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Meetings 1st and Last Wednesday of Each Month at 7:30 P.M.

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Greetings ALL,

Welcome to 2026! I trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday season with family and friends.

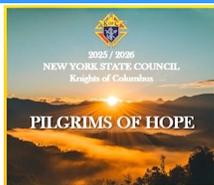
Coming to you again will be our councils parish membership drives. As said in the past our growth should be at the forefront of our efforts. This council has survived since 1955 a testament to all those that came before us. The Hudson Valley has been leading the state in recruitment so far this year. We were fortunate to gain two new members in the fall which leaves us with some work to be done. Supreme's membership goal for us is 15, so let's give it our best. Knights should not rely solely on the membership drives. We need to recruit from our families and friends and to our casual acquaintances.

Remember also that the council will host the January State Deputy night -HV Chapter meeting. At this gathering councils that have been awarded for their efforts during our prior Columbian year will be recognized. We can use all the help we can muster up.

I would again like to THANK ALL of you who are ALWAYS THERE. The behind the scene people who make all that we do possible. When you arrive at an event remember someone was there before giving you a place to sit and food to enjoy. Consider getting involved the more hands the easier it is to make events happen.

I wish you all health and happiness in the days and months ahead!

VIVAT JESUS
Matthew Seman, GK



Get Rich Quick



Once a month, each brother Knight who attended the business meeting, and who signed the book and put a dollar in the pot has a chance to win the drawing. A members name is chosen from our total council membership. If you signed the book that month, you win!

Will you be the lucky winner? **You gotta be in it to win it.**



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Program Director's Report

JANUARY

1 - New Year's Day
1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (H)
7 - Council Business Meeting
14 - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting
16 - **HV Chapter Meeting @ 4065 Open Meeting - Gusts Welcome** - State Deputy / Awards Night / Charity Go Home Drive
18 - Respect Life Mass - St. Patrick's Cathedral NYC
28 - Council Officers Meeting

FEBRUARY

4 - Council Business Meeting
11 - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting
18 - Ash Wednesday - Chowder Sales Begin 3pm-6pm
20 - Chowder Sales 3pm-6pm
20 - HV Chapter Meeting @ Mamakating #14560
21 - **HV Chapter Night at the Races Fundraiser Doors Open @ 5pm - Post Time 7pm**
25 - Council Officers Meeting
27 - Chowder Sales 3pm-6pm
28 - Membership Drive @ Churches

UPCOMING DEGREES - 2026

Virtual Online New Member Exemplification Degrees

2nd & 4th Thursday of Each Month - Pre-Registration Required - 7:30 login - 8pm Start Time

4th Degree Exemplification of Patriotism

June 13, 2026 - 10am - St. Martin de Porres Church - Poughkeepsie, NY - 10am Start

Respectfully & Fraternally

Raymond Tropeano - Program Director
Deputy Grand Knight



St. Mary's Council #4065

Calling all boys and girls between ages 9 to 14
(birthdays between Jan 1, 2011 and December 31, 2016)

Our Council will be sponsoring the

2026 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

on Monday, **January 19, 2025 at 5:00PM** in the St Columba Church
School Gymnasium. 849 Rt82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Please bring proof of age. Both participant and
parent/guardian must sign entry form

The competition is FREE

For additional information, please call:
Craig Gruszecki at 845-518-4105
Steve Washburn at 845-392-4448



Financial Secretary Report - January 2026

Brother Knights,

Our **SECOND** dues notice for 2026 will be sent out on January 15th.
Our dues are still \$44 (\$2 is a culture of life fee). **These have not changed in over 10 years.** We do rely on the charitable funds to help with expenses.

We will still have our C&B, Chapter Charity, Council & Youth 50/50 raffles (these still are \$20, \$5, \$10, & \$8 for a total of \$43).

Easiest is to pay for your **2026 dues (\$44), and raffles (\$43) = \$87;** and you are all set for the year. You can pay by check, cash, or electronically:

Venmo: @Craig-Gruszecki
Paypal: @CraigGruszecki
Zelle: ecgrcg@gmail.com

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: K of C St. Mary's Council #4065

MAIL CHECKS TO: Craig R. Gruszecki
64 Susan Drive
Poughquag, NY 12570-4943

VERY IMPORTANT - Please put your "First Name Last Name and KC4065 2026 Dues" in the comment section of Check.

As always if you have a financial hardship, please contact the Grand Knight (Matthew Seman) or Financial Secretary (Craig Gruszecki); we are here to help.

This past year **Sean Connaughton won \$525** in the Youth 50/50 and **Frank Serraro won \$436** in the Council 50/50.

Craig R. Gruszecki,
Financial Secretary
Columbian Year 2025-2026
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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE



"One Nation under GOD, indivisible".

St. John Paul II Assembly #2917 2025-2026 Officers

Faithful Friar:	SK Rev. Michael McLoughlin
Honorary Faithful Friar:	SK Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Martin
Faithful Navigator:	SK Raymond Tropeano
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Faithful Captain:	SK Thomas Wasilko
Faithful Admiral:	SK Alfred A. Ronda, FM, FDD, PGK, PFN
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Faithful Scribe:	SK Kenneth Stankus
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Inner Sentinel:	SK Anthony D'Addario
Outer Sentinels:	SK Patricio Cortes
Three Year Trustee:	SK Jose N. Rodriguez
Two Year Trustee:	SK John Call
One Year Trustee:	SK Matthew E. Seman, FDD, PGK, PFN
Color Corps Commander:	SK Jim Broughton C/C, PFN

Greetings Brother Sir Knights,

I would like to express my gratitude to all those who attended the Assembly Christmas Dinner! The event was a tremendous success, and I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves! My wife and I certainly did; it was wonderful to be surrounded by such good friends!

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 14th, 2026 at #4065, beginning at 7:30pm. This will be our Renewal of Obligations. The ceremony will be conducted by our Worthy District Master Carl F. Schneider. Officers, please wear a Dark Suit or your Official Uniform - all others, please wear dressy casual attire or a dark suit.

We are continuing to collect food donations for the VA pantry at Castle Point, which is currently in need of coffee and other non-perishable items. Please bring your contributions to the hall, where they will be gathered and distributed. Essential items include Coffee and Hot/Cold Cereals.

I wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a safe, Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you in January!

Faithfully and fraternally,

Raymond Tropeano
Faithful Navigator
St John Paul II Assembly #2917



COMMANDER'S CORNER



Meetings - 4th Tuesday of the Month at 7:30pm

Greetings My Fellow Veterans,

Thank you to all who attended the Wreaths Across America event at St. Denis Cemetery. The day was a bit nippy, but the turnout was good and once again, our Post really shined.

Also, thank you to those who have already paid their Post Dues of \$30. Post dues were due in by Oct. 1st. If you haven't, as of yet, remitted payment - please do so ASAP.

Many thanks to all who have been bringing in food and supporting our VA Food Pantry Drive. The VA Food Pantry at Castle Point currently need the following items: Ground Coffee, Tomato Sauce, Cereals (both Hot and Cold), & Condiments. Please continue to bring your donation down to the Monthly Post Meeting, or down to any Knights of Columbus event. Your support goes a long way to help our veterans.

Just a reminder, our meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 January 2026. Muster Time 7pm - Meeting Time 7:30pm. Light refreshments served.

I wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a safe, Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you in January!

Patriotically Proud,

Al Ronda - Post Commander
cwpvpost1981@gmail.com
(917) 650-8447 - Cell Phone



Resolution

Whereas St. Mary's Council is dedicated to the Principle of Charity; And Whereas St. Mary's Council has been successful in its past endeavors of raising funds from the Backyard Olympic event;

And Whereas the expectation and anticipation of the organizers are that the successful fundraising will continue and grow with the 2026 Backyard Olympics:

And Whereas it is the desire of the organizer to determine appropriate charities to be the recipients of the funds raised;

And Whereas it is the desire of the organizer to present portion of the funds to charities at the time of the event;
 Be It Resolved that the net profits of the 2026 Backyard Olympics be distributed to the following organization in the respective proportion:

DC 10-13 Foundation, Inc.	15%
Hudson Valley Honor Flight	15%
East Fishkill Fire District Companies	20%
CCD Program for the parishes of St. Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Columba and St Denis	10%
Global Wheelchair Mission Special Olympics	30%
Coats For Kids/Food Pantries	5%
Council Discretion	5%

Be it Resolved that distribution may be adjusted to optimize matching funds by State and Supreme:

Be It Further Resolved that adjustment to the amount of the donation may be made under the normal methodology as outlined in the Council By Laws.

Submitted by:
Peter J. Cassidy, PGK

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

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 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

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 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

Msgr. Joseph Martin
Joan Broughton
Jim Thorne
Rudy Sekely
Michael Lyons
John Lyons
Paul Gackenheimer

Prayer Requests



Armando Spaziani
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Paul Blose
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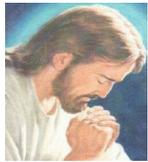
Any additions or deletions please email nimbusnw@aol.com or call Gary at (845) 392-4929



COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes of St. Mary's #4065 2025- 2026 Officers

Chaplain: Rev. Adolf Occeno
President: Donna Fritzsich-Long
Past President: Ann Marie Bybel
Vice President: Trudi Newhard
Secretary: Debbie Moore
Treasure: Ann Williams
Financial Secretary: Jean Breyer
Sentinel: Valerie Zangerle
District Deputy: Kathy Gorman



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Columbiettes

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 John F Walz
 Stanley Zmudzinski

Lisa A. Cava
 Lisa Davis
 Rosemarie
 McMorrow
 Missy Nardelli
 Elaine Rose
 Anne Sullivan

Dear Sister Columbiettes,



It has been such a cold winter this year. I don't know about you but I don't remember having snow cover the ground for this long in years! It would usually melt away.

In regards to melting away, it kills me when I get a call from a new Columbiette and she tells me that she didn't feel welcome and is leaving. We are not making the new members feel like our new found Sisters.

We are an impressive organization with over 150 members; at times this can be daunting. We have learned and do a lot from how we conduct our meetings, fundraisers, charities, and events with the Knights; this can be very overwhelming for a new member.

With the new year approaching let's each of us make a resolution to reach out to those we don't know and make a new friend. Sit at a different table, invite someone to sit with you. We are a great, caring group of ladies. Let's all, me included, make a few new friends at our meetings so we all feel welcome in our purpose to serve others.

I wish you a Happy New Year! May it be a safe, happy, and healthy; a year to push out of our comfort zones and strengthen our organization by embracing our new Sister Columbiettes and reacquainting ourselves with each other.

Yours's in Christ,

Donna Fritzsich-Long
President





**4065 Club, Inc.
2025-2026 Officers**

President: Alfred A. Ronda
Vice President: Matthew E. Seman
Treasurer: Edward C. Mead
Secretary: Steven Washburn

Appointed Directors:
Matthew E. Seman
Raymond Tropeano
Peter Procopio
Edward C. Mead
Alfonse A. DiDonato

Elected Directors:
4 Yr: Alfred A. Ronda
3 Yr: Nicholas P. Longo
2 Yr: Steven Washburn
1 Yr: Kenneth Stankus



**Prayers for Peace
in the World**



4065 Club

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Just a reminder: As our corporation works through the process of restructuring, on advice of council, we are still operating in abeyance.

Winter is upon us and rental requests are still picking up. Looking for HELP for events. We need Hall Sitters, Bartenders, and Kitchen Help. Please reach out to me if you can help!

Please try to schedule any group activities on a week-night whenever possible to allow for availability of rentals.

Just a reminder, anyone looking to use the hall for a group activity should have their group leader reach out to Al Ronda at The4065Club@hotmail.com. Those using the Hall, please be mindful when using the Hall. - Please Note:

1. Remove all trash and replace trash bags in garbage receptacles.
2. PLEASE Do NOT PUT Boxes in the garbage Bags. - Break Down All Boxes
3. Make sure there is no water running in the bathrooms and kitchen.
4. Make sure all doors are secured including emergency exit doors
5. Make lights in all areas are turned off.
6. Please STACK chairs 10 high.
7. Please keep Chair Room Neat - Do NOT block the cabinets!

Thank you for all you do to support the 4065 Club!!!

Al Ronda - President
The 4065 Club, Inc.



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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2025

8 p.m. - 1 a.m. \$80 per person

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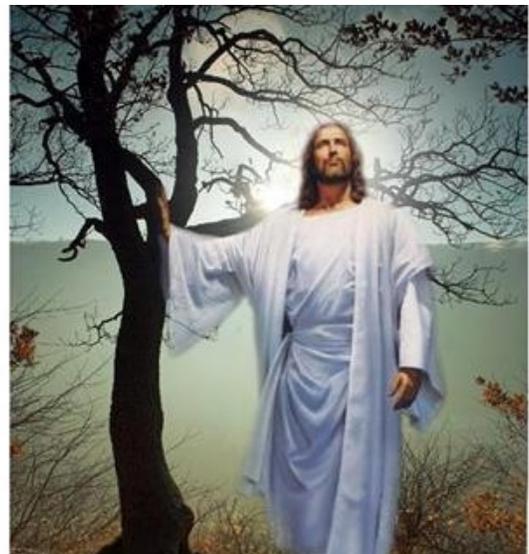
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