

Statement From Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly on the One-Year Anniversary of the United States Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

June 22, 2023

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly issued the following statement to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's landmark decision in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case.

"On behalf of more than 2 million Knights of Columbus and their families worldwide, I gratefully commemorate the one-year anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's landmark decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, which overturned Roe v. Wade. By allowing abortion on demand, including late-term abortions up to birth, Roe had a devastating impact on women and took the lives of over 60 million unborn children. Today, and for generations to come, the Court's ruling in Dobbs will be viewed as one of the most significant human rights achievements in our nation's history.

But there is still much to be done. In the Dobbs era, the Knights of Columbus will continue to fight for the lives of the unborn — both in Washington and on the state level — and we will strengthen our support for mothers and their children. Our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, had a particular concern for widows and orphans, and the Knights' mission to support mothers in need and their children is a sacred responsibility we've carried for over 140 years.

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Minutes of the June Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM on June 13, 2023 by Grand Knight Machovec. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. he Inside Guard was excused. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from May were approved as written.

Grand Knight Report

GK Machovec read a letter from Supreme about the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and recommended that we pray the Litany on June 16.

Chaplain's Report

Several short stories were read about — The Trinity, Corpus Christy and how we are all washed in the Love of the Trinity.

Treasurer Report

CD account balance \$1,149.41

Checking account balance - \$16,221.07.

Financial Secretary Report

Income — \$180 Dinner and rib dinner sales.

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June Meeting Minutes**Continued from page 1:****Bills**

365 club - \$411.15

American Wheelchair - \$300

SKD Script - \$1000

Scholarship - \$1000

Mark Koenig - \$130.23 Hospitality

Brother Strazzo – dinner supplies - \$1301.48

Communications

Two thank you notes from the Scholarship recipients, Micah Davie and Anna Figueroa.

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. Family fishing day July 1, meet at SKD at 7:30 to carpool to Silver Lake. Wine and cheese after the vigil mass will be offered on July 1. First Tuesday night of the month 5:30 Rosary. July host to be determined. May 13 – Rib dinner update \$2616.46 net. Thanks to all who helped. Fifth Sunday Rosary before the 10 AM mass will be on July 30.

Unfinished Business

It was M/S/A to pay the bills. Nominations for the next Columbian year were read and approved. To be published next month. The budget was M/S/A. A second scholarship was M/S/A

New Business

None

Advocate Report

No report

Chancellor Report

No report

Insurance Agent Report

The agent is Dave Moeller. Contact information is forthcoming.

District Deputy Report

DD Morris reminded us to fill out forms 185, 365 and Sp7 then return to Supreme.

Vocations Report

No report

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Deacon Jaime's sister and Donald Riggle. Pray also for Terri Darr, Mike Strazzo, Mark Koenig Jr., Steve Oneto, Deacon Ed, and Fr. Relihan.

Lecturer Report

A video on the history of flag day was shown.

Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer by the Chancellor.

DGK Machovec closed the meeting at 7:36.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders.

One Year Anniversary

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In keeping with the mission of our Founder, one year ago we launched the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) initiative to greatly expand the Knights' already robust support for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. I am proud to announce that Knights across the U.S. and Canada have exceeded their first-year goal by raising more than \$5 million to support mothers and their babies.

Additionally, through our Ultrasound Initiative, the Knights of Columbus and our local councils cover the entire cost of ultrasound machines for pregnancy resource centers. Since 2009, the Knights has funded the purchase of 1,730 of these life-saving machines, valued at more than \$82 million. We've placed ultrasound machines in all 50 states; Washington, D.C.; Canada and other nations across the world, empowering an estimated 1 million mothers to see their unborn babies.

Though tens of thousands of lives have been saved since the Dobbs decision, many U.S. states still offer no protections for the lives of the unborn. At the federal level, the misnamed Women's 2 Health Protection Act currently before Congress would codify Roe and block new and existing pro-life laws, including those that save the unborn from late-term abortions. Furthermore, Congress must act to maintain the longstanding practice of keeping taxpayer dollars out of the abortion business and ensuring that federal agencies maintain their mission of serving the people — and not serving as facilitators of abortion.

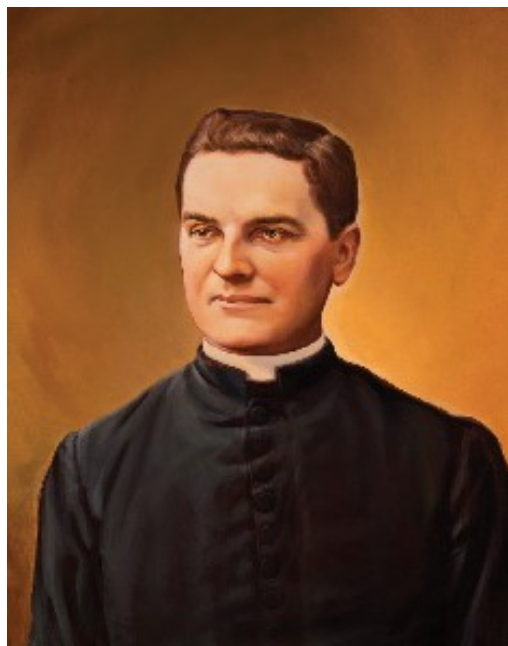
In fact, 60% of Americans oppose the use of federal tax dollars to pay for abortions. In May 2022, Pope Francis addressed a crowd of thousands assembled at St. Peter's Square and rejected the view that we can "...give birth or take life as we please, as if it were the exclusive conse-

quence of individual choice."

Instead, the Holy Father reminded us, "Let us remember that life is a gift from God! It is always sacred and inviolable, and we cannot silence the voice of conscience."

Together, more than 2 million strong, the Knights of Columbus will continue to serve as a voice for the sanctity and dignity of every human life as we join the National March for Life in Washington, D.C.; march with thousands in our state capitals; donate ultrasound machines, food, coats and supplies to mothers and their babies; and pray until abortion becomes unthinkable."

About the Knights of Columbus In 1882, Blessed Michael McGivney, a young parish priest in New Haven, Connecticut, founded the Knights of Columbus to serve the needs of a largely immigrant Catholic community. What began as a small fraternal benefit society has since grown into the world's premier lay Catholic men's organization, with more than 2 million members in over 16,000 local councils. As one of the world's leading international charitable organizations, Knights around the world donated approximately 48 million service hours and nearly \$154 million for worthy causes in their communities in 2021. The Knights of Columbus also offers extensive life insurance products to members and their families. Knights of Columbus currently has more than \$121 billion* of life insurance in force and was named by Forbes as one of America's Best Insurance Companies 2023. In addition, the Knights offers investment services in accord with Catholic social teaching through its wholly owned subsidiary Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. Based on the founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus is committed to strengthening Catholic families and parishes and to practicing faith in action through service to all in need. *As of March 31, 2023



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 commandment 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 continue 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.

Dinner Hosts

George Faist July 11

Joe Bertao August 14

Phil Gonzales Sept 12

Steve Frias Oct 10

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Events Calendar 2023—2024

Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2023 until June 2024.

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St. Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2023 until June 2024. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Family Fishing Day, Silver Lake, July 1st, 2023

Installation Mass and Picnic, SKD 10 AM August 13, 2023 (2nd Sunday)

Summer Dinner (Tri-tip), at SKD after 5PM Mass September 30, 2023 (5th Saturday)

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, date and location TBD

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 13, 14, 15, 2023

Mass for Departed Knights, SKD 10 AM November 12, 2023 (2nd Sunday)

Christmas Party, SKD 6 PM, December 15, 2023 (3rd Friday)

Winter Dinner (Fish), SKD 6:30 PM February 3, 2024 (1st Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 6:00 PM March 26, 2024 (4th Tuesday)

Spring Dinner (Ribs), SKD 6:30 PM April 20, 2024 (3rd Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 6:00 PM May 18, 2024 (3rd Saturday)

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 Room

July Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 1: Family Fishing Day at Silver Lake. Meet at SKD at 7:30 AM, or at Silver Lake at 9:00AM.

Saturday, July 1: Wine and Cheese Hospitality at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.

Wednesday, July 5: Officer Meeting at Saint Patrick's Hall at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday, July 11: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 6:30 PM. Dinner at 5:30 PM.

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