SEPTEMBER 2006

Edward Douglass White Council No. 2473

Number 3

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

4th	Labor Day BBQ/Picnic	Noon-6:00PM			
7^{th}	Council/Club Meetings	7:30 (Paradise Lounge)			
	Ladies U-Knighted Meeting	7:30 (Council Home)			
9^{th}	End of Season Pool Party	Noon-8:00PM (Grounds)			
11^{th}	Golf-Reston National	8:30AM			
14^{th}	Officers/Chairmen	7:00 PM (Council Home)			
15^{th}	Supper Club-Spiced Shrimp	6:30			
	(Cou	ncil Home, reservations)			
16^{th}	Halfway to St Paddy's Day	Dinner/Dance AOH/Club			
	6:30 Start	(Main Hall, reservations)			
17th	Family Breakfast	9:00 - Noon			
$17^{\rm th}$	Blood Drive 9:30	-2:00 (Paradise Lounge)			
19^{th}	Club Board Meeting (Open)	CH Meeting Room			
20 th -22 nd Golf-Shenvallee Road Trip					
$21^{\rm st}$	Council Meeting-First Degree	7:30 (Paradise Lounge)			
25^{th}	Fourth Degree	6:45 (Paradise Lounge)			
29^{th}	Return of Supper Club (Buffe	et) 6:30			
	(Main Hall, reservations)			

Every Sunday CH Game Day Specials (See Lindy's Article)

EveryTuesdayCH Burger Night6:30PMEveryWednesdayRetirees11:00AMEveryThursdayCH Roast Beef Sandwich Night6:30EverySaturdayCH Steak Dinner Night6:30

THANKSGIVING DAY CHARITY MEAL DONATIONS NEEDED!!

Sam Starr

Since 1985, we have served over 14,000 Thanksgiving Day charity meals to the poor, elderly, needy and the home-alone. At our first Thanksgiving event, we bough more turkeys (40) than actually served (25). We are now up to 75 turkeys, some of them donated and many purchased by our Council. The total cost of our Thanksgiving Day meal continues to increase as the popularity of the event grows. This coming Thanksgiving, we anticipate an even greater demand, and the overall cost of the event will naturally increase. Therefore, we need your financial support again to fund this charitable event. If you can help with a contribution, please send your check to:

K of C

Attention: Thanksgiving Fund

5115 Little Falls Road Arlington, VA 22207

Please make your checks payable to: K of C EDW #2473—Thanksgiving Fund. Thanks for your charity and God bless you for your past and continued support!

RECRUIT A FRIEND; FIRST DEGREE SEPTEMBER 21

Most of us have a friend, co-worker, or family member that is a potential Knight. For many men all that's needed is an invitation, or the knowledge that they'll have a friend to support them through those first steps of Knighthood.

EDW is having a Thursday night First Degree initiation ceremony on September 21st, 2006. Please consider sponsoring a candidate. Our unique Council depends on an active and growing membership to carry out our Knightly work. If you do plan on bringing a candidate to this September initiation, please contact the New Membership Chairman, AJ Valinote at (703) 237-2977, or membership@kofcedw2473.org. There's more information online at http://www.kofcedw2473.org/council/join.html

OFFICIAL KICK-OFF OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The EDW capital fundraising campaign **CHARTING THE FUTURE**, will officially kick off on Labor Day. As many of you know, EDW has deferred capital repairs and improvements for a number of years. This is the result of our depending on a dues structure of \$100 per year- an amount that is totally inadequate to maintain our facilities. As an example, we just spent \$90,000 to repair the roof on the Council Home-or we would have risked serious water damage to the structure.

In order to address the ongoing financial needs of EDW, we are asking Council members and friends to do two things. First, make an annual contribution in addition to the \$100 membership dues. Second, make a direct contribution or pledge over a number of years to the Capital Campaign.

All contributions are totally voluntary but we ask you to be as generous as possible. We will be sending you materials and updates on a regular basis.

During the summer months, a large number of members (and non-members) voluntarily made significant financial contributions to give the campaign a head start. 28 individuals made cash contributions in excess of \$26,000. We are asking all members to join in making an early contribution. The names of these charter members and others who contribute by September 12 will be listed in next month's Knight Life.

Please make checks out to EDW Capital Campaign and send them directly to the Council Office. Thank you for your generosity.

Capital Campaign EDW Council 2473 5115 Little Falls Rd. Arlington, VA 22207-1899

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brothers,

We are now closing another summer season at EDW Council. I hope this was a fun summer for all of you and your families.

I recently had the opportunity to see some photos taken (circa 1950's) of the pool area of EDW back then. These photos look very similar to what it looks like today (minus the bathing caps!). The pool was full of families having fun in the sun. This brings up the legacy of the facilities that are available to members and their families at EDW Council.

It is our job to ensure that all of our facilities will be available for future generations. So I want to remind everyone that we are still encouraging our members or friends to get involved by contributing to the Capital Campaign Fund.

Another very easy way for members to help with the maintenance and improvements of the Council grounds is to join in the 500 Club drawings. All the proceeds from the drawings go to the building fund. There are still plenty of numbers available. I would like to see if we can get all or most of the numbers in service. This is an easy and inexpensive way for members to support the Council and have a chance to win at the same time. Kenny Goss will be happy to help you select a number.

As you know, we are a charitable organization first. We have many programs here that help us facilitate our work in this organization. There are two very important and essential programs that are in dire need of volunteers. One is the Degree Teams and the other is the Red Coats. When there are many members helping, it makes the work light for all. We are now relying on fewer members to fulfill these obligations, so please contact Leo Maimone for a starting position on one of the Degree Teams or Bob Muschamp to be a part of one of the Red Coat Teams. I'd like to see all the new First Degree members (you know who you are) to get involved. This is a great way to get started as new members of the Council.

Hope you enjoy the rest of the summer. We will be looking for you around the grounds and at all of the upcoming Council events.

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.

Neil Campbell
Marie Cotte
Mrs. Peggy DiNunzio
Eleanor Dougherty
Fr. Louis Gagnard
Ann Herrick
Claude R. Jenkins

Mrs. John Kramer Ian McGowan Paul O'Brien Gene Rutherford, PGK Eleanor Sajeski Donald A. Thibeault



2006 NORTHERN VIRGINIA BUDDY WALK

The first lesson we learn as a Knight is about charity. Make steps for a brighter tomorrow by taking part in the 2006 Northern Virginia Buddy Walk sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia (DSANV). This event will take place on Saturday October 14, 2006. By participating in the Buddy Walk you will help make the difference in the lives of individuals with Down syndrome. Each step taken and dollar raised will help provide important services that enhance the quality of life for individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

The event will take place at the Fairfax Government Center Ellipse and runs from 10:00AM-2:00PM. The Buddy Walk needs volunteers to make the event successful. The day includes a ¼ mile walk followed by a festival where over 1500 people will enjoy live entertainment, moon bounce, exhibits, trained agility dogs, police helicopter, face painting, food vendors and much more! Help make the day great. If you wish to volunteer contact Lorraine Swaka at 703-621-7129 or email volunteer@dsanv.org. to learn more about volunteer opportunities. To lean more about this great event visit www.dsanv.org and click on Buddy Walk.

ATTENTION ALL YOU GHOSTS AND GOBLINS!

Save the date of Saturday October 28th for the Knights of Columbus children's Halloween Party. The party will starts at 2:00PM and goes to 4:00PM in the Paradise Lounge (lower lounge). Fun, games, prizes and eats. Come one, come all!!

BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

9:30-2:00PM

Please plan to participate in our September blood drive on the 17th in the Paradise (Lower) Lounge. Our area is experiencing an acute shortage of blood and we would ask that all Brother Knights who are in good health to consider making a donation to restock the blood bank.

This edition of Knight Life contains an excerpt from the Knight Life of October, 1950. That excerpt coincidentally has notice of a blood drive our council conducted that month. The Council Blood Bank was there for the mother of Brother Paul Lindren then and it is here for us 56 years later. However it will only exist as long as the Knights of today continue to donate.



INSURANCE AGENTS REPORT

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1: Nearly three fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4: One fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a financial professional. Consumers feel buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half of them find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision. Give me a call.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us on September 8 at 8:00AM for a shotgun start at the annual K of C golf tournament. We are playing a modified scramble at Twin Lakes. The cost is \$45. To sign up you can E-mail your foursome to jimsavarese@cox.net or sign the sheet at the Council Home. We are looking forward to seeing you on Friday, the eighth of September.

NFL TICKET ARE AT THE COUNCIL HOME

We will have the Sunday NFL Ticket for all NFL games which will have up to 14 out-of-market games every Sunday. We will have six TVs available – three in the bar, one in the Kelly room, and one each in the two front rooms. Food Specials will be served. See Lindy's article for more details.

No Council or Club funds were used to pay for NFL Ticket. Please see Jim Savarese if you wish to contribute to defray the cost.

COLUMBUS CLUB UPDATE

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

As the summer draws to a close I wanted to update everyone on the pool and the camp. The pool had its best year ever in pool membership revenue and we are way ahead of last year's pool admissions revenue. Final numbers will be in the October KL. I would to thank all those who took an active role in making this happen. From the Sticker's who installed all of the new shower curtains, to the cleanliness of the bathrooms, to all the members' kids who where lifeguards and who also cleaned up, to the Gibbs Family who keep the garden cleaned as you walk up the road to the pool and to all of you who helped support the joint. And lastly to our good friend and the MAIN MANAGER - Jan Klemsa "From the Czech Republic" who did an outstanding all job summer making sure the pool was clean and clear, but more importantly keep all the patrons happy. Good luck Jan with life, be safe as you travel back to your home in Europe – you always are welcome back any time! A year end survey will go out in Sept. for more feed back for the 2006 season.

Concession Stand and Pool Lounge - Thanks again to Mr. Clarke for another great season of pure fun on the campus grounds. You did a great job, as always and you are the MAN! However, behind the scenes and as acting manager during the week from 10am to 5pm everyday was Rachel Bare, another member's daughter, who did an outstanding job. Rachel is recent graduate of Bishop O'Connell and will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall. Good Luck Rachel. And lastly to Dit Dittingher who worked that 5 to 8pm shift every Monday and Tuesday this summer in the pool lounge when we could find no one else.

The **Camp** had a great season as **Stephanie Kingree** lead the charge as our new first-time, now seasoned, Camp Director. She and her staff did a great job as this was a rebuilding year for sure, just like the Redskins! Joe Gibbs would be proud. Thanks Stephanie.

Thanks to **Betty Florence** for locking, unlocking, supplying, serving cold ones, and always being around (even though we told her to take off a day)

Thanks also to **Joann Chauncey** ("Where is your card or your money?") who stood or sat at that pool desk all summer, and I mean all summer to woman the desk. General Patton would have been proud. Last count, she applied 4,298 and ½ band aids. Thanks Joann, you were great!

New A/C Wall Units in Coucil Home

28000 BTU'S each! These are the BIG BOYS! These two units were ordered, delivered to the Home and installed in one day by Jimmy Schwind. His son Zack Schwind also helped with the delivery and the install. So now it is a "COOL" place to come and relax. Thank you very much Jimmy "the patriot man" and his son Zack.

New Encolusure for Loading Dock Dumpster Area

When the Camp opened, we needed to dress up the loading dock area so I asked around. **David and Jake Schwind** came in the next day and did the job in two days and it made a BIG difference. **Thanks David and Jake Schwind for a job that was critical and "getting it done"!**

DIRECTY @ The Council Home- Here comes the Sunday NFL Ticket!

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Capital Improvements (Council Home)- Per Tom Hazzard - VP

The roofing and gutter work on the Council Home is complete with the exception of the removal of the green antenna post. This should be removed by the end of the summer. Thanks again to Marty Koerner (M.G. Koerner Contracting) for applying the highest standards of workmanship on the repairs and roofing installation. In the spring we began accepting bids for the paint work and have recently selected a contractor. The painting is scheduled to start this month and should take three to four weeks to complete. Please bear with us as there is a lot of work to be performed on ladders and from a cherry-picker, so for the safety of the workers access to the Home will be limited at times.

Additionally, this month we'll be improving the safety of the home by installing smoke detectors and proper emergency exit signs as well as replacing many of the old switches and plugs and some of the interior and exterior light fixtures. Our final improvement in November will be to replace the flooring in several of the first floor rooms.

Thank you again for your patience and please make a point to come and enjoy our revitalized home this fall!

How is the new manager and what's going on?

Glad you asked! The good news is Lindy Casey is still with us! We did not run her off. She and her staff has been working hard to clean the buildings, keep up with the maintenance, execute on all parties that she never booked, and most importantly working on the marketing program and actively going after business to rent our halls. We are still in the process of forming a kitchen staff and chef, so please be patience as she tries to fill these critical positions. With such low unemployment in the area and with housing costs as they are it is not easy to fill these unique positions. Please welcome our newest addition to our office Ronnie Brown, Steve Brown's wife, who is helping out in the office part time with various projects as well as being the back office for the Capital Campaign Fund. She is a great resource.





LADIES U-KNIGHTED NEWS

Jo Balsamo Wood

Greetings! Labor Day is upon us and the summer is about over. Our Ladies U-Knighted meeting took place on Aug 4 and we are gearing up toward the fall. I would like to thank Tana Farrell for stepping up and running the last LUK meeting. Do we have a future president?

We had a few slow months, but once again, our membership drive is paying off. We would like to welcome our four newest members, **Julianne Aaron**, **Peggy Seldin**, **Janet Walsh**, and **Theresa Waddell**. Looking forward to working together and having fun!

On August 13, LUK held the Redskins Ticket Raffle. Working together with the Knights, Grand Knight, Dr. James Walthall drew the winning raffle ticket. Congratulations to Council Club President, Owen Beirne for winning four preseason tickets to see the Redskins beat the NY Jets on Saturday, Aug 19. Money raised from the raffle, as well as other moneymaking events, was used to purchase one of the air conditioners for the Old Council Home.

We now have dates for our Estate Sale — Saturday, Sep 16 (9:00 – 3:00) and Sunday, Sep 17 (12:00 – 3:00). We are looking for tax-free donations of furniture, lamps, paintings, mirrors, jewelry, upscale clothing, or knickknacks. We also will be selling table space for those that would like to come up and sell items. Table costs will be \$25 per table. All donations should be coordinated through Sarah Heber (hebersarah@hotmail.com) or at 703-927-4763. Please leave donations on the side porch of the Old Council Home, with your name, and address. We will send you a tax-free donation letter.

I just wanted to remind you to come by the Ladies U-Knighted table on Labor Day, where we will have something for everyone. We will be offering temporary tattoos and baked good items for children of all ages. We are selling Christmas ornaments and cookbooks. In addition, we have beautiful prints of the Old Council Home, painted by LUK Secretary, Meredith Dittmar.

Look for Kathi Daylor at the LUK table at the Annual Golf Tournament on September 8. She will be selling something that everyone could use – Mulligans. The cost will be two for \$5. Come on by and support LUK, while improving your golf score

LUK will be selling coffee and donuts, among other items at the Knights of Columbus Annual Car Show on Sunday, Oct 1. Please come by and start your day with us.

If anyone is interested in purchasing "How to Show You Know What You're Talking About! The Speakers Guide to Illustrative Anecdotes" by D. Jamison (Jamie) Cain, a long-time council member, please contact Susan Walthall at 703-241-5815.

We are looking for photos to be placed in a scrapbook for the Knights to take to the annual Knights of Columbus conference. Please contact Nancy Rougeux at 703-379-9324, if you have any photos you would like to contribute.

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 willing to help those in need, provide excellence in many activities, whether religious, charitable, or social, and have fun. Please stop by for a meeting, contact Jo Balsamo Wood at 703-263-1185 for more information, or check out our website at www.ladiesuknighted.com. You could stop by the Old Council Home before the meeting and have a delicious Spaghetti dinner.

Start putting on your thinking caps for a great Halloween costume. As you know, LUK sponsors an annual Halloween party. This year's party will be held at the Old Council Home on Saturday, Oct 28, with several prizes for costumes. See our ads in this month's Knight Life.

As we look toward the months ahead, Ladies U-Knighted will be sponsoring a Redskins tailgate party on November 12, for the Redskins – Eagles game.

Please visit the LUK website at www.ladiesuknighted.com for information on future events.

Please join Ladies U-Knighted in wishing Julianne Aaron (9/2), Theresa Waddell (9/18), Kathi Daylor (9/23), Aileen Onufrychuk (9/26) and Karen Lee (9/27) a very Happy Birthday. The next Ladies U-Knighted meeting is September 7 at 7:30.

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 master points. All members and guests are welcome.

The NVBA Sectional Tournament will be held here at the Knights the weekend of Sept 7 thru Sept 10. Events for all skill levels will be available on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., and all day on Friday thru Sunday. See you there.

Congratulations to all of last month's winners:

Open Game

Bruce Bucklinger and Steve Rothman Ken Davis and Bruce Houston Jeff Roman and Edwin Brawn Donald Brown and Elizabeth Parker Issa Dorri and Fran McNaught Steve Ivins and Jeff Kosnett John Ferman and Steve Swearingen Alan & Janet Breed

299er Game

Monica Shumann and Elizabeth Huffman (2)
Mike Lusick and Fred Adkins
Fred Adkins and Gary Grimsley
Gerard & Frances Brannon
Jean Rachner and Neal Cooper
Plyllis Kurle and Edith Kersey (2)

THE HISTORY PROJECT

John M. White



EDW STEIN

In 1870, George Nicholas Saegmuller arrived in the United States from Bavaria, via England. Shortly after arriving in Washington he met his bride and moved onto his wife's family property of Reserve Hill, he eventually expanded the property to include approximately 240 acres by 1911.

When the original house, that stood on or near where the mansion is now, burned in 1892 Saegmuller decided to build a stone mansion reminiscent of the Nuremberg castle along with some Southern American touches such as the portico. A desire to have running water, the first in then-Alexandria County, led him to replicate a tower found along the Nuremberg city wall. Saegmuller owned a German beer character stein designed in the shape of one of the towers, so he had the builders replicate as closely as possible the tower from his Nuremberg Castle tower stein.

The Reserve Hill Water Tower was built in 1896 according to the 'date stone' halfway up the tower on the west side.

The tower at the old Nuremberg Castle is still standing and open to tourists.

The Saegmuller stein is still in the possession of the family where it is treated as the family heirloom it rightfully is. In July, 2006, The History Project was able to track down a near identical stein from the same time period. Character steins in the 19th century, as well as now, were made out of molds, thus multiple copies were created. With the very kind generosity of 17 EDW brothers, ladies and friends we were able to purchase the stein; forever to be known as the **EDW Stein**. As part of the Council Home renovations a permanent and safe home will be found to display the **EDW Stein**.

From time to time other Nuremberg tower steins may become available on the open market. If you are interested in purchasing one for yourself or to donate/loan to EDW please contact The History Project and we will put you in contact with the sellers.

A new EDW tradition begins now: When a new EDW Grand Knight, and a new president of the Columbus Club of Arlington, assumes office, they will be permitted to have a ceremonial drink from the **EDW Stein**. This will be in honor of the great works that previous EDW generations have accomplished before us, and to show our desire that future generations carry on our work as members of the Knights of Columbus, Edward Douglass White Council 2473 located on Reserve Hill. Grand Knight James Walthall and Columbus Club of Arlington Owen Beirne will inaugurate the EDW Stein in September, 2006.

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

Bill Johnson

On January 17, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand Oregon's law permitting doctor-assisted suicide. The issues were, as is often the case, tangled, with the relation between federal and state jurisdiction very much in play. A deeply troubling aspect is that the court majority accepted assisted suicide as a form of medical care, while those in the minority vigorously protested that caring can never mean killing. Bishop Robert Vasa of Baker, Oregon, wrote a moving reflection on the Court's decision, which included this: "For the victims of Oregon's assisted-suicide law the world has become a place that they feel is not worth living in."

In the past, we would have seen this as a desperate cry for help, a sign of depression, a sign that the person needs help not to die but to live better. The Oregon Solution, however, removes any glimmer of hope and assures the person that their feelings of hopelessness, perhaps uselessness, and feelings of being a burden are all exactly right. So when the depressed person says, "I don't feel like I have any reason to continue living" Oregon says, "You know, you're right! There really is no reason for you to continue living." What a horrible thing to do to depressed, distressed, suffering, and even terminally ill persons.

The human spirit seeks meaning, grasps at hope, and Oregon takes these away. Clearly, sick and suffering people feel that their lives are meaningless. We can either affirm or deny meaning for them. One leads to life the other to suicide.

Life is meaningful and valuable. Suicide affirms hopelessness. In the past when someone complained of the intolerable burdens of life, someone might propose calling the doctor. Now if someone complains of the intolerable burdens of life, someone might propose that if they truly feel that way then maybe they should call the "Doctor." Instead of affirming the person's worth and value as a person, as a family member, and as a member of the human family, the feelings of despair are ratified as valid and acceptable. Then there is no genuine attempt to treat and terminate "the patient's attitude toward his unchangeable fate" but rather a termination of the patient.

I often tell people in distress, "Trust what you know, not what you feel." Terminally ill patients need assurances of what they know from experience. They need to know that their lives are valuable and worth living. They need to know that they are loved and esteemed and even needed. Every suicide, and especially an assisted suicide, represents a failure of the human community to affirm the meaning of a person's life. "Ask not for whom the bells toll."



GET POSTED (ON THE WEBSITE)

Over the past year, the Website has proven itself to be an effective tool. However, it can do more if we choose to use it. Using the Website to inform and promote can demonstrate better, to more members and non-members, that EDW is a vibrant and active Council.

If you are responsible for a Council event (such as a crab feast, holiday party, picnic, or book-signing) you are encouraged to use the Web as a tool for promotion. No special skills required. BUT, as the event owner **YOU** must take the lead. Just as you send a story to the Knight Life via the Editor, you should contact the Website via the Webmaster. To get your project online, here is what should happen:

- 1. Decide how to promote it. The Web is a more flexible, cheaper medium than the newsletter so you can do more than simply provide the date, location, and price. Even for regular events, don't assume everyone knows the drill. Think about it; most members haven't been to our events before.
- 2. Supply your content (story, fliers, etc.) to the Webmaster. This can be much earlier than the Knight Life if you're planning more than a month ahead.
- 3. The Webmaster will post your info and help design something nice if you would like.
- 4. After the event you can choose to post an update, such as "The Car Show was a huge success. Thanks to..." Otherwise, the post will be pulled down in the week or two afterwards.

If you are responsible for a regular event (such as 500 Club, Bridge, etc.) consider requesting a simple web page. Just submit the content including a description, details, contact information, and any ideas you might have.

The EDW Webmaster has a background in graphic design, Web design, and marketing and is willing to work with anyone interested fully promoting their events. Contact webmaster@kofcedw2473.org

Take the first step; reach more people and entice them to attend your next event.

Annual Car Show Knights of Columbus and NCRMC Sunday, October 1st, 2006 9:00 until 2:00

(Registration closes at 12:00)

All makes and models welcome!
Classes include stock and modified
Entrance fee for *judged* cars only - \$15.00
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END OF THE YEAR POOL PARTY

Saturday, September 9th, from Noon to 8pm

"IT'S THE LAST DAY TO SWIM"

This is the last big blow out of the season. We want to thank all of the 2006 members who made the pool such a great place to be all summer. The pool will not be open during the week as all kids will be in school. However, come that Saturday, it is the last hurrah!

The pool lounge will be open all day with a lot of events going on to celebrate. Bob Clarke will be serving up all the following great food beginning at 5:00 pm sharp. The cost will be - 3 years old & under – FREE, 12 and under - \$6, over 12 will be \$12. Free sodas will be for all. Adult beverages are at the same cost as usual.

- · Sliced beef barbeque
- · Pulled pork barbeque
- · Italian sausage (peppers, onions and marinara sauce)
- · Spiced Shrimp
- · Potato salad
- · Cole slaw,
- · Real barbeque beans
- · Soft drinks, beer and wine, and other surprises!

Attire: Hawaiian Dress

Lastly, "Dino Spumoni – World Famous Karaoke Star" will be appearing that night!!!!!!!!

K OF C GOLF CLUB

Spring 2006 Shenvallee Trip

Paul J. Kemp

The Shenvallee Memorial tournament in spring 2006 attracted 20 Knight golfers and friends to New Market, Va., on July 12 to July 14. On the first day we teed up at noon, as is usual, and played the entire 18 without any precipitation. On the second day our luck ran out. It rained on and off all day long, and after 18 holes of it certain of our number, wet and tired, quit the field. The sturdier folk, some would say more fanatic, soldiered on another 9 holes for a total of 27 in the rain. They deserve some kind of medal, at least for perseverance, if nothing else. The third day proved unremarkable, just a good day at the links, with beautiful mountain views, a good playing surface, and delightful summer breezes, typical Shenvallee.

The winners for the 18 holes played on the first day, July 12, appear below:

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A Group	Gross - Jack Sinclair	87	Net - Tom Fortkort	67
B Group	Gross - Tony Gallucio	89	Net - John Curtis	66
C Group	Gross - Paul Kemp	96	Net - Larry O'Brien	68
D Group	Gross - Fred Carmichael	104	Net - Jim Healy	67
Winners or	1 July 13 were:			
A Group	Gross - Jack Sinclair	85	Net - Brian Cooper	66
B Group	Gross - Tom Carmichael	90	Net - John Curtis	72
C Group	Gross - John Stockman	94	Net - Larry O'Brien	68
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Saturday September 16, 2006



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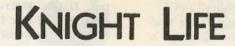
OUR BACK PAGES

The History Project, in association with Knight Life and www.kofcedw2473.org, begins an occasional series looking back at chronicles of our Knight Life and our council.

"Today's newspaper is tomorrow's fish wrap," except when only a few survive...

We are in the midst of creating an archive of Knight Life's on our acclaimed Web site. We have an assortment of the newsletter going back to 1950, with many gaps in dates.

If you have a collection of Knight Life's, even one, from days of old please contact us at history@kofcedw2473.org. We will be happy to return them to you as soon as we scan them into the computer. In short order you will be able to view a venerable collection on the archive section of www.kofcedw2473.org, in the meantime enjoy...!





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Arlington, Virginia

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Council Home Sold!

Tramonte Announces
Sale of Building

At a special meeting of the Columbus Club on September 21, Vince Tramonte announced the sale of the Council Home at the price authorized eariler this year. The Club will realize \$35,000 and will have 90 days (until December 8) to relinquish possession.

At the meeting Charlie Paradise was elected to fill the unexpired term of the Secretary, Joe Heil, who resigned. The President announced plans for the immediate erection of a new building and received the unarimous endorsement of the large number of members present. The Trustees were authorized to obligate funds of the Club for getting up detailed plans and supervision of construction by the architect.

President Tramonte has named a committee to locate new quarters for holding Council meetings during the period after we vacate our present site and completion of our new home. Other committees are being established on the premise that construction must be expedited at the most favorable cost obtainable.

The President also urged those men delegated to contact the membership for loans to speed up their work; such loans are still desirable for furnishing and equipping the building upon its completion.

Further meetings of the Columbus Club will be held regularly to keep the members informed of progress. All of us are asked to aid the Trustees. The many details involved in undertaking this program can only be met by the coordinated efforts of all.

BLOOD BANK

We are proud of the members, their families and friends who have donated blood and helped establish the Council Blood Bank. An honor roll chart will be posted at the Council Home shortly listing the names of the donors.

Our Grand Knight has set a goal of 150 pints for the Council. Thus far, less than 20 pints have been contributed. The urgent need for a substantial supply in the Bank was proved when Brother Paul Lindren's mother was rushed to the hospital and advised she needed an undetermined number of transfusions. The Grand Knight assured Paul that the necessary blood would be forthcoming from our supply. The amount of blood required is unknown; it is up to the members to back up the Grand Knight's assurance.

The Bloodmobile Unit will be at St. George's Church, North Nelson St., from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Monday, October 9, and Monday, October 30. The Committee again appeals to all brothers to assist in building our Bank



SEPTEMBER MEAL SPECIALS

Pasta Night at the Council Home on Thursday night is changing for the month of September. We will now be offering Roast Beef Sandwich with French Dip for \$5.00 with chips or \$6.00 with french fries.



Tuesday Night at the Council Home is **Burger Night** with \$5.00 Burgers served with french fries. Saturday Night at the Council Home is Steak Night with New York Strip Steak, Salad, Potato and Fresh Vegetable for \$12.50.



Wrap up your summer with our Annual **Labor Day Picnic** September 4, 12:00 noon until 6:00 P.M.

BBQ Chicken
Baby Back Ribs
Kielbasa
Sauer Kraut
Beef BBQ
Cole Slaw

Baked Beans Potato Chips

September Family Breakfast will be on Sunday September 17th from 9:00-Noon. Stop by before the Blood Drive.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL SPECIALS ARE BACK!

Sundays and Monday nights in the Council Home Bar, we will again be featuring delicious fare for football fans to enjoy. Be sure to be there for the first two hours of every game when we will be serving up old favorites and sure-to-be new favorites.

FRIDAY DINNER SPECIAL SCHEDULE

Friday, September 15, 2006, 6:30 p.m.

SUPPER CLUB AT THE COUNCIL HOME

Council Home Shrimp Night

\$13.00 per person includes Soup, Salad, Spiced Shrimp, and Dessert.

Reservations are recommended for everyone. Reservations for groups larger than four must be made by 3 p.m. that Friday. Walk-ins that do not have a reservation will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

IT'S BACK!

Supper Club returns on Friday, September 29, 2006 IN THE MAIN HALL.

Supper Club Buffet: \$12.50 per person or \$6.00 for Soup/Salad Bar includes:

Soup
Salad Bar Includes:
Soup
Salad Bar
Beef Stroganoff with noodles
Pork Tenderloin
Chicken Parmesan
Baked Cod in Lemon Butter
Red Skin Mashed Potatoes
Rice
Peas and Carrots
Dessert

Reservations would be appreciated by 5 p.m. the Thursday before in order to ensure that there will be an adequate amount of food prepared. Reservations, however, can be made until 1 p.m. Friday. The Supper Club Buffet will be held, regardless of the number of reservations. Walk-ins are welcome.

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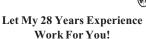
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3	Labor Day BBQ Noon - 6:00 p.m. No Bridge	5 CH Burger Night 6:00-9:00 p.m.	Retirees 11:00 a.m.	7 CH Roast Beef Sandwich Night 6:30 Council/Club Meetings 7:30 Ladies U-Knighted 7:30	8	CH Steak Dinner 6:30 End of season Pool Party Noon - 8:00 p.m.
10	11 Golf - Reston National Bridge 7:00 p.m.	12 CH Burger Night 6:00-9:00 p.m.	13 Retirees 11:00 a.m.	14 CH Roast Beef Sandwich Night 6:30 Officers/Chairmen 7:00 p.m.	Supper Club CH Spiced Shrimp 6:30	CH Steak Dinner 6:30 Half-way to St. Paddy's Day Dinner 6:30
Family Breakfast 9:00 a.m Noon Blood Drive 9:30 a.m 2:00 p.m.	Bridge 7:00 p.m.	CH Burger Night 6:00-9:00 p.m. Club BOD Meeting (Open to all)	20 Retirees 11:00 a.m. Golf - Shenvallee	CH Roast Beef 21 Sandwich Night 6:30 First Degree/Council Meeting 7:30 Golf - Shenvallee	22 Golf - Shenvallee	23 CH Steak Dinner 6:30
24	25 Fourth Degree 6:45 Bridge 7:00	26 CH Burger Night 6:30	Retirees 11:00 a.m.	28 CH Roast Beef Sandwich Night 6:30	Supper Club MH 6:30	30 CH Steak Dinner 6:30

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