



# 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,

I personally think we're starting our next season with

a bang. We're submitting a nice total for the "Pass the Hat Campaign." Thanks to Brother Jeff Marquardt for spearheading that along with our Life Team led by Brother Mike Anderson.

As we roll into summer we are hit with two big difficulties. One, our parishioners are out on vacation, so their attendance and support will be less than normal. We need to really let our friends know what we're up to so they can reap the benefits of our fundraising events. Second, we brothers are on vacation a lot (myself right now) so we're really in need of extra support for our events. This is a great time to step up and assist with an event. Please make every effort to do just one more event per month over the summer season. It really makes a difference!

Speaking of summer, our next big event is the installation of officers on 8 July. It is the same night as our Officers meeting which you are not required to attend, but please make an effort to show up afterwards for the Officer Installation. Expect an Exemplification next month as well.

We have started the "Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus," which is something I want each of us to participate in. Brother Jeff is sending out emails each day with a quick 3-minute prayer. Just do

the prayer and reply to Jeff that you completed it. This goes a long way to helping our goals for the year, and takes so little of our time. There really is no excuse for not participating. Please check your email daily for it. You'll be  $\frac{3}{4}$  through it by our Council Meeting.

I've also noticed our 4th Degree Knights participating quite frequently in various church functions. Please thank them and if you are interested in becoming a 4th Degree Knight, please contact the Commander, Mike Anderson.

Let's have a great month of July!

Vivat Jesus!

## KOC Florida State Council Mission Statement (Invocation Newsletter Spotlight)

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.



## Deputy Grand Knight & Program Director Update

As we approach the close of another fraternal year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the good work we have accomplished together and to express

my deep gratitude for your ongoing dedication to our mission of charity, unity, and fraternity.

This past year has been marked by many meaningful moments—supporting parish ministries, assisting families in need, and building up our brotherhood through service and prayer. Whether you helped flip pancakes at a fundraiser, handed out coats to children, or stood in silent vigil during a pro-life event, your commitment has made a difference.

June is a time of both transition and opportunity. We thank our outgoing officers for their leadership and service, and we look ahead with hope as we prepare to install our new council leadership team. Please join us in prayer for all who will take on new roles—that they may lead with wisdom, courage, and humility.

As summer begins, I encourage each of us to remain active in our council and in our faith. Let us not take a break from our calling to be “men for others.” Even during vacation season, there are always ways to serve: visit someone who is homebound, volunteer at a parish event, or simply invite a fellow Catholic man to join the Knights.

Thank you for all you do, and may God continue to bless you and your families. Vivat Jesus!

## Car Wash Saturday

June 28 & July 26 - 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 Events

- Jun 24: Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Jun 27: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Jun 28: Car Wash 8-12pm
- Jul 8: Officer Meeting followed by Installation of Officers at 7PM
- Jul 12: Stand Up Paddle Competition - Southpoint Community Church, 7556 Salisbury Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32256
- Jul 19: Regional Surfing Competition – Little Talbot Island, 12157 Heckscher Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32226
- Jul 22: Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Jul 26: Area Swim Competition – Cecil Aquatic Center, 13611 Normandy Blvd A, Jacksonville, FL 32221
- Jul 26: Car Wash 8-12pm
- Every Tuesday Food for Families and Helping Hands Food Distribution 2pm to 4pm
- Every Wednesday Rosary in Marian Chapel 6pm
- Every Wednesday Habitat for Humanity 8am to 12pm (POC Mike McPherson 904-631-3670)
- Every Thursday Pro-Life Demonstration at “A Woman’s Choice” (4131 University Blvd. S) 9:00am to 10am - See Mike Anderson for details
- Every 1st Friday of the Month: Mass @ 8am includes, Novena for Life, Holy Hour and Rosary
- Every Friday 8:30-10am Silent Adoration in The Marian Chapel
- Every Sunday: Rosary in the Sanctuary @ 6:15am

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

## Upcoming Council Meetings

Tuesday, July 22 @ 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](http://www.kofc.org)

## “You Visited Me” (Columbia Magazine Spotlight)

Prison ministers share Christ’s mercy and forgiveness in the spirit of Blessed Michael McGivney. By Aprille Hanson Spivey

**Key Takeaway:** One of the incarcerated people thanked me for becoming their chaplain and said, ‘We are members of the diocese as well.’ And he was right. Their incarceration doesn’t take away their membership in the Body of Christ.”

Link to Columbia Magazine:

<https://issuu.com/columbia-magazine/docs/columbiamay25en>

## The Florida State Council is online!

Website: <https://www.floridakofc.org/>

The state monthly newsletter is called Invocation.

<https://www.floridakofc.org/Invocation-State-News-letter>

## YouTube Channel

From Jim Clark, Florida State Broadcast Media Relations and Production.

Did you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel? Well, we do! This is a place where we can put in videos of all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

During the State Convention we took video interviews of some of the Dignitaries that honored us with their presence. Please be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added. If you have any videos that you would like to add that shows your Council doing good works please email Jim Clark at [jclark1@gmail.com](mailto:jclark1@gmail.com).

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0aref73b\\_rOdtGJXLgf4TQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0aref73b_rOdtGJXLgf4TQ)



St. John's hour supporting life in front of A Woman's Choice abortion mill is Thursdays from 9-10. Our Knight Mike Anderson is consistently out there every week, often with his wife. We've lost some of our usual folks for various reasons, so if you are not working and have an hour to spare, please contact and assist Mike! The address is 4131 University Blvd S. Parking is behind (East) of the mill's white fence and in front of the Family Life Center (Building 3).



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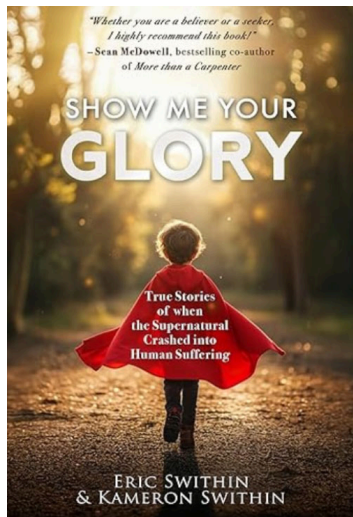


Reminder: Every Wednesday 6pm  
Rosary & Divine  
Chaplet in the  
Marian Chapel





Standby for multiple Special Olympic events this upcoming year!



Thank you to those that attended the movies Show Me Your Glory and The Face of Jesus. This is part of our Spiritual Reflection program.



Trung Nguyen is our newest council sponsored seminarian. Trung is from Vietnam.



The Knights of Columbus "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities", commonly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive, is a heartfelt annual fundraiser supporting children, teens, and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- Origins: Launched in 1970 by a few Illinois councils, the initiative began with distributing Tootsie Rolls for small donations, raising over \$30,000 in just its first weekend—a success that quickly spread statewide and eventually nationwide.
- Purpose: The primary goal is to fund grants that improve healthcare, education, and quality-of-life programs. Funds support public and private 501(c)(3) organizations, such as summer camps, residential and vocational programs, Special Olympics, early-intervention clinics, and more—benefiting individuals regardless of the disability they face.
- How it works: Each fall (typically the weekend before Columbus Day), local Knights stand at storefronts or street corners in distinctive yellow vests reading "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities." For each donation, donors receive a Tootsie Roll in appreciation.
- Impact: The high visibility and simple gesture of a candy token have made this one of the most popular and successful Knights fundraisers. For example, councils in Illinois once raised nearly \$2 million annually; statewide chapters in Florida collected over \$537,000 in a single year
- Reach: Today, the campaign is active across dozens of states and continues to flourish through community involvement and volunteerism