



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 March, 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, Crisis Preparedness and Crime Awareness and Prevention.

Although the physical Installation of Officers did not occur until 01 August 2020 at a special Mass followed by a Reception/Dinner, Council #9053 began its fiscal at the July meeting. The current officers are:

POSITION	NAME	POSITION	NAME
CHAPLAIN	SK Rev. John Lunness	LECTURER	SK Michael Carozza
GRAND KNIGHT	SK Joseph Kostelac	ADVOCATE	SK Thomas Irwin
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	SK Thomas Herwig	INSIDE GUARD	SK Richard Thomas
CHANCELLOR	SK Joseph Lazzari	OUTSIDE GUARD	SK Brandon Reim
WARDEN	SK Edward Mardaga	OUTSIDE GUARD	SK Dennis Rasmussen
RECORDER	SK R. Donald Kyle	TRUSTEE 3 YEAR	SK Joseph Gangi
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	SK Dale Shepard	TRUSTEE 2 YEAR	SK Thomas Foglesong
TREASURER	SK Deacon Joseph Carraro	TRUSTEE 1 YEAR	SK Wayne Straight

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT THOMAS PERGOLA

FAITH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT STEVE MASTBROOK

For \$600, Council #9053 purchased 'Building the Domestic Church Kiosks' for St. Luke's and Holy Savior Churches and replenishment pamphlets. In early April, 2019, with Lent coming to a close, Council #9053 arranged to hold an 'Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament' at St. Luke's, and on 15 August 2019 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, blessed the water and prayed for all the local Emergency Personnel, Coast Guard personnel, fishermen and visitors at the beach. On 01 - 03 November 2019, ten (10) Council #9053 Brothers attended the Spiritual Reflection-Retreat at Loyola on the Potomac reflecting on God, creation and their relationships and experiences with plenty of "alone time" for prayer and spiritual reading allowing them to become more sensitive to the needs of others. In keeping with its tradition, Council #9053 held its Annual Memorial Mass, with Reverend Steven Giuliano presiding, for all deceased brothers and auxiliary sisters on Thursday, 21 November 2019, at St. Luke's in Ocean City, Maryland. To round out the year, Council #9053 held a Rosary Prayer service at Columbus Hall each Thursday; we sent \$500 to support a local seminarian; and we donated approximately \$11,000 to local Catholic Churches/parishes.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT THOMAS FOGLESONG

Council #9053 has a very active Community program. It held 'Tuesday Crab Nights', opened to the local community, beginning in June for twelve (12) consecutive Tuesdays, along with bingo games

every Friday evening throughout the year. Beginning in September and lasting to late winter, Council #9053 held its 'simple suppers' to provide fellowship and a time to share a meal with the local community. Just as the 'simpler suppers' end, Council #9053 began holding its community 'all you can eat' breakfasts on the second and fourth Sundays from May through September with a special breakfast to collect and donate \$1,200 to the Bahamas' K of C Council to help defray the costs due to damage from Hurricane Dorian. Locally, Council #9053 supported the St. Vincent de Paul collecting non-perishable food items donations. As part of the Council #9053's Community Helping Hand Program Activities/Efforts, we held the 'Tootsie Roll' campaign donating the profits (\$8,970) to the Worcester County Development Center, collected approximately \$3,000 to purchase and distributed thirteen (13) boxes of new winter coats for needy children; built an entry-exit ramp for a disabled brother, and sponsored a team to go to Appalachia for \$1,300. Council #9053 gained approval and coordinated the annual Soccer and Basketball Challenges at Most Blessed Sacrament School (MBSS), and not forgetting the women, we provided a luncheon, featuring 'waiter-service' for cocktails through dessert, to thank the auxiliary women for supporting our Council. Although Council #9053 worked hard throughout the year helping and donating to many organizations and groups of people, Council #9053 did take time out to enjoy a Christmas Party held on 04 December 2019. With the party over, Council #9053 resumed its charitable work of donating to many local, national and international charities, e.g., \$532.00 to Cross Catholic Outreach to pay for a new well in a third world country; \$250 to the Maryland State Council Wheelchair Program and \$400 purchasing 'Boxes of Joy' for needy children in the Caribbean area. Council #9053 donations to the various local charities, shelters and community organizations were approximately \$13,000.

LIFE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: KNIGHT KEVIN HUGHES

Brother Kevin made sure that Council #9053 knew about the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., as well as, the services at Holy Savior (Ocean City, Maryland)—many of our Council Brothers attended these local events. Additionally, Brother Knights attended the 'Right-to-Life' march held in Bethany Beach, Delaware, in October and January. Brother Kevin was instrumental in planning and executing the '9-Day Novena for Life', which started with the Rosary, continued with the reciting the Consecration to the Holy Family and ending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on 09 October. Council #9053 has donated one (1) month's bingo profits to the Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center and has sent funds to the Christian Refugee Relief and Special Olympics. Council #9053 is currently working on having a Mass for 'People with Special Needs'.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT ROY FOREMAN

November, like most other months, was a busy month for Brother Roy. He coordinated our Council's very successful special holiday season food drive on 09 and 10 November 2019 at St. Luke's Church. We collected 1590 pounds of food, \$100 in cash and \$85 in gift cards to donate to the food pantries of the SVdP in Ocean City, Maryland, and Diakonia, a local shelter in the West Ocean City area. At the same time, Brothers Tom Herwig obtained the necessary supplies and canvassed 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 19 January 2020. Brothers Ken Lamont, Steve Mastbrook and Don Kyle made the presentations while Brother Tom Pergola photographed the event. Brother Roy solicited and gained St. Luke's pastor approval to have the Consecration of The Holy Family Pray recited during Masses 11-12 January 2020. Thanks to Brother Roy initiative, over 500 people attended Masses at St. Luke's on the weekend of this special prayer. Within our Council, we actively solicited nominations for the 'Family of the Month' to recognize a family for their accomplishments as a family 'living the Catholic faith', and awarded the selected families a certificate at an event to achieve maximum participation from the community to witness this award presentation.