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Brothers, Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary members, and Friends of the Knights:

A Lenten Challenge



As we begin the second month of the year, several thoughts come to mind. What am I going to give up for Lent? Why do I have to give up anything, I am exempt. Well, yes and no. According to Church law, as a person over 59, I am not expected to fast on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday, but I am expected to abstain from meat on those days and on all Fridays during Lent. But is that ALL I must do?

Lent is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that starts on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. How about going beyond the usual practice of “giving up” something and try doing a forty-day challenge?

Here are some ideas for consideration:

- Write letters and cards to family and friends.
- Perform an act of kindness to a stranger.
- Make phone calls to touch base with family, friends or shut ins.
- Spend an evening or a weekend as a volunteer helping at a charity facility/shelter.
- Make it a practice to fast from insensitive, cruel comments or gossiping about others.
- Take an hour of social media time to reflect quietly on your day’s accomplishments.
- Reconcile with a family member or friend.
- Pray especially for people you don’t like or for those who don’t like you.
- Reach out to the spouse of a recently departed Brother.
- Turn off the TV/computer and spend quality time with family or someone in need.
- Clean out a closet, pantry or cabinets and donate gently used items to a shelter.
- Think before you speak: Would Jesus say that?

Now you can fill in your ideas or challenges in the following spaces:

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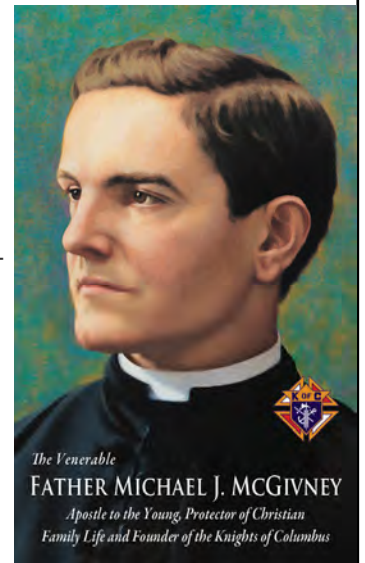
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What are we as Brother Knights going to do to uphold Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, the four Pillars of the Order, during our forty-day challenge?

May you have a blessed and rewarding Lenten journey.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Matthews, GK
“Step Up And Make A Difference”



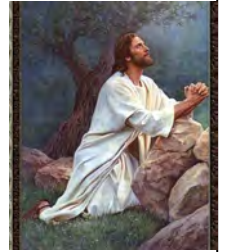
The Venerable
FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY
*Apostle to the Young, Protector of Christian
Family Life and Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

Faith In Action

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brothers. Lady Knights, and friends of the Knights,

What is Lent? "Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.



Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics." USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Depriving ourselves or "giving up" something for Lent, is meant to make us more open to what God is calling us to be. Depriving ourselves or "Giving up" is actually allowing God Himself to fill that fasting void. This Lent, let us empty ourselves - so that the Lord may fill us with His grace and presence.

Pax, Fr. Lance Martin
Blessings in Christ,
Fr. L. Martin, Knight's Chaplain, Council 9053, Ocean City

From our Faithful Navigator, SK Tom Herwig

Senior Knights and Brothers, let us pray for all who are on our prayer list that they will have a speedy recovery, and for all of our Knights and Lady Knights who passed away in 2023. We have some events and activities coming up in February and March. We will be participating in Operation We Care for our Troops and first responders. There will be a box in the foyer of Columbus Hall where you can place your items and financial contributions. I will send out a list of suggested items that the charity provides later in the week.

Wayne Straight is continuing to collect donations to the Bike Ride challenge which will go to Tunnels to Towers this year. If you did not pledge an amount, you still have time to make a donation. Checks should be written to Wayns Straight for deposit. The final check will be written by the Knights.

We are pursuing an exemplification event into the 4th Degree here in the Ocean City area in the fall. There will be an exemplification into 4th degree on Saturday, March 9th at St Michaels in Mt Airy, MD. If you are aware of any Knight who has expressed a recent desire to join the 4th Degree, ask him to call me and I will provide him with the necessary information. 410-960-9019.

We have decided to participate in the St Patrick's Day parade on March 16th in Ocean City. We encourage Knights to walk or ride in the parade. Call Ed Mardaga or Richard Thomas so we can add you to the team. The Assembly will hold a Corned Beef and Cabbage luncheon after the parade at the Hall from 12pm to 4ish. Let's make this a fun event. Part of the net profits will be donated to worthy charities in our area. We will need servers, and hall and kitchen clean up teams. Sign up sheets will be in the Hall for the Council and Assembly meetings in February.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th. The Rosary team meets every Thursday at 10AM (9:30am for a while) to pray a Rosary to our Most Blessed Virgin Mary for our intentions. This would be a nice addition to all of our good works and lenten sacrifices. Remember, if you have ideas for speakers, or visits to memorial sites and military bases, bring them with you to the meeting.

Happy Valentines Day to you, and your family, and friends.

Vivat Jesus, Tom Herwig, Faithful Navigator
Assembly 2454 Pope John Paul II, God Bless America and our Military

Brothers and Ladies,

The hall remains in great shape, and we have a few things happening in anticipation of springtime.

The sawgrass behind the building has grown and was beginning to impede the operations of the AC units; that problem has been corrected. We are in the process of receiving bids to cut and clean up all the sawgrass directly behind the hall. We are also looking into replacing the floor in the walk-in cooler. There are several acceptable floor types, we are investigating the best and most cost-effective method.

I think this is a good time to acknowledge and thank all our board member who are taking such good care of, your Columbus Hall.

As always, please remember Columbus Hall if you are looking for a venue for your next party, wedding, or meeting. We have a beautiful building with **the best view in Ocean City**. For availability and pricing Contact Richard Thomas at (410) 524-7994 or at our new Columbus Club e-mail ccckococ@gmail.com, or the council e-mail koc9503@comcast.net

Thank You and God Bless, Tom

LIFE Report from the Director of Council 9053's LIFE Program... Here are a few notes:

Life Headlines from around the Country...

- Planned Parenthood caught ADMITTING it does Abortions on Teens and Parents don't find out,
- Biden administration Eliminates Trumps Rules Protecting Conscience Rights.
- United Way and Red Cross headline a list of 60 Charities that support Abortion,
- National Medical Assoc. confirms that Abortion is NOT Health Care.
- America's Birth Rate Dropping to Record Low Thanks to Abortion, Covid and Bad Economy,
- OBGYN'S confirm " Abortion Harms Women"
- You can call an Unborn Child a Fetus , But HE or SHE is still a Human Being!

Please continue your Daily Rosary for LIFE from conception until natural death.

KEVIN HUGHES 410-726-8946

Welcome with a ROAR—2024!

Special Note from the Editor: 1) If you see an error, please call or e-mail me with the information. 2) The due date for all articles for the **March 2024 edition** of the *KNIGHT TIMES* is **February 24th, 2024**. Of course, I'll be groveling and nagging before that. Please submit articles in MS "Word" or plain text via e-mail. **No PDF's.**

Brother Tom Foglesong, Knight Times Editor, Email: tomfoglesong@gmail.com, or Call at 240-353-0681
Also, Navigate to Facebook and Search for #9053. You should find our FaceBook Page—be sure to "like" that page.



Next Gathering: Membership Meeting

February 21, 2024

Ladies + Knights + Cooperation = Success and Thanks

Our 2nd Annual Baby Bingo Luncheon/Shower on January 17th was a huge success in several ways. We had a wonderful lunch and we gave away many door prizes, raffle prizes and cash to bingo winners. We had proceeds of over \$4300.00 to donate to Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health, as well as an extraordinary amount of baby gifts that our bingo players donated. The Ladies could not have done any of this without the help of our Knights of Columbus, Council #9053 who did so much for us. First, we thank them for the use of Columbus Hall, also the use of the kitchen and the men who helped to put everything together so that it appeared on the plates of the hungry bingo players. As if all the man power was not enough, the Council as well as the Assembly each donated the funds for a bingo game. Then of course, the men who run bingo on Friday nights were there to help with overseeing everything, calling bingo, as well as selling extra games, 50/50 chances, raffle tickets and pull tabs. We thank All the following:

Tom Anderson, Wayne Straight, David Hesch, Bob Pellenbarg, Dan Michalisin, John Sharkey, Neil and Kathy Foote, Bonnie Morison, Jim Matthews, Kevin Hughes, Chuck McCreedy, Joe Zanetti, Charlie Bell, Richard Fox and Richard Thomas. Also, thanks to Shirley Gorwick and Maureen O'Brien for their help.

Aside from all the work and effort our organizations put into this event, we are also very thankful to the following who donated money to fund a bingo game: David and Joyce Melocik, Julie Koehler, Charles and Maureen O'Brien, Tom and Valerie Herwig, Dan and Kathy Michalisin, Carolyn Lowe and Carol Griffin, Linda Mrozinski and Ruby Jones, Donna and Vito Potenza, John and Tisha Hughes, Carol Horelick, K of C Council 9053, K of C 4th Degree- Assembly #2454, and four other folks who donated but wanted to remain anonymous.

Thanks to Debbie Fairall, and Robin Pilkerton for their cash donations to help defray the cost of raffle prizes and other expenses. Of course, thanks to all who participated and purchased a ticket.

Raffle prizes were donated by Staples of West Ocean City, Tom Anderson on behalf of the Council, Bernadette Sohn, Joan DeMarco, Dee and Jim Matthews, and the Ladies' Eats and Treats teams. Door prizes were donated by Carolyn Kress, Carolyn Lowe, Carol Griffen, Jackie Denhardt, and Dee Matthews. Much thanks to all of them as well.

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone, but if I have, forgive me and thank you. As you can see, so many folks are needed to have a successful fund-raiser, but you know what? People want to help. Next time, (our next bingo luncheon will be in April and funds will be donated to Joseph House) tell me what you can do to help!

Didn't we just put away the Christmas decorations? (Yes, I still have some out, also!) And now our sights turn to Lent. I use to dread Lent. Now I look forward to it. God seems to give us so many opportunities to improve and be better people. (No, you are not as good as you can be!) To me Lent is a time to once again, try to be better. As we journey toward the most holy days of our church year, I will be more aware of small sacrifices I can make, more times I can spend in prayer, and what monetary donations I can make to help the forgotten or ignored. Those are the areas of concentration Church highlights for us during those 40 days: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. More about this in March.

February Meeting Date: February 21st Columbus Hall @ 1pm.

Blessings, Dee

Special Note from the Membership Director (Open position)

Regarding Membership, we have been busy with our Fall membership drives, now we need hand-to-hand combat to line up new Brothers. Imagine If we can add three Knights a month... just imagine... ALSO, be at Columbus Hall on February 6 for the huge Exemplification... biggest ever... 6:30pm.

Important Calendar Highlights for February 2024

Giant Council 9053 3rd Degree Exemplification: February 6, 2024 @ 6:30

Council 9053 Business Meeting: February 7, 2024 @ 6:30 // Officer's Meeting @ 5:30pm

Columbus Club Board of Directors Meeting: February 14, 2024 @ 10:00am

Assembly 2454 Business Meeting: February 15, 2024 @ 6:30

Ladies Business Meeting: February 21, 2024 1:00pm

Community Supper: February 28, 2024 @ 5:00pm

President's Day Breakfast: February 18, 2024 @ 8:30 -> 11:30am

Ways & Means Zoom Meeting: February 28 @ 10:00am

BINGO: BINSO is supported by four teams — Join a team and work every fourth week. Tom Anderson is always building teams... call him today and get signed up. As GK Jim always says, "Step up and Make a difference!"

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES
FOR FEBRUARY 2024**

ST LUKE CATHOLIC PARISH

Ash Wednesday-St. Luke Mass Times

Wednesday, February 14
7:30am, 8:30am, & 5:00pm

**Stations of the Cross at St. Luke
Fridays at 7:00PM**

February 16th & 23rd; March 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd
**Friday Morning Stations may be added pending construction*

St. Luke

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm, 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm
Daily Mass: 8:30am (Monday-Saturday)*
*During Construction
Holy Days: As listed in the bulletin.
Confessions: 6:00pm-7:00pm Wednesday and
Saturdays following 8:30am Mass
Eucharistic Adoration: 6:00pm Wednesday

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: During construction at St. Luke, **Daily Mass** (Monday through Saturday) will begin at **8:30AM** and the church will be closed immediately following Mass during the week. Thank you in advance for your patience during the construction process.

Read our bulletin or check our website www.stlukecc.com to find general information, updates, Mass Schedules, as well as what is happening at St. Luke's & other groups in our church Community.

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

Masses are being celebrated on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 PM, Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00
and on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 9:00 AM. Contact us at 410-208-2956.

Church is open for prayer Monday thru Friday 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM.

Theology on Tap Eastern Shore jameysturgill@gmail.com

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA - HOLY SAVIOR PARISH

Masses Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 8:30am - Saturday, Confessions 4:00pm - 5:00
Saturday Mass at 5:15pm - Mass on Sunday 7am at St Mary Star of the Sea, 10 am at Holy Savior
Daily Mass at St Mary 's at 8:30, Monday-Thursday, Contact us at 410-289-0652



February 14th
Mass
Schedule

8:30am—St. Mary's
6:30pm—Holy Savior

Ashes will be given out following the
Homily.

Thanks to Barbara McCoy and Debbie Guido for organizing the distribution, collection and judging of the posters for the *Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC)* Contest. The Most Blessed Sacrament School, the St. Luke's Parish CCD classes and the St. John Neumann's Parish CCD classes participated this year. Brothers Joe Gangi, Lou Guido, Tom Pergola, John Sharkey and Tom Herwig, as well as, Tom's wife Val helped Barbara and Debbie to judge the 193 submissions from the local young artists depicting *KCIC*. We also want to thank Fr. Jennings for allowing our Council to acknowledge this year's winners during the 5:00 p.m. Mass on 07 January. The winners this year were:

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL		
WINNERS		GRADE
FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	
Elizabeth Wright	Keely Murphy	K
Laila Price	Ace Lebling	1
Mariaclara Almeida	Poppy Russell-Wood	2
Olivia Camilleri Pessori	Nora Bunting	3
Savannah Reynolds	Ava Aniuinas	4
Josephine McTavish	Ryan Nguyen	5
Kylee MacPherson	Sophia Idziel	6
	Keigan Diaz	
Maia Holland	Chase Kirk	7
Jayden Sanchez	Elizabeth Lovell	8
	Mia Genga	

ST. LUKE'S PARISH-CCD		
WINNERS		GRADE
FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	
John Reynolds		6
	Nicholas Reynolds	4

ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH-CCD		
WINNERS		GRADE
FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	
Dominic Sturgill		4



On 22 January, Holy Savior Church held a **RESPECT Life** Mass for the Legal Protection of the unborn.

We had another successful *Consecration to the* of St. Mary's Star of the Sea-Holy Savior, thanks to the pastors of these Churches.



Program on 06 - 07 January with the participation St. Luke's and St. John Neumann's Churches. Our

Congratulations to Brother Wayne Straight for completing his 4,000 miles bike ride for



begins on 14 February, and this means the most romantic day of the year will be put on hold for one of the major holidays on the Catholic liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday starts the season of Lent, which is a time of fasting and charity for Catholics around the world.

Tom Pergola, Council Program Director

And, a special note from a long time and active Knight, Roland Murray. He asked me to share his location and his phone number to ensure that we knew how to reach him. Call or Visit anytime (but call first...)

Roland Murray
Perigrine Health
1110 Healthway Drive, Apartment 212
Salisbury, MD 20804
410-572-2857

Happy Valentine's Day!

I've been reading about different kinds of parties to throw to celebrate Valentine's Day. One site online listed 35 different suggestions, from a Fondue Night to a party centered on serving a heart shaped pizza. I guess Valentine's Day is another well-established holiday to celebrate and I'm also guessing that the greeting card industry is happy. (The candy companies and florists are right there with the greeting card industry.) From individual cards that adults send each other to the packs designed for school kids to give to classmates, the stores are stocked with a myriad of selections.

The celebration of love is always popular After all, isn't love what every holiday celebration is about? Whether it's a birthday, wedding anniversary, or holiday, it's all about love! Valentine's Day, though, sees love get a spotlight. We celebrate our love for another.

Insurance is all about love. Most people buy insurance because they love someone. A husband buys life insurance because he loves his wife and children. If he's not there to provide for them he wants to make sure they can stay in the same home, enjoy the same lifestyle, provide a college education for his children. With many two income families, wives buy life insurance for the same reasons.

Long Term Care Insurance and Disability Income Insurance help protect the family from the vagaries of life: Needing care in the home or in a long-term care facility or being hurt or sick and unable to work affects the family. These products help protect the family one loves.

Even our retirement annuity products help the ones we love. With forward thinking and fiscal discipline, a retirement annuity helps spouses spend their retirement years knowing they can have a guaranteed lifetime income. Less worries for the ones we love.

All the products we have available are centered around protection; protecting the ones we love. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones? Let's meet and discuss what you want. I'll give you a call or feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Strassner, FICF, MDRT thomas.strassner@kofc.org 410-258-0308

Important Calendar Highlights for Next Month, March 2024

Council Business Meeting: March 6, 2024 @ 6:30 (Officers @ 5:30)

St. Joseph's Day Festival @ St. Andrew's: All Day, March 23, 2024

Good Friday: March 29, 2024

Easter 2024: March 31, 2024

Assembly Business Meeting: March 14, 2024 @ 6:30

Ladies' Meeting: March 20, 2024 @ 1:00pm

Ways and Means Meeting: March 27, 2024 @ 10:00

CONGRATULATIONS



Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all Brother Knights born in February...

<u>Knight</u>	<u>B'Date</u>
Joseph Gangi	1
Anthony Mariani	1
Edward Rohe	1
George Wayson	1
Robert Brinkman	2
Gregory Martini	2
Andrew Rowland	2
Edward Colbert	3
Robert Pellenbarg	5
Christopher Cikanovich	9
Raymond Kress	12
Anthony Cardone	14
Marty Presley	15
Thomas Mccollum	17
Charles Burnett	18
Joseph Colgan	18
Raymond Daly	18
Paul Harman	18
Jonathan Kissel	21
Sal Castorina	22
Joseph Mc Laughlin	22
Tom Delahanty	23
Kenneth Gullledge	23
Stephen Lind	23
Roger Morgan	23
Richard Sugden	26
Jerome Denk	27
William Vollmer	28



Happy Anniversary

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to all Brother Knights and their wives who are celebrating an anniversary in February....

<u>Brother Knight & Bride</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
John & Nelsie Jameson	13	61
Fred & Cindi Dixon	14	47
Tom & Anne Foglesong	14	43
Robert & Jessica Hammond	14	20
William & Bobby Lee Matiskella	14	21
John & Christine Calanna	15	32
Milton & Susan Ewing	19	47



Champagne For Anniversary Celebrations.

Prayer List— that special intention list you have while saying your morning and evening prayers.

Jane Bartolomeo, wife of Brother Nick
 Brother Nick Bartolomeo
 Brother Ron Briggs
 Brother Chuck Burnett and G'Daughter Lori
 Brother Tony Carozza and wife Mary Pat
 Adrienne Celeste's nephew and two nieces
 Brother Tom Foglesong
 Robert Gentzel, father-in-law of Frank Celeste, Jr.
 Brother Neil and Kathy's Daughter-in-Law Lisa
 Glen and Delores Gorden, friends of Brother Joe Lazzari
 Brother Lou Guido
 Robert Hally
 Susan Irwin, wife of Brother Tom
 Father John Lunness
 Sylvia Shepard, daughter of Brother Dale Shepard
 Son of Brother Dale Shepard
 Family of Brother Dale Shepard: Kaitlyn
 Deacon Bob
 Denise Kennard, daughter of Deacon Bob and Barbara and Michelle and Matthew
 Brother Mike Jacobs and wife Ethel
 Mrs. Keith, Bryan's Mom
 Carolyn Kress, wife of Brother Ray
 Brother Rich Lamarre
 Ann McDermott's G'son, and Julie, Daughter and Ann
 Chuck McCready's Son Nick
 Brother Charlie O'brien
 John O'Brien, son of Brother Charlie & wife Maureen
 Brother Vincent Omundson's wife
 Brother Al Pilarski
 Brother Ed Rodier
 Brother John Rubino and John's wife Anna
 Teresa Gaul, Cousin of Brother John Sharkey
 Eddie Stephens, son of Cheryl
 Granddaughter of Cheryl Stephens, Amanda Decker
 Deborah Straight, sister of Brother Wayne
 Sister Dottie Tumminello
 Brother Carl Windmiller

Please pray for the soul of Lou David who passed away this month. Lou was another of our great Catholic Gentlemen. Include in your prayers peace for Lou's family.

Announcement: If you have updates on the prayer list, while the position is open, please email Tom Foglesong accordingly. (tomfoglesong@gmail.com)



**Here are this month's Calendar Winners:
 Calendar Winners December 16, 2023
 Through December 31, 2023**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pick #</u>	<u>Name</u>
12/16/2023	213	No Winner
12/17/2023	426	Danielle A Denhardt
12/18/2023	244	No Winner
12/19/2023	291	Richard Fox
12/20/2023	973	No Winner
12/21/2023	802	Mary Bowen
12/22/2023	183	No Winner
12/23/2023	197	Bill Link
12/24/2023	296	OC #9053 Charity Committee
12/25/2023	618	Joe Glos
12/26/2023	483	Dr. Denise Akob
12/27/2023	400	No Winner
12/28/2023	421	No Winner
12/29/2023	5	Brian Curran
12/30/2023	110	David Melocik
12/31/2023	481	No Winner

I am sorry to report, this is the last report of the winners of the calendar game. Because of the lack of sales last year, the Council leadership decided not to continue with the game.

It has truly been a pleasure to administrate the game over the last 3 years, believe it or not, I will miss it.

All the best,
 Tom Irwin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all Ladies celebrating birthdays in February:

<u>Lady</u>	<u>B'Date</u>
Jeannie Nedwick	10
Beverly Crabill	18

Ocean City Council #9053 Officers 2023-2024

Chaplain, Father and SK L Martin.....	410-250-0300
Grand Knight, SK Jim Matthews.....	410-409-0508
Deputy Grand Knight, SK John Sharkey.....	610-329-5651
Chancellor, Open.....	
Warden, SK Edward Mardaga.....	443-220-5286
Recorder, SK Bob Pellenbarg.....	240-274-4384
Financial Secretary, SK Dale Shepard.....	952-807-3239
Treasurer, SK Tom Foglesong.....	240-353-0681
Lecturer, David Dancer.....	240-506-7857
Advocate, SK Thomas Irwin, PGK, PFN, FDD.....	240-888-6293
Inside Guard, SK Richard Thomas.....	610-304-9773
Outside Guard, David Dancer.....	240-506-7857
Outside Guard, Open.....	

Trustees:

1 Yr—SK Bruce Coons.....	302-436-0245
2 Yr—SK Charles O'Brien.....	302-988-1498
3 Yr—SK Tom Herwig.....	410-960-9019

Convention Delegates:

SK Jim Matthews, GK.....	410-409-0508
SK Thomas Herwig, FN, PGK.....	410-960-9019
Alternate Delegate: SK Wayne Straight, PGK, PFN.....	302-988-1863
Alternate Delegate: SK Joseph Gangi, PGK, PFN.....	973-600-0775

1st Degree Team Captain:

Open.....	
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Pope John Paul II Assembly #2454 4th Degree Officers 2023-2024

Faithful Friar, Father and SK L Martin.....	410-250-0300
Faithful Navigator, SK Thomas Herwig.....	410-960-9019
Faithful Captain, SK Thomas Foglesong.....	240-353-0681
Faithful Pilot, SK Charlie Bell.....	410-465-0445
Faithful Admiral, SK Joe Kostelac, PGK, PFN.....	410-250-5665
Faithful Scribe, SK Tom Pergola.....	302-541-4737
Faithful Purser, SK Richard Thomas.....	610-304-9773
Faithful Comptroller, SK Thomas Anderson.....	410-641-5752
Inner Sentinel, SK Richard Fox.....	443-966-2200
Outer Sentinel, SK Charles McCready.....	443-944-2931

Trustees:

3 Yr—SK Joe Lazzari.....	410-980-7208
2 Yr—SK Jim Stone, PGK, PFN.....	302-436-7866
1 Yr—SK Joe Gangi, PGK, PFN.....	973-600-0775

Color Corps Commander:

SK Neil Foote, PFN.....	302-436-0128
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Deputy Color Corp Commander:

SK Richard Thomas.....	610-304-9773
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Chalice Chairman:

SK Tom Foglesong.....	240-353-0681
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MASTER:

SK Fritz Leach.....	443-691-4408
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District Officers 2023-2024

District Deputy, SK Joseph Gangi, PGK, PFN.....	973-600-0775
District Warden, SK Howard Pusey, PGK, PFN.....	410-603-8186

Chairmen/Directors/Managers 2023-2024

Bar Manager, SK Richard Thomas.....	610-304-9773
Bingo, SK Tom Anderson.....	410-641-5752
Charity Committee Chairman, SK Thomas Irwin.....	240-888-6293
Faith Director, SK Steve Mastbrook.....	302-604-2694
Community Director, SK Tom Herwig.....	410-960-9019
Computer Specialist, John Rubino.....	301-938-9239
Family Director, SK John Sharkey.....	610-329-5651
Hall Rental Manager, SK Richard Thomas.....	610-304-9773
Kitchen Manager, SK Kevin Hughes.....	410-726-8946
Knight Times Editor, SK Tom Foglesong.....	240-353-0681
Membership Director, Open.....	
Life Director, SK Kevin Hughes.....	410-726-8956
Program Director, SK Thomas Pergola.....	302-541-4737
Public Relations, SK Thomas Foglesong.....	240-353-0681
Retention Director, Open.....	
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President— SK Tom Irwin.....	240-888-6293
Vice President— SK Richard Thomas.....	610-304-9773
Treasurer—SK Ken Hidenfelter.....	410-703-2623
Secretary—SK Richard Fox.....	443-966-2200

Directors:

SK John Reese.....	410-923-1580
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SK Richard Fox.....	443-966-2200
SK Ken Hidenfelter.....	410-703-2623
SK Jim Stone.....	302-436-7866
SK Richard Thomas.....	610-304-9773

Managers:

House/ Rental/ Bar Manager, SK Richard Thomas.....	610-304-9773
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Ex Officio Members:

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Ladies

President, Dee Matthews.....	410-409-5660
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Insurance Representative

Thomas Strassner.....	410-258-0308
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State Officers 2023-2024

Chaplain.....	Rev. Fr. Donald Grzynski
Deputy.....	Christopher L. Powers
Secretary.....	Anthony N. Salvemini
Treasurer.....	John F. Winfrey
Advocate.....	Ronald Hassan
Warden.....	Thomas Greul
Immediate PSD.....	Vince Grauso

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				February 1) Rosary @ 9:30a Sons of Italy, 5p	2) BINGO, T2	3)
4)	5)	6) Council 9053 3rd Degree Exemplification @ 6:30pm	7) Officers @ 5:30 Council 9053 6:30p @ Columbus Hall	8) Rosary @ 9:30a	9) BINGO—T3	10)
11)	12)	13) <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	14) Columbus Club Board 10:00a Polish Club 2:00 Valentines Day <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	15) Rosary @ 9:30a Assembly 2454, 6:30p	16) BINGO—T4	17)
18) President's Day Breakfast— 8:30 -> 11:30am	19)	20) LAOH 9:30 -> 12:30	21) Lady Knights' Meeting, 1:00pm	22) Rosary @ 9:30a	23) BINGO T1 Fish Fry // Pocomoke KofC—11616 // 5-7pm	24)
25)	26)	27)	28) Ways & Means @ 10am ZOOM Community Supper, 5:00pm	29) Rosary @ 9:30a		

March 31) Easter Sunday 2024					March 1) BINGO, T2	2)
3)	4)	5)	6) Officers @ 5:30 Council 9053 6:30p @ Columbus Hall	7) Rosary, 10a Sons of Italy, 5	8) BINGO—T3	9) Condo Meeting 8:45-12:00
10)	11)	12) LAOH 9:30 Charity Met, 10:00	13) Columbus Club Board of Direc- tors 10:00a Polish Club 2:00	14) Rosary, 10a Assembly 2454 Business Mtg, 6:30	15) BINGO—T4	16) St. Patrick's Day Parade Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner 12:00p -> Until
17)	18)	19)	20) Lady Knights 1:00pm	21) Rosary, 10a	22) BINGO—T1 Fish Fry // Pocomoke KofC—11616 // 5-7pm	23) St. Joseph's Day Festival @ St. Andrew's
24)	25)	26)	27) Blood Drive 9:00 -> 2:00pm Ways & Means, 10a, ZOOM	28) Rosary, 10a	29) Good Friday 2024 No BINGO	30)

KNIGHT TIMES

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BINGO at 9053

SK Tom Anderson, Director

Brothers All, good day! Are you proud to be a part of our Catholic Men's organization with all of our charitable contributions and successes?

Well, let me tell you how **BINGO** helps us. Year after year, **BINGO** is the largest revenue generator we have. Charitable Contributions exceeded \$20,000 this past year—just from BINGO. Our Council could not do what we do without **BINGO**.

You are probably wondering how you can help. We organize **BINGO** services into 4 teams, and each team works one Friday night every four weeks. For two hours, from 5:15p.m. until 7:00p.m., we need 6 guys. Then, we need three guys to stay until 10:00p.m. ONE NIGHT out of each 4-WEEK period. Call today.

Please call me, Tom A., at 410-641-5752, for answers to your questions and to join one of our four teams.

CHARITY COMMITTEE MEETING

CHAIRMAN: Tom Irwin
MEMBER: Richard Thomas
GUEST: Dan Reynolds

GRANDKNIGHT: Jim Matthews
FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR: Tom Herwig

Charity Committee met on 1/9/2024. Members present designated the following organizations to receive a donation from 50% of the profit from Bingo and Slots.

Coastal Hospice "Remember our Angels"	\$1,000
Boy Scout Troup #2173 at St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior	\$250
Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore	\$500
St. Peter's Cold Weather Shelter	\$500
MAC (Meals on Wheels) Pyle Center	\$500
Worcester County Meals on Wheels	\$500
Archdiocese of Military Services	\$500
Rosary and Scapular Initiative	\$500
Ukraine Support	\$500
Village of Hope Women's Shelter (Salisbury)	\$500
TOTAL	\$5,250

THE NEXT MEETING is March 12, 2024 at 10:00AM. All members are invited to attend.

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Keep Christ in Christmas Awards Ceremony



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