

Knights Life



MARCH 2006

Edward Douglass White Council No. 2473

Number 9

MARCH EVENTS

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

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| 2 nd | CH Spaghetti Dinner | 6:30-9:00 |
| | Council/Club Mtgs (LL) | 7:30 |
| | Ladies U-Knighted (CH) | 7:30 |
| 3 rd | Supper Club (MH) | 6:30-9:00 |
| 5 th | Family Buffet (MH) | 2:00-5:00 |
| 8 th | NEW Hot Roast Beef | |
| | Sandwich Night (CH) | 6:30-9:00 |
| 10 th | Supper Club (MH) | 6:30-9:00 |
| 11 th | Golf Club 2006 | |
| | Organization Meeting (CH) | 11:00AM |
| 16 th | CH Spaghetti Dinner | 6:30-9:00 |
| | Council Mtg/2 nd Degree | 7:30 |
| 17 th | AOH/EDW St. Pat's Day | |
| | Dinner Dance (MH) | 6:00PM Start |
| 19 th | New Family Breakfast (MH) | 9:00AM-Noon |
| | Blood Drive (LL) | 9:30AM-2:00PM |
| | SPECIAL EVENT!! Father McGivney biographer Douglas Brinkley at EDW to sign his book "Parish Priest." | |
| | See article on page 9 for details. | |
| 22 nd | NEW Hot Roast Beef | |
| | Sandwich Night (CH) | 6:30-9:00 |
| 24 th | Supper Club (MH) | 6:30-9:00 |
| 26 th | Third Degree (MH) | |
| 30 th | CH Spaghetti Dinner | 6:30-9:00PM |
| 31 st | Supper Club (MH) | 6:30-0:00PM |
| | Every Tuesday-CH Burger/Beer Nite | 6:30-9:00 |
| | Every Wednesday-Retirees | 11:00AM |
| | Every Saturday-CH Steak Dinner | 6:30-9:00 |
| | Reservations Requested for Friday Supper Club. | |

MARCH DEGREE DATES- NOTE CHANGE

The 3rd degree originally scheduled for March 19 has been moved to March 26, 2006. We also have a 2nd degree scheduled for March 16.

Please make plans to attend either or both of these dates to support those candidates who will be taking the degree(s).

NOTICE TO E.D.W. MEMBERS

**Special Meeting, April 6, 2006 of the
Columbus Club of Arlington**

By George Kirby

The Columbus Club of Arlington, Inc. announces a special meeting for the members on Thursday, April 6, 2006 immediately following the Council Meeting.

The Special Meeting will focus on approval of the financing package for improvements to the Council Facility.

According to the by-laws of the Columbus Club of Arlington, a quorum of 5% is necessary for the transaction of business.

Please help by reserving the date, April 6, 2006 and attend the meeting. Your voice and your vote are essential in the future planning of the Council and OUR facilities.

GENERAL MANAGER NEEDED

General Manager needed for Columbus Club of Arlington, Inc. The General Manager assists the Board of Directors with long-range planning, financial management, budget implementation, and accounting services. Manager assists the Board in establishing policies and procedures for the Club's activities and oversees with staff for day-to-day operations, including hall rentals, food, beverage, and catering services, banquet chief, maintenance and repair of facilities, Swimming Pool Management Company, summer camp and supervision of other club employees.

Position is available **immediately**. A minimum of 5-7 year(s) of supervisory experience. Requires a minimum of 10 year(s) of experience, however negotiable. Experience at properties of similar size and quality and in sales and marketing is also helpful. An individual who has an entrepreneurial spirit and is comfortable and able to make sales calls to potential clients. Someone who enjoys working at a property that takes an active role in the community.

This position reports to the Board of Directors. The individual will be required to work a varied schedule that may include evenings, nights and weekends. Benefits include paid vacation, medical insurance, and a retirement plan with a match from the employer. Please specify salary expectation in cover letter. 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.

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IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH CALL

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

This March brings us into the Lenten season, a time of year that we should take and examine our faith. We live in a time when our daily routine keeps most of us very busy but I hope that we are not so busy that we forget that our spiritual life will help us be better people. Making time each day to reflect and pray gives Our Lord the opportunity to help us with our lives and make us better Catholic men and women. Please remember your Brother Knights and families in your prayers especially those that may be sick or in distress.

This month we will be having both a second and third degree. While you are not required to take these degrees they are given to help you learn more about what it means to be Knight. Each degree gives you more knowledge and helps you to be better prepared as a Knight. All first-degree members should take time to make these degrees and become Brother Knights in the third degree. It would also be very nice to see more Brother Knights come and support these men as they move forward as Knights of Columbus. I know that it has been a long time since many of you have taken these degrees and there have been some changes and you can sometimes pick up on some things that you might have missed while taking your own degrees. We are a fraternal organization and what better way to show these men how a fraternal organization works than to come support them as enter and advance through their degrees.

Vivat Jesus
 Art Gamotis
 Grand Knight

THE KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

This Brother has done many things for the Knights over the years from being Grand Knight here at E.D.W. to District deputy. He continues to be very active and played lead in putting on a very successful pancake breakfast at St. Ann Parish and is looking to do more in the future. He has been around to help guide the Council with his knowledge and experience from having been in these offices and continues to show us how to be a good Knight of Columbus. Please join me and congratulate PGK Rick Vranesh for being Knight of the month for March.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

This month's family has been with us for many years and has given much of themselves both at the council and at St. James. They are still as active as ever and always willing to help where needed. Bernard and Margaret Edwartoski have always shown what it means to be a good Catholic family. Please take a moment to congratulate Bernie and Margaret for being the family of the month for March.

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.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dues: I am happy to report that dues payments have been rolling in record numbers. I want to thank everyone for paying in such a timely fashion. For those of you who may have misplaced their notice, dues are \$110 for Regular Members, \$55 for Honorary Members and \$40 for Honorary Life Members. Checks can be mailed to the attention of the Financial Secretary at the Council address.

Second Notices: Second dues notices will be sent out in March. I am purposely sending them out at this time, so that members who have not yet paid will get a "double whammy" in the mailbox when the first quarter dues notices follow just a couple of weeks later. I hope that by timing the mailings correctly, EDW's delinquency rate will continue to decline even further than it has.

Charity: As I've processed the dues collection, I find myself amazed at the generosity of our members. A good number of our members contribute well above and beyond their dues obligation for the Penny a Knight a Day Fund (PKD), for charity and to support the building fund. Thank you to everyone who has gone above and beyond your basic dues responsibility. Every little bit helps.

Looming Costs to Keep the EDW Property Viable: In this month's Knight Life, you will find an article prepared by the President of the Columbus Club concerning the projected costs to fix a number of problems on the property and help keep EDW viable. The number is somewhat staggering and approaches \$600,000.00. I assure you that these expenses are well justified and are "must haves" in order to ensure the operation of our property for years to come...but this is money that we don't have! Over the coming months, the Council Officers and Columbus Club Board of Directors will begin to layout a plan to raise funds and address these very significant costs. Whatever that plan will be is yet to be seen, but I encourage you to patronize EDW whenever possible, participate in future fund raising activities and generously give to the building fund whenever possible. EDW is special. Let's work together to keep it as a landmark Council!

Death Notices: I have continued to observe that member deaths are still not being reported to me. Please make your family members aware that they should contact me to report a death and I will ensure a notice is published in the Washington Post. Additionally, members are asked to advise me of the deaths of their friends- even if the death is not reported timely- so that I can ensure that our membership records are up to date.

Modernization: I am beginning a "modernization project" to bring EDW's record keeping process into the 21st Century. Over the coming two months, I hope to complete the Council's transition to a commercial accounting software system (the same system already being used by the Columbus Club). In this process, I intend to conduct a membership audit to ensure that our member lists reconcile with the list maintained by Supreme. These initiatives should serve our members well for years to come.

God Bless,

Jerry Garren, PGK
Financial Secretary

RETIREES' CORNER

March 2006

Jerry Kornieck

703-356-3038 or jeromeak@juno.com

Your birthdays & anniversaries are from the Retiree's registration on Wednesday mornings.

Members' Birthdays

Bob Brown, Sam A. Capitano, Jim Conrad, Eugene F. Gallagher, and Joseph Youdell

Wives' Birthdays

Rosemarie Bruno, Jacqueline Kelliher, Betty Kornieck, Catherine Lillis, Pat Muschamp, Penny Pace, and Phyllis Puglisi

Widows' Birthdays

Jackie Benson, Isabella M Cavanaugh, June E. Seroskie.

Anniversaries

Mary & Russell Martin, Penny & Tom Pace, and Maryabelle & Michael Stroff.

Prayer Requests

Frank Brew, Bob Brown, Jamie Cain & VinceManzella

Information

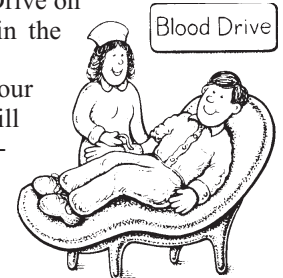
Regarding the year 2005, a senior at WVU was over heard saying, "When the end of the world comes, I hope to be in West Virginia." When asked why, he stated that everything happens here 20 years later

Remember us all in your prayers.

BLOOD DRIVE ON MARCH 19

The approach of spring is one of those events in life that gets the old blood pumping again. Speaking of blood pumping we will again be having a Blood Drive on Sunday March 19th from 9:30-2:00 in the lower lounge.

Please stop by, give an hour of your time and a pint of your blood. It will help out our brother Knights and others should the need arise.



NOW HIRING FOR SUMMER DAY CAMP

Stephanie Kingree

We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated people. We have positions open for Camp Counselors, Arts and Crafts Coordinator, Sports Coordinator, Extend Day Coordinator, and Special Events Coordinator.

The Camp will be offering swimming lessons this year. We are looking for Certified Swim Instructors to work in the morning hours.

If you are interested in any of the available positions please contact Stephanie Kingree at 703/538-CAMP (2267) or via e-mail at koccamp@comcast.net.

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

By Bill Johnson

Brother Knights, here is an interesting article from Fr. Richard John Neuhaus, publisher of the *First Things* journal:

If It Can Be Done It Will Be Done. That is the motto of those who are eager to take us into Huxley's brave new world, and beyond. If it can be done it must be done, is the argument of such as Ray Kurzweil who writes of "the Singularity," the impending moment in which technology takes over from nature in the evolution of the human species. At this preliminary point we are still arguing about issues such as the creation and exploitation of embryonic stem cells, but Robert George of Princeton, a frequent contributor to these pages and member of the President's Council on Bioethics, says the post-humanists have bigger things in mind. Witness their coolness to the breakthrough that permits the production of embryonic-type stem cells that can do everything that embryonic stem cells do but do so without creating or destroying a human embryo. Not to mention their indifference to the fact that, while adult and umbilical-cord stem cells are being used in the treatment of many diseases, there is not even one embryonic stem cell therapy even in clinical trials. So what do the scientific post-humanists really want? They want, says George, to move beyond embryos to fetuses. With "fetal farming," they will be able to exploit and destroy unborn children at will. New Jersey already permits this, and is urging other states to follow its lead. Robert George writes: "So we find ourselves at a critical juncture. On the one hand, techniques for obtaining pluripotent stem cells without destroying embryos will, it appears, soon eliminate any plausible argument for killing pre-implantation embryos. This is great news. On the other hand, these developments have, if I am correct, smoked out the true objectives of at least some who have been leading the charge for embryonic stem cell research. Things cannot remain as they are. The battle over embryonic stem cell research will determine whether we as a people move in the direction of restoring our sanctity of life ethic, or go in precisely the opposite direction. Either we will protect embryonic human life more fully than we do now, or we will begin creating human beings precisely as 'organ factories.' Those of us on the pro-life side must take the measure of the problem quickly so that we can develop and begin implementing a strategy that takes the nation in the honorable direction." *First Things*, "While we're at it," December, 2005

"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

KOVAR WEEKEND 2006

Jim Walsh-KOVAR Chairman

The purposes of our annual KOVAR endeavor are to collect money but also to show the public that we CARE for those less fortunate than many of us.

Next month I will list the store locations and respective captains where we will collect during KOVAR weekend (April 20 through 23). We will need retirees during the day starting at 9:00AM on Thursday and Friday. The collection period runs to 9:00PM Thursday and Friday evenings and all day Saturday and Sunday. Shifts per person should be no more than 2 hours at a time.

I would like to encourage families to take part. My wife and I along with my two sons, nephews and nieces have collected together for several years.

Jerry Garren mentioned in his December Knight Life article that federal employees or members of the military who participate in the CFC can contribute to KOVAR (code 5426). EDW can take credit for your contribution if you mail a photocopy of your CFC election form to Jerry at the Council.

Remember to reserve the weekend of April 23-26 for this great charity endeavor.

PICTURES FOR SCRAPBOOK NEEDED!

Sy Rogeux

We need pictures taken at any of the activities during the 2005-06 fraternal year for the scrapbook. This scrapbook needs to be done in mid-April so it can be brought to the state convention in May.

You may leave any contributions in the envelope on the mantle in the Council Home bar or you may give them to Sy Rogeux. Any questions please call me at 703 379 9324.

Thank you very much for your help with the scrapbook.

Celebrate 
St. Patty's Day
With Us!



LADIES U-KNIGHTED NEWS

Jo Balsamo Wood

Greetings!!! Happy St. Patrick's Day to all. After three years, I am happy to announce that the ladies bathroom at the Old Council Home is finally complete. Thanks to Sarah Heber (our new Ladies U-Knighted member) and brother Knight John Galcius. All we had to do was discuss the project at the February meeting and Sarah volunteered to "get it done." Once again, thanks for your great attitude and hard work.

Our Ladies U-Knighted meeting took place on February 2 (Ground Hog day). Our membership drive is paying off. We have three new members. Along with Sarah Heber, we want to welcome new members Karen Lee and Kathy Haag. Looking forward to working together and having fun!

This month, we are having a clothing drive as our charitable event. Please reach in your closet to see if you have any clothes that no longer fit or you no longer wear. If you do, please bring them down to the Old Council Home, where you will find a collection box. We will accept clean clothes in good condition. All clothing will be donated to area shelters. Please be generous.

Easter is just around the corner! Ladies U-Knighted wants to help you spend more time with your loved ones and less time making Easter baskets. Due to its success in recent years, we decided to once again make and sell Easter baskets filled with goodies. Please contact Nanette O'Neill at 703-237-1791 for information and to place an order. Deadline for orders is April 1.

Calling all Ladies! Looking for new members! 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. You could stop by the Old Council Home before the meeting and have a delicious Spaghetti dinner.

Lastly, I ask that you say a special prayer for Marijo and Thom Galvin and family. Marijo recently lost her mom after a long illness.

The next Ladies U-Knighted meeting is March 2 at 7:30.

500 CLUB

Ken Goss, Jr., PGK

Due to a communication breakdown (it's always the same) January results

did not make it into last month's Knight Life. January and February results are shown below.

Jan 2006

| | | |
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| 451 | Martin Fay | |
| 381 | Margaret Kemp | |
| 125 | Vince Long | |
| 415 | James Deely | |
| 264 | George Koerner | Big winner |

Feb 2006

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| 064 | PGK Kenny Goss Jr | |
| 005 | William Olcheski | |
| 314 | Charles Diamondson | |
| 210 | Helen Bromley | |
| 239 | William Fleming | Big Winner |

Thank you for your continued support. Contact me if you are interested in purchasing a number.

CLOTHING DRIVE



Do you have any clothes that you no longer wear? Please donate used clothing (in good condition) to the Ladies U-Knighted clothing drive. A collection box is located at the Old Council Home. Donations will be given to area shelters.



Easter Basket Sale



Order your baskets today!

Call Nanette O'Neill at 703-237-1791



Sponsored by Ladies U-Knighted. Proceeds from sales will be used to refurbish the Old Council Home.

KOC SUMMER FUN CAMP 2006

Winter Update – 1/30/06

Please welcome with us a new **Camp Director, Stephanie Kingree** for this years “*Summer Fun Camp.*” Our camp director from last year, Meghan Ward will be spending her summer traveling abroad. Stephanie Kingree is a graduate of American University with a Bachelors of Arts in History. She has worked with the Girl Scouts in Arlington for over ten years including director of the Summer Day Camp. She has four daughters; a 9th grader at Yorktown High School, a 6th grader at Williamsburg Middle School and a 5th and 2nd grader at Jamestown Elementary School. Stephanie has taught at Yorktown High School for the last five years. Meghan and Stephanie have been and will continue to work together over the next several months in order to ensure a smooth transition.

We are growing and one of our main goals is to ensure that your child(ren) have a great summer and at the same time to ensure camper safety and well-being. We have received back your completed surveys, we heard your concerns/suggestions, and we would like to “Thank you” for the valuable information. Stephanie and Meghan are taking all the surveys into account while planning for the upcoming camp season. We randomly drew five names to win a pass worth one month free Super Club. Congratulations to Danny Zito, Kelli Corts, Yadisa Sotu, Dyanna Gerber and MaryBeth Galvin. We are committed to making our camp work for you. Here are just some of the changes now in place:

- **New Ages for Campers** – We will open all of our sessions for children ages 5-10.
- **Weekly Camp Sessions** – This camp season we will offer ten one-week sessions. The sessions will run from June 12th through August 18th.
- **Extended Day Pool** – Swimming will still be available during the afternoon session in addition to the regular morning swim.
- **Swimming lessons**- Professional certified swim lessons will be offered through U.S. Aquatics for an additional charge

that will be made payable to the U.S. Aquatics employees. All scheduling will be coordinated through the Camp Director Office.

- **Special Events each week**– This Camp season each week will have a special theme or event that will be taking place along with the camps regular activities.

- **End of the Summer Barbeque Party** – There was an overwhelming response to missing the end of the year Barbeque. This year we will have one gigantic party at the conclusion of the last session of the summer. We heard you and now this summer barbeque party will be made available to any camper who attends any camp session and will be held at the conclusion of the camp season.

- **More Information Sent Home** – We had a lot of response asking for more communication between camp staff and parents. This year we will be more than glad to keep you up-to-date on your child (ren)’s daily activities. And please feel free to stop by and enjoy lunch or any other part of your child’s day with us.

- **Our Rates** – We *are not raising the rates* of our Summer Fun Camp this year; each session will remain \$165.00. Our extended day rates have increased slightly to \$40.00 per session. We will still offer Knight of Columbus members and siblings 10% discounts.

- **Knights of Columbus Website** – We are currently working on reconstructing and updating our website to make it more user-friendly. We hope to have it up and running soon so that parents can access more information about the summer camp program.

We have two set dates for walk-in registration. Set your calendars for one of these dates: **Saturday March 4th from 10:00 - 2:00 or Saturday March 18th from 10:00 – 2:00 @ the KOC Banquet Hall.** We look forward to a great 2006 summer with all the children. Please call us with any further questions and to sign up for the weekly sessions. Please call 703-536-9656, option #4 or e-mail us at kofccamp@comcast.net



UPDATE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL HOME

Owen Beirne Jr. President, Columbus Club of Arlington, Inc.

Over the past couple of months, we have been updating you on the Capital Improvements that are required to be made to our Council Home. These improvements are not luxuries items but basic maintenance items required to be performed periodically to any home. We are no longer in a position to ignore them or apply band aid repairs. Failure to effect these repairs will simply be neglecting our home.

Tom Hazzard, our current VP and Chairmen of the Capital Improvement Committee, has been obtaining estimates from the various trades. Several of the trades have already submitted final bids. Tom's professional experience is in the design and construction of large scale custom homes which we feel makes him best qualified to oversee this project.

His committee has formulated a cost budget for the required improvements, currently estimated at \$195,000. We have included this budget for your review in this Knight Life.

Now, the question becomes- *How do we fund these improvements?*

1. As recently suggested by an active member, simply abandon the home.
2. Take out a loan to finance the improvements
3. Increase the dues to cover the cost
4. Do a special assessment to all the members
5. Do a combination of the above.

For financing advice we have tapped into Jim Nelson, a long standing member of the KOC. Jim is a Senior Vice President and Relationship Manager for Potomac Bank in VA. Jim works with both business and professional clients to help them implement business plans through cash management, loans for expansion and acquisition, lines of credit, etc. He has more than 20 years of banking experience in small business and consumer lending. Previously, he was with Sequoia Bank. Jim was very involved when we renovated the Banquet Hall back in 2000 and again it was his bank that did the financing. Jim and Potomac Bank have been good friends

Our current loan with Potomac Bank of Virginal is about \$75k, maturity date 12/10/2209, 5 year note (60 months-34 months remaining) @ 7.00%, original amount \$100,800.

Jim's recommendation is that we should submit for a new \$200K loan for the capital improvements and leave the cur-

rent loan in place with 34 months remaining. We then would have a new loan of \$200k @ 7.75%. The approximate monthly P&I payment would be about \$4,031 for a 5 year note or \$3,100 for a 7 year note. This would be a note/loan that we could draw down as needed as improvements are to be paid for and there would be no prepayment penalty. Our goal would be to obtain the financing now so that the improvements can be done, and then to quickly reduce the debt by implementing a special assessment and/or a dues increase, and/or have a building fund raiser in the summer.

Another thought for the payment of the improvements could be to allow someone to contribute a sizeable donation on behalf of a member so that his name or their family name could be associated with the Council Home name. For example "The John Smith Council Home"

As the board of directors, we are Individuals elected by the membership of the KOC to oversee the management of the corporation, and assume legal responsibility for corporate activities. The primary responsibility of the Board of Directors is to protect the members' assets. To this charge we are ready to present our findings to the membership so that a decision can be made. Does the Home get demolished, or do we abandon the Home and close it, or do we all agree to our fiduciary responsibility as members of the KOC and agree on the appropriate funding method.

We are targeting April or May of this year to begin the improvements. We will provide completed bids, cost and financing information. The membership commitment and approval of this project will be the final factor on moving forward.

So now, our membership is at a crossroads and decisions need to be made. We welcome your feedback and comments. All comments are appreciated and will be considered... Please visit the EDW website at www.kofcedw2473.org for a link where you will find a Capital Improvements page with a link for E-mailing ideas and comments. If you do not have a computer, please drop off your comments at the main office. In this Knight Life we are notifying you about the day and time of the special meeting to decide this issue, which will be April 6, 2006

Columbus Club of Arlington, Inc.

Proposed Capital Improvement Budget Year 2006
Council Home (CH), Banquet Hall (BH)



| Improvement | Budget 2006 |
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| (CH) Roof Replacement | \$120,000 |
| (CH) Painting - Exterior and both outside porches and interior (front two rooms, foyer, second floor landing) | \$28,000 |
| (CH) Electrical Interior | \$10,000 |
| (CH) Flooring - Hallway from back room, entire bar, & front two rooms | \$10,000 |
| (CH) Outside Lighting | \$5,000 |
| (CH) Carpentry Exterior - Double Porch | \$5,000 |
| (CH) Carpentry Exterior - Covered Porch | \$3,000 |
| Reserves (for cost over runs due to Building age) | \$14,000 |
| Total Cost | \$195,000 |
| | |
| Total New Loan | \$195,000 |

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

Team Game: Dhiren Ghosh, Shuba Dey,

V.S. Sharma and Jay Kelkar

Mickey Hughes and Steven Reed (2)

Ken Davis and Bruce Houston

Shuba Dey and Jay Kelkar

Edwin Brawn and Jeff Roman

Jay Kelkar and Debnarayan Dhar

299er Game

John & Catharine Fisher

Chuick Kasten and Ellie Clark (2)

George Green and Ednamae Trevey

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 reinvigorate the council advertising. I will turn over all of the necessary back ground 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.

VENTURING CREW 2473 HAS A WEBSITE

Carl Stout

The Knights of Columbus EDW Council 2473 has its own website. We've been working on it for a month or so and there are some pages under construction. The address is www.venturing.org/va/crews/2473. We're improving on it every day. Please come find out more about us.

GOLF CLUB MEETING AND 2006 PLAYING SCHEDULE

By Paul J. Kemp

There will be an organizational meeting for the Knights of Columbus Golf Club in the Old Council Home on Saturday, March 11, 2006, at 11:30 AM. All members are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing, among other things, the courses to be played this year (appearing below) and solicit your comments and ideas on them and other matters.

The Golf Club is open to new members, so please invite your friends and acquaintances who might like to join us on our golf outings. For those who might think, quite reasonably I suppose, that everything is becoming more expensive, be advised that our Golf Club takes an opposite tack. We are going down from \$35 per year to the mere pittance of \$30, and that includes our end of year banquet, so the bargain gets better!

Our Treasurer, Roger Furey, will accept your dues at the meeting, or you can send a check to him at 6543 Hitt Avenue, McLean, Va. 22101-4654. After the meeting the usual delicious luncheon refreshments will be served.

Knights of Columbus / NVGA / Elks Combined Golf Club Schedule for 2006:

| DATE | COURSE | INCLUDES | TEE TIME |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| April 3 | Penderbrook | Food | 12:00 |
| April 17 | Westpark | | 9:00 |
| May 1 | Goose Creek | Range balls | 9:00 |
| May 15 | Reston National | | 8:30 |
| May 21-24 | Pinehurst, NC | Contact Tom Bailey 703-538-2622 | |
| June 12 | Forest Greens | | 9:00 |
| June 26 | Shenandoah Valley | | 9:00 |
| July 10 | South Riding | | 9:00 |
| July 12-14 | Shenvallee | Contact Tom Bailey | |
| July 24 | Bowling Green So. | Food | 9:00 |
| August 7 | Virginia Oaks | | 8:30 |
| August 22-24 | Carroll Valley | Contact Tom Bailey | |
| August 28 | Twin Lakes | | 9:00 |
| Sept. 11 | Reston National | | 8:30 |
| Sept. 20-22 | Shenvallee | Contact Tom Bailey | |
| Oct. 2 | Shenandoah Valley | | 9:00 |
| Oct. 16 | Bristow Mano | | 9:00 |
| Oct. 30 | Penderbrook | Food | 12:00 |

NOTES: 1. All single day outings are on Monday, at \$35 each, and are shotgun starts. K of C members or guests should call Tom Wilson or other contact listed below by Thursday the week before the outing. Indicate you are a K of C golfer at sign in.

2. Contact people are Tom Wilson, 703-532-8986; Jack Sinclair, 703-370-2652; Larry O'Brien, 703-978-5651; Paul Kemp, 703-536-4869.

THE HISTORY PROJECT

John M. White
Parish Priest
By **Douglas Brinkley**
Julie Fenster

Book Signing at EDW

It is a great honor to be able to welcome Douglas Brinkley to Edward Douglass White for a book-signing event. Parish Priest, as of February 19, is number 29 on the New York Times non-fiction bestseller list.

Please visit our Web site for date and time at www.kofcedw2473.org

“Father McGivney’s vision remains as relevant as ever in the changed circumstances of today’s church and society.”
— Pope John Paul II

“Michael McGivney had an understanding of them all: the fathers, the mothers, the children, an everyday trinity more fragile in modern life than anyone else seemed to realize.” – Parish Priest

Douglas Brinkley is a renowned New York Times bestselling author for *The Boys of Pointe Du Hoc*, and *Tour of Duty: John Kerry and the Vietnam War*. Brinkley has authored award-winning biographies of Jimmy Carter, Franklin Roosevelt, Dean Acheson, Rosa Parks and James Forrestal. He also edited Jack Kerouac’s diaries, amongst numerous other works. He has now turned his efforts to the founder of the Knights of Columbus, and candidate for sainthood, Father Michael McGivney.

Brinkley and Julie Fenster were intrigued while during the height of the pedophilia scandals they heard of a parish priest who truly knew what the priestly vocation was meant to be. Fr. McGivney is a reminder to us of the goodness of the vast majority of our modern parish priests who strive to serve our parishes with love and devotion.

This is a very exciting time for the council. We have a unique opportunity to have at Reserve Hill this distinguished author; and I sincerely hope that you and your family will be able to join us in strong numbers to support EDW and this book. Parish Priest will be available for purchase during the book signing.

We will be inviting our own parish priests and Bishop Loverde to the event, as well as the general public and the media. A large turnout of EDW members will go far to encourage future events of this caliber.



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NEW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY BREAKFAST

Sunday March 19, 2006-Main Hall

Serving 9:00AM-Noon

Adults \$6.75
Children 10 and under \$4.00

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| Eggs | Potato Casserole |
| Sausage Links | French Toast |
| Bacon | Pancakes |
| Corned Beef Hash | Grits |
| Chipped Beef | Scrapple |
| Sausage Gravy | Fried Apples |
| Biscuits | Ham |
| Home Fries | Citrus Salad |
| Mini Danish | |

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY BUFFET

Sunday March 5-Main Hall

2:00-5:00PM

All You Care to Eat
Adults \$8.75
Children 10 and under \$5.00

Baked Chicken
Top Sirloin w/ Aujus
Baked Cod
K of C's Own Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli Medley
Succatash
Salad Bar-Soups
Assorted Pies and Cakes

NEW DINNER NIGHT OPTION IN THE COUNCIL HOME

Beginning Wednesday March 8th we will offer a hot roast beef sandwich with tossed salad and real redskin mashed potatoes in the Council Home. You can have this dinner for just \$7.25 per person. If you prefer just the sandwich the cost is \$5.00 per person.

This Council Home dinner will be offered every other Wednesday from 6:30-9:00. No reservations necessary!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB LENTEN MENU

March 3, 10, 24, 31

All You Care To Eat Buffet

Only \$12.50 (plus tax) per person

Broiled Crab Cakes
Seafood Newburg
Fried Shrimp
Fried Scallops
Lemon Pepper Broiled Cod
Vegetable Lasagna
Spiced Shrimp
Stewed Tomatoes
Steamed Broccoli
Redskin Mashed Potatoes
Peas and Pearl Onions
Salad Bar-Fresh Baked Desserts-Soups



Here's a Birthday Gift for You!

**MEMBERS OF
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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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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 1 Retirees 11:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday | 2 CH Spaghetti Dinner 6:30 Council/Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. Ladies U-Knighted 7:30 p.m. | 3 Supper Club MH 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | 4 CH Steak Dinner 6:30-9:00 |
| 5 Family Buffet MH 2:00 -5:00 | 6 Bridge 7:00 p.m. | 7 CH Burger/Beer Night 6:00-9:00 p.m. | 8 Retirees 11:00 a.m. CH Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Nite 6:30 - 9:00 | 9 Officers & Chairmen 7:30 p.m. | 10 Supper Club MH 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | 11 Golf Club Org. Mtg 11:30 CH Steak Dinner 6:30-9:00 |
| 12 | 13 Bridge 7:00 p.m. KnightLife Deadline | 14 CH Burger/Beer Night 6:00-9:00 p.m. | 15 Retirees 11:00 a.m. | 16 CH Spaghetti Dinner 6:30-9:00 Council Meeting/Second Degree 7:30 p.m. | 17 37th AOH/EDW St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance 6:00 p.m.Start No Supper Club | 18 CH Steak Dinner 6:30-9:00 |
| 19 Blood Drive LL 9:30 - 2:00 New Family Breakfast 9:00 a.m. - Noon Book Signing (See article) | 20 Bridge 7:00 p.m. Spring Begins | 21 CH Burger/Beer Night 6:00-9:00 p.m. Columbus Club Officers Mtg | 22 Retirees 11:00 a.m. CH Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Nite 6:30 - 9:00 | 23 Fish Club CH 7:30 p.m. | 24 Supper Club MH 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | 25 CH Steak Dinner 6:30-9:00 |
| 26 3rd Degree MH | 27 Fourth Degree 6:45 p.m. Bridge 7:00 p.m. | 28 CH Burger/Beer Night 6:00-9:00 p.m. | 29 | 30 CH Spaghetti Dinner 6:30-9:00 | 31 Supper Club MH 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | |

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