



KNIGHT NEWS

Council 844 Helena, MT

JANUARY 2024

<http://www.helenakc844.org>

JAN.	Calendar
11TH	January business meeting @ 6:30
12TH	March for Life
16TH	God's Love dinner

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NOTE: MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS NOW BEGIN AT 6:30

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. As Danielle Bean quoted "The holy name of Jesus is to be exalted, and yet how often do we hear it tossed around lightly or even profanely?" As January is dedicated to the holy name of Jesus, it is a good time to consider how we use the name of our Lord and how we respond to the way that others do." Our church starts the New Year with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Let us all ask our Blessed Mother to protect Council 844; all the other Montana councils and our State Council of the Knights of Columbus in all their charitable activities in 2024.

KC COUNCIL 844 WEBSITE

Council 844 is seriously considering upgrading its website to meet member needs and provide stronger security. We are in need of someone (preferably a Knight) who has experience in website design and maintenance and who would be willing to take on the project. If you are interested, please text or phone John Russell at (406) 461-3839 or email at jrsafe@gmail.com.

TRAINING

A Montana Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service Training will be available for council members at the hall on January 31 from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM. This, after the December training had to be cancelled. The training is free and provides a three-year certification to serve alcoholic beverages. Please RSVP to the hall phone at (406) 442-5420. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided.

HELPING HANDS-GOD'S LOVE

We are providing a meal for the patrons of God's Love on Tuesday, January 23. If you would like to donate, cook, and/or serve food please text or phone John Russell at (406) 461-3839, or email at jrsafe@gmail.com. We will be serving sloppy Joes and pasta salad.

MARCH FOR LIFE

There will be a March for Life gathering on January 12th, beginning at 11:30 at the State Capitol rotunda. Many great speakers to be present. Hot cocoa to be provided by our council.

FISH FRY

Our first fish fry meal is scheduled for Friday, February 23. We need brother Knights to help prepare meals, serve patrons and wash dishes. If you would like to help your council, please volunteer for one, two or all three of these meals we will be serving during the 2024 Lenten season by texting or phoning John Russell at (406) 461-3839, or email at jrsafe@gmail.com. These are very labor intensive events, so many hands are needed. The second meal is scheduled for Friday, March 8, followed by the final meal on March 22.

ANNUAL DUES

Dues notices for the coming fraternal year are in the mail. If you do not receive them this coming week please notify our Financial Secretary, Brian Olsen at (406) 431-2976. You will be given the opportunity for charitable donations via blue and green sheets. Please pay your dues promptly in order to lessen the need for follow up efforts.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Please have unsold tickets and money available to turn over to Joe Bugni by the January business meeting on the 11th.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES-HELENA FOOD SHARE

The Helena Food Share donation box is located at the entrance to the hall. Bring your food donation to the next meeting and drop it in the box. John Russell, our Community Director, will deliver your donation to Helena Food Share. If you decide to personally deliver your donation to Helena, please donate on behalf of Knights of Columbus Council 844. Obtain a donation slip from them and turn that slip into John Russell or any Council officer. If you prefer, you can scan your donation slip and send it via text to John Russell at (406) 461-3839, or jrsafe@gmail.com. Helena Food Share is located at 1616 Lewis Street in Helena. December contributions were \$110 and total weight contributions for the 2023-2024 fraternal year is 229 pounds.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the January Family of the Month recipient, Jim Sebestyen.

AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY- OPTIONS CLINIC

The Helena Options Clinic donation box is located at the entrance to the hall. Bring your donation to the next meeting and drop it in the box. John Russell, our Community Director, will deliver the donations to the Options Clinic. If you decide to personally deliver your donation to Options Clinic, please donate on behalf of Knights of Columbus, Council 844. Obtain a donation slip from Options Clinic and turn that slip in to John Russell or any Council officer. If you prefer, you can scan your donation slip and send it via text to John Russell at 461-3839, or email jrsafe@gmail.com. If you scan your donation slip, please ensure that all of it is legible before you send it. Options Clinic receives a monetary reimbursement from Supreme Council for Council 844 donations. The Options Clinic is located at 1005 Partridge Place, Suite 1, Helena. Where were no contributions for December and \$2,439.00 YTD Fraternal year.

\$500 RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to the December \$500 raffle winner JoLynn Fitzsimmons.

COR GROUP

We will be meeting at the hall again Thursday evenings at 6:30 on January 18, 25 and February 1 as we continue with the *Into the Breach* video series. Please mark it on your calendar and join us for prayer. AID