

Worthy Sir Knights and Brother Knights:

The Annual March for Life will be held on Monday, January 22, 2018. The Mass, March and Rally annually commemorates the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's infamous Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. Hundreds of Knights and their families from across Kansas will join others who will be on hand for three reasons: to counter the "Culture of Death," to show their support of family life, and to practice their rights to assemble and to protest inhuman acts to the unborn.

The historical Mater Dei Assumption Catholic Church will be the ideal meeting and gathering point to get instructions for activities of the day. This will be a joyful gathering of all ages from many different parts of Kansas, sharing in the experience of standing up for the unborn. All Knights, and in particular, Fourth Degree Sir Knights in their full Color Guard Regalia, are urged to participate in the day's activities. Knights should carry council banners and K of C pro-life posters, wear jackets and/or caps bearing Knights of Columbus emblems, and walk together to show the Orders support for the right to life.

The fight to save our unborn children has been 45 years of fighting. However, there is hope in our cause, as more and more states legislate against late term and partial birth abortions. It is important to keep our efforts strong by promoting family life in taking part in this annual March For Life.

A government only works when citizens stand up to be heard, by participating in front of our state lawmakers and letting them know we will not sit by as abortions remain legal in this country. The time to act is now, and, with your support and dedication, we can fill the area in front of the South steps of the Capitol on January 22nd.

This event ties in with our Knights of Columbus Ultra Sound Initiative program in our efforts to end abortion.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. Winchester
Immediate Past State Deputy
Kansas State Council

**Mass, March and Rally For Life
45th Anniversary of Roe Vs. Wade
Monday, January 22, 2018
Topeka, Kansas**

This year's Pro-Life Mass, March and Rally For Life will be held in Topeka, Monday, January 22, 2018. This statewide Pro-Life event is sponsored by Kansans For Life. Both the 3rd and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in Kansas are being asked to play a big role again this year.

The schedule for the day's events as follows:

8:30 AM: Knights to arrive at Mater Dei Assumption Catholic Church basement (Rossiter Hall). Donuts and coffee will be available. Sir Knights are then to get dressed in full regalia and/or the "new" Uniform of the 4th Degree, and get instructions for the day.

9:30 AM: Leave for Topeka Performing Arts Center (TPAC).

10:00 AM: Mass at TPAC. Sir Knights for the Honor Guard.

11:30 AM or immediately after Mass: Sir Knights will lead the March from TPAC through downtown Topeka to the South Steps of the State Capitol building. Knights, families, guests and students will follow, carrying banners and signs.

12:00 PM: Pro-Life Rally. On the South Steps of the Capitol. Sir Knights will offer a back drop for the Pledge of Allegiance, prayers, and guest speakers to the podium.

1:00 PM: Time to meet with your legislators on Pro-Life issues (if they are available).

This Event is co-hosted by Christ the King Council #8411 and the James W. Gibbons Assembly #0286.

Remember, this will be an outdoor event in January. Dress warm!

Contact me at 785-608-6940 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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