

# Knights Life



DECEMBER 2006

Edward Douglass White Council No. 2473

Number 6

## DECEMBER EVENTS

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Waiters' Dinner/Dance	6:30 MH
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Family Buffet	2:00-5:00 MH
7 <sup>th</sup>	Council/Club Meetings	7:30 Paradise Lounge
	Ladies U-Knighted	7:30 CH
	Pearl Harbor Day	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
	Spiced Shrimp Night	6:30 CH
14 <sup>th</sup>	Officers and Chairmen	7:30 CH
16 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Club Pot Luck (see article)	6:00 CH
17 <sup>th</sup>	Family Breakfast w/ Santa	9:00-Noon MH
19 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Retirees Christmas Party	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Council Mtg/Christmas Party	7:30-Paradise Lounge/MH
24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve	Facilities Closed
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day	Facilities Closed
31 <sup>st</sup>	Annual New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance	see article

Also remember these popular weekly specials:

Every Tuesday	CH Burger/Beer Night	6:30
Every Saturday	CH Steak Dinner Night	6:30
Every Sunday	CH Football Specials	First Kickoff

NO Bridge December 25 and January 1, 2007

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Please give Bob Muschamp a big pat on the back as we honor him as Knight of the Month. Bob does many, many things for our Council. He is head waiter and works many hours serving our customers. He directs our successful blood drive and he helps get out our monthly *Knights Life*. This past month, he was called upon again to help with the logistics in mailing the Capital Campaign literature. All of these efforts take many hours of volunteering. Thanks, Bob for all you do to make our Council work.

## CORRECTION

The November *Knights Life* contained a list of our brothers who have died since the last Memorial Mass. Due to an error by the editor, Mike Kelliher's name was listed incorrectly. Mike's listing should have been:

Maurice A. (Mike) Kelliher

The *Knights Life* editor regrets the error.

## COLUMBUS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend the annual meeting of the Columbus Club. The club will hold the meeting on Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> in the Main Hall immediately after the Council meeting. The Council meeting begins at 7:30.

Your attendance helps ensure we achieve a quorum to take action on the proposed budget. You will find the proposed budget inside this edition of *Knights Life*. Other matters will also come before the meeting. Please make it a New Year's resolution to become more involved in the workings of YOUR council and club. This meeting is a good first step towards making at least one resolution you keep.

Thank you and the Board looks forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

## ARLINGTON FOOD ASSISTANCE CENTER

By John Pfundstein

It is Christmas time so please help by bringing non-perishable canned food on December 21<sup>st</sup> (the Council Christmas party) to help support the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

The AFAC distributes groceries to almost 600 families from Arlington each week. These families are referred to AFAC by social workers, school nurses and churches. Despite the fact that Arlington County is one of the wealthiest areas of the country, many of its residents are in need of food assistance. Check out AFAC's website at [www.afacinfo.org](http://www.afacinfo.org) for information and on how to volunteer.

If you cannot make the party, please drop off your donations at the office the week of the Christmas party.

Thank you for your support.

## RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARD SALES

The holidays are fast approaching. It is a good time to start thinking about buying your Christmas cards. Remember the Knights Of Columbus is one of the few places where you can actually buy cards that "Keep Christ in Christmas" (KCIC).

PGK Jim Holland will be selling Christmas cards at the Family Buffet (Dec.3) and Family Breakfast (December 17). Please take one of these opportunities to support the Council and get your cards. Jim will have a wide variety of cards for you to browse and purchase.

## COUNCIL OFFICERS 2006-2007

**Grand Knight:** James Walthall ..... 703-241-5815  
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### IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH CALL

Jerry Garren ..... 703-289-9480

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

### Season Greetings Brother Knights

“Tis the Season”

As we head into the “deep and dark” days of December, remember that there is still the brightness and cheer of this season and a time of giving. I’d like to take this opportunity, as most of you know, we have officially kicked off the Capital Campaign Fundraising program. I am looking forward to your positive and generous response and support to this very important endeavor to improve our Council Home and surroundings.

As many of you can plainly see, the new improvements so far have shown a wonderful transformation to the Council Home. I would like to thank Tom Hazzard who is leading this effort and the many volunteers who have generously contributed to this effort.

Traditionally, this is the time of year when we gather with family and friends to celebrate this joyous season and share goodwill with our fellow man. So during this time please try to remember that there are some of us who cannot be with their family and friends (i.e. our military personnel). Please keep them in your prayers during this time of year.

This is the month we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and start thinking about our New Year’s resolutions for 2007. So, I say to all my brothers and their families, much health and happiness through this joyous time and Merry Christmas to all of you.

James Walthall, GK

## 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  
 Claude R. Jenkins

Mrs. John Kramer  
 Ian McGowan  
 Paul O’Brien  
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 Donald A. Thibeault

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

by Jerry Garren, FS, PGK

**MERRY CHRISTMAS:** It's hard to believe that the Christmas Holiday is already approaching. I want to wish you, your families and loved ones a VERY Merry Christmas.

**HO, HO, HO. PAY YOUR DUES:** After the lessons learned from last year's late dues notice mailing, I hope to ensure that the membership receives their notices well in advance of the middle of the month. If all goes well, I will mail them to you around the last week of November to ensure that you receive them in sufficient time to mail your dues to me before the Annual Meeting. Those members who have not yet paid their 2006 dues (\$110) will receive an additional notice (a "reminder notice") in advance of the 2007 mailing. Dues for 2007 will be \$112, consisting of \$70 for Council dues, \$37 for Columbus Club dues.

**IMPORTANCE OF NOT BEING A SCROOGE AND PAYING YOUR DUES:** A "member in good standing" is defined simply as a Brother Knight who pays his dues. As you know, the Columbus Club has officially kicked off their "Capital Campaign" in an effort to raise \$1.0 million that will be used to make a number of improvements to the EDW campus. While the Council will always help Brother Knights who cannot pay their dues, the failure to pay dues actually HURTS the Council finances, as there are a number of costs associated with membership (e.g., State and Supreme dues that MUST be paid, even if a member does not pay). Please be thoughtful...pay on time...and if you are no longer interested in membership at EDW, please contact me to arrange withdrawal or, if still interested in membership, transfer to another Council.

**THE 500 CLUB GRINCH:** I am extremely concerned over the future viability of the 500 Club. As you know, the Club was created as a fun way to support certain Columbus Club projects. In order for it to continue to be worthwhile, the Club must have over 200 active members on its rolls each month. Since becoming your Financial Secretary two years ago, I have observed the membership decline SIGNIFICANTLY- to the point where there are only about 230 members. Thirty may seem like a decent cushion, but unfortunately, it's not...we have been losing an average of 5 members each month. Please remember to pay your 500 Club dues on time- or we risk losing the Club altogether!!! If you are interested in purchasing a membership, please contact Kenny Goss.

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP:** Over the past few months, I have been feverishly slaving away in my workshop to convert EDW's accounting system to Quickbooks (an off-the-shelf accounting program similar to Quicken, the home accounting program). I am happy to report that the conversion is now complete. This is an important accomplishment from the standpoint that the accounting system is now relatively "idiot proof" and can be learned with very little effort. Moreover, the program will allow the Financial Secretary to quickly produce financial reports to better serve the Council.

**PRESENTS UNDER THE TREE:** Pledges can be made in any amount, from \$1 to \$1.0 million. We ALL get something out of our membership, so please remember to give generously to EDW's Capital Campaign in order that we can preserve EDW's beautiful property for our children and our children's children- exactly as our Founding Fathers intended!

**NEW ELVES AT THE NORTH POLE:** Recently, Bob Muschamp brought my attention to the fact that previous Financial Secretaries had published membership "actions" (initiations,

transfers, withdrawals and suspensions). I had fully intended to publish them this month, but am writing the column as I recover from the flu and do not have the information available.

**DEATH NOTICES:** All of EDW's officers have a sincere desire to ensure that an appropriate notice concerning the death of any of our members is published in the Washington Post. I have previously written about this on numerous occasions when I was the Grand Knight and also during the last two years as the Financial Secretary. It is vitally important that the Council receives information concerning deaths on a timely basis. You are reminded to please contact Betty Florence in the event of the death of any member. In turn, Betty will "hunt me down" so that I can gather information and ensure that a notice is published on time. (Of course, you are ALWAYS welcome to call me at home.) Your cooperation with these procedures is appreciated, as it is the only way we can ensure that death notices are published timely.

**HELLO, GOODBYE. HELLO, AGAIN:** A couple of months ago, I announced that I had been transferred to Minneapolis. Through your prayers and assistance, it looks like I will be staying...(thanks, Susan).

May God bless you and your families...

Merry Christmas,  
Jerry Garren,  
Financial Secretary

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## RETIREES' CORNER

December 2006

Bob Brown

703-476-2086 or [jrandsue@comcast.net](mailto:jrandsue@comcast.net)

We had 26 people at our November dinner party. A little low on the numbers but I understand a good time was had by all. The retiree's Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 20. Details at the December meetings.

### December Members Birthdays

Fred O'Hara

### December Wives Birthdays

Patricia DeAlexander, Margaret Edwartoski, Ann Murphy, Jean Ratway, Eleanor Sajeski

### December Anniversaries

Bob & Sue Brown, Jim & Gwen Tierney

As the Christmas season approaches let us all remember to Keep Christ in Christmas. Merry Christmas to all and have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Pray for us all

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## LOOKING FOR A NEW ADVERTISING CHAIRMAN!

Bill Campbell, who has done a great job for many years as our Advertising Chairman, is stepping down. If you are interested in helping with this all important job, please contact one of your Council officers. Bill will be more than happy to help during the transition. And to you, Bill, thanks for all your hard work.

## RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

By Bill Johnson

Christianity is not a mythology or source of elevating spiritual insights. Historical particularity is all, which is nicely underscored by the following "Proclamation of the Birth of Christ" from the Roman Martyrology for Christmas Mass:

The twenty-fifth day of December.

In the five thousand one hundred and ninety-ninth year of the creation of the world

from the time when God in the beginning created the heavens and the earth;

the two thousand nine hundred and fifty-seventh year after the flood;

the two thousand and fifteenth year

from the birth of Abraham;

the one thousand five hundred and tenth year

from Moses

and the going forth of the people of Israel from Egypt;

the one thousand and thirty-second year

from David's being anointed king;

in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel;

in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;

the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome;

the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;

the whole world being at peace

in the sixth age of the world,

Jesus Christ the eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming,

being conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and nine months having passed

since his conception,

was born in Bethlehem of Judea

of the Virgin Mary,

being made flesh.

From "First Things", January 2006

## 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.

We will participate in the MABC STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) on December 11<sup>th</sup> and have our Christmas Party game on December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will no longer be able to provide the full array of food and drink as in the past, but rather will ask everyone to participate by bringing a party food item or dessert to share. See you all at these events.

Congratulations to all of last month's winners:

Open Game

Bernie & Louise Oetjen

Jim Conrad and Jim Sandlin (2)

John Veltri and Eva Klivington

Ken Davis and David Fleischer

Ken Davis and Bruce Houston

Madan & Gay Nanda

Paul Stygar and Bob Silverstein

299er Game

Mary DeCorps and John Weiler

Chuck Kasten and Ellie Clark

Phyllis Kurle and Edith Kersey

Gerard & Frances Brannon

Fred Adkins and Gary Grimsley and

James Biss and Donald Brown (Tie)

Fred Adkins and Mike Lusick

George Green and Edna Mae Trevey

Neal Cooper and Robert Dorosin

## FISH CLUB

Remember the Fish Club a "few" years back?

The Pot Luck dinners and children's parties were always so much fun. How about trying to bring back some of the good ole times with our Fish Club. Maybe put a few fishing trips together and (as always) have a few parties.

**On Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>**, break away from the Christmas rush and join us for an old-fashioned pot luck supper in the council home from 6:00PM until ?? The Fish Club will supply shrimp and a few meats.

Most fishermen are known to lie a little from time to time but the K of C Sport Fishing Club always has a good time.

Give us a call so we can get an idea of how many people may be showing up.

Mark Koerner - 703 240 9593

Al Comacho - 703 821 0185

## NOW HIRING!!!!

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Proceeds from sales will be used to refurbish the Old Council Home.

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# LADIES U-KNIGHTED NEWS

Jo Balsamo Wood



Greetings! Two thousand and six is almost behind us. It's been a wonderful year for Ladies U-Knighted. Christmas is almost here and we will be toasting in 2007 before long. Christmas is an annual holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus. It is traditionally observed on December 25. Christmas has many aspects, both religious and secular, including the exchange of gifts, the Santa Claus myth, decoration and display of the Christmas tree, and religious ceremonies.

This is my last article as Ladies U-Knighted President. It has been a wonderful year and I am proud of what LUK, in conjunction with the K of C, accomplished this year. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful year. Particularly, I want to give special thanks the LUK 2006 officers:

- Vice President and Secretary, Tana Farrell
- Treasurer, Nancy Rougeux
- Publicity, Meredith Dittmar

These women and all of the LUK members made my year as president extremely successful and enjoyable. Once again thanks to all of my LUK colleagues and friends. Ladies U-Knighted met on November 2.

Next, I want to thank everybody that helped make our annual Halloween party a success. Everyone appeared to have a great time. Our costume contest was a success, with prizes awarded to the following:

- Best Male – John O'Neill (Jolly Green Giant)
- Best Female – Tana Farrell (Betty Boop)
- Best Couple – Thom & Marijo Galvin (Raggedy Ann and Andy)
- Funniest – Kenny Goss (Retired Hooters Chick)
- Most Original – Kathi Daylor (Pot Head)
- Best Couple – Rob and Barbara (Island Couple)

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who volunteered with decorating, cooking, setting up, and day after clean up. Thanks to Marty Koerner and his band, "The Cold Steel Benders" for providing great entertainment. Special thanks to John and Nanette O'Neill who worked tirelessly behind the bar to make sure that no one was thirsty!

As the New Year is upon us, I would like to reflect upon some LUK successes of 2006. First, with ten new members this year, LUK almost doubled our membership. Each of these women has brought unique talents to our group and I am happy they decided to join.

We started out the year big with renovating the ladies bathroom on the first floor. We helped the Knights with collecting for KOVAR, assembling first-degree folders, staffing the Douglas Brinkley book signing, delivering the annual Thanksgiving Day meals, and stuffing envelopes for the Capital Campaign. We have held an ongoing cell phone drive and two clothing drives. We've sold Easter baskets, cookbooks, Christmas ornaments, and framed prints of the Old Council Home. Our sales of baked goods and other items at picnics for Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day and the Car show were successful. We sponsored a book signing for a fellow Knight, Jamie Cain. Our Estate sale made us the most money to date, enabling us to purchase an air conditioner for the

Old Council Home. As mentioned above, our annual Halloween party was victorious and fun. I hope that before the year ends, you will see new cushions in the window seats around the bar (cross your fingers).

Ahh...but the year is not over yet. LUK continues to sell beautiful Christmas Ornaments that proudly display the Knights of Columbus emblem. These are different from the ornaments we sold a few years ago that had a likeness of the Old Council Home. These ornaments are lovely keepsakes, as well as gifts. This year's ornaments are \$15. There are still a few of the previous year's ornaments for sale at \$10. In addition to purchasing one for yourself, you may want to consider these for gifts for your friends and family members. See our ad in this month's Knight Life.

With Christmas right around the corner, we are also selling scenic framed prints of the Old Council Home, painted by LUK Secretary, Meredith Dittmar. These prints are being sold for \$35 (8" by 10") and \$25 (5" by 7"). Samples are hanging in the Old Council Home bar and first floor ladies room. See ad in this month's Knight Life.

On December 1, LUK is hosting a Christmas tree decorating party at Friday at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Council Home. Hors d'ouvres will be served. There is a slight chance that the front rooms will be closed for renovation, if this is the case, we will be decorating the tree on December 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>, same time, same place. Check with the Council Home to see if renovations of the floors are complete. Please come and join us in this fun annual event.

While the holiday season is warm and memorable for some of us, others are faced with despair and violence. There is an ongoing need for donations of cell phones. The phones are equipped to dial 911 and are given to individuals who may be in danger. 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.

Need a tax deduction for 2006? Please donate to the St. Jude Mission in Appalachia on Fri Dec 29 and 30, 2006. A truck will arrive mid-afternoon on Friday Dec 29 at the EDW K of C lower level parking lot. Donations of furniture, refrigerators, stoves, children's toys, and other household items greatly appreciated. For information, please contact Karen Lee at 703-671-0089.

As I wind down my year as Ladies U-Knighted president, I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to those that helped make this year a success. Even though we are a women's group, our primary focus is to support and promote the goals and endeavors of the Knights of Columbus, Edward Douglass White Council No. 2473.

During our next LUK meeting, elections will take place and a new order will succeed. Once again, thanks to everyone who helped LUK and me this year. I want to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Please be safe and have fun.

Please join Ladies U-Knighted in wishing Jo Wood, LUK President (12/24) a very Happy Birthday. The next Ladies U-Knighted meeting is December 8 at 7:30.

## THE “EDW TEN” TAKE THE 4<sup>TH</sup>!

John M. White

I personally was...energized as a Patriot. It made me truly appreciate and proud of the fact that I am an American Catholic Knight of Columbus of Spanish Heritage. –SK Al Camacho

Edward Douglass White was well represented by ten brothers at the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification held October 28 at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church. Our ten EDW brothers join the ranks of 300,000 other Knights of Columbus who can call themselves Sir Knights. The October 2006 degree was carried out to the honor of Thomas A. Trudeau PFN, the State Councils’ District Marshall for the Arlington Diocese.

Though brothers are considered full Knights once they attain the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, the Order established the Patriotic Degree in 1900 to build the spirit of patriotism and community activism among Catholic citizens. The Patriotic Degree is the highest degree of the Knights of Columbus. Once you are a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree you have the right to join the ceremonial Color Corps. SK Nate Marceca saw the exemplification as a perfect display of “Catholic veneration to God and country”.

The Commodore John Barry Assembly, of which EDW 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members belong, partnered with the other Commonwealth of Virginia assemblies, are especially dedicated to lending aid and comfort to America’s disabled veterans of the current war in Iraq, the War on Terror and previous combat missions dating back to World War II. No matter where we may stand politically, morally and ethically on the legitimacy of the war in Iraq it is safe to believe that we as Catholic Americans, and Knights of Columbus owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women who wear our nation’s uniform and have answered the call to duty.

On the Virginia 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Web site, under the “Support Our Veterans” section, your assistance with two lists of equipment and financial needs for our disabled veterans would be greatly appreciated. Please visit the site at [www.kofc-vadistrict.org](http://www.kofc-vadistrict.org) or contact any 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight and they will put you in contact with the proper person. Please support our military personnel, they have earned it.



Standing L to R: SK Bob Dannemiller, SK John White, SK Kevin Hogan, SK Al Camacho and SK Rick Losa.  
Sitting L to R: SK Nate Marceca, SK Bob Muschamp, SK Vince Long DGK, SK A.J. Valinote and SK Thom Galvin.

## VENTURE CREW 2473 – A BUSY SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL TEENAGERS

By Carl Stout

The council’s Venture Crew 2473 has had a busy year with high adventure events in Pennsylvania, climbing the Old Rag at Shenandoah National Park, being an entry in the Boy Scouts of America Chain Bridge District’s annual Amos Alonzo Stagg 50/20 hike – 50 miles in 20 hours from Arlington into D.C. and back. In September, the crew spent a camping weekend at Camp Snyder in Haymarket and did the high and low ropes course there known as Project COPE, which stands for “challenging outdoor personal experience.” In October the crew did a corn maze in northwestern Maryland at midnight. And, in November camped in 21 degree weather and hiked a difficult 9-mile trail with a 1,900 foot change in elevation in the Shenandoah as part of the annual National Capital Area Council’s Venture Hike-O-Ree.

Activities for the coming year will be even more challenging. On December 22, the crew will have its annual holiday bowling get-together at Ft. Myer bowling alley. All teenagers are invited to join in this annual event.

The EDW Council through a chartering agreement with the Boy Scouts of America sponsors Venture Crew 2473. Venturing is the co-ed, high adventure leadership program of BSA and is open to all young men and women, between 14 and 21 years of age, and having finished the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The venture program also includes sea scouting that 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 about

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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the council home and conducts activities during the month. Everyone is welcome.

For information about the crew, contact crew President Robby Green at [robbs@gmail.com](mailto:robbs@gmail.com), Crew Advisor Vicki Crowe at [vm-crowe@comcast.com](mailto:vm-crowe@comcast.com), or the Council 2473 representative to the crew Carl Stout at [carlstout@cox.net](mailto:carlstout@cox.net) or 703-992-8870.



## SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR 2007

**Get in Early this year, we will be Full**

We had an extremely successful 2006 Camp Season. Thank you to everyone that returned their Camp Evaluation Forms, we received over seventy percent of the surveys back which is extraordinary. Family satisfaction was the best ever. We appreciate all the valuable comments that everyone wrote. The majority of the surveys were very pleased with the all the changes we made to the Summer Camp in 2006. We have had to raise our rates slightly (first time in 3 years) due to the cost of supplies and the hiring of highly trained staff. We will again have weekly "theme weeks" and specials (i.e. the magician, etc...). We will also have some extra pool time and this will be arranged through our pool Management Company. We have adjusted Extended Day so that you may sign up for morning or afternoon. This procedure will help us create a better extended day program since we will know in advance the number of campers. We will continue to offer the Sibling Discount.

We have established an early registration for returning campers and EDW Council Members. We hope you will come out and take advantage of the early registration. From all of our early indications it is pointing to a full camp with a waiting list for the 2007 Camp Season. So to avoid any waiting lists get your paperwork in early.

Session dates: Price per child:

1	June 11 – June 15	\$200.00
2	June 18 – June 22	\$200.00
3	June 25- June 29	\$200.00
4	July 2 – July 6*	\$185.00
5	July 9 – July 13	\$200.00
6	July 16 – July 20	\$200.00
7	July 23 – July 27	\$200.00
8	July 30 – August 3	\$200.00
9	August 6 – August 10	\$200.00
10	August 13 – August 17	\$200.00

\* No Camp on July 4<sup>th</sup>

Core Camp Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will offer morning and afternoon Extended Day: A.M. 7:30 – 9:30 Extended Day \$35.00 and P.M. 3:30 – 6:00 Extended Day \$35.00. All prices listed are per child per session. Any campers between the ages of 5 – 12 are eligible to register.

**Mark your calendars for our first registration date on Saturday January 20, 2007 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Lower Lounge located at 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA 22207.**

All forms will be completed at the time of registration so please have all insurance, emergency contact information (two local contacts and one out-of-area contact) and a copy of birth certificate, passport or current report card ready. For more details please call: **Stephanie Kingree at 703/536-9656 x 4 OR email kofccamp@comcast.net OR visit our website www.kofcedw2473.org**

## WANTED PART-TIME!!

Busboys, weekends and some evenings.

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

## NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL AT EDW

**Bob Muschamp**

IT'S DECEMBER! After all the shopping and preparation for a joyous and holy Christmas Season, I know you'll ALL be ready to kick back, relax and enjoy a festive evening at your own EDW's 47th New Year's Eve Ball.

This year the cost will be a very reasonable \$85 per couple (\$45 single); which will include open bar and hors d'oeuvres 6:30-7:30pm; a 3-course meal 7:30-9pm (entree choice: prime rib; chicken marsala; or salmon steak); dance to the great music provided by the Jim Bowie Band 9PM to 12:30AM; concluding with a champagne toast @ midnight; and a continental breakfast to send you on your way. As in past years - there'll be plenty of door prizes (wine and restaurant gift certificates).

Get a group together and reserve a table early - or at least by December 23. So that the office can order food, it is requested that tickets be picked up and paid for by December 23. Let's have a Ball!



Deck the Halls!

Come and help LUK  
decorate the KofC  
Christmas tree at the  
Old Council Home  
Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.

Hors d'ouvres will be served.

[www.ladiesuknighated.com](http://www.ladiesuknighated.com)

**Be sure to check with Council Home first to make sure this date is good due to new flooring being installed**

## GET YOUR 2006 TAX DEDUCTION BY DONATING TO THE ST JUDE MISSION

in Appalachia on Fri Dec. 29, and 30, 2006. Truck will arrive mid-afternoon on Friday Dec 29, at the EDW KofC lower level parking lot. Donations of furniture, refrigerators, stoves, children's toys, and other household items are greatly appreciated.



# PROPOSED 2007 BUDGET FOR COLUMBUS CLUB OF ARLINGTON, INC.

**Owen J. Beirne Jr., President**

Enclosed in this December Knight Life is the Proposed Corporation's 2007 Budget for your review pursuant to the By-Laws, Article V, Section 7. This budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, which will be held on January 4, 2007, for membership approval.

We have examined the revenue and expenses for 2006 year to date; we reviewed all of our maintenance contracts, and we feel confident about the 2007 budget.

In summary, 2006 was quite a year of change for us as a corporation.

- We came into the year without a manager for our operation and for booking of events. We finally hired one in May and she had to leave at the end of September.

- We hired a brand new camp director who led the 2007 Camp in a new direction and helped us turn around our reputation for the future based upon a 70% return of Camp Surveys

- We had major repairs to our refrigeration equipment and HVAC system at the main Hall.

- We added a lot of improvements to the pool, pool grounds, pool entrance, and we repaired all the picnic tables and bought many new ones.

Here is what we are looking forward to in the 2007 budget. We are revamping our menus and pricing for the Main Hall and for summer picnics. We have revised our event and meeting contract so that we have a more professional approach when we meet-

ing our clients' needs. We have put in place a marketing plan after consultation with several other local councils and with event and meeting planners. We are forming alliances with catering companies for our hall. We are also looking at package pricing for events so as to make our process simpler for clients to understand. Lastly, we will be proposing to offer EDW members discounts on the hall rentals. Our best marketing efforts come from us, the members, to spread the word. To that task, we will be running full page ads in each issue of 2007 Knight Life which will extol the benefits of our Hall on this 10 acre estate.

As far as our financial outlook, we are almost finished the capital improvements at the Council Home. Since we are not complete, I can not tell you what our exact cost is at this time. However, we do have the ability to borrow up to \$225,000, which is a 5 year note with monthly payments of \$4,551 per month. This debt service, along with \$2,000 debt service of our 1st loan, has been included in the 2007 Budget under "Other." My goal is to be able to pay off the 2<sup>nd</sup> note very rapidly with the funds coming in from the "Capital Campaign" So you can now see how critical this Campaign is for our financial future.

We are very optimistic about our future booking of the hall, the increasing success of our Summer Camp, and the continued success of our pool as we strive to make our pool better each and every year.

**However, the 84 years of success (May 1923) of our Council and Corporation comes from only one source, and it's not the money, it's from you, the member who volunteers and supports this great institution. If you can help in any way, call me or e-mail me at owen\_beirnejr@ml.com. The pay is great!**

## Columbus Club of Arlington, Inc.



### Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2007 Other Explained

Other	Budget 2007
Loan Repayment (P&I) 1st and 2nd	\$79,200
Advertising	\$3,000
Bank Charges	\$500
Credit Cards (fee of 5% total cc sales)	\$6,000
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,500
Employee Benefits	\$15,000
Equipment Rental	\$3,000
Flowers and Decorations	\$400
Miscellaneous	\$2,000
Postage Expense	\$3,500
Printing	\$1,600
Waiters Expense	\$2,500
General Supplies (paper & cleaning, etc.)	\$20,000
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$138,200</b>

**Columbus Club of Arlington, Inc.**



**Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2007**

Income	Budget 2007
Food Sales	\$407,000
Beverage Sales	\$175,000
Facilities Rental	\$80,000
Dues/ Assessments	\$60,000
Pool Membership Fees	\$188,000
Camp	\$200,000
Pool Admissions	\$16,000
Antenna	\$45,000
Labor Charged	\$40,000
Miscellaneous Sales	\$13,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,224,000</b>
<b>Cost Of Sales</b>	
Food	\$185,000
Beverage	\$62,000
Other	\$25,000
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>\$272,000</b>
<b>Total Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$952,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries	390,000
Pool Management	56,000
Pool Expenses	20,000
Camp Expenses	15,000
Utilities& Trash	96,000
Depreciation	30,000
Taxes/ Insurance	145,000
Repairs	45,000
Other	138,200
Professional Fees	15,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>950,200</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>

# DECEMBER MEAL SPECIALS

## Main Hall

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM-Noon Main Hall

Santa will be at EDW from 10:00 to 11:00 for this special Christmas edition of the family breakfast. Santa is very busy this time of year though I hear the various web mapsites have greatly helped him plan his long journey on Christmas Eve. Broadband has reached the North Pole!

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

Adults, all-you-can-eat \$6.75  
 Children, 10 and under \$4.00

### FAMILY BUFFET

December 3, 2:00-5:00 PM Main Hall

Menu choices for the December Family Buffet:

- Carved Top Sirloin of Beef with au jus
- Olde Fashioned Meatloaf with Gravy
- Baked Chicken
- Baked Lasagna
- Mashed Potatoes
- Stewed Tomatoes
- Buttered Broccoli
- Rolls, butter
- Soup, Salad and Dessert bar
- Coffee, tea and punch!

Adults \$12.50  
 Children under 10 \$6.50  
 Prices include state and local taxes and tip.

**WHAT A BARGAIN!**

## Banquet Hall Rental at the Knights of Columbus Have your next function on our pristine 10-Acre Estate!!! Open to all Members and Non-members

### The Banquet Hall

The building's main level is home to our largest venue, the Banquet Hall. This bright and spacious room comfortably seats from 120 to 350 people. Perfect for that elegant reception, corporate luncheon, dinner or fundraiser, this room sets the tone for a spectacular event. From radiant daytime functions to intimate evening affairs, this ballroom at the Knights of Columbus is your final stop. Wedding receptions, conferences, Scouting events such as "Blue and Gold" dinners; Columbus Club's Banquet Hall is a great choice.

This 5,500 square foot venue has 12 foot ceilings and comes complete with a large (24x20 w/ 10 foot ceilings) in-set, elevated stage. Our facility accommodates bands and stage acts to enhance any function. Also included is a full service bar area to serve you and your guests throughout the party.

### The Lower Lounge

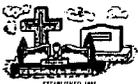
The Lower Lounge, also known as the Charles Paradise Room, is perfect for small to medium sized groups up to 120 people or for those more intimate gatherings. Anniversary parties, Home owner association meetings, company holiday parties are all possible in this comfortable, yet spacious venue. This bright, ground-level room is equipped with its own large bar area and can be used for both catered and non-catered events. The "room of choice" for many of the Knights of Columbus' own parties and functions, this room might be a fit for your next gathering.



We now offer package pricing for your function. The available time slots are: Daytime 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Afternoons 3:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., and Evenings 6:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. To reserve one of these beautiful venues please call **Stephanie Kingree at 703/536-9656 x 7**. Bookings are going quick for 2007!!!!

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# DECEMBER 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	Waiters Dinner/Dance <b>2</b> CH Steak Dinner 6:30 - 9:00
Family Buffet <b>3</b> 2:00 - 5:00	Bridge <b>4</b> 7:00 p.m.	CH Burger Night <b>5</b> 6:30	Retirees <b>6</b> 11:00 a.m.	Council/ Club Meetings Ladies U-Knighted 7:30 <b>7</b>	CH Shrimp Dinner Night 6:30 <b>8</b> Immaculate Conception	CH Steak Dinner 6:30 <b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	Bridge <b>11</b> 7:00 p.m.	CH Burger Night <b>12</b> 6:30	Retirees <b>13</b> 11:00 a.m.	Officers/Chairman 7:30 <b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	CH Steak Dinner <b>16</b> 6:30 Fish Club Pot Luck CH 6:30
Family Breakfast with Santa 9:00 - Noon <b>17</b>	Bridge 7:00 <b>18</b>	CH Burger Night 6:30 <b>19</b> Club BOD Meeting	Retirees Christmas Party 11:00 a.m. <b>20</b>	Council Meeting/ Christmas Party 7:30 <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	CH Steak Dinner 6:30 <b>23</b>
Christmas Eve <b>24</b>	Christmas No Bridge CH Closed <b>25</b>	CH Burger Night 6:30 <b>26</b>	Retirees 11:00 a.m. <b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	CH Steak Dinner 6:30 <b>30</b>
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