

## Life After *Dobbs*

### New Mexico Knights donate an ultrasound machine to serve women adjacent to the abortion provider in the *Dobbs* case

By Cecilia Hadley

Shortly after losing its case before the U.S. Supreme Court in June 2022, Jackson Women's Health Organization announced it was moving from Mississippi to Las Cruces, New Mexico. Pro-life leaders in the city soon made their own announcement: They would be opening a pregnancy resource center and medical clinic just beside the abortion facility. Within a few days, local Knights of Columbus were working on providing the new Guiding Star Las Cruces with a state-of-the-art ultrasound machine to serve pregnant women and help them see their unborn babies.

The Knights' assistance was set in motion when Matthew Seltzer, an assistant general agent and a member of St. John Paul II Council 17874 in Santa Teresa, heard the announcement at a pro-life rally in July. Seltzer immediately thought of the Order's Ultrasound Initiative and got in touch with New Mexico State Deputy Bernard Ela, who sent an urgent message to Knights across the state to request donations.

"The Knights of Columbus made a few phone calls, and within about 10 minutes, they already had more than \$25,000 pledged," recalled Mark Cavaliere, executive director of Guiding Star Las Cruces and CEO of Southwest Coalition for Life.

Those donations, matched by the Ultrasound Initiative, purchased what Cavaliere described as "a top-of-the-line machine."

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### *Minutes of the February Business*

#### *Meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM on February 7, 2023 by Grand Knight (GK) Justin Machovec. Guest District Deputy Morris was present at the meeting. The Chancellor, Inside Guard, and Trustee One Year were excused. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from January were approved as written.

#### **Grand Knight Report**

The GK informed the members that Fr. Relihan is in need of additional prayers as he fights phenomena. In addition, he thanked all those who helped provide the meal to our youth at their winter formal.

#### **Chaplain's Report**

No report

#### **Treasurer Report**

CD account balance \$1,149.65

Checking account balance - Not provided at the meeting or by the time of printing .

#### **Financial Secretary Report**

Income – \$80 Dinner

Dues - \$654.70

Fish dinner ticket sales - \$2,340

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Bills— Brother Ragusano – Internet/Webhost  
\$407.88

Brother Nick offered to bring a history of hits to the site. Brother Strazzo – Fish dinner supplies - \$297

**Communications**

None

**Membership Report**

No report

**Programs Director Report**

Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Wine and cheese after the vigil mass was a smaller group than usual.

There will be a training session for new officers.

More info in the future. First Tuesday night of the month Rosary. March host to be determined. February 11 is the fish fry. 130 tickets sold to date, set up at 1:00, cooks at 3:00. Raffle items needed.

Youth winter formal dinner/dance on January 28 was a success. March 28, family pot luck. March dinner host is Mark Watt. Lent soup supper hosts TBD

**Unfinished Business**

It was M/S/A to pay the bills. There is a sign up sheet circulating to donate blood in the spring. Fr. Colin celebrates a 10 year anniversary and suggested a blood drive in lieu of a party.

**New Business**

None

**Advocate Report**

No report

**Chancellor Report**

No report

**Insurance Agent Report**

Brother Greg Bronson is no longer our field agent. The new agent is Dave Muller. Contact information is forthcoming.

**District Deputy Report**

The DD congratulated the council for sending in forms on time.

**Vocations Report**

No report

**Good of the Order**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bob Placido and Bernadette Macovec. Pray also for Mark Koenig, Miguel Fuentes, Charlie Esola, Pam Edwards, Joe Dias, Steve Oneto, Deacon Ed, and Fr. Relihan.

**Lecturer Report**

No Report

**Chaplain's Summation**

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Machovec closed the meeting at 7:14

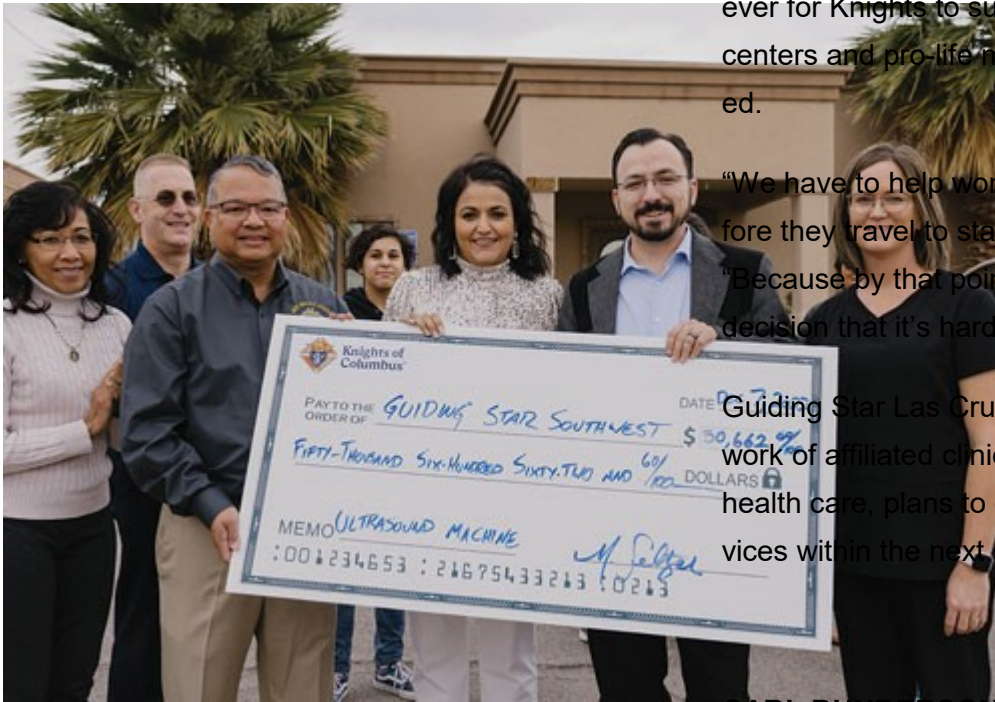
Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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“The machines we buy are 3D, 4D ultrasound machines, the best of the best,” Cavaliere said. “These machines have been game-changing: So many women have changed their minds [about abortion] after seeing these images.”

Ela explained that the machine for Guiding Star Las Cruces is only the latest purchased through the Ultrasound Initiative in New Mexico; in the last several years, Knights have funded 11 such machines for pro-life pregnancy resource centers and medical clinics across the state.



New Mexico State Deputy Bernard Ela presents a check representing the Knights’ ultrasound machine donation to staff members of Guiding Star Las Cruces, including executive director Mark Cavaliere (second from right). *Photo by Spirit Juice Studios*

The decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* has energized pro-life people in New Mexico, Ela added, noting that the ability of the New Mexico Knights “to raise over \$50,000 in such a

short time shows the enthusiasm and dedication of the pro-life movement.”

At the same time, the need for centers such as Guiding Star has grown in New Mexico since the *Dobbs* decision returned the question of abortion regulation to the states. While neighboring Texas has made abortion illegal, in New Mexico the practice is legal at all stages of pregnancy. An increasing number of Texas women are thus seeking abortion in southern New Mexico. Seltzer described the state as “the wild west of abortion law.”

Even in states where abortion restrictions have been enacted post-*Dobbs*, it is more important than ever for Knights to support their local pregnancy centers and pro-life medical clinics, Cavaliere noted.

“We have to help women in those communities before they travel to states like New Mexico,” he said. “Because by that point they’re so invested in their decision that it’s harder to change their mind.”

Guiding Star Las Cruces, which belongs to a network of affiliated clinics offering holistic women’s health care, plans to expand into full medical services within the next six months.

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**CARL BUNDERSON** writes from Colorado, where he is a member of Longmont (Colo.) Council 1313.



# Fish Fry Dinner



### Dinner Hosts for Next Business Meetings

March 14, 2023—Mark Watt

April 11, 2023—Kevin Darr

May 9, 2023—Bob Strazzo



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney  
 Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father,  
 protector of the poor and defender of the widow and  
 orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael  
 McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to  
 lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.  
 Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow  
 your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his com-  
 mandment of charity and building up his Body which is  
 the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us  
 to greater confidence in your love so that we may contin-  
 ue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We  
 humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on  
 earth according to the design of your holy will. Through  
 his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here  
 make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Knights of Columbus Council 1849

### Events Calendar 2022—2023

Events Calendar 2022-2023 Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 5:30 PM of every month, starting July 2022 until June 2022 Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel on 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Installation Mass and Picnic, SKD 10 AM August 21, 2022 (2nd Sunday)

Summer Dinner (Tri-tip), at SKD after 5PM Mass September 24, 2022 (4th Saturday)

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Sacred Heart Hall 6 PM October 7, 2022 (1st Friday)

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 14, 15, 16, 2022

Mass for Departed Knights, SKD 10 AM November 13, 2022 (2nd Sunday)

Christmas Party, 3 PM – 9 PM, December 9, 2022 (2nd Friday)

Winter Dinner (Fish), SKD Noon to 9 PM February 11, 2023 (2nd Saturday)

**Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 9 PM March 28, 2023 (4th Tuesday)**

Spring Dinner (Ribs), SKD Noon to 9 PM May 13, 2023 (2nd Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 9 PM May 23, 2023 (4th Tuesday)

Hospitality Donuts every 2nd Sunday at SKD

Hospitality Wine and Cheese every 1st weekend Vigil Mass at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sunday

KVGC Rosary Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 at SKD – St. Maximillian Kolbe Rm

## March Calendar of Events

*Tuesday, February 28: KVGC Rosary at Saint Katharine Drexel, in the Saint Maximilian Kolbe Room at 5:30 PM.*

*Wednesday, March 1: Officer Meeting Cancelled due to weather conditions*

*Tuesday, March 14: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 6:30 PM. Dinner at 5:30 PM.*

*Tuesday, March 28: Family Potluck, more details to come.*

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