

Knights of Columbus Council 5971 Day

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization founded by Father Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882, dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, Knights of Columbus Council 5971 was established on May 7, 1967, and has proudly served the City of Sunrise and surrounding communities for 59 years, demonstrating an enduring commitment to charitable service, fellowship, and support for those in need; and

WHEREAS, Council 5971 sponsors and actively participates in Special Olympics events, including activities at Nova Southeastern University and the Sallarulo Race for Champions, providing meals, assisting athletes, and serving as a Color Guard during opening ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Council 5971 supports the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank in Sunrise through food drives, brings joy and companionship to residents of local assisted living facilities, and contributes to community events such as the All-Saints Carnival and Night Out Against Crime; and

WHEREAS, Council 5971 is committed to honoring and supporting our veterans through visits to Veterans Home, participation in Honor Flight, and contributions to organizations including Fisher House, Freedom Service Dogs, and the Women's WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Council demonstrates its dedication to public safety and the well-being of our community through its annual Blue Mass honoring police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians, as well as its participation in the Anthony and Marie Scuotto Springtree Charitable Golf Tournament for Kaitlyn's Cure; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Council 5971 exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism and community service, with members generously sharing their time, talents, and resources to improve the lives of individuals and families locally and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunrise recognizes the significant contributions of Knights of Columbus Council 5971 and its members to the community and honors their longstanding commitment to charitable causes, veterans, first responders, and those less fortunate.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida, together with the City Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 13, 2026 as: **Knights of Columbus Council 5971 Day** in the City of Sunrise and encourage all to recognize and celebrate the Council's 59 years of dedicated service, fellowship, and contributions to our community.

Witness My Hand and Official Seal of
The City of Sunrise, Florida

Michael J. Ryan, Mayor