



# 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,

Following my military career, I embarked on a career in

sales. What a difference! In the military, we focused heavily on mission, but always watched each other's backs. Each day was how can I make myself better for my team, and how can I make my team/ division/ command better. In sales, on the other hand, it was all about individual achievement. It was also a new day every day. My managers' attitudes were all the same, "What have you done for me lately?"

How does that translate to us? With everything in life, I try to take lessons everywhere. If you're not learning, you're dying! I do continue to worry about my team's success. Obviously, we've had a lot of success (Council of the Year - 4 yrs in a row - not at all shabby!). How do we grow that? I'll take a lesson from sales. **What have I done lately to help the success of our team?**

Once we've done a lot, there is a tendency to sit on our laurels and say, "Well I did a lot last year." True. How about today? How about this week? Look forward and forget what you've done for one moment each day and reflect about what you can do to help the Knights (therefore the needy) today or this week.

Take a look at the events we have coming up and see where you can fit into one of them. Many

haven't shown for a long time, so take the next couple months to re-engage. Nothing is more satisfying than to selflessly give to those who need help.

Vivat Jesus!

## Car Wash Saturday 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

- Aug 2: Special Olympics Bowling
- Aug 2: Exemplification
- Aug 9: Into the Breach "The Mission of the Family"
- Aug 13: Father McGivney Mass
- Aug 16: BINGO/Family Prayer Night
- Aug 23: Car Wash
- Aug 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](https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/index.asp?CNO=14866) for Event Details and the Latest Updates



## Deputy Grand Knight Message

Brother Knights,

As we begin a new fraternal year, I want to thank each of you for your continued commitment to our council and the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. July marks a time of transition, planning, and renewed energy for the year ahead.

We're off to a great start already. This month, our council came together for our Special Olympics program, an inspiring example of how we put our faith into action. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to ensure local special needs athletes have a memorable time competing with others.

Looking forward, we have several important events and initiatives coming up. Please make an effort to attend our monthly meetings, share your ideas, and get involved. Whether it's helping with an upcoming parish picnic, recruiting new members, or assisting with one of our Faith in Action programs, there's a place for everyone to contribute.

Let's continue to support one another and live out the call to serve. Together, we can make this one of our most impactful years yet.

Vivat Jesus, Steve Martinez

### Upcoming Council Meetings

Tuesday, Aug 26 @ 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)

## June 28th Car Wash Fundraiser for Global Wheelchair Mission. Nine Council members plus one volunteer raised \$275 washing 11 vehicles.



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## Field Agent Message

This month is the start of our new Fraternal Year together as Knights — a big congratulations to all new council leadership! This is always a time of new beginnings, when councils can start fresh and reassess where they stand in relation to their goals.

This should apply to us individually, too, including personal financial goals. Are you on track to reach them?



Now is the perfect time to meet with me to review the existing insurance plan you have in place or to help you take the initial steps to create one. I invite you to meet with me every year as your family grows and changes, milestones are reached, and financial needs Adjust.

As your brother Knight, it's my privilege to carry out Father McGivney's mission by serving your family and helping you gain a clear picture of your financial protection needs, no matter your current situation. If I can be honest, I think this is one the most underappreciated benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, and if you've never taken advantage of getting a complimentary financial needs review, I encourage you to make this the year!

With a personalized review using top-tier financial software, I can give you a transparent illustration of your finances with insights on how your current situation aligns to your future objectives. Together, we'll review your current coverage and identify potential protection gaps, ensuring your plan aligns with your goals.

If you're interested in investments that are aligned with Catholic teaching, I can also connect you with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, which helps all faith-based investors prepare for retirement, build wealth and beat inflation with additional sources of income.

Knights of Columbus, your premier partner for financial services, is for brother Knights, by brother Knights. I'm here to partner with you. Please see me and we'll set up time to work together to financially safeguard your family.

Again, welcome to all our new council leadership! Thank you for serving in this role — I'm excited to work with you to serve our brother Knights and their families.

Thank you! Matthew Braun, FIC

Post Script: You can visit KofC.org and KoCAA.org for detailed information on what each of KofC and KoCAA can offer members directly.

## March for Life @ Women's Help Center



## Knights Assisting with Vacation Bible School



## Special Olympics Paddle Board Event



## Special Olympics Swim Event at Cecil Aquatic Center



## Special Olympics Surfing Event at Little Talbot Island



## Blood Mobile: 13 Units of Blood Donated to Save Lives



## Raffle Tickets - Don't Forget to Pick up Your Raffle Tickets to Sell

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