

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 2	Council and Club Meetings Paradise Ballroom	7:30
	Ladies U-Knighted	7:30 Council Home
Feb. 9	Officers and Chairmen	7:30 CH
Feb. 12	Knight Life Deadline	
Feb. 16	Council Meeting and First Degree Paradise Ballroom	7:30
Feb. 17	Valentine's Supper Club With DJ	6:30 Main Ballroom
Feb. 19	Family Breakfast Main Ballroom (500 Club Drawing)	9:00-Noon
Feb. 22	ASH WEDNESDAY	
Mar.xx	Second Degree	7:30 Paradise Ballroom
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance Details in March KL!	
Mar. xx	Third Degree	

Please remember our daily dinner specials in the council home.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

February's Knight of the Month is Steve Booth. "Aussie Steve" as he is affectionately known, involves himself in many aspects of the operation of both the council home as well as the Columbus Club. He serves as one of our bartenders drawing a draft from the tap, to the construction of several projects on campus for the betterment of the club and the enjoyment of all its members. You also will find him at your side, assisting when disaster strikes and we need helping hands for cleanup. And we all know we have had our fair share of those this past year. Do take time to congratulate Steve Booth, who comes to us from "Downunder." Leap year's Knight of the Month.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

This month's family comes to us as an individual. Nine years ago she came to us and became part of our organization, the Knight's family. She brought with her an energy and enthusiasm that endeared her to the membership. She has chaired many events for the Knights as an important part of the Ladies U Knighted. They continue to do great works in support of the membership, which is enjoyed by all. On a personal level she invited us into her family. She has shared with us; happiness, loss, and most importantly, friendship. She has spent endless hours in an effort to bring joy to holiday seasons around the council. It has been an honor to share a part of her family. Mom, dogs, and let us not forget "her giants." Love you Jo Wood!!!

NATIONALS DAY SET FOR SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2012!

Attention all you baseball fans! Norm Marcocci, EDW's Special Activities Chair, is pleased to announce that EDW will be sponsoring another outing to a Washington Nationals Baseball Game this summer! The 6th Annual Nationals Day will take place on Saturday, July 7, 2012, at Nationals Ballpark. The opponent will be the Colorado Rockies. It will be a 4:05 p.m. game.

Like last year, the outing will include the game ticket, round-trip bus transportation between EDW and Nationals Ballpark, an ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-AND-DRINK tailgate at the Council Home prior to the game, 50/50 and door prize drawings featuring more, nicer, and better door prizes, giveaways at Nationals Ballpark (while supplies last), and MUCH MORE! Upon return from the game, everyone in attendance will be invited back inside the Council Home for a free drink! Bear in mind that only 100 tickets will be sold for this year's outing, unless the demand and feasibility are there. The estimated cost per person will be \$50-\$60.

Last year, 85 people came out, and some made the trek from places far away as Leesburg, Woodstock, Petersburg, and Virginia Beach! Norm wants to see more! So please do your part and spread the word!

More information, including the ticket cost, where and how you make your reservations and payment, tailgate menu, bus departure times etc., will be announced in future issues of Knight Life as the details become finalized. For now, mark July 7 down on your calendar. It's gonna be a blast! You can also watch for future e-mails from Norm and join his e-mail mailing list, check out EDW's website at: www.kofcedw2473.org, or even visit Norm's EDW Facebook page at: K of C EDW #2473 Special Activities, for more information.

Norm can also use all the help he can get. If you are interested in volunteering, have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Norm at either (703) 263-9771, or nlmarco@yahoo.com.

*Happy
Valentine's
Day!*

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Let's start with a recap of the new year already underway. The tradition has begun. We recognize our own. "Knight of the Year" goes to our Financial Secretary, Jerry Garren! For the first time he was rendered speechless... Congratulations!!! Next, quarterly meeting was well-represented by your council as we took home the hardware once again. This year the council netted 100 new members during the 2010-2011 fraternal year. We were honored with the "Contest of Champions" award which will be on display in the council home. Following the meeting and ceremony, your officers "cowboy'd up" for a little western square dancing. Footage for your viewing is available, compliments of your Chancellor, John White.

Upcoming attractions, February 16th is a First Degree, followed by a Second Degree March 15th. Sunday, March 18th we will again have the honor of hosting the statewide exemplification of the Third Degree. Brothers all, recruitment is essential in growing the order. Let us each sponsor one good Catholic gentleman, practicing the faith and living the dream. We will be well on our way to attaining our goals as a council.

In conclusion, let me take this time to thank all of you, the members, for all your support and guidance during this fraternal year. To the officers in particular, you have made, serving as your Grand Knight, truly an honor and privilege. Mary, Queen of Knights, pray for us!

God bless

Thomas J. Galvin

Grand Knight

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.

Thomas Coipuram
 Eleanor Dougherty
 Ed Dowd

Bernie Edwartoski
 Mrs. John Kramer
 Edgard Martinez

Ed Sajeski
 Richard E. Shipman
 Ed Watkins



We received a "Contest of Champions" trophy for largest net gain in membership for the 2010-2011 Fraternal Year. Pictured at the Semi-Annual meeting on Jan. 7 in Newport News are (L-R) Steve Raschke, State Membership Chairman, PSD Bill McCarthy, GK Thom Galvin and DD PGK Bob Dannemiller

MANAGER'S CORNER

We made it through January without any major weather lets hope at this reading the same holds true for February. Life on campus in January and February are generally catch-up months where we are literally getting back on track after the busy holiday season.

This is the time were taxes are compiled and completed, new budgets are put into place and preparation for the spring begins. The Camp being in the forefront, Camp Registration begins February 1, 2012 and we are expecting a record year. Thanks to Chandler Hill our Camp Director, who has been working diligently to get registration ready in time. Chandler has also added a new twist to our Summer Camp, Away Camp (for 8 to 13 year olds) which we are also certain will do very well. I personally visited the Camp site this past summer and was thoroughly impressed. Please visit the website for further details.

Speaking of taxes it brings Dan Metzler to mind. Dan has recently retired form the Board and I would like to take this time to personally thank Dan for all his hard work through the years and especially during my time here. Dan has been ever so helpful and detailed with the club's budgets and taxes which is not an easy feat. I would like Dan to know that his efforts certainly did not go unnoticed and will be missed. I wish him well in his future endeavors.

I would also like to thank Doug & Ellen Cunningham for Spaghetti Night at the Council Home Bar on Thursday evenings. The word on campus is that they are true chefs in action offering good food and, of course, top-notch service. Too tired to cook and looking for a good Italian meal? What could be more convenient and comfortable place than the Council Home Bar, \$7.50 per person, enjoy.

500 CLUB NEWS

The numbers below were drawn at the December family breakfast with Santa in attendance:

\$100
364 Kenny Goss, Jr. Present, receives one month free.
287 Cheryl Goss
013 Bob Lillis
\$200
492 No Winner
\$500
190 No Winner

The numbers below were drawn at the January family breakfast. Tebowmania and the Goss 500 Club winning streak both came to an end this weekend:

\$100
104 Bill Wester - present, one month free
108 Elizabeth Goddard
108 Elizabeth Goddard - Double Winner
\$200
450 Open
\$500
272 Open

RETIREES

Well, the New Year has come and gone and all resolutions have already been broken. This is the time to make one more resolution. I noticed at the New Years Eve party quite a few, shall we say mature, experienced looking gentlemen, whom I have never seen at the retirees lunches. How about a resolve to come to one lunch in the next few months. We meet starting at 11am or so (bridge players even earlier).

February Birthdays

Dan Aragona and Bob Banasik. One January birthday missed: John Ratway.

Our health advice for February: If you know what good for you, don't forget Valentines Day.

Please pray for all of our Brothers and their families.

FISH CLUB NEWS

Please plan to attend the next meeting of the Fish Club on Thursday February 16, 7:00 in the Council Home. We will be setting the dates for our 2012 fishing trips. Any questions, please contact Captain Mark.

FATHER BADER SCHOLARSHIP

The Father Bader Scholarship is an annual competition for a needs-based scholarship among eligible high school seniors who are going on to higher education in the fall. This program is open to all children of Knights who are in good standing in a council in Virginia or were in good standing at the time of their death.

Information on the scholarship competition can be found on the Virginia Knights of Columbus website (vakofc.org). The deadline for this year's competition is March 14. The application has three parts so if you are interested it is best the start the process now.

SAVE THE DATE

The AOH/EDW Council St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance will be held on St. Patrick's Day itself, Saturday March 17, 2012. More details to follow in the March Knight Life.

MEET THE WOMEN OF LADIES U-KNIGHTED NIGHT CANCELLED

The Meet the Women of Ladies U-Knighted Night, originally scheduled for March 3, 2012, has been cancelled. There is a possibility that this event may be rescheduled at a later date, but no details are available at this time.

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2011 A WRAP-UP & THANK YOU

A festive crowd of 222 guests welcomed in 2012 at EDW's 52nd New Year's Eve Gala. All seemed to enjoy the evening: the very well-prepared food; the endless bar & drink; the very popular Jim Bowie Band that performs so well together; the dance floor seemed to stay full all evening! Several folks had a hand in making this evening another success. I want to give special thanks and recognition to the following: Betty Florence for again taking care of reservations, tickets, seating and even checking guests in as they arrived; this is a big task and Betty does it so well year after year; Thank You Betty; Chef Maria for her hard work and skill in preparing three entrees plus the rest of a meal to serve over 200 guests, plus hors d'oeuvres; the 15 EDW "Redcoats" for giving up part of their New Year's Eve to tend bar and serve our boisterous, appreciative crowd; Columbus Club Manager Peter Silano for his suggestions and effort toward making this a successful event; Elvis (Maria's husband) for main hall set-up and making the main hall floor, particularly the dance-floor sparkle and shine; Steve Brown, Bob Dannemiller & Amy Hunt for help in obtaining door prizes; Steve again, and Vince Long for help decorating; and Gary Kennedy for bartending after Redcoats retired. Thank you all very much. A final and special note of thanks to the following local restaurants for contributing gift certificates which were given as door prizes (in alphabetical order):

- * Backyard BBQ - 2910 N. Sycamore St., Arlington
- * Bentley's Restaurant, 6654 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church
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- * Outback Steakhouse, 4821 N. First St., Arlington
- * Sangam Indian Restaurant, 3207 Columbia Pike, Arlington

Most of the above local area restaurants have generously helped EDW by donating gift certificates (\$25-\$60 value) for several years. PLEASE, keep these restaurants in mind when dining out in 2012 and reciprocate by choosing to dine at these "friends of EDW." Tell the owner or manager that you're from EDW Knights of Columbus. Final Note: Anyone who would like to help with the planning/preparation for EDW's 53rd New Year's Eve Gala, and who might have some fresh, new ideas - please contact Bob Muschamp, cell #703-489-2856.

LADIES U-KNIGHTED NEWS

Jo Balsamo Wood

Greetings all. Do you believe we are already in the second month of 2012? Our first holiday of the month is Groundhog Day, celebrated in the US and Canada on Feb 2. According to folklore, on that day the groundhog will emerge from its burrow after a long winter nap. On a cloudy day, it will leave the burrow; signifying winter-like weather will soon end. However, on a sunny morning, it will see its shadow and retreat back in the burrow, signifying six more weeks of winter weather. Holiday number two of the month is Saint Valentine's day, an annual commemoration held on February 14, celebrating love and affection. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 492 AD. It was deleted from the General Roman Calendar of Saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI.

However, before we get to the February holidays, I want to express my sincere thanks to those who helped LUK put up and take down the Christmas tree and other decorations at the Old Council Home. Special thanks to David DeLoatche, Mike Wilhelm, Kenny Goss, Norm Marcocci and Steve McTeague, who demonstrated how LUK and the K of C can work together to accomplish a task.

During our first Ladies U-Knighted meeting of the year, we looked ahead at some of the activities we would like to do in 2012. Unfortunately, we are a small group and can only do so much, so, we have scaled back our scope of activities for now. Regrettably, we had to postpone the "Meet The Women Of Ladies U-Knighted Night" event scheduled to take place on March 3. We hope to re-schedule this event later in the year when the weather isn't so cold.

As we planned our activities for the upcoming year, we decided to stick with what has worked for us in the past and concentrate our efforts on charity events. Once again, LUK will continue to support Elizabeth House, a project sponsored by St. Charles Catholic Church that assists unwed mothers, by holding its 3rd Annual Baby Shower. Watch the *Knight Life* for more information. Additionally, we are planning to prepare and send a care package to some friends deployed to Afghanistan. We are asking for items such as home made baked goods, books, magazines, and anything that would help cheer up a soldier in a war zone. More information will be forthcoming.

This year, Easter is April 8. While that seems like a long way away, it is never too early to begin planning for this very special day. Once again, Ladies U-Knighted would like to help you spend more time with your loved ones and less time making Easter baskets. We can make them for you. Back by popular demand, LUK will once again make and sell beautiful made to order Easter baskets filled with candy and goodies, available in two sizes. Our very own Easter bunny, Nanette, creates personalized Easter baskets based on the age and gender of recipient (from infants to adults). Cost of each made-to-order basket is only \$20 (medium) and \$25 (large). For information or to place an order, please contact Nanette O'Neill at 703-237-1791. Deadline for orders is March 28.

Please join Ladies U-Knighted in wishing a very happy (yet belated) birthday to your new LUK President, Marijo Galvin (Jan 28) and Pat Conroy (Jan 10). Also, special birthday wishes go out to Past LUK President, Susan Walthall (Feb 25). Wishing everyone a Happy Groundhog Day and Happy Valentine's Day. Remember your sweetie on Feb 14. The next LUK meeting is on Groundhog Day, Feb 2 at 7:30.

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If you remember, we secured a loan in January of 2006 and work commenced in May of 2006. This was a very aggressive plan from the beginning. Many hands went to work on this plan to see that we got it done right, no matter what. I want to thank all of you who had a hand in getting it done. Here are the current facts:

We raised through the CCF	\$ 208,801
Current loan balance as of 1-2-2012	\$ 229,341

Total Capital Improvements/costs through 12-31-2011 - \$927,920

Almost a *Million dollars* reinvested back into the Campus. I think that our Brothers who bought this estate back in August of 1951 would be as proud of us as we are of them!

What about 2012?

As for 2012, we are re-assessing our goals as we again build up our cash reserves. We truly believe that we are on sound ground with the pool and camp doing very well. We are even having our first ever away Camp in August. As for the Main Hall and Paradise Lounge, we are very confident and we are projecting our best year ever in those two areas. As for 2012, it will be our GM Peter Silano's, first real mark on the bookings as he now has the 1st year under his belt. We encourage all of our members to go to our newly-created web site for Weddings & Events on our home page at www.kofcedw2473.org or go directly to the new web site at www.columbusclubevents.com. This web site went live in December of 2011 and we have already booked 3 events from this site in December. I would encourage you to look at all the tabs on that site as a lot has changed; new wedding packages, menus, rental rates, preferred vendors, etc.

Lastly, we are again ramping up for the *Capital Campaign II*. Stay tuned for details as they will be out shortly. We look forward to your support again. Thank you in advance!



February Supper Club

Valentines Day Dinner

February 17, 2012

6:00pm ~ Cocktails

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

Soup

Chicken with Rice

Tomato Bisque

Salad Bar

Glass of Champagne

Entrée

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			Retirees 11:00 CH Famous Taco Night 7:30	1 Council and Club Meetings 7:30 MH LUK Meeting 7:30 Spaghetti Night 7:30	2 CH Shrimp Night 6:30	3 CH Steak Dinner Night 6:30
5 Rosary 12:30 CH	6 Bridge 7:00	7 CH Burger Night 6:30	8 Retirees 11:00 CH Famous Taco Night 7:30	9 Officers and Chairmen 7:30 Spaghetti Night 7:30	10 CH Crab Leg Night 6:30	11 CH Steak Dinner Night 6:30
12 Rosary 12:30 CH Knight Life Deadline	13 Bridge 7:00	14 CH Burger Night 6:30	15 Retirees 11:00 Ladies Invited CH Famous Taco Night 7:30	16 Council Meeting and First Degree 7:30 Spaghetti Night 7:30 Fish Club Meeting 7:00	17 CH Fish Fry 6:30 Valentines Supper Club 6:30	18 CH Steak Dinner Night 6:30
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