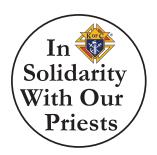


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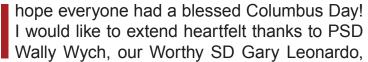
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From the Desk of our Chapter President

My Brother Knights,





and PCP Joe Serenscies for presiding over and conducting the Installation of Officers at our September Chapter Meeting. It was truly a special occasion, made even more meaningful by the presence of our Worthy State Deputy, Gary Leonardo.

At our September meeting, we announced this year's Chapter Charity: we will once again be supporting the Hudson Valley Honor Flight. Our Charity Chairman for this year is Chapter Secretary Carl Williams Jr. The charity campaign will officially kick off at our October Chapter Meeting. Raffle tickets, table sponsorship forms, and journal ad forms will be available at that time. I urge all Councils and 4th Degree Assemblies to support this worthy cause, which does so much for our veterans in the Hudson Valley.

Due to slow response, we made the difficult, but necessary decision to postpone our Knight at the Races Fundraiser. The new date is **Saturday, February 21, 2026**. We need the support and cooperation of all councils especially those councils that have benefited from our charitable support programs. It's of vital importance that we replenish our Charitable Programs Fund. If your council has received support from these programs or any other Chapter donation, please make every effort to support the Knight at the Races Fundraiser. **We need your HELP!** Without sufficient funds, we will be unable to continue offering the Scholarship Program, Pantry Support Program or make any other charitable donations.

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From the Desk of our Chapter President

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A few important reminders:

- Chapter dues of \$65 were due on July 1, 2025. If your council has not yet submitted payment, please remit it to our Chapter Treasurer, Bob Zifchock, at rcz_20@yahoo.com.
- If you haven't already done so, please submit your list of council delegates to the Chapter as soon as possible. Send all submissions to Chapter Secretary Carl Williams Jr. at crwkofc@yahoo.com.

Our Chapter Memorial Mass is scheduled for Saturday, November 1st, and will once again be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, NY, hosted by our brothers of St. Titus Brandsma Council. **Please note:** this year's service will begin at 3:30 PM and will not fulfill Sunday's Mass obligation. A Letter of Invitation has been sent out to be shared with the families of our departed brother knights. Please ensure that this invitation is forwarded to the families of your deceased council members. Also, send your list of brothers who have passed between October 31 2024, and October 24, 2025, to Chapter Secretary Carl Williams Jr. at crwkofc@yahoo.com so they may be included in this year's Memorial Mass program.

Our next Hudson Valley Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, October 24th, hosted by our brothers at Most Precious Blood Council #9254. The full address is available on our Chapter website at HVKOC.org and in our calendar page in the October Newsletter. Doors open at 7:00 PM, dinner will be served at 7:15 PM, and the meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 PM.

Committee Chairmen: please come prepared and keep your reports brief - no more than three to four minutes.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Walden on Friday, October 24th at Most Precious Blood Council #9254.

Faithfully & Fraternally!

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



Hudson Valley Chapter Meeting & Event Schedule 2025–2026



Day / Date	Description	Location
Friday August 22, 2025	Regular Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM	Fr. Richard Joyce Council No. 2270 89 Union Street Montgomery, NY 12549
Friday September 26, 2025	Regular Chapter/Conference Meeting and Officer Installation 7:00 PM	Hyde Park Council No. 6111 1278 Route 9G Hyde Park, NY 12538-2074
Friday October 24, 2025	Regular Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM	Most Precious Blood Council No. 9254 57 Walnut St Walden, NY 12586
Saturday November 1, 2025	Hudson Valley Chapter Memorial Mass 3:30 PM	OLMC Shrine 70 Carmelite Dr. Middletown, NY 10940
Friday December 12, 2025	Regular Chapter/Conference Meeting 7:00 PM	LaGrange Council No. 13378 20 Doctor Fink Drive, Pleasant Valley, NY 12540
Friday January 16, 2026	Open Chapter Meeting State Deputy / Awards Night 7:00 PM	St. Mary's Council No. 4065 339 Route 82 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533
Friday February 20, 2026	Regular Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM	Mamakating Council No. 14560 17 High Street Bloomingburg NY 1272
Saturday February 21, 2026	Chapter Fundraiser Night at the Races	St. Mary's Council No. 4065 339 Route 82 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533
Friday March 20, 2026	Regular Chapter/Conference Meeting 7:00 PM	Fr. Hanley Council No. 7266 73 Grand St Marlboro, NY 12542
Saturday April 18, 2026	Charity Drive Dinner Cocktail Hour starts at 6:00 PM Program starts at 7:00 PM	Powelton Club Newburgh 29 Old Balmville Rd Newburgh, NY 12550
Friday April 24, 2026	Regular Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM	St. Martin de Porres Council No. 7551 118 Cedar Valley Road - Nativity Center Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Thursday – Saturday April 30 – May 2, 2026	NY State Convention	Villa Roma Resort Calicoon, NY
Friday May 29, 2026	Regular Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM	Pope John Paul the Great Council No. 486 149 Cottage St. Middletown, NY 10940
Friday June 26, 2026	Regular Chapter/Conference Meeting 7:00 PM	Wappingers Council No. 1646 2660 E. Main St. Wappingers Falls

October 2025 Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025.

This meeting will be hosted by our Brothers from: Most Precious Blood Council No. #9254. We look forward to your attendance and participation.

located at:

Most Precious Blood Council No. #9254 57 Walnut St Walden, NY 12586

Doors open at 7:00pm - Repast Meal begins at 7:15pm. Chapter Meeting begins at 8:00pm

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





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Knights of Columbus

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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Introducing Clergy Spotlight

Introducing Clergy Spotlight, York State Council Knights of and recognition of our Clergy.

Councils throughout New nominate local Clergy - a -- who make a difference in Nominations should include a

a new initiative from the New Columbus to further support

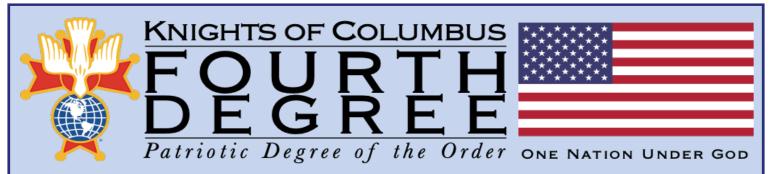
York State are invited to Priest, Bishop, or a Deacon their parish and community. brief description and photo of

those recognized, both of which will be featured in "Knight Life," the State Council's monthly newsletter.

SUBMISSIONS *250-300 words

- * One page, with accompanying photo embedded in the article
- * Email submissions only; 1 submission per Council per month
- * Submissions must include Council name and number, location and contact details of the submitter (name and email address)

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



Fourth Degree Exemplification of Patriotism Saturday, November 8, 2025

Location:

St Catherine of Alexandria Church 523 Western Highway. Blauvelt, NY 10913

Time - Mass 8:30 AM, Registration, 9:15 AM Exemplification 10 AM

> Repast to Follow: St. Dominic's Council No. 5343 150 Erie St. Blauvelt, NY 10913

> > Candidate Cost: \$40.00 Guest Cost: \$20.00

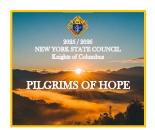
Family Members are now welcome to join you for the Fourth Degree Exemplification of Patriotism

For more information contact District Master Carl Schneider at carlfschneider60@gmail.com

St. Isaac Jogues Province - 2nd New York District
Knights of Columbus



The Patriotic Degree
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Empire State Bulletin

October 2025



New York State Council

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SOCCER CHALLENGE







The New York State Soccer Challenge Finals will be held on; **Sunday, November 2**nd. at 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 Nicholas Procino, email; Nicholas.procino@gmail.com or cell; (845) 499-7777

October 2025 Council Meeting Message

Brothers,

Did you know some life insurance policies include living benefits?

Do yours?

Certain policies offer benefits during your lifetime - these are known as "living benefits."

One such benefit is a whole life insurance policy's cash value, which can grow tax-deferred. You can access it during your lifetime either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral. You would have this at your disposal to help with a down payment, tuition, to supplement your income in retirement, or in case of emergency.

Secondly, living benefit riders, which you can add to a whole life policy, can help make funds available to you if you're diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness.

No one expects a devastating diagnosis, but if it happens, you'll be able to put your whole life insurance policy to work immediately — while you and your family need it.

One of those riders is the new Chronic Illness Armor rider, which helps guard your family against the financial strain of a chronic health diagnosis. For a modest premium, this rider allows you to access your policy death benefit to cover mortgage payments, medical bills or any other expenses that come in the wake of a chronic illness. There are no restrictions on what you can use the accelerated benefits for!

The Terminal Illness Rider will also accelerate your death benefit and can help provide funds if you receive a terminal diagnosis that shortens your life expectancy. Like the Chronic Illness Armor rider, this benefit can be used to cover anything from a family trip to end-of-life expenses.

In short, life insurance with living benefit riders can help your family prepare not just for an unexpected death, but also serious illness through a means that allows you to use your benefits during your lifetime. It's a daunting scenario to consider, but if it does happen, financial relief is possible.

Set up time to meet with me, and we'll create a personalized insurance plan that matches your needs.

Cash value growth is gradual and may take time to accumulate. Loans and withdrawals will reduce the policy's cash value and death benefit, may result in a taxable event, and could cause the policy to lapse if not properly managed. Policy loans accrue interest. These riders are only available at the time of life insurance policy issue.

The Chronic Illness Rider and Terminal Illness Rider provide life insurance benefits that give policyholders the option to accelerate some or all of the death benefit in the event that they meet the criteria for a qualifying event described in the certificate. Chronic illness must be re-certified every 12 months by a medical professional to continue to receive benefits. The chronic illness armor rider and the terminal illness rider are not long-term care insurance and are not meant to replace long-term care coverage. The Terminal Illness Rider is automatically added to all permanent policies over \$50,000 at no additional cost. There is an additional premium for the Chronic Illness Rider.

Vivat Jesus!

Daniel Hooker, CLU, CRPC, LUTCF, FICF Insurance Field Agent (845)-735-2652



Life Insurance Goes Beyond Life

Insurance General Agent Daniel Hooker, (845) 735-2652 daniel.hooker@kofc.org





ARMY vs TEMPLE

West Point United States Military Academy 606 Thayer Rd, West Point, NY 10996



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 2025

Pre-Game Tailgate Party 9:30am - 12pm

(Tailgate Party and Parking At South Dock #'s 2 & 3)

Come join your fellow Knights for a Tailgate Party and a great afternoon of football at West Point USMA.

Ticket price includes the 2 Hour Pre-Game Tailgate Party hosted by Cardinal Egan Council #16334, Parking and Entrance to the game! All food provided by Cardinal Egan Council! You provide your own beverages.

PARKING LOT OPENS AT 6AM – ARRIVE EARLY TO BEAT THE RUSH.
RESERVE NOW - TICKETS ARE LIMITED - \$85.00 PER TICKET

Proceeds to purchase W.W.A. Honor Wreaths for Wreaths Across America For information contact James De Francesco (JTDF717@gmail or 917-903-8701			
Make check or money order po	ayable to NYS Knights of Columbus , please note ail to: 23 Robinson Ave, Staten Island, NY 10312		
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Prizes Are ONLY From Tickets Sold By New York Knights.

Each Ticket Provides 4 Random Pro Football Teams per Week.

Your Score is the Total Number of Points each game per week.

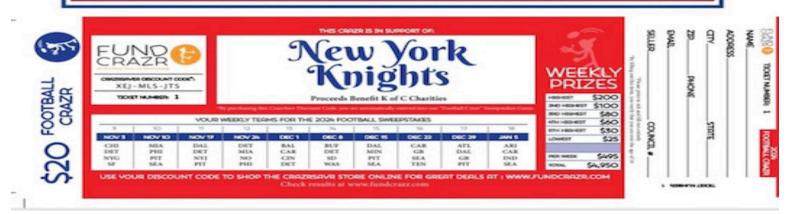
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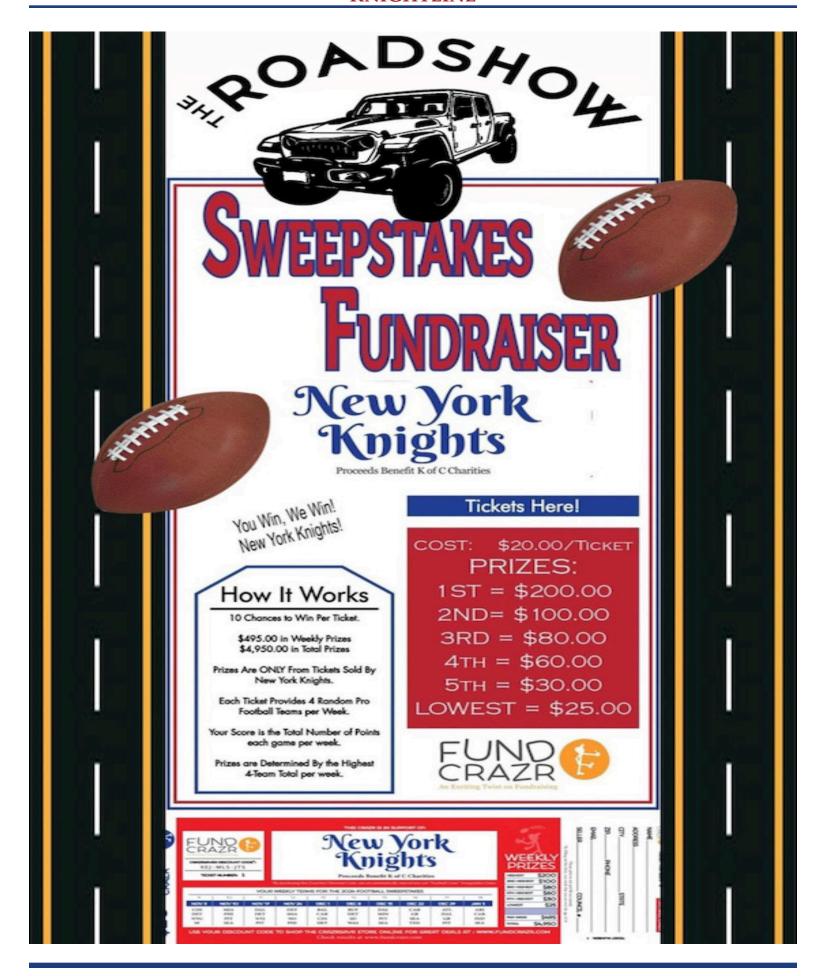
4TH = \$60.00

5TH = \$30.00

LOWEST = \$25.00







Hudson Valley Chapter Knights of Columbus

Join us for our

CONTRACES Conner & Show

SATURDAY FEB. 21, 2026

Doors Open at 5pm

First Race at 7pm

Watch Races On the Big Screen

Pre-Recorded Races - Lots of competitive fun!

\$20 per person - Reservations Required
(Space Limited to the first 150 Paid Tickets - 18 years old and older)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER K OF C

Price Includes Admission, Buffet Dinner, Dessert, Coffee/Tea CASH BAR - 50/50 RAFFLES NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ALLOWED

Sponsor a Horse for just \$25.00 - If your Horse Wins, You Win \$100.00
Sponsors Need Not Be Present to win!
All proceeds will go to our Charitable Scholarship Fund and
local Food Pantry Support

Please Get Your Reservations In By Feb 11, 2026

FOR RESERVATIONS & HORSES PLEASE EMAIL:

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For More Information Call Al R at: (845) 293-2820

Event To Be Held At Catholic War Veterans / Knights of Columbus 4065 Hall 339 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Prayer For Those Who Are Sick & Distressed



Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness.

Hear the prayers we offer for our sick Brothers or their relatives:

Christina Platé, Joe Gianzero, John McGivney, Vinny Milano, Chris Earl, Chris & Mike Pichardo, Kara McKenna, Ed McKenna, Dottie Kozak, Suzanne Ferrarelli, Phylis Williams, Cindy Russo, Bob Dillon, Tony Russo, Pat Peterson, Yvonne Lardo, Shannon Lyons, Adalgisa Pozo, Dan Dillon, Hector Viduly.

Repose the Souls of:

Linda Keenan RIP, Maria Spaziani RIP, Anna Maria Platé RIP, Gregg Snigur RIP, Michael Morelli RIP, Charles Reinshagen RIP, Mikey V RIP, Mike Kelly RIP, SGT. Nigel Barnett RIP.

May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be Saints and know hat they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Always keep in mind the unborn who were never given a chance of life.

Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life.

And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.

I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion.

Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

Today I commit myself,

Never to be silent,

Never to be passive,

Never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement.

And never to stop defending life, until all my brothers and sisters are protected.

And our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice.

Not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!