



New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus

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RESOLUTION FELICITATIONS TO SUPREME KNIGHT PATRICK E. KELLY

WHEREAS upon the retirement of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson the Supreme Board of Directors on February 5, 2021 elected Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly to become the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus and,

WHEREAS Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly served a distinguished career in the military, public service and within the Knights of Columbus and

WHEREAS Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly has served in various positions of leadership within the Knights of Columbus beginning at Marquette University in 1983 and culminating with his election as Supreme Knight in 2021 and,

WHEREAS Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly has been involved in many aspects of the Knights of Columbus specifically: as the State Deputy for the District of Columbia, vice president for Public Policy within the Order, Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II shrine, Chairman of the Board of the March for Life, a member of the board of directors of the National Catholic Bioethics center and a consultant to committees of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops and,

WHEREAS Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly's love and duty to our country is evident having served in the United States Navy for 24 years retiring as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) specializing in international and operational law and,

WHEREAS prior to his leadership roles in the Knights Supreme Knight Kelly was a senior advisor to the US Ambassador for international religious freedom and was retired from a long career in public service in the US House Intelligence committee and worked at the US Justice Department. In addition, he was the principal liaison with the Holy See helping to form US foreign policy on religious freedom worldwide and.

WHEREAS Supreme Knight Patrick E Kelly's vast and lengthy background shows his total dedication to the Church, our order, and our country. This is also evident as a Catholic father totally dedicated to his wife Vanessa and their three daughters.

Patriots Protecting All God's Children

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus, on this 15th day of May 2021, representing the 59,000 New Jersey Knights along with their families, congratulate Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly and his family for attaining the honor of Supreme Knight and we pledge and affirm our loyalty to hm, his brother Supreme Officers, and the Supreme Board of Directors, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we pledge our support to the programs and policies of Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly as he begins the leadership of our Order.