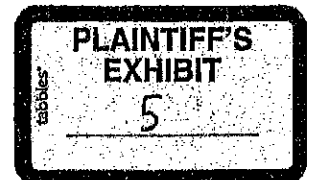


Affidavit of the Venerable Mark D. Sluss

I, Mark D. Sluss, on oath, state as follows:

1. I reside at [REDACTED] in St. Louis, Missouri. I am an Archdeacon for the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri and am assigned to the parish of Christ Church Cathedral, located in St. Louis, Missouri.
2. I submit this affidavit in support of Kelly Glossip's application for survivor benefits provided by R.S. Mo. § 104.140.3.
3. All of the matters in this affidavit are based on my personal knowledge, and I am competent to testify thereto.
4. I have known Kelly Glossip and Dennis Engelhard since 2002, first as a co-parishioner at Christ Church Cathedral and then as a deacon. I first met Kelly and Dennis when I moved to St. Louis and began attending Christ Church Cathedral.
5. Kelly and Dennis were very active in the Church community. They rarely missed Sunday services and also frequently came to the Church during the week for special occasions and celebrations. Kelly and Dennis were embraced by the Church community and treated the same as any heterosexual married couple.
6. At the conclusion of the liturgy, during "the sharing of the peace," Kelly and Dennis would embrace each other the same way as any other married couple. On the month of their anniversary, they would come forward and receive the same blessing for their union that the clergy provides to heterosexual married couples. Their anniversary date was published in the church bulletin and directory and their names were read during the prayers of the people in recognition of their anniversary.



7. Kelly and Dennis always attended Church together, except when Dennis had to be on duty as a patrol officer. During weekends when Kelly's son stayed with Kelly and Dennis, the three of them would come to Church together as a family.

8. I also frequently visited Kelly and Dennis at their home. Kelly and Dennis often invited me and other members of the Church community to their house in Robertsville for barbeques or other gatherings. I estimate that I visited their house about two times a year. It was clear that that Kelly and Dennis were a very loving couple and devoted parents to Kelly's son.

9. In my role as Deacon, I also helped counsel Kelly and Dennis when one of them was in the hospital or experiencing health problems. They cared for each other in sickness and in health the same way that any married couple did.

10. In all my dealings with Kelly and Dennis, it was clear that they were a loving, committed couple and that they were the most important people in each other's lives. They showed a willingness to sacrifice for each other and support each other through any difficulties they encountered.

11. Kelly and Dennis referred to each other as husbands. They often mentioned that once the State of Missouri would allow either a Marriage of same-sex couples or a civil union of same-sex partners that they would participate.

12. After Dennis died, I helped counsel Kelly in his grieving process. In my experience, Kelly's grief and emotional loss was just the same as the emotional loss I have seen in married heterosexual persons who experience the death of their spouse.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

