



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mother Seton Palm Coast
Council # 17480



Join us: Third Thursday at 6 PM

4600 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast 32137

Incoming Grand Knight Message Joseph Paul

July 2025

I want to thank our outgoing Grand Knight, Ralph Esposito, for his leadership. Worthy Ralph Esposito stated that he was incredibly proud of our council's accomplishments this year, which will leave a lasting legacy.



We successfully launched our first annual golf outing in memory of Deacon Tom, raising significant funds for our charitable work and strengthening community bonds. Our inaugural Tootsie Roll Drive was also a resounding success, demonstrating our commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities and inspiring generosity within our community. Additionally, we initiated the tradition of providing snacks during meetings, contributed to the first-ever baby box in Palm Coast, and sent two truckloads of relief supplies to Perry, Florida, after Hurricane Helene. None of these achievements would have been possible without your dedication, teamwork, and unwavering commitment to the Knights of Columbus' values. Great friendships and bonds were forged.

As your new Grand Knight, I'm incredibly excited to lead our council in a year focused on deepening our impact and brotherhood. Our core mission will be to vigorously implement the **Faith in Action programs**, striving to earn the **Columbian Award** by strengthening our initiatives in faith, family, community, and life. We'll prioritize **membership growth and engagement**, actively recruiting new Catholic men while ensuring every current member feels valued and involved, fostering a truly welcoming environment. Operational excellence will be key, with a focus on **effective meetings, sound financial stewardship**, and upholding **Safe Environment protocols**. Finally, we'll cultivate strong relationships with our **Pastor and parish**, and seek new **community partnerships** to amplify our charitable reach, all while leading by example in service and fraternity.

Vivat Jesus! God bless you all!

Joseph Paul Incoming Grand Knight
Mother Seton Council 17480



July 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
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27	28	29	30	31		

Mark Your Calander

July 4th Party at Seton Hall 4pm

July 12th, 2025 Tootie Roll Drive – Publix Island Walk

September 22-25, 2025: Parish Mission led by Fr. Jack Conley, CP

October 30, 2025, 6pm: Talk and Healing Service by Alan Ames, Alan Ames
International Healing Ministry

December 27, 2025, 6pm: Feast of St. Stephen Mass at St. Stephen
Chapel, celebrated by Bishop Erik Pohlmeier

March 16-18, 2026: Lenten Retreat

Out Going Grand Knight Message Ralph Esposito

July 2025

Brother Knights, I will repeat my final Grand Knight's report at our meeting of June 19th, for the Brothers beside the 47 who had not heard my message.

As I stand before you today, I feel immense gratitude and pride. Serving as your Grand Knight has been an honor, and together we have accomplished incredible milestones that will leave a lasting legacy.



As part of Past Grand Knight Ralph Esposito's last report, he informed us that we successfully launched our first annual golf outing in memory of Deacon Tom, raising significant funds for our charitable work and strengthening community bonds. Our inaugural Tootsie Roll Drive was also a resounding success, demonstrating our commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities and inspiring generosity within our community. Additionally, we initiated the tradition of providing snacks during meetings, contributed to the first-ever baby box in Palm Coast, and sent two truckloads of relief supplies to Perry, Florida, after Hurricane Helene. None of these achievements would have been possible without your dedication, teamwork, and unwavering commitment to the Knights of Columbus' values. Great friendships and bonds were forged.

As I pass the torch to our next Grand Knight, I encourage all of you to keep pushing forward, to dream bigger, serve with greater passion, and uplift those around us. The work of this council is far from finished, and I have no doubt that our best days are still ahead.

Thank you for allowing me to lead, for believing in our mission, and for making this council stronger than ever. Five Stars Brothers! We made Five Stars!! May God continue to bless our efforts and guide us in service to Him and our community.

I may send out another email before Tuesday, but if not, I truly love you guys with all of my heart.

Vivat Jesus!

God bless you all!

**Ralph Esposito Outgoing Grand Knight
Mother Seton Council 17480**



Invite a new member! Scan the code to get to the online application.



**ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR FAMILY ON SOLID
GROUND?**

It's a question every Catholic man needs to ask – and answer. God calls you to love your wife, raise your children and provide for your family in good times and bad. To lead with faith in all you do.

District Deputy Message Greg Gully

July 2025



The start of the 2025-2026 fraternal year. Thanks to all of you all 3 councils in District 17 are Star Council. Notre Dame council had 22 new brothers and achieved star council; St Mary's had 8 new brothers and received star council and Mother Seton had 66 new brothers and received 5-star council. District 17 had 96 new Brother Knights and finished fraternal year at 417% to goal and earned 2nd place in membership in the State of Florida as well as All Star District. This was NOT me.....this was YOU!!!

As the new fraternal year has begun, please remember each Brother Knight does NOT need to wait for a membership drive to offer a Catholic gentleman the gift of membership. That Catholic gentleman you see in church every week is a prime candidate for the invitation to join our brotherhood. In unity and fraternity, we can accomplish this. Every faith in action program is a membership opportunity. Offer a Catholic gentleman the GIFT of becoming a Knight. Please use the e-membership function on KOFC.ORG/JOINUS

July 9th at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall at 6PM I will invite your Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Program Director and Membership Director to my yearly organizational meeting. Our Worthy Regional Administrator Bill Kelly and Florida State Membership Director Danny McIntyre will be honored guest. My agenda for our fraternal year will be the plan for your council to achieve the goals you have set for your council.

I also want to welcome a new council to District 17. Council 8101 Father Michael J. McGivney council, Worthy Grand Knight Thomas LaValle, FDD, PGK.

Remember we were INVITED to be Knights. Bless a Catholic gentleman with an invitation!

Vivat Jesus

SK Greg Gully

District Deputy 17 212-879-2013



SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

JULY 2025

"Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."
(Gospel for July 13, Lk 10:36-37)

In the parable of the good Samaritan, we again witness the Lord's call to put our faith into action. Neither the priest nor the Levite stopped to render aid to alleviate the injured man's suffering. The true act of love came from an unexpected source: a Samaritan, a person with whom a practicing Jew of those days would not ordinarily associate. Let us be good Samaritans when we encounter others in need, remembering that we are called to love and serve all people in need.



Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to serve as a good Samaritan to others with whom you might not normally associate — whether it be people who are homeless, the poor, the homebound or others.

Questions for Reflection:

Who is your neighbor? Have you found yourself ignoring those in need when it is inconvenient for you to assist them? How can your response to the needy you encounter more closely reflect the example of the good Samaritan?

Annual Dues

ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE ON JULY 1st !

Prompt payment of your dues is extremely important. It ensures you remain eligible for all of the benefits of membership. If dues are not remitted within a reasonable time frame, the council is required to pass your name to the retention committee. This process is quite laborious, so your prompt remission of dues is appreciated.

REGULAR MEMBER DUES \$30.00

Honorary Member Dues \$12.00

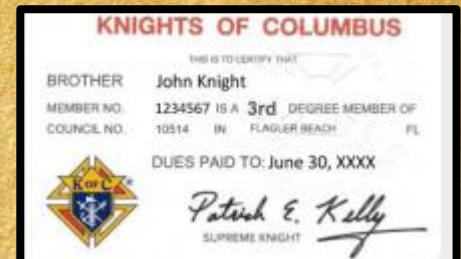
Priests, Deacons, Disability and Honorary Life Members are EXEMPT
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Culture of Life Fund (assessment by supreme) \$2.00

Newsletter Supporter \$3.00

Vocations Supporter \$15.00

Financial Sec
Owen
Thompson



PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY, MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO Mother Seton-Palm Coast 17480

Send Check to: Owen Thompson 72 Riverview Dr. Palm Coast, FL. 32164



Benefits of Knights of Columbus Membership

1. Columbia Magazine - Free subscription to the Order's award-winning magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families.
2. Knights of Columbus Rosary - Blessed by the Supreme Chaplain, presented during the New Member's Exemplification.
3. Daily Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's Church - Mass for deceased members and their wives at the birthplace of the Order.
4. Insurance - Access to a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care and annuity products exclusive for members and their families.
5. Family Fraternal Benefit - For eligible families: a) pays \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days; b) pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception; c) offers guaranteed-issue insurance - up to \$5,000 - to any child under age 18.
6. Orphan Benefit - \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families; up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available.
7. Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit - Accidental death coverage for member and spouse at no cost.
8. Widow Benefits - a) continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities up to one year after insured member's death; c) receives a free lifetime subscription to Columbia; d) eligible with her children for scholarships, student loans, etc.
9. Scholarships - Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children from the Supreme Council. Council 17480 also sponsors a Scholarship Program for the youth.
10. Leadership Development - Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organizational skills, mentoring, etc.
11. Fourth Degree - Eligibility to join the Patriotic Degree
12. Honorary Life Membership - At age 70 with 25 years of membership or with 50 years of membership.
13. Membership Card - Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in member's council and also in over 15,000 councils throughout the world
14. Activities - participation in a variety of programs and activities which include: Church Ministry, Helping the mentally disabled, Corporate Communions, Charitable Fundraising, Socials, Dances, Dinners, Parades, and more.



Summer is a time of transition for many people. You may know someone who recently graduated high school or college and is now heading into the workforce. Or you may know a couple who is getting married this summer. These are all joyous occasions that we can celebrate.

At the same time, certain stress can come with any life transition. For a graduate, entering the workforce can take some adjustment. And marrying is certainly one of the biggest life adjustments people can experience. Before long, they may be welcoming children or looking to finance a house.

Any transition in your life is a good time to think about your financial situation and your loved ones who depend on you.

Though life insurance may be the last thing on a young adult's mind, it may be the perfect life stage to start preparing financially for the future.

On that note, for my brother Knights on the younger side, I have two pieces of good news. And I encourage all my brothers here to consider how this may apply to yourself or your adult children, grandchildren, and other family members.

First, the younger you are, the more affordable permanent life insurance can be, and the simpler the underwriting process is. At a younger age, you're less likely to have health or medical problems that could make coverage more expensive.

The second piece of good news is that you have options. Maybe you're not yet sure you want permanent life insurance. In this case, you might choose a term insurance policy, which is an affordable option for temporary needs. If you should decide later that you'd prefer permanent coverage, you may have the option to convert your term insurance.

In today's day and age when so many of us may feel pressure to spend above our means, I have been heartened to talk to young people who are quite financially literate and eager to set up a responsible financial strategy for their future. Many of them grew up seeing economic problems in the world, and they want to make sure they build a strong financial foundation for themselves.

This summer, no matter where you are in your journey through life -- whether you're undergoing a life transition, or you simply feel that now is the time to think about your financial future -- I encourage you to make an appointment with me. I will be happy to discuss your options with you.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Kennedy FICF MDRT Financial advisor

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July Birthdays

Dennis I Kow Esq	07-01
Therrien L Christopher Sr	07-06
Leornard M Fertall	07-06
Anthony F Girgus Sr	07-06
Ari B Vasquez	07-07
Frank Sistrunk Jr	07-09
Robert J Howell	07-10
Antonio F Paulo	07-10
Alden Raquepau Jr	07-10
Steven C Mendez	07-12
Joseph Wesley Paul	07-12
Gary W Riley	07-13
Robert H Daly Sr	07-14
Tyler Benders	07-17



Raymond Cecot	07-17
James D Tisony	07-18
Jess U Socrates	07-19
Donald Urban Thelen	07-19
Stephen Derrig	07-21
Kevin F Riebsam	07-24
William Berezansky	07-25
Joseph T Camarda	07-25
Michael Esposito	07-26
John W Franz Jr	07-27
James D Pointkouski	07-28
Ronald W Cowles	07-29
Patrick Lonigro	07-30

June Meeting Awards



**5-star Membership Award Grand Knight
Ralph Esposito, Membership Director Joe
Lupo, District Deputy Greg Gully**



**3rd Place State Service Program Award.
Grand Knight Ralph Esposito, District
Deputy Greg Gully, and Family Director
Anthony Girgus**



**Knights of
Columbus®**
Florida
State Council

2024-2025
State Service Programs
Award - Family

Third Place

**Mother Seton
Council No. 17480**

**Ralph Esposito
Grand Knight**

June Meeting Awards



**Knight of the Month
Tom Brand**



**Knight of the Month
Joe Leahy**



**Family Knight of the Month
Suzanne and
Charlie Salerno**



Service Award



**Service Award Pete
"Captain" Digiulio**



**Financial Secretary
Deacon Jose**

**Winners of
Knight of Columbus
\$500 Scholarship to Catholic HS**

**Grand Knight Ralph Esposito
and School Principal
Babara Kavanagh**



**Community Director
Jeff Hatley
Mia Barbara and
District Deputy
Greg Gully**



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Jeff Hatley
Marianne Doctora and
District Deputy
Greg Gully**

Deacon Tom Knights of Columbus Golf Outing

Golf tournament key points.

66 Players. 19 Business Sponsors, 13 Individual Sponsors 2 Major Sponsors, Ladies Aux help., Net made just under \$8,000.



Grand Knight Ralph Esposito present a check of \$5,000 from the Golf Outing to Fr. Jose.



New 4th Degree Assembly – Fr John McElroy



- Form 400 to join the new assembly in Palm Coast are available from Mike Tennyson or Joe Lupo.
- Projected start dated is in October.

4th Degree History

Knights of Columbus 4th degree are present in their distinct regalia at civic and Church events, acting as honor guards and color corps, or standing in respect at the funerals of members or during adoration of the Eucharist.

But there is more to being a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus than a uniform. They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen.

When the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, three principles united its members: charity, unity and fraternity. At that time people feared that members of the Catholic faith owed their entire allegiance to the Church and could not be trusted as citizens of their country. Patriotism was added to the Order's principles in 1900, based on the idea that Knights are loyal to both God and country.

Knights of Bikes

On Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at St. Joseph's Monastery, Archbishop Wenski of Miami celebrated the Mass. The archbishop is a member of the Knights on Bikes.



HISTORY - The Knights on Bikes was originally created in Texas in April 2005. We are all Knights of Columbus, members of any council around the world, promoting the spiritual and cultural need of the Knights of Columbus and striving to encourage faith, friendship, and service.

Our objective is serving the community through charitable works and leadership while enjoying the camaraderie with our brothers in faith as motorcycle riders.

We are not a motorcycle club, but are a ministry. We are dedicated to improving the biker's image, promoting safety, and Christian values. The Knights on Bikes is a family-oriented organization.

"In God we Trust and Ride" is the motto of Knights on Bikes. It is not just a "cool" motto, but also something more, a guideline by which to live by.

Tootsie Roll Drive



Saturday July 12th:

Tootsie Roll Drive at Publix/Island Walk, from 9am-5pm. This is located near the intersection of Palm Coast Parkway and Old Kings Road.

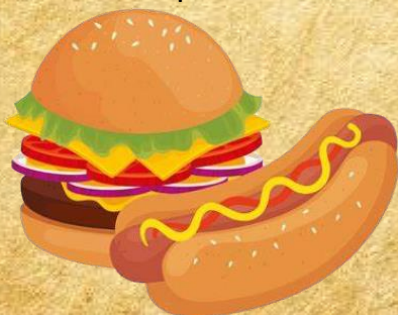


4th of July Barbeque

Our Knights of Columbus Council 17480, is having a Fourth Of July Barbeque in the veranda outside of Seton Hall at 4pm (on July 4th). This is an invite to all Knights and their better half. Hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken will be provided.

It is a BYOB (bring your own beverages).

We must know by Monday June 30th if you are attending. Please respond to the Grand Knight Ralph Esposito or our Worthy Entertainment Director Joe Lupo.



BYOB
BRING
YOUR
OWN
BOTTLE



Donations to the Knights of Columbus

Thanks to Brother Knight
Bart Lore for securing the
following donations.

**Window
World**

Thanks to Window
World for their
donation of **Windows
and Doors** to the
Knights of Columbus
Monastery project



Thanks to Sherwin
Williams for their
donation of **Parking
Lot Paint** for St.
Elizabeth Ann Seton



Baby Box Update – Safe Haven Law

Good news from the recent Florida legislative session. The "Baby Box Bill" called the "Surrendered Infant Act" had been passed by both branches of the legislature and signed into law by the Governor as part of the Safe Haven Law.

This new section of the law mandates:

1. Fully equipped dual alarm systems
2. Temperature control and ventilation
3. Physical checks twice a day by employee of a hospital, EMS station, or fire station (the only places these "boxes" can be placed)

These "boxes" are available for moms who wish to surrender their newborn infants-up to 30 days of age– anonymously and safely. Since 2016, over 150 babies nationwide have been safely surrendered using these devices.

- Unharmd infants up to 30 days old
-Previously allowed only up to 7 days
- Parents can call emergency dispatcher to schedule pick-up



Capital Campaign Roof Project Begins.

This week, essential maintenance work on our church building began under the skilled hands of Danis Construction, Jacksonville. We are grateful for their professionalism and commitment to preserving the beauty and integrity of our sacred space.

MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



During Construction

- Weekend Masses will continue to be celebrated in the church as usual.
- Weekday Masses will be held in the Social Hall during the construction period.
- The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the Russo Room in the Social Hall, where we will continue to hold daily Eucharistic Adoration till 5 PM. After 5:00 PM, Adoration will be in the Holy of Holies in the church till 6 AM.

RUSSO ROOM ADORATION



SETON HALL DAILY MASS



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Sunday, June 22, 2025



Knights of Columbus Officers



Grand Knight
Joseph Paul



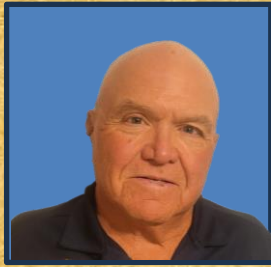
Deputy Grand Knight
Donnie Stevenson



Financial Sec
Owen Thompson



Treasurer
Dan Lamperti



Lecture
John Franz



Chancellor
Jeff Hatley



Recorder
Roger Waters



Advocate
Mike Tennyson



Inside Guard
John Brailsford



Outside Guard
Thomas Brand



Guard
Jim Laredo



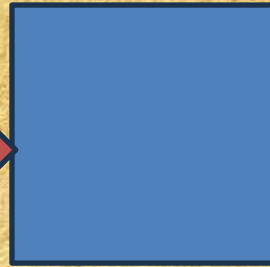
Guard
Jim Boyd



Warden
Steve Montez



1 Year Trustee
John Furmanek



2 Year Trustee
Frank Sistrunk



3rd Year Trustee
Ralph Esposito



Rev. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil
Pastor/Chaplin



Rev. Robert Trujillo
Parochial Vicar



Rev. Serigo Santos
Parochial Vicar

Stephen R. Fedak

Stephen R. Fedak, 84, of Palm Coast passed away on February 4, 2025. He was born on January 31, 1941 in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Stephen attended Fairfield Prep where he made lifelong friends and had an admiration for the Jesuits. He worked for several years as a baker for Nancy Lynn Bakeries.

Stephen and Lorraine met at CYO at St. Stephens Church as teenagers. They married on June 2, 1962 - also at St. Stephens Church.

While raising a family and building a career in the electronics industry as a Plant Manager Stephen attended Norwalk State Technical College earning a AS in Electrical Engineering, a BA in Operations Management and a MBA in Computer Science at the University of New Haven.

In 2003 Stephen and Lorraine relocated to Palm Coast and enjoyed "Paradise". Stephen was an avid reader of Westerns and History. He enjoyed golf and travelling.

Stephen was predeceased by his parents Stephen and Mary (Valus) Fedak, his sisters Francis Mangiacopra and Barbara Hornik. He is survived by his wife Lorraine of 62 years, his brother Gregory Fedak, children, Douglas Fedak (Daniel), Renee Comolli (Joseph), Mary Schrum (Matthew), grandchildren Derek Woodin, Aidan Autero (Emily) and great-grandchild Addison Avery Autero.

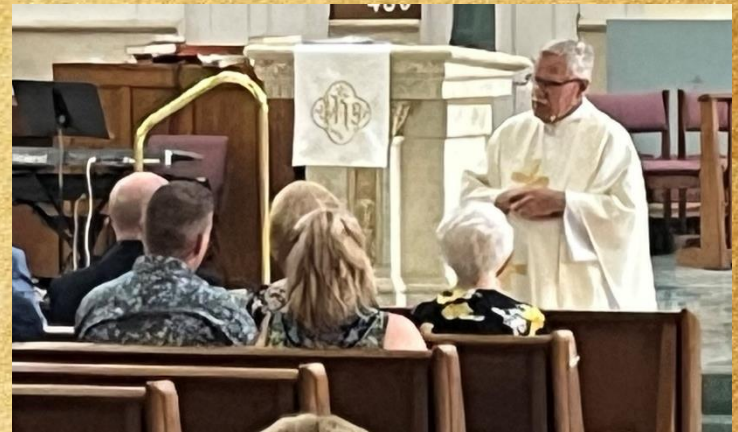
Stephen spent the last 14 months of his life at Brookdale Palm Coast Assisted Living, where he enjoyed the many activities and especially the live music. Our family will be ever grateful for the home away from home provided at Brookdale.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 4600 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast, FL 32164 on June 2, 2025 at 11:00 am with visitation from 10:00 to 11:00 in the church memorial room.

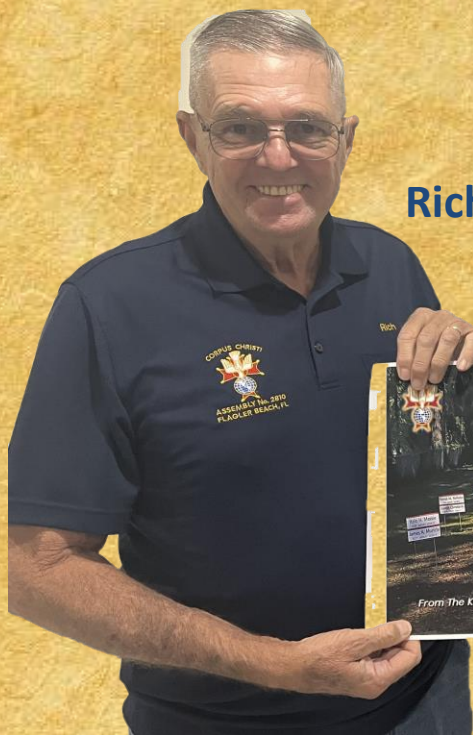
In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Dementia Society of America.



4th Degree Stephen R. Fedak Funeral



4th Degree – St Mary's Cemetery Project



Rich Freeze

Faithful
Navigator
Gregg
Wilson



Greg Wilson provided an update on the ongoing work at St. Mary's Cemetery, led by Brother Knight Rich Freeze, involving brush cutting and maintenance. For Memorial Day, 18x24 inch plaques with two names of each deceased veteran, their ranks, and war participation were installed along a 480-foot corridor.





Saint Joseph Carmelite Monastery



Building Saint Joseph Social Hall

Dinner & Dance Fundraiser

Tickets \$50 per person

Saturday, July 19, 2025 - 5:00 to 10:00pm

Open Pavillion - Casual Country

*Includes: Dinner, Dancing, auction, 50/50, raffles,
Cash bar and more!*

**Polonia Society of Korona
2925 W State Rte 100,
Bunnell, FL 32110**



**Please contact Monastery office (386) 437-2910,
Darren (203) 241-8034 or Tony (386) 366-2598**