Redskin Mashed Potatoes

Peas and Carrots

French Fries

Cole Slaw

FAMILY BUFFET

SUNDAY FEB.5

2:00pm-5:00PM (New Times!)

Below is the menu line-up for the February Family Buffet. Please note the new start/end times.

Roast Pork Loin with country gravy
Hearty Beef Stew
Baked Chicken
Chicken Parmesan with spaghetti marinara sauce
Redskin Mashed Potatoes
California Blend Vegetables
Soups, Salad bar, Desserts

All you care to eat for only \$8.75 (Adults) or \$5.00 (children under 10).

No reservations needed, show up at your convenience.

Council Home Dinner Specials for February

Served from 6:30-9:00PM

February 10-Fish Fry with your choice of two sides; french fries, onion rings or cole slaw. Price is only \$8.75/person

February 24-Spiced shrimp with your choice of two sides; french fries, onion rings or cole slaw. Price is only \$9.75/person for this ever-popular dinner.

February 2nd and 16th-Spaghetti Dinner

Please note there will be no Wednesday night Prime Rib dinners until further notice.

Here's a Birthday Gift for You!

**MEMBERS OF
EDWARD DOUGLASS WHITE COUNCIL
1 FREE BIRTHDAY DINNER**

If you are a member of EDW #2473 and were born this month, clip this coupon and present it at any of our Friday Night Supper Club Dinners and your meal is on the house. Bring your family and friends!

Please print your name, the month and the day of your birthday and your member number and let us help you celebrate!

Name _____

Birth Date (Month & Day) _____

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FEBRUARY 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Retirees 11:00 a.m.	2 CH Spaghetti Dinner 6:30 Council/Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. Ladies U-Knighted 7:30 p.m.	3 Supper Club 6:30 p.m.	4 NY Strip Steak Dinner CH 6:30-9:00
5 Family Buffet 9:00 a.m. - Noon Super Bowl Party CH 4:30-9:30	6 Bridge 7:00 p.m.	7 CH Burger/Beer Night 6:00-9:00 p.m.	8 Retirees 11:00 a.m.	9 Officers & Chairmen 7:30 p.m.	10 CH Fish Fry 6:30 -9:00 p.m.	11 NY Strip Steak Dinner CH 6:30-9:00 KnightLife Deadline
12	13 Bridge 7:00 p.m.	14 CH Burger/Beer Night 6:00-9:00 p.m. Valentine's Day	15 Retirees 11:00 a.m.	16 CH Spaghetti Dinner 6:30-9:00 Council Meeting/First Degree 7:30 p.m.	17 Supper Club 6:30 p.m.	18 NY Strip Steak Dinner CH 6:30
19 Family Breakfast 9:00 a.m. - Noon	20 Bridge 7:00 p.m. President's Day	21 CH Burger/Beer Night 6:00-9:00 p.m.	22 Retirees 11:00 a.m.	23 Fish Club CH 7:30 p.m.	24 CH Spiced Shrimp Dinner 6:30-9:00	25 NY Strip Steak Dinner CH 6:30
26	27 Fourth Degree 6:45 p.m. Bridge 7:00 p.m.	28 CH Burger/Beer Night 6:00-9:00 p.m.				

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