

'Why We March'

Knights of Columbus march in defense of human life alongside tens of thousands in Washington

By Columbia Staff

Tens of thousands of pro-life advocates turned out for the 52nd annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 24, to protest the permissive abortion laws that exist in many states — laws enacted before or since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022.

Among the thousands of signs that dotted the National Mall and streets of Washington were K of C “Love Life, Choose Life” signs, carried by Knights, their families and thousands of others. The event began with the peaceful protestors congregating near the Washington Monument for the pre-March rally at noon.

The theme of this year’s March — “Life: Why We March” — was a simple reminder of the basic truths supporting the pro-life movement, explained Jeanne Mancini, outgoing president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund. As she looked out at the National Mall filled with cheering marchers, Mancini offered a warm welcome, encouraging each person to think about and share their own reasons for participating.

“At the March for Life, we’re in the business of changing hearts and minds. Our goal is to make abortion unthinkable,” she said. “Your stories will help us reach that goal. Why are you here? Why are you pro-life? Each of you has a reason and when you share that reason your witness makes a difference.”

Continued on page 3:

Minutes of the January Business

Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on January 14, 2025 by Grand Knight Waverly. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Chancellor, Advocate, Outside Guard and Trustee One Year were excused. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from December were approved with a correction. Under the GK report, a correction to the date of January 19 to January 9 was made.

Membership Report

There are four potential candidates interested in becoming a Knight. Two Form 100’s are filled out and candidates are in the process of being interviewed.

Prior to the March business meeting it is planned to have an exemplification right after the 6 PM mass.

Grand Knight Report

The GK provided a recap of a meeting with Fr. Colin where he discussed the mission of the church and how the Council can assist in meeting the mission goals.

Continued on page 2:

January Meeting Minutes**Continued from page 1:**

A SKD Parish flyer entitled Purpose Statement was sent to all Members. Please take time to read the information. (Why do we exist?). The fish fry is this month, invite men to explore membership into the Order.

Chaplain's Report

No Report

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$6,280.76

Financial Secretary Report

Income - \$267.30 Dues

\$65.00 dinner

Bills –

\$197.50 – Supreme, Per capita

\$470.88 – Brother Ragusano, Web host annual fee

\$283.43 – Brother Waverly, Women's recollection lunch

\$163.83 – Brother Shawn, Hospitality Sunday

Communications

N/A

Programs Director Report

On the first Tuesday night of the month at 5:30 there is the recitation of the Rosary. Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Safe Environment - is in progress. Next dinner is the fish fry on February 20. Raffle items are always welcome. Help is needed selling tickets after all masses.

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

It was M/S/A to pay the bills.

Advocate Report

No report

Chancellor Report

No report

Insurance Agent Report

No report

Vocations Report

No report

Fourth Degree Assembly

The Faithful Navigator announced the next Fourth Degree shall be on April 26 in Elk Grove at Good Shepherd church.

District Deputy Report

DD Morris wished a Happy New Year, gave a brief report and announced the NorCal Chapter meeting scheduled for January 18 in Placerville.

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Gaffney. Pray also for Mike Hoover, Bob Dobbs, Deacon Jaime, John Edwards, Jane Ragusano, Fr. Arlon and Steve Oneto.

Lecturer Report

The lecturer showed a video on one of the creators of IBM.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Waverly closed the meeting at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

Continued from page 1:

Following an opening prayer led by Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, the rally featured a wide range of speakers, including prominent lawmakers, pro-life activists, religious leaders and medical professionals.

Delivering keynote remarks was Bethany Hamilton, a mother of four and a professional surfer, who lost her left arm in a shark attack at age 13. Reflecting on her own experiences of pain and despair, Hamilton urged marchers to be the heralds of hope and encouragement to women facing the difficulties of unplanned pregnancies.

“When I lost my arm, someone came alongside of me and gave me hope. They reminded me of God’s love and that maybe there was more to my life,” Hamilton shared. Women experiencing crisis pregnancies “need light in their life and we as a society need to combat the lies,” she continued. “Let us be a message of hope ... so they can say to themselves, ‘I don’t need easy; I just need possible.’”

Mancini, who has served as president since 2012 and will continue to serve on the March for Life board of directors, thanked the marchers for their continued support and witness to life before formally introducing her successor: Jennie Bradley Lichter. A Catholic mother, a lawyer and a longtime advocate for the sanctity of human life in the public, private and nonprofit sectors, Lichter will assume her new role on Feb. 1.

Addressing the March for Life rally for the first time, Lichter advised each person to act immediately to build communities committed to life.

“When you get home, take a few minutes to get to know the resources available in your area for pregnant women who need a hand, because you never know when someone in your life might confide in you about an unexpected pregnancy,” she said. “Be ready to be the voice telling them that they are strong enough.”

In a pre-recorded video message, newly inaugurated President Donald Trump said his administration “will again stand proudly for families and for life.”

Vice President JD Vance, making his first public appearance since taking the oath of office, delivered the rally’s final speech.

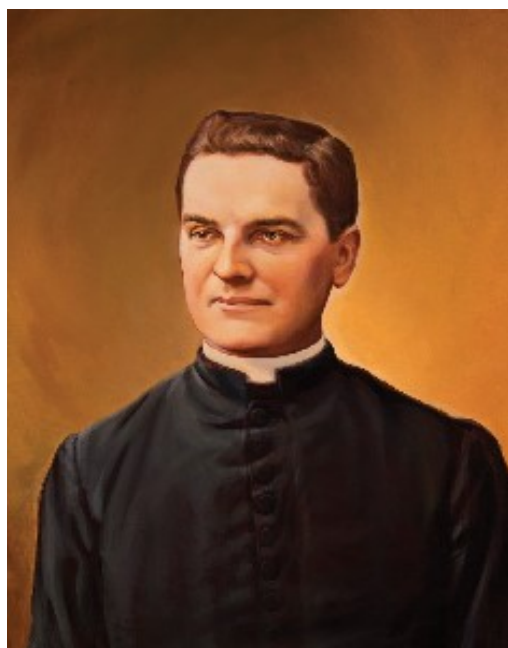


ended the rally’s final speech.

“Now the task of our movement is to protect innocent life,” he said. “It’s to defend the unborn and it’s also to be pro-family and pro-life in the

fullest sense of that word possible. ... We need a culture that celebrates life at all stages.”

The joyful energy of the March for Life is fueled each year by the thousands of young people who come with their families, their schools and their colleges to promote the right to life. This year, college Knights from George Washington University, The Catholic University of America, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and other schools



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

Kevin Darr February 11

JD Maher March 11

Stan Renzelman April 8

Shawn Simpson May 13

The Officers of Council 1849

Grand Knight Matt Waverly

Spiritual Advisor Deacon Jaime Garcia

Deputy G.K. Phill Gonzalez

Chancellor Steve DeBenedet

Warden Jacob Schmidt

Treasurer Bob Strazzo

Recorder Dave Sanders

Advocate Mark Koenig

Inside Guard George Hoover

Outside Guard Charlie Esola

Trustees

Three Year Stan Renzelman

Two Year Jack Magee

One Year Stephen Frias

Financial Sec. Tim Burr

Dist. Deputy Steven Morris

Field Agent Art Aguilar

All Council Officers (except Br. Charlie Esola) can be reached by email. Use the first letter of their first name, the entire last name, followed by: @kofc-1849.org

Sample: mkoenig@kofc-1849.org

Knights of Columbus Council 1849

Events Calendar 2024—2025

Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2024 until June 2025

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2024 until June 2025. Dinner at 6:00

Family Fishing Day, Caples Lake, July 6th, 2024

Installation Mass and Picnic, SKD 10 AM August 18, 2024 (3rd Sunday)

Fall Dinner, Tri-tip at SKD noon to 9 PM (dinner 6 PM) September 28, 2024

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Sunday October 6th, 2024, 4-7 PM Koenigs House

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 11, 12, & 13, 2024

Mass for Departed Knights and YLI, SKD 10 AM November 10, 2024 (2nd Sunday)

Christmas Party SKD, 3 PM – 9 PM (dinner 6 PM), December 6th, 2024

Winter Dinner, (Fish), SKD Noon to 9 PM, (Dinner 6 PM) February 8, 2025 (2nd Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 9 PM May 18, 2025 (3rd Sunday)

Spring Dinner, (Ribs), SKD Noon to 9 PM (6 PM dinner) May 17th, 2025 (3rd Saturday)

Hospitality Donuts every 2nd Sunday at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays (March, June, August, & November)

KVGC Rosary Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each Month at 5:30 at SKD – St Maximillian Kolbe Room

February Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 5: Prayers of the Rosary on KVGC 1340 AM and 96.5 FM at 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, February 5: Planning Meeting at Saint Patrick's Hall at 6:00PM.

Saturday, February 8: Fish Fry at Saint Katharine Drexel at 6:45 PM.

Sunday, January 9: Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10 AM Mass.

Tuesday, January 11: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Amador Knights Reporter: David Sanders, phone 209 245-3482, email Dsanders@kofc-1849.org, Editor and Publisher: Joe Trassare, phone 916 296-9557, email jtrassare@kofc-1849.org

Published Monthly. All news items may be emailed to news@kofc-1849.org. Photos need to be jpeg, set at no less than 150 dpi, and no larger than 800kb; send photo files to news@kofc-1849.org. @Amador County Council 1849 Knights of Columbus, February 2025, P.O. Box 1436, Sutter Creek, Ca 95685

All Rights Reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without permission. For inquires, email: news@kofc-1849.org