



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

Ocean City Council # 9053 holds its general Council meetings beginning at 6:30 P.M on the first Wednesday of each month at the Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842, with the Officers holding their business meetings via a ZOOM online-format on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 A.M. as a more appropriate time. Council #9053 holds its social meetings on the third Wednesday of the month from September to March. The social meetings would have a varied agenda with topics of interests such as Community Suppers, Knight of Columbus Fraternal Benefits, Community Awards, Crisis Preparedness, and Crime Awareness and Prevention.

The physical Installation of Officers occurred until 11 August at a special Mass followed by a Reception/Dinner, but Council #9053 began its fiscal year 2022-2023 at the July 2021 meeting. District Deputy Joseph Gangi installed the Officers, listed below, and these officers will serve until July 2023.

POSITION	NAME
CHAPLAIN	SK Lance Martin
GRAND KNIGHT	SK Thomas Herwig
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	SK R. Donald Kyle
CHANCELLOR	SK Joseph Lazzari
WARDEN	SK Edward Mardaga
RECORDER	SK John Sharkey
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	SK Dale Shepard
TREASURER	SK Deacon Joseph Carraro

POSITION	NAME
LECTURER	SK Thomas Foglesong
ADVOCATE	SK Thomas Irwin
INSIDE GUARD	SK Richard Thomas
OUTSIDE GUARD	SK David Dancer
OUTSIDE GUARD	SK Dennis Rasmussen
TRUSTEE 3 YEAR	SK Charles O'Brien
TRUSTEE 2 YEAR	SK Thomas Foglesong
TRUSTEE 1 YEAR	SK Joseph Kostelac

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT THOMAS PERGOLA

FAITH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT STEVE MASTBROOK

Council #9053 held/supported its usual Faith activities, e.g., ‘Spiritual Reflection-Retreat’, Memorial Mass, Weekly Rosary, RSVP, Bingo Luncheons supporting our local Catholic Churches, Blessed Michael McGivney Masses and prayer hour, and Building the Domestic Church-Kiosk. Council #9053 collaborated with St. Luke’s Religious Education to do a special joint effort between St. Luke’s and Council #9053 to help/welcome people back to Church post COVID and to solicit for parishioners’ talents to help build our Church and Church involvement. The priests interwove the Sunday Gospel and their homilies with a ‘welcome theme’. Council #9053 brought to fruition a few new efforts: Synod, Holy Savior Parish Center Support, Mass for People with Special Needs and Supporting the St. Luke’s Confirmants. One of our most notable Faith efforts was Deacon Jack’s Padre Pio Presentation. Since his father had personally met and assisted Padre Pio, Deacon Jack filled his presentation with true-life experiences.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT JOSEPH KOSTELAC

Council #9053 had a VERY active Community Programs year: ‘Eat-in’ or ‘Pick up’ Seafood Nights, Lenten Fish Fry, Calendar Raffle, Coats for Kids, Ukrainian Support, Tootsie Roll Campaign, Breakfasts to support the Home of the Brave and various Charities, Blood Drives, Community Suppers, Soccer and Basketball Challenges, Helping Hand Program, Leave No Brother Behind, Community Recognition Awards, Easter Egg Hunt for the Community Children, and a Cornhole Challenge-Luncheon with neighboring Councils. Council #9053 donated to:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
CATHOLIC CHURCHES ST. JOHN NEUMANN, ST. LUKE'S-ST. ANDREWS'S ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA-HOLY SAVIOR	\$1,250 a piece
ST. LUKE GOLF	\$ 250
WORCESTER COALITION ON AGING (MEAL ON WHEELS)	\$ 500
ANTHONY MAGGIO ROSARY	\$ 500
BOARDWALK BUDDY WALK	\$ 500
CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH (BOX OF JOY)	\$ 200
JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF THE EASTERN SHORE	\$ 250

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS: OCEAN CITY ROXANA BETHANY BEACH	\$ 250 a piece
DIAKONIA, INC.	\$ 500
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL	\$1,000
OC PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 500
OCEAN CITY MUSEUM SOCIETY, INC.	\$ 200
NOEL COMMUNITY	\$ 500
THE JOSEPH HOUSE (A.K.A., LITTLE SISTERS OF JESUS AND MARY, INC.)	\$1,000

As part of the Council #9053's Community Helping Hand Program Activities/Efforts, we visited homebound brothers, provided rides to and from stores and medical facilities, as well as, sent greeting cards to the assisted-living facility residents and holding weekly bingo for them. Council #9053 supported the annual Coats for Kids purchasing and distributing over 150 coats to our local community. Council #9053's Tootsie Roll campaign collected \$5,100 for the Worcester County Developmental Center, and Council #9053 held an award ceremony recognizing publicly outstanding community workers and distributed monetary donations of \$1,850 among the recipients.

LIFE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: KNIGHT KEVIN HUGHES

Council #9053 knew first-hand of the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health (GCMWH) need for operating funds, so we donated January's bingo net proceeds of \$4,538 to it calling this effort 'Bingo for Babies'. Council #9053 submitted an Aid and Support After Pregnancy Form to Supreme to have it donate \$400 more to GCMWH. Council #9053 continued to pray for Baby Emmy, and the day of her first of many surgeries, 27 Brothers and Ladies attended a special Mass and Rosary for the success of her fist life-saving operations--so far, our prays have been answered. This year's physical support for Life, coordinated by Brother Kevin Hughes with Fr. Solomon (Holy Savior), was a Mass celebrated at Holy Savior without the normal Breakfast and Life Program. Brother Tom Foglesong emailed daily on-line links to the Novena for Life attended virtually by many. Life is precious to everyone especially to those in worn-torn Ukraine, so Council #9053 and St. Luke's had a special joint effort collecting new military blankets, shelter bags, thermal wear, e.g., underwear, shirts, hats, gloves and Hunter Suits for Ukrainian civilian and military personnel to keep them warm during the winter war months--what a blessing without power and heat! This effort yielded \$300 and 5 huge boxes of clothing weighing in excess of 1000 pounds. Locally, Council #9053 supported the 'Quality of Life' through donations to Justin's Beach House, Coastal Hospice and Small Miracles helping families with comfort, security and the ability to celebrate life's joys.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: VACANT BUT OVERSEEN BY SIR KNIGHT THOMAS PERGOLA

Brothers Tom Herwig, Joe Zanetti, Jim Stone, Neil Foote, Richard Fox, Wayne Straight, Tom Irwin, Larry Gorwick and Auxiliary Ladies Judy Zanetti and Kathy Foote collected over 4,500 pounds of food plus \$1,515 in cash and gifts cards and donated these to St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), Diakonia and The Joseph House. Several Brothers worked as servers and caseworkers at the SVdP Pantry. Council #9053 received about 200 'Keep Christ in Christmas' posters that Brothers Tom Herwig, John Gangi, Lou Guido, Tom Pergola, and their wives/significant other judged based on: expression of the theme, artistic quality, correct spelling and completeness of the posters. Council #9053 coordinated this year's Consecration to the Holy Family with St. Luke's leading the parishioners in reciting the Prayer for the Consecration to the Holy Family (CHF) at six Masses celebrated on 7-8 January 2023. The priests also used CHF as the theme of their homilies. Council #9053 Brothers pledged and paid \$4,008 supporting Brother Wayne Straight's 4,000-mile bike trek for the Ukrainian Relief Fund.