



Knights of Columbus
Ocean City Council #9053
9901 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, Maryland 21842

Ocean City Council # 9053 meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842. Beginning at 6:00 PM, the officers hold their business meetings, and the general Council meetings begin at 6:30 PM. From September to May, on the third Wednesday of month, Council #9053 holds its social meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. The social meetings have a varied agenda with topics of interests such as: The Appalachia Group, Knight of Columbus Fraternal Benefits, Travel Guides; Community Awards and Crime Awareness and Prevention.

Council #9053 begins its fiscal year with the Installation of Officers at its July meeting. The current officers are:

POSITION	NAME	POSITION	NAME
CHAPLAIN	Rev. John Lunness	LECTURER	Tom Brown
GRAND KNIGHT	Joe Gangi	ADVOCATE	Tom Foglesong
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Joe Kostelac	INSIDE GUARD	Rich Thomas
CHANCELLOR	Roy Foreman	OUTSIDE GUARD	Brandon Reim
WARDEN	Gary Waesche	OUTSIDE GUARD	Dennis Rasmussen
RECORDER	Don Kyle	TRUSTEE 3 YEAR	Tom Irwin
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Tom Herwig	TRUSTEE 2 YEAR	Wayne Straight
TREASURER	Joe Carraro	TRUSTEE 1 YEAR	Jim Matthews

During this last year, we lost two key Brothers: Sir Knight Joseph Hook and Sir Knight Francis (Frank) Celeste. Brother Joe was the Youth Activity Director for many years who arranged the Soccer and Basketball Challenges held at Most Blessed Sacrament School (MBSS). MBSS honored Brother Joe by installing an engraved memorial brick in its Memorial Garden. Like Brother Joe, Brother Frank played an important role in Council #9053. He was the Membership Director and St. Vincent de Paul advocate for many years.

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT THOMAS PERGOLA

CHURCH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT STEVE MASTBROOK

On 15 August 2018 following the Mass celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, Council #9053 held the *Blessing of the Water* ceremony on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean. Bishop Malooly, the Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, which includes all of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, blessed the water and prayed for all the local Emergency Personnel, Coast Guard personnel, fishermen and visitors at the beach.

Council #9053 held its Annual Memorial Mass for all deceased brothers and auxiliary sisters on Tuesday, 20 November 2018, at St. Luke's in Ocean City, Maryland. The **Reverend** Steven Giuliano presided over the Mass that started at 7:00 PM.

On 28 December 2018, Council #9053 held a Special Marian Prayer Service with an accompanying icon honoring Mary and the Persecuted Christians. Council #9053 held this special prayer program in conjunction with a rosary service and light refreshments.

During early November 2018, fourteen (14) Council #9053 Brothers attended the Spiritual Reflection-Retreat at Loyola on the Potomac (Faulkner, Maryland). They met their goal which was to reflect on God and creation and their relationship/experiences with plenty of “alone time” for prayer and spiritual reading allowing them to become more sensitive to the needs of others. Not only do the attendees benefit, the Jesuit Priests gain a satisfaction knowing that they are continuing to fulfill St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises.

Each Thursday throughout the year, Council #9053 held a Rosary Prayer service at Columbus Hall.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT THOMAS FOGLESONG

Council #9053 began to hold its Crab Nights on 12 June 2018, which were open to the community, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM for twelve (12) consecutive Tuesdays.

The local community looked forward to and supported Council #9053's Bingo games every Friday evening throughout the year.

Keeping with serving the community, beginning in September and ending in May on the last Wednesday of the month, Council #9053 has held its ‘simple suppers’. The goal of the suppers is simple and basic -- provide fellowship and a time to share a meal with the local community.

Just as the ‘simpler suppers’ end, Council #9053 begins holding its community ‘all you can eat’ breakfasts on the second and fourth Sundays from May through September.

Council #9053 has supported the St. Vincent de Paul effort by placing a large container for donations at the entrance to Columbus Hall and, with the St. Luke's-St. Andrew's parish pastor's approval, at St. Luke's and St. Andrew's parish churches and the parish office to collect non-perishable food items donations. Brother Dennis Rasmussen periodically checks the bins and delivered the food to the pantry at Holy Savior Church-St. Vincent de Paul.

In early September as part of the Council #9053's Community Helping Hand Program Activities/Efforts to care for disadvantaged members of our communities, Council #9053 purchased and distributed twelve (12) boxes of new winter coats of different sizes and styles to meet these identified needs of local (Ocean City, Maryland) needy children.

In September 2018, Council #9053 contacted MBSS' principle and athletic director to gain approval and to coordinate the annual Soccer and Basketball Challenges. The Soccer Challenge occurs in October 2018, and the Basketball Challenge, now called the *Joe Hook Memorial Shoot Hoop*, was held in January 2019. Two (2) of the Basketball Challenge winners also won the regional ‘hoop shoot’ and went to Severna Park, Maryland, for the state challenge.

Although Council #9053 works hard throughout the year helping and donating to many organizations and group of people, Council #9053 did take time out to enjoy a Christmas Party held on Wednesday, 05 December 2018.

Not forget the women who support Council #9053, in February 2019, our council provided a luncheon to thank them. The luncheon featured 'waiter-service' for cocktails through dessert.

Throughout the year, Council #9053 has given donations to the following organization:

- St. Vincent de Paul for food
- Most Blessed Sacrament Elementary School for operation expenses
- Fellowship/Open Kettle of St. Peter's Lutheran Church for food
- St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior Parish for operating expenses
- Diakonia in support of the needy
- FOCUS Missions in support of Fellowship of Catholic University Students
- Worcester County Humane Society
- Education and Outreach for the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra
- Ocean City Recreation Department for winter boys' basketball league
- St. Francis de Sales Appalachia Service Project
- Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
- Chalice and Paten to Seminarian Michael Preston to using it at his first Mass
- Monstrance, Chalice and Paten sent to the parish of St. Gabriel in Haiti
- Ocean City Recreation Boosters to support the "Swing for Youth" golf open
- Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation
- The Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, Inc.
- Maryland National Federation of the Blind
- Coastal Hospice
- Appalachia Service Project
- Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security/Delaware State Police for Camp Barnes program and activities
- Maintaining Active Citizens Program
- The NOEL Community - St. Paul's-by-the-Sea Church
- Ocean City Baptist Church
- St. John Neumann for parish operating expenses
- Box of Joy-Cross Catholic Outreach for five (5) boxes for the girls and five (5) for the boys ages 5 to 9
- Ocean City Council for its "Lights on Bikes Campaign
- Tootsie Roll Campaign in support of the Worcester County Developmental Center (WCDC) proving opportunities for meaningful employment and independent living for adults with intellectual disabilities
- Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center
- 'The Ward Family' to help defray the cost of their toddler's medical treatment

LIFE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: VACANT

Sir Knight Mike Carozza made sure that Council #9053 knew about the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., 18 January 2019. Several Knights and ladies took advantage of the bus that St. Jude the Apostle (Lewes, Delaware) sponsored for making the trip to

Washington, D.C. For those who were not able to make the trip to Washington, D.C., Brother Mike made sure that Council #9053 knew that Holy Savior (Ocean City, Maryland) was having a Mass for the unborn on the same day and that St. John Neumann (Ocean Pine-Berlin, Maryland) was also having a prayer service.

Additionally, Brother Mike and other Knights attended the first 'Right-to-Life' march held in Bethany Beach, Delaware. They participated in this peaceful *Life Chain*, a.k.a., Human Life Chain, on Sunday, 07 October 2018, in South Bethany Beach, Delaware, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT KENNETH LAMONT

Brother Ken presented a cross to Brother John McDermott for all his help in obtaining the chalice, paten, and monstrance for the parish in Haiti.

Brother Ken actively solicited St. Luke's pastor to have a special prayer for Consecration of The Holy Family in January 2019. Thanks to Brother Ken's initiative, over 900 people attended Mass at St. Luke's on the weekend of this special prayer for Consecration of The Holy Family.

Brother Ken worked with Brother Tom Herwig in early November 2018 to get the necessary supplies and canvas MBSS and the local Catechism of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes to invite the children to enter the 'Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest' in December. Council #9053 recognized the winners at a special ceremony following Mass on 13 January 2019.

Brother Ken Lamont actively solicits nominations for the 'Family of the Month' to recognize a family for their accomplishments of a family living the Catholic faith. Once he selects a family demonstrating the true meaning of a devoted Catholic family that lives traditional Christian family values, Brother Ken determines the proper time to achieve maximum participation from the community to witness this award presentation.