



THE MARTYR

Lorenzo Ruiz is a Filipino saint venerated in the Catholic Church. A Chinese Filipino, he became his country's protomartyr after his execution in Japan.



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

It has been an interesting month to say the least. We

witnessed a serious attack on human kindness in the death of Charlie Kirk. While I was not a follower of Charlie Kirk, I do know he was a fervent Christian, outstanding debater and huge proponent of free speech. Overall, in watching some of the clips of his debates, he treated everyone equally and politely. He lived a life trying to help others. That's the world we Knights strive for. Helping others, whether it is the poor and needy, misguided, or just making someone's day better. We get caught up each day making our own lives better, which is not necessarily a bad thing, yet often leave out helping out someone who could just use that extra hand, get a meal, or just have a conversation with someone in need of companionship or advice. That's the essence of what Jesus wants us to do. We can serve ourselves or someone in need. You can do both, which is a great place to start. Each day this coming month, set a goal each day of serving someone in need. If you can do it each day, maybe we'll make the habit for our lifetime. I'll steal a line I heard over the weekend ... "Who will you serve today?"

Vivat Jesus!



Deputy Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Now is the time to lead with faith and serve with purpose. As

Catholic men, we are called to be more than just attendees—we are called to be active leaders in our families, our parishes, and our communities. Get involved in a ministry, support our priests, and be the spiritual example your family and others can follow. Let's answer the call to be true servants of God and faithful brothers in Christ.

Car Wash Saturday Nov 1 8am to 12pm



Volunteers are needed for our council's monthly car wash. The car wash is broken up into two groups from 8 to 10 AM and 10 AM to 12pm. If you're willing and able to help participate please contact Frank or Jeff

Upcoming Council Meetings

Tuesday, Oct 28 @ 6:30 pm
In the Parish Hall

Visit our website online at:

<https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/index.asp?CNO=14866>

Visit the State Website at:

<https://www.floridakofc.org/>
Visit the Supreme Website at:
www.kofc.org

Upcoming Events

- Oct 11: Tootsie Rolls @ Turner Ace Hardware Monument Rd 9-3pm
- Oct 17: Free Throw Championship 9am @ Morning Star
- Oct 25-26 (Sat/Sun): Opening Mass for Family Week
- Oct 26: Fall Festival 2-4pm. KOC is responsible for hamburgers and hotdogs.
- Oct 27: Movie Night with hotdogs, popcorn and ice cream 6-8pm. The movie will be The Book of Life.
- Oct 28: KOC select Family of the Month for Oct
- Oct 29: Family Rosary & Prayer Night 6-7pm in Marian Chapel
- Oct 30: Family Art Night with Lynda 6-7pm
- Oct 31 Oct: Family Fun Night at Adventure Landing "Putt-Putt" 6-8pm (KOC cover the cost)
- Nov 1: Family Kite Flying Contest and Free Car Wash for Parish Families 8-12pm
- Nov 1: Family Game Night BINGO with Food and Prizes 6-9pm
- Nov 2: Award of Family of the Month
- Nov 8: Blue Mass
- Every Tuesday Food for Families and Helping Hands Food Distribution 2pm to 4pm
- Every Thursday Pro-Life Demonstration at "A Woman's Choice" (4131 University Blvd. S) 9:00am to 10am - See Mike Anderson for details
- Every Wednesday Rosary 6pm to 7pm
- Every Wednesday Habitat for Humanity 8am to 12pm (POC Mike McPherson 904-631-3670)
- Every Friday 8:30-10am Silent Adoration in The Marian Chapel

Visit our [Calendar Online](#) for Event Details and the Latest Updates

From Columbia Magazine:

The Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori, has issued a challenge to each of us, and there is still plenty of time to take it up (pg. 7).

The Challenge:

"This month, as we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on Sept. 14th, I challenge you to undertake some sacrifice or mortification - such as abstaining from meat one or two days a week - to strengthen your willingness to carry your cross daily."

<https://issuu.com/columbia-magazine/docs/columbiasept25en>



Faith

Our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. Formation in our faith goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ.

Please join us for our Into the Breach presentations. We have scheduled the next presentation to September 28th (5:00 - 6:15 PM) in the church Narthex. Also, please join in the next Novena that we pray as a community. It's the St. Therese of Lisieux Novena.

Watch for emails from Brother Jeff Marquardt! Remember our upcoming Mass on the 28th for the feast of our Patron Saint, San Lorenzo Ruiz (11 AM Mass on September 28th).

Don't forget the multitude of opportunities to pray the Rosary each month. Brother Francois Beuse leads one each Wednesday at 6 PM. Finish work a little early and join him!



Family

Father McGivney sought to strengthen the bonds of families in his parish and the Knights of Columbus. These programs, created for families by families.

Please congratulate the Reyes Family as our most recent Family of the Month (for July)! We'll be announcing the family of the month for August at the council meeting on the 23rd of September.



Community

Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity – at home with our families and in our communities. When Knights of Columbus members come together they accomplish great things.

Our first soccer challenge of the year (at Morningstar) was a great success with very high participation. Our next challenge will be at St Paul's and we'll need a few more volunteers. Please be ready to answer the call!

Special Olympics



Life

The Knights of Columbus vigorously defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life.

We won a great victory for Life when Floridians voted NO on Amendment 4, however we won by only a 3% margin so we cannot rest on our laurels. You can help by joining brother Michael Anderson at the "A Woman's Choice" abortion clinic 4131 University Blvd. S on Thursdays from 9-10AM when we prayerfully and peacefully support Life. Mike will have signs for you.

The Race for Inclusion was completed again this year by the CSX Complex downtown. Many thanks to the knights who showed up to make that such a great success.

From the Invocation State Newsletter:

A Season For Intentional Growth By State Deputy Michael P. Gizewski

Now is the time to renew our vision of what it means to be a Knight. We are not just members of a service organization—we are men of faith, anchored in the Eucharist, devoted to our families, loyal to the Church, and committed to living out the Gospel in the public square. This month, let's place spiritual renewal at the heart of our efforts. Let us begin again with God.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

Evangelize and proclaim our faith, protect families, and perform works of charity. Through our witness and deeds attract Catholic men to our Order. Build the Domestic Church through service, support our parishes, clergy, and communities. Incorporate principled fiscal responsibility for charitable giving.





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What Are Officers Responsible For?

In an ongoing article, we will line out briefly what the officers are responsible for. Here is the first group:

Warden: Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property. Sets up council chambers for all meetings and exemplifications. Overseas the Inside and outside Guards.

Inside and Outside Guards: Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance. Report to and assist the Warden as needed.



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... (make your request here). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLUE MASS

TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL




An opportunity to show our gratitude and
support of our Public Safety Personnel

Join St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and
The Knights of Columbus Council 14866
Saturday, November 8th at 5:00pm
2400 Mayport Road 32233

Knights of Columbus Raffle for 3 days in the Bahamas (\$10 ea)



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