



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

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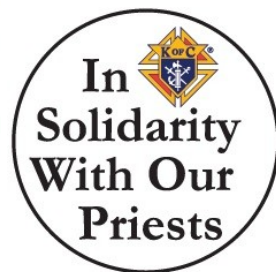
HOME OF:

Rev. Brian E. McWeeney - Administrative State Chaplain

Most Rev. Gerardo Colacicco - Auxiliary Bishop - Archdiocese of New York

Walter J. Wych - Former Vice Supreme Master - Past State Deputy

Edward F. Castellazzi - Former Vice Supreme Master - Past State Deputy



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2026-2027 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Associate Chaplain: Rev. Tom Colucci

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Secretary: Carl R. Williams, Jr.

Treasurer: Robert Zifchock

Warden: Vismal Cordero

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USEFUL CONTACTS

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Supreme Council: kofc.org

NY State Council: newyorkknights.com

Online Membership: kofc.org/joinus

Fr. McGivney Guild: fathermcgivney.org

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UPCOMING CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Sept. 25th - Dec. 18th - Mar. 19th - June 25th

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

HV Chapter Dues: Due July 1st

HV Chapter Memorial Mass: November 7th

HV Chapter State Deputy Night: January 15th

HV Chapter Races Fundraiser: Feb. 20th

HV Chapter Charity Dinner: April 3rd

NY State Convention: **TBA**

From the Desk of our Chapter President



Brothers,

I hope that you and your families are enjoying your summer.

Our Nation is celebrating a Birthday. 250 years of Blessings for our Country. Let us never forget that the Blessings we get come from **GOD**, and the liberty that we enjoy came from the sacrifices of the brave men and women who have served and who are serving our country in so many ways. We must continue to honor them and protect what they have fought and died for. We must protect our way of Liberty from all enemies, foreign and domestic. God Bless the America!

Happy New Year. The start of a new Columbian year is an exciting time, filled with energy and hope. It is a time of continuing traditions, the forming of new ideas, and keeping the mission of the Knights of Columbus moving forward. The secret to success is never stop moving.

I hope you and your councils have gotten off to a strong start. I know many Councils have Council barbecues, parish picnics, and other social events planned throughout the summer months. I urge you to use these events as opportunities to recruit new members into your council. Membership is the life blood of your council. Without new members, your current membership will age out. Do what you can to encourage men in your parish communities to join your council. There is an old saying; "*Failing to plan is planning to fail*". Don't fall into the status quo trap. Try to recruit at least 1 new member per month and your council will be renewed and strengthened. With new members, comes new ideas. Encourage your new members to get involved.

Columbian Year 2026-2027 promises to be another active period for the Hudson Valley Chapter. Our councils will support vocations and seminarians, support our priests, feed the hungry, provide for those in need, assist in our parishes & communities, and continue the work begun by Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

This year's calendar of meetings and events for the chapter is in the works. I want to thank the Councils who have stepped up and agreed to host our Chapter Meetings this year. They all do a great job, and I look forward to seeing our Brothers from those Councils.

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From the Desk of our Chapter President

REMINDER: Please submit your Chapter Dues with assessment form, Directory Update Form with any changes, and your list of Chapter Delegates (GK Delegate plus 2 other Delegates) ASAP. Forms for the Dues & Directory can be found in this newsletter. Please email your Chapter Delegate names to our Chapter Secretary Carl Williams Jr. at crwkofo@yahoo.com.

We have 2 major Fundraisers planned. The first is a Night at the Races event to help fund our Chapter Charitable Programs. Last year's event was a great success. Thanks to all who supported the event last year. With everyone's help and support, we can make this fundraiser successful again this year and earn enough money to keep our programs going.

The second fundraiser will be our major Charity Dinner to support a local Charity. This will be discussed at our first meeting of the Hudson Valley Chapter. If your council wishes to make a recommendation, please make sure to have your delegates attend the August Chapter Meeting. We will accept recommendations at that meeting.

Our first meeting of the Hudson Valley Chapter will be on Friday August 28th, at Fr. Richard Joyce Council #2270 in Montgomery. The doors will open at 7:00pm. Dinner is served at 7:15pm and meeting begins at 8:00pm.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Montgomery on Friday August 28th.

Vivat Jesus!

Faithfully & Fraternally,

Alfred A. Ronda, FM, FDD, PGK, PFN
President
Hudson Valley Chapter Knights of Columbus
DM2NYD@aol.com
(917) 650-8447 - Cell

Wanted New Members

The State Deputy has asked each member to bring in one new member this year.

Ask a friend to join the Knights of Columbus!

Online registration for new members is now available at www.kofc.org

Help us continue to grow our Order.

If you need recruiting information please contact Carl Schneider at carlfschneider60@gmail.com



2026-27 CHAPTER CALENDAR - AS OF 8/4/2026

Day / Date	Description	Location
Friday August 28, 2026	Regular Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM	Fr. Richard Joyce Council No. 2270 89 Union Street Montgomery, NY 12549
Friday September 25, 2026	Regular Chapter/Conference Meeting and Officer Installation 7:00 PM	Hyde Park Council No. 6111 1278 Route 9G Hyde Park, NY 12538
Friday October 23, 2026	Regular Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM	TBD
Saturday November 7, 2026	Hudson Valley Chapter Memorial Mass 4:30 PM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine 70 Carmelite Dr. Middletown, NY 10940
Friday December 11, 2026	Regular Chapter/Conference Meeting 7:00 PM	TBD
Friday January 15, 2027	State Deputy / Awards Night OPEN MEETING 7:00 PM	St. Mary's Council No. 4065 339 Route 82 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533
Friday February 19, 2027	Regular Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM	Pope John Paul the Great Council No. 486 149 Cottage St. Middletown, NY 10940
Saturday February 20, 2027	Chapter Fundraiser Night at the Races	St. Mary's Council No. 4065 339 Route 82 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533
Friday March 19, 2027	Regular Chapter/Conference Meeting 7:00 PM	Fr. Hanley Council No. 7266 73 Grand St. Marlboro, NY 12542
Saturday April 3, 2027	Charity Drive Dinner Cocktail Hour starts at 6:00 PM Dinner & Program starts at 7:00 PM	Powelton Club Newburgh 29 Old Balmville Rd. Newburgh, NY 12550
Friday April 23, 2027	Regular Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM	Millbrook Council #381 St. Joseph Parish Hall 15 North Ave. Millbrook, NY 12545
Thursday – Saturday TBD	NY State Convention	TBD
Friday May 21, 2027	Regular Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM	Mamakating Council No. 14560 17 High Street Bloomingburg NY 1272
Friday June 25, 2027	Regular Chapter/Conference Meeting 7:00 PM	Most Precious Blood Council No. 9254 57 Walnut St Walden, NY 12586



HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



President Alfred A. Ronda • **Vice President** Carl F. Schneider • **Secretary** Carl R. Williams Jr. • **Treasurer** Robert Zifchock

Hudson Valley Chapter Directory Update Form

Please fill out this form to update the Council Gk's, FS's and Parish information.
If No Change from the previous year, please put N/C in the space below.

Council Name & Number _____

Council Grand Knight Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Council Meeting Place _____

Meeting Days _____

Meeting Times _____

Meeting Address _____

Council Financial Secretary Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Supporting Church Name _____

Pastor Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Please E-Mail Your Directory Update Forms to Chapter Secretary Carl Williams Jr.
crwkofc@yahoo.com



Hudson Valley Chapter Knights of Columbus Annual Chapter Assessment 2026-2027



Maintain top portion for your council records

Assessment Amount: \$65.00

Assessment Period: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

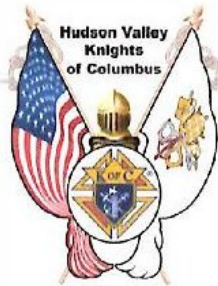
Payment Due Date: Upon Receipt

Payable to: Hudson Valley Chapter Knights of Columbus

Council Check Number: _____

Submit Payment to: Robert Zifchock
Treasurer, Hudson Valley Chapter KofC
468 Shawanga Lodge Road
Bloomingburg, NY 12721

Submit portion below with payment



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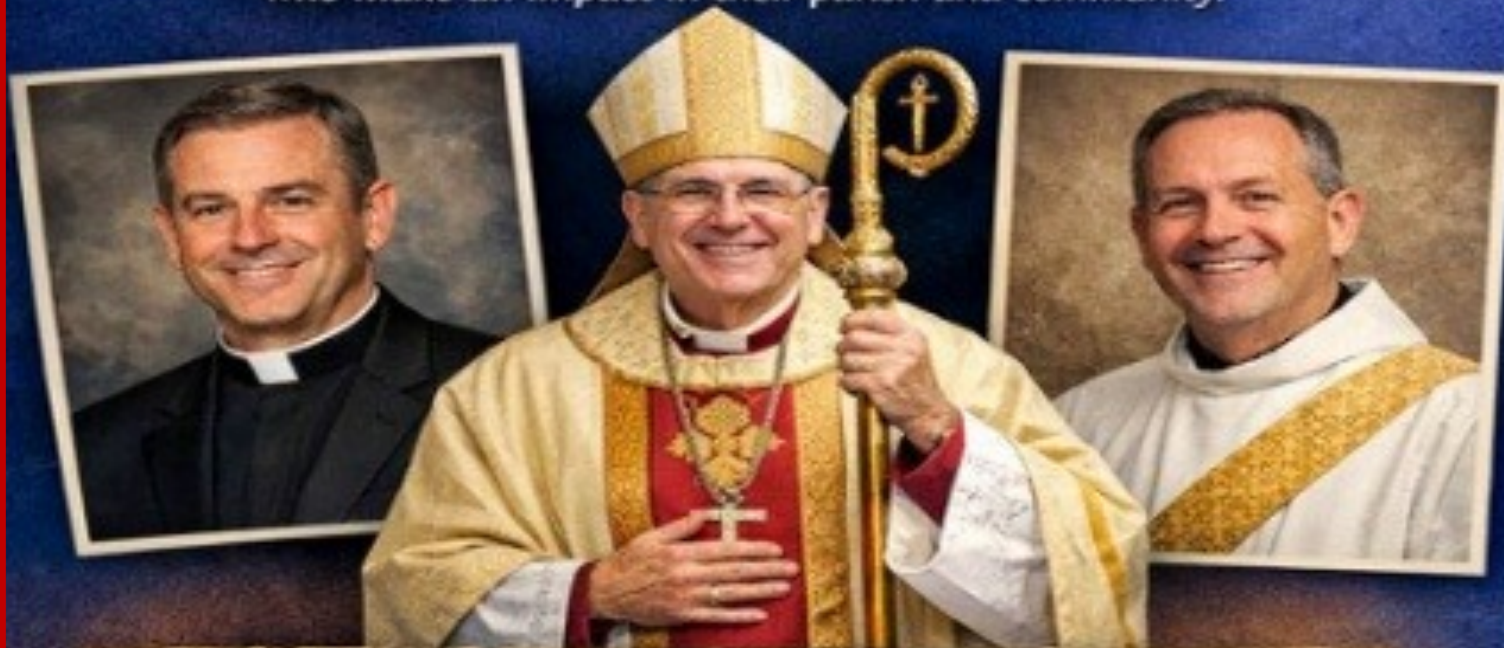
NYS Knights of Columbus Council



Clergy **Spotlight**

Nominate a Local Clergy Making a Difference!

The NYS Council is seeking submissions to recognize *Priests, Deacons, or Bishops* who make an impact in their parish and community.



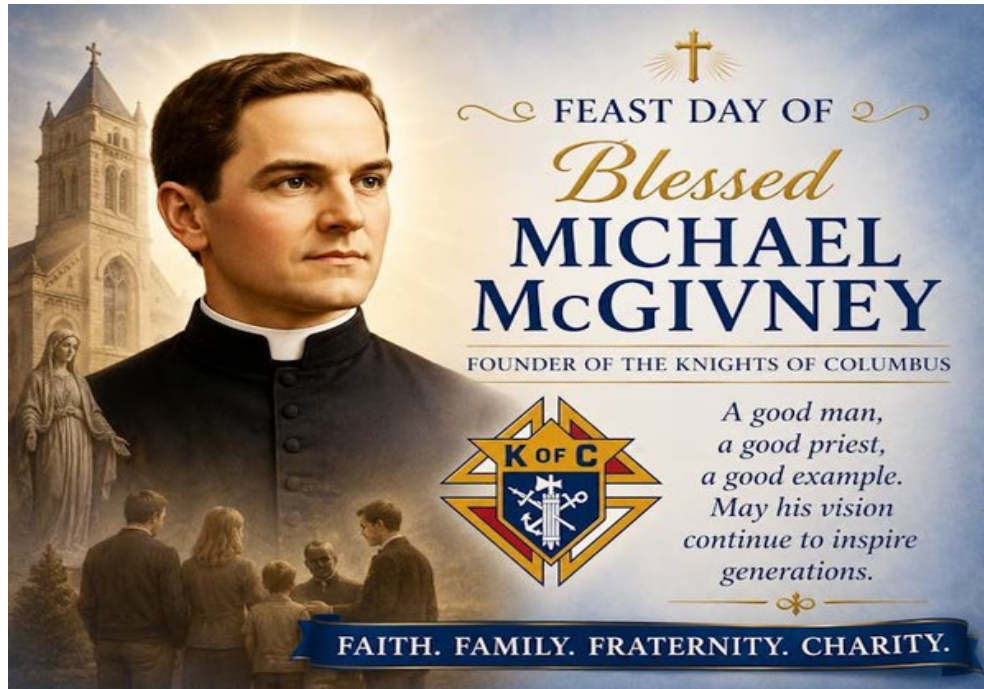
Submission Guidelines:

- 250-300 Words, Single Page Article with Photo
- One Submission Per Council Per Month
- Include Council Name, Number & Location
- Contact Person's Name & Email

Send Submissions To:

Saville1@yahoo.com
SK Stephen Saville FN
State Chairman of Priest Recognition
NYS Council - Knights of Columbus
518-538-3391

August is the perfect time to honor our Founder. Celebrate his Feast Day Aug. 13 – Set as his feast day, between his birthday (Aug. 12) and death (Aug. 14). Hold a Membership Drive, gather as a council to pray for his Canonization or perhaps dedicate an Exemplification. There are many ways to honor him.
Visit or join the [McGivney Guild](#)



Back -to School Membership Weekend August 15 -16

Back to School and Golf Initiative
Submit a picture of your council's recruitment table
Winner picked by a random drawing

A photograph of a back-to-school drive event. Several men in blue Knights of Columbus shirts are handing out supplies to children and families. There are stacks of school supplies on a table.

Men, Join the Knights of Columbus!

Sign Up at Our Back-to-School Drive!

Charity • Unity • Fraternity

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Charity • Unity • Fraternity

All Catholic men 18+ welcome. Great fellowship, service projects, and family events. Come join our back-to-school drive today!



August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a devotion that has historical roots in the Catholic Church. Here we explore the

Symbols and Significance of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

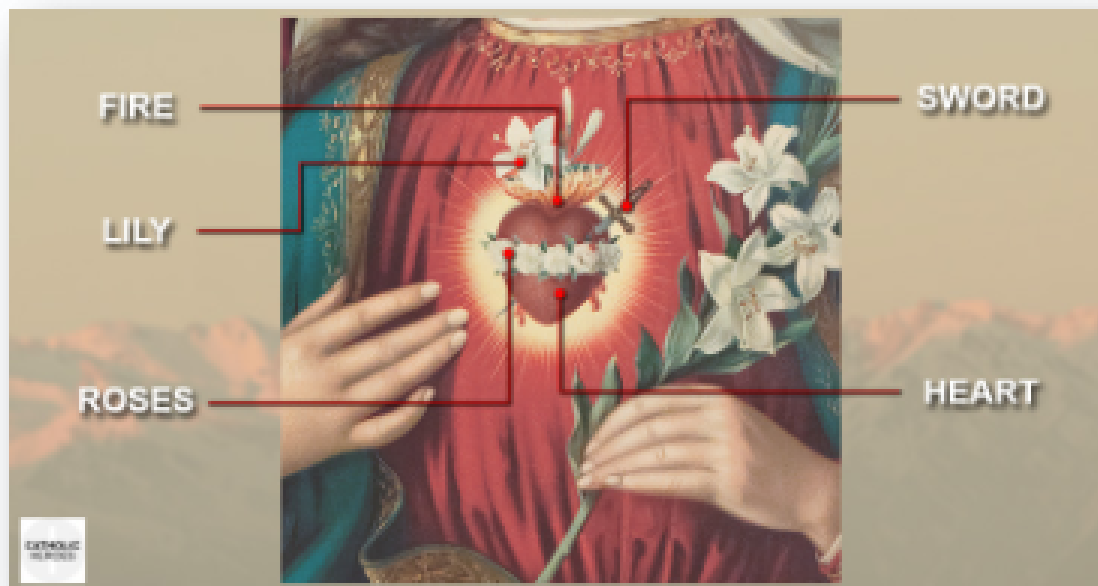
The Immaculate Heart of Mary is a revered symbol in Christian iconography, representing the purity, love, and maternal compassion of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Often depicted in statues, holy pictures, and religious art, this icon captures profound spiritual truths and serves as a focal point for devotion. The image of the Immaculate Heart typically includes several key symbols, each imbued with deep theological meaning.

At the center of the icon is the heart itself, often shown flaming and encircled by a wreath of roses. The heart symbolizes Mary's immaculate and sinless love, filled with divine grace and compassion for all humanity. The flames signify the intensity and purity of her love, burning with an unwavering devotion to God and an all-encompassing maternal care for her children. The roses, sometimes depicted as a wreath or crown, represent her purity and virginity, a tribute to her role as the pure vessel chosen to bear the Son of God.

A sword piercing the heart is a common element in the depiction of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This symbolizes the sorrow and suffering Mary endured, particularly in witnessing the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus. The sword reflects the prophecy of Simeon, who foretold that a sword would pierce her soul, signifying the deep sorrows she would experience as the Mother of Christ.

Through these symbols, the icon of the Immaculate Heart of Mary conveys a profound theological message about Mary's unique role in the divine plan of salvation, her immaculate nature, and her enduring love for all people. It serves as a powerful reminder of her spiritual motherhood and her unceasing intercession on behalf of the Church and the world.

A closer look at the Immaculate Heart -



- **Fire:** The fire represents the ardent love of Mary for God and for all humanity. It symbolizes her burning charity, the intense love that filled her heart, and her role in the divine plan of salvation.
- **Lily:** The lily represents how Mary is “full of grace”, like the lilies in Matthew 6:28-30, was graced with the providence of God. Just as the lilies are clothed in splendor by God’s care, surpassing even Solomon’s glory, Mary is adorned with divine grace and beauty.
- **Roses:** Roses, often depicted as a garland or wreath surrounding the heart, symbolize Mary’s purity, chastity, and virtues. It also signifies her immaculate conception and her sinless nature, as well as her perpetual virginity
- **Sword:** Some icons show seven pierced swords that symbolizes the seven sorrows of Mary. This is in line with the prophecy of Simeon in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2:35).
- **Heart:** The heart itself represents the core of Mary’s being, embodying her maternal love and compassion. It is a symbol of her profound and tender affection for all people, as well as her devotion to God and her Son, Jesus Christ. Additionally, the rays of light emanating from the heart highlight Mary’s role as a beacon of divine light and guidance. These rays represent the graces she bestows upon the faithful and her intercessory role as a compassionate advocate before God. The Immaculate Heart, thus, becomes a symbol of hope and a source of comfort, inviting the faithful to seek refuge in her maternal care and to emulate her virtues.

ALL FAITHFUL CATHOLICS

— YOU ARE INVITED TO THE —



**ANNUAL
KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS
PILGRIMAGE**

AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF MARTYRS
AURIESVILLE, NY

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026
10:30AM – 6:00PM

A DAY OF FAITH, PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP



OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

CONCLUDING PILGRIMAGE MASS IN THE COLISEUM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

RSVP to Eric Mazzone
if you'd like lunch.
Contact Eric for information.
mazzone.eric@yahoo.com

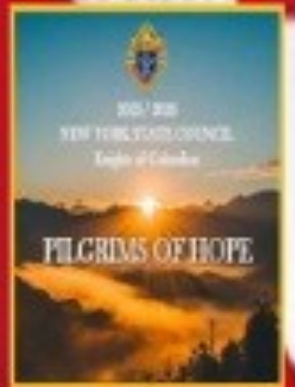
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 16861
FOR LUNCH.**

FUNCRAZR FOOTBALL 2026



GARY LEONARDO
NYS DEPUTY



DAN RAMOS
FUNDRAIZR CHAIRMAN
VENMO: @DAN-RAMOS-4



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Empire State Bulletin

October 2026



New York State Council KNIGHTS • OF • COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE STATE FINALS



The New York State Soccer Challenge Finals will be held on;
TBD @ West Point Military Academy.

Event Address: UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL (USMAPS)
950 Reynolds Road, West Point NY
Ask directions at gate to USMAPS

Check in times: Downstate Participants: 8:30am
Upstate Participants: 9:30am
Long Island Participants: 10:30am
We will be starting at 9:00am **SHARP!**

Please Note: All persons entering West Point must visit the West Point Visitor Control Center and present proper ID to obtain a visitor day pass.
Visitor Center open from 6:00am – 10:00pm
WEST POINT VISITOR CONTROL CENTER
2107 New South Post Road Highland Falls, NY (845) 938-0392

If you have any questions, please contact Craig Gruszecki, email: fs4065craig@gmail.com
or cell; (845) 724-4501

12th Annual DICK CUTTER CHARITY Golf CLASSIC

Proceeds Will Benefit
Tunnel To Towers
25th Anniversary



MONDAY
AUGUST 10, 2026

9:00AM
CHECK-IN

10:00AM
SHOTGUN START



The Country Club at Otterkill
100 Otter Road
Campbell Hall, NY 10916

Register Now

Pat Scollan (917) 596-1370

Sign Up Here:

<https://forms.gle/CqoEKeLZnaYnsyiY7>

Washingtonville
Knights
of
Columbus

**HOLE-IN-ONE
PRIZE**



\$175 - Per Player

\$700 - Foursome



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Golfer SignUp

2026 Knights of Columbus Golf Outing

Monday, August 24th, 2026 | The Country Club at
Otterkill 100 Otter Road, Campbell Hall, NY 10916

Golf Fee is \$175.00 per golfer | \$600.00 per team

9:00 a.m. Registration & Driving Range

10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start | Lunch on The Turn Dinner
& Awards

Golfers Receive: 18 hole game | Cart | Driving Range
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | 1 Hour Open Bar

Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Council #9254
Detach the registration form below & mail with payment to ...

Proceeds benefit local food pantries, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan
County, HV Honor Flight, the special Olympics and other charitable work
in the community done by the Knights.

Questions or more information email mpb.kc.golf@gmail.com

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Additional Golfers:

Golfer 2. _____

Golfer 3. _____

Golfer 4. _____

