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Faithful Navigator Report — SK Oscar Martinez

Sir Knights:

In my efforts to increase the attendance at our Assembly meetings, I have sent out a mini survey to all our members to try to understand our members' reason(s) for non-attendance and to invite ideas on making our meetings and Assembly more meaningful and helpful. So far, the response has been very unresponsive. I will be advocating to our Assembly that we set attendance and fallout criteria to ensure that our Sir Knights remain in Good Standing and active in the 4th degree. Please remember the reasons we all joined the 4th degree. It is important, especially in this day and age, that our Sir Knights encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in our members and the community at large. This WORLD needs SIR KNIGHTS who will stand up for GOD and Country!

Items of interest this month:

PRO-LIFE MASS FALLOUT & PRAYER SERVICE

September 28, 2024 (Saturday) for 8:00am Mass at St. Ignatius Church – FALLOUT at 7:30am SK Giacomo Leone (512.983.7576 giaccone575@gmail.com) has made arrangements at St. Ignatius Church for the Pro-Life Mass and Prayer service at the Memorial for the UnBorn. Please make plans to attend. Please let our Corp Commander, Darrel Vinklerek (512.423-9616 darrelv82@gmail.com) that you will be attending.

Oscar Martinez Faithful Navigator
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Bishop Reicher
 Assembly 1099



TGIF
 Thank God I'm Free!



Admiral SK John Massey presents Anne Reynes, widow of SK George Reynes with a Memorial Plaque.

**Happy Birthday
Sir Knights !!!**
May you have many more

Arnold	Auzenne
Pete	Cantu
Rayford	Carter
Matt	Cullen
Gabriel	Garcia
William	Harris
Joseph	Kupper
Michael	Lemons
Edmond	Martin
Helder	Pena
Rolando	Pina
Joshua	Saldivar
Juan	
Ramon	Tavarez

Saint of the Month—SK Giacomo Leone

St. Lorenzo Ruiz

Feast day: September 28

Patron: of Filipino youth, Chinese-Filipinos, the Philippines, Overseas Filipino Workers, people living in poverty, Filipino altar servers

Birth: 1600

Death: 1637



Martyr of Japan with Michael Aozaraza, Anthony Gonzales, William Cowtlet, Vincent Shiwozuka, and Lazarus. Lawrence was born in Manila, the Philippines. He and his companions were tortured and slain on Okinawa. They were beatified by John Paul II in 1981 and canonized in 1987.

Lorenzo Ruiz (Filipino: *Lorenzo Ruiz ng Maynila*; Chinese: 李樂倫; Spanish: *Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila*; November 28, 1594 – September 29, 1637), also called **Saint Lorenzo of Manila**, is a Filipino saint venerated in the Catholic Church. A Chinese Filipino, he became his country's protomartyr after his execution in Japan by the Tokugawa Shogunate during its persecution of Japanese Christians in the 17th century.

Lorenzo Ruiz is the patron saint of, among others, the Philippines and the Filipino people.



Early life

Binondo Church, the main shrine of San Lorenzo Ruiz

Lorenzo Ruiz was born in Binondo, Manila, on 28 November 1594,^[1] to a Chinese father and a Filipino mother who were both Catholic. His father taught him Chinese while his mother taught him Tagalog.^{[2][3]}

Lorenzo served as an altar boy at the Binondo Church. After being educated by the Dominican friars for a few years, Lorenzo earned the title of *escribano* (scrivener)

because of his skillful penmanship. He became a member of the *Cofradía del Santísimo Rosario* (Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary). He married Rosario, a native, and they had two sons and a daughter.^[4] The Ruiz family led a generally peaceful, religious and content life.

In 1636, while working as a clerk for the Binondo Church, Lorenzo was falsely accused of killing a Spaniard. Lorenzo sought asylum on board a ship with three Dominican priests: Antonio Gonzalez, Guillermo Courtet, and Miguel de Aozaraza; a Japanese priest, Vicente Shiwozuka de la Cruz; and a lay leper Lázaro of Kyoto. Lorenzo and his companions sailed for Okinawa on 10 June 1636, with the aid of the Dominican fathers.^{[2][3][5]}

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Saint of the Month— Continued



Martyrdom

Depiction of *tsurushi*.

The Tokugawa Shogunate was persecuting Christians because they feared that the Spanish invaded the Philippines through using religion by the time Lorenzo had arrived in Japan. The missionaries were arrested and thrown into prison, and after two years, they were transferred to Nagasaki to face trial by torture. The group endured many and various cruel methods of torture.^[4]

On 27 September 1637, Lorenzo and his companions were taken to Nishizaka Hill, where they were tortured by being hung upside-down over a pit. He died two days later on 29 September 1637, aged 42. This form of torture was known as *tsurushi* in Japanese or *horca y hoyo* ("gallows and pit") in Spanish. The method, alleged to have been extremely painful, had the victim bound; one hand was always left free so that the individual may signal their desire to recant, leading to their release. Despite his suffering, Lorenzo refused to renounce Christianity and died from eventual blood loss and suffocation. His last words were: "*Ego Catholicus sum et animo prompto paratoque pro Deo mortem obibo. Si mille vitas haberem, cunctas ei offerrem.*". ("I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly do accept death for God; had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer.")

After his death, his body was cremated. His ashes were then thrown into the sea of Nagasaki to prevent other Christians from gathering his sacred relics.^{[2][3][5]}

Veneration

Beatification process

The *positio* for the cause of the beatification of Lorenzo Ruiz was written by Spanish historian Fidel Villarroel. The central document found to exhibit Ruiz's martyrdom was an eyewitness account by two Japanese ex-priests from the Society of Jesus, rediscovered by Villarroel at the Jesuit Generalate archive in Rome, an unlikely location as Ruiz was of the Dominican order.^[6] Lorenzo was beatified during Pope John Paul II's papal visit to the Philippines in 1981.^{[7][8][9]} It was the first beatification ceremony to be held outside the Vatican in history.

Canonization

Lorenzo was canonized by Pope John Paul on October 18, 1987, among the 16 Martyrs of Japan, making him the first Filipino saint.^{[2][3][5]} Ruiz' canonization was supported by a miracle in October 1983, when Cecilia Alegria Policarpio of Calinog, Iloilo, was cured of brain atrophy (hydrocephalus) at the age of two, after her family and supporters prayed to Lorenzo for his intercession. She was diagnosed with the condition shortly after birth and was treated at University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center.^[10]

A mosaic of San Lorenzo is found in the Trinity Dome of Mary's National Shrine in Washington DC.

On September 28, 2017, the 30th anniversary of Lorenzo's canonization was celebrated in the Archdiocese of Manila.

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Meetings for Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099

Meeting Schedule:

The Second Monday of the Month at 7:30 pm

St. Catherine of Siena

4800 Convict Hill Road

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Parish Activity Center

2nd Floor Room 213

Faithful Navigator Report Continued

4th Degree EXEMPLIFICATION – Sept. 7, 2024, at Emmaus Catholic Church

The 4th Degree Exemplification will be this coming Sept.7, 2024 at Emmaus Catholic Church.

I encourage all Sir Knights to attend and support our new members to be.

Schedule of Events:

10:30 – 1:00 Registration
1:00pm Candidates assemble for instructions
1:30 – 3:30 Exemplification at Parish Life Center
3:30 Confession is available
4:15 Candidates assemble for Mass
5:00 Mass in the Church
6:00 – 7:00 Social Hour
7:00 – 8:15 Banquet-Meal to honor new Sir Knights-Parish Life Center
 (**BANQUET TICKETS \$35 a PERSON**)

LADIES PROGRAM \$25 a PERSON

11:00 – 12:30 Gather at Parish Life Center for snacks
12:30 – 3:30 Annunciation Maternity Home Presentation
 Other Fun Activities