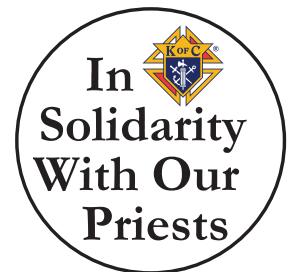


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From the Desk of our Chapter President

My Brother Knights,

Happy New Year, Brothers. I hope everyone has a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas. As we enter into the 2nd Half of the Columbian Year, we find ourselves in the midst of a cold winter, dealing with winter storms, and looking forward to the arrival of Spring (eventually!).



We are now halfway through the Columbian Year and we can look at all that has been accomplished by the Hudson Valley Chapter and our Councils, and be immensely proud of our determination, resilience, and dedication to the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for Friday January 16, 2026, hosted by our brothers of St. Mary's Council #4065. This will be State Deputy Night and we will be honored to have our Worthy State Deputy, Gary Leonardo and his lovely wife Lilly in attendance as we honor our Worthy State Deputy. We will also have the honor of presenting Supreme Council awards to Hudson Valley councils for achieving their 2024-2025 Columbian Year goals.

This will be an open meeting: spouses and guests are welcome to attend. Please email GK4065@aol.com with your Council # and number of attendees. All Reservations are due in by Monday, January 12th at 12 noon.

The primary focus of the January Dinner meeting will be **PUSH TO THE FINISH** for the support of our selected Charity. The Hudson Valley Chapter is very proud to once again work with the Hudson Valley Honor Flight as our selected Charity this year. This Newsletter includes the flyers containing all the information how Councils, Assemblies, and friends of the Knights of Columbus in the community can support this outstanding organization.

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From the Desk of our Chapter President

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Our Charity Drive Dinner will be held on April 128, 2026, at The Powelton Club in Newburgh. Please join us in our efforts to support the Hudson Valley Honor Flight.

REMINDER: We also have our Knight at the Races event coming up on Saturday, February 21st with all proceeds going to our Charitable Programs Fund. We need the support of ALL Councils and all our brothers to make this fun event a success. Please get your Race Sponsorships and Reservations in by Jan. 16th. Horse Sponsorships are due in by February 11th. The event will also be hosted by our brothers of St. Mary's Council #4065. Please make sure to share the information with ALL Members of your Council and anyone else who might be interested in a fun night out with Dinner and horse race entertainment.

I look forward to seeing you all on January 16th at our State Deouty Night Chapter Dinner Meeting, and at our Races event on February 21st.

Wishing you all a very successful 2nd half and a safe, Happy and Healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesus,

Alfred A. Ronda, FM, FDD, PGK, PFN
President - Hudson Valley Chapter Knights of Columbus
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(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

January 2026 Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, January 16, 2026.

This meeting will be hosted by our Brothers from:
St. Mary's Council No. 4065.

This is an open meeting & our State Deputy Night, guests are invited and encouraged to attend.

located at:
St. Mary's Council No. 4065
339 Route 82
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

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



HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
2026 Chapter Charity Ball in Support of
“Hudson Valley Honor Flight”
Saturday April 18, 2026

Cocktail Hour starts at 6PM

Program starts at 7PM



**CHARITY DINNER
RAFFLE TICKET SUPPORT**

Cost: \$5.00 Per Ticket
or
5 Tickets for \$20.00



1st Prize..... \$1,000.00
2nd Prize..... \$ 300.00
3rd Prize..... \$ 200.00

DRAWING DATE: Saturday April 18, 2026

Powelton Country Club, Newburgh, NY
Winners need not be present.

All Proceeds Go Directly to Support
Hudson Valley Honor Flight

Please Make Checks Payable to: Hudson Valley Chapter Knights of Columbus

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CHARITY DINNER REGISTRATION FORM

DINNER COST

\$85.00 Per Attendee

\$850.00 Per Table (each table seats 10)

DEADLINE: Friday, April 3, 2026

DINNER LOCATION:

The Powelton Club

29 Balmville Road

Newburgh, NY 12550



PLEASE NOTE: Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis and must include payment.

Please Make Checks Payable to: Hudson Valley Chapter Knights of Columbus
Council or Assembly check is the preferred method of payment.

Date: _____

Council/Assembly Number: _____

Council/Assembly Name: _____

Number of Attendees: _____

ATTENDEE NAMES	ATTENDEE NAMES

Main Contact Name: _____

Main Contact Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Email: _____ Check # _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Please mail this Contract and Check to:

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CHARITY DINNER JOURNAL AD FORM

Journal Ad Rates

Full Page B&W.....	\$100.00
Half Page B&W.....	\$75.00
Quarter Page B&W.....	\$50.00
Booster B&W.....	\$5.00 per name

DEADLINE: Friday April 3, 2026

Please Make Checks Payable to: Hudson Valley Chapter Knights of Columbus



Date: _____

Check # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I hereby authorized the HV Chapter Knights of Columbus to insert my advertisement into your Event Journal in conjunction with your Charity Dinner to occupy One (1) Full / Half / Quarter page ad (circle one), for which we agree to pay \$ _____ for said advertisement.

Authorized Signature: _____

Please mail this Contract, Check and Art Work to:

HV Chapter Knights of Columbus
c/o Carl F. Schneider
229 E Main Street.
Walden, NY 12586-1555

(845) 568-7159 (Cell)

carlfschneider60@gmail.com

Here is the cost breakdown for each of the flights sponsored by the Hudson Valley Honor Flight

FLIGHT DAY BREAKDOWN

WHAT'S BEHIND GIVING OUR VETERANS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE
"FLIGHT OF A LIFETIME"



Hudson Valley Chapter

Knights of Columbus

**Join us for our
KNIGHTS AT THE RACES
Dinner & 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:**

AI R - DM2NYD@aol.com

Carl S - carlfschneider60@gmail.com

Carl W - crwkofc@yahoo.com

Paul P - PJPlate94@yahoo.com

For More Information Call AI 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**

HV CHAPTER KNIGHT AT THE RACES FUNDRAISER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Knight at the Races?

The races kit is rented from a Company called Nite at the Races.com located in Florida. The Races DVD itself, comes in a sealed DVD Box. The company has hundreds of Race DVDs and every kit is randomized.

Each DVD has 10 races with 10 horses running in each race. Since the kits are randomized and come sealed, no one knows where or when these races were run or what horse number won each race.

Can Anyone Inspect the DVD prior to the Start of the First Race?

The kit is available during the dinner and before the start of the first race for anyone who would like to inspect the kit to confirm the DVD has not opened or tampered with.

How Does the Event Work?

When you first enter the establishment you stop at the check in Desk and check in. You will then receive a Races Program with all the horses listed. At that time, you can purchase Play Money and 50/50 Raffle Tickets. Doors open at 5pm – and the Buffet is served from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. Additionally, the Bar is open for the purchase of beverages from 5pm until the 9th Race.

How Do Horse Ownership / Sponsorship Work?

You can Sponsor a Horse for \$25 each Horse. If your Horse wins that particular race, you will win \$100 CASH. You can Sponsor as many Horses as you like. Your Horse(s) will be assigned randomly to a Race. If you sponsor more than one horse, each horse will be assigned to a different Race to maximize your chances of winning more. You name your own Horse(s). In the Program, you will find your Horse(s) along with the Owner's Name.

How Does the Betting Work?

Prior to the start of each Race, the betting windows will be opened for you to place your bets. **You can ONLY bet with Play Money purchased at the event.** Bets are only taken one race at a time. The Emcee will announce when the Betting Windows are open at which time you will get in line and place your bet(s). You can bet on an Horse in that particular Race. You can bet multiple times on a single horse or on multiple horses. Each bet is \$2. The odds and payouts are calculated and determined by the total number of bets received divided by the number of bets for each horse.

Can I Bet on my Own Horse?

YES. You can bet on your own Horse(s) if you so choose. If your Horse(s) win, you will receive the \$100 payout in CASH plus whatever the calculated payout is, in Play money.

What do I do with the Play Money after the event?

After the event has concluded, you can go over to the payout table and cash in whatever play money you have left in your possession for Real Money. We buy back the left over Play money.

Where does the proceeds from this event go?

All proceeds from this event, after expenses, go directly to the Hudson Valley Chapter's Charitable Programs Fund to Fund our Chapter Scholarship Fund and our Food Pantry Support fund, plus any other Charitable endeavors the Chapter chooses to support.



HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



SPONSOR A HORSE RACE FOR OUR KNIGHT AT THE RACES FUNDRAISER

For Sponsoring a Horse Race at our Knights At The Races Fundraising Event, your Business or Organization will be listed in our Official Race Program at the top of the Race you sponsor. At the start of the Race, the Emcee will announce to all in attendance that this race was sponsored by your business or organization including the business address (if applicable). You will also receive a free 1/10th of a page space in the Race Program on the Sponsors Page with your Business card.

All proceeds from this event will go to fund our Charitable Scholarship Program, Food Pantry Support and other Charitable Programs.

SPONSORSHIP COST: \$60

BUSINESS NAME: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS TELEPHONE: _____

BUSINESS WEBSITE ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ CHECK # _____

SPONSORSHIP SOLD BY: _____

**PLEASE INCLUDE A BUSINESS CARD WITH YOUR DONATION (IF POSSIBLE).
PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE THE BUSINESS CARD - PLEASE USE A PAPER CLIP**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER K OF C**

**PLEASE MAIL CHECKS AND PAYMENTS TO
HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER K OF C
ATTN: ALFRED RONDA
8 BOB LANE
BEACON, NY 12508**



HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



KNIGHT AT THE RACES FUNDRAISER HORSE SPONSORSHIP FORM

PLEASE NOTE: Horse Sponsorship form submissions must include payment.

Please get your Sponsorship Form in by Monday 2/9/2026.

Please Make Checks Payable to: Hudson Valley Chapter K of C

Council or Assembly check is the preferred method of payment.

Date: _____ Council/Assembly Number: _____ Council/Assembly Name: _____

	HORSE NAME	SPONSOR NAME	PHONE or EMAIL
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
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10			

**Price of Sponsoring a Horse is \$25 - Win \$100 if the Horse you sponsor comes in 1st Place.
Winners need Not Be Present to Sponsor or Win**

*** PLEASE NOTE – When naming your horse, please try and select a name that is unique, but that will entice people to bet on your horse. (Example – Granny's Dream or Lucky Seven)**

PLEASE NOTE: All Proceeds will go to our Charitable Programs Fund

**Please mail this completed form and Check to
HV Chapter Knights of Columbus
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8 Bob Lane
Beacon, NY 12508**

(917) 650-8447 - Cell

Email: DM2NYD@aol.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



KNIGHT AT THE RACES FUNDRAISER RESERVATION FORM

PLEASE NOTE: Reservations must include payment.

Please get your Reservations in by Friday 1/16/2026.

Event will be held at the **4065 Council Hall - 339 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533**

PLEASE DO NOT MAIL RESERVATIONS TO THE VENUE ADDRESS

Please Make Checks Payable to: Hudson Valley Chapter K of C

Council or Assembly check is the preferred method of payment.

Date: _____ **Council/Assembly Number:** _____ **Council/Assembly Name:** _____

Number of Attendees: _____

ATTENDEE NAMES	ATTENDEE NAMES

Main Contact Name: _____

Main Contact Phone: _____ **Amount Enclosed:** _____

Email: _____ **Check #** _____

PLEASE NOTE: Reservations include Admission, Buffet Dinner, Dessert, Coffee / Tea

No Outside Beverages Allowed - Cash Bar Available for All Drinks

50/50 Raffle will be Available - Purchase of Play Money at the Event is Required

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**New York State
Knight of Columbus**



**THE NEW YORK RANGERS
VS.
THE CALGARY FLAMES**



**TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2026
7:00 PM at MADISON SQUARE GARDEN**

\$125 PER TICKET



MAIL FORM with PAYMENT TO:

James De Francesco
23 Robinson Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10312

ATTENTION: RANGERS

**ACT FAST!
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE**



Seat Section 414/415

Proceeds will benefit the
Anchor Program Fund for
People with Special Needs

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Email: JTDF717@Gmail.com

Make Check or Money Order payable to:
NYS COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. In MEMO, please put RANGERS



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____ (Print Clearly)

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:**

Armando Spaziani, Douglas Kreck, Christina Platé, John & Mary Ann McGivney, Rudy Sekeley, Kathy Zifchock, Deb Joyce, Suzanne Ferrarelli, Cathleen Malok, Theresa Tropeano, Ray Gruszecki, Cindy & Tony Russo, Pat Peterson, Shannon Lyons, Kara McKenna, Cathy, Bill & Kelly Manley, Jamie McKenna, Christopher LaLonde, Pat Pichardo.

Repose the Souls of:

Fred LaFlair RIP, Gus Ose RIP, Eileen Carroll RIP, Joe Howard RIP, Ann Howard RIP, Joseph Ray Jr. RIP, John & Viola Ray RIP, Joe Calbo RIP, Carmela Vincini RIP, Rosemary DePaolo RIP.

May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be Saints and know that 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!