KNIGHT NEWS

Council 844 Helena, MT

MAY 2026

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31ST	EXEMPLIFICATION @ OLV
31ST	5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I attended the State convention in Kalispell on May 1 and May 2. It was great to see all the organizations the Knights of Columbus support. Attendees brought diapers to donate to Catholic Social Services. Our council contributed 1,309 diapers. The State total was 12,000+ diapers! May and June will be busy meetings. The trustees are submitting a nomination memo for our Council Officers for the fraternal year 2026-2027. If you aren't on the list and would like to run for an office, you may have someone nominate you in June. The proposed budget is complete. I will be presenting it at the May meeting and we will vote on it in June.
Vivat Jesus!, Jerome Richard, Grand Knight

2026-2027 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Our Trustees have presented their recommendations for Council Officers to serve for the next fraternal year. They are as follows: Grand Knight-Jerome Richard; Deputy Grand Knight-Brady Benson; Chancellor-Marty Beatty; Recorder-Joshua Schultz; Treasurer-Brian Mattern; Advocate-Rick Tappan; Warden-Joe Bugni; Inside Guard-Richard Rime; Outside Guard-Rick Duane; One-Year Trustee-Bob Simoneau; Two-Year Trustee Mike Boyle and Three-Year Trustee-John Russell. Elections will take place at the June business meeting and other nominations will be considered up to the time a vote is cast.

STATE RESOLUTIONS

There were 7 proposed resolutions presented at the State convention, all of which passed. Anyone interested in seeing what those were may go to the State website at montanaknights.org.

FIFTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST

We will be hosting a fifth Sunday breakfast on May 31. The menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, biscuits and gravy and fresh fruit. All proceeds will go to support Kindness Makes Miracles. For anyone interested in helping, we meet at the hall at 6:30 a.m. and we most certainly can use your help. We serve from 8 until 1 p.m. Even if you are unable to help, please encourage your friends and/or family to attend.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVES

For the first time in awhile we will be having Tootsie Roll drives once again. The schedule will be as follows: 6/13-Super 1 from 10 a.m. til 2:00; 6/14 and 6/15 after Masses at OLV; 6/20 after 4:00 Mass at Saint Mary's; 6/20 at Safeway from 10 a.m. til 2:00 and 6/21 after 9:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Mary's. All proceeds will go to benefit WestMont who provides work for special needs individuals and also Special Olympics.

HELPING HAND GOD'S LOVE

Our next God's Love meal is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26. If you are interested in helping to feed the hungry (Corporal Work of Mercy) by hel-

ping to donate food, cook, and/or serve the meal, contact John Russell at (406) 461-3839 or email at jrsafe@gmail.com. A sign-up sheet will be available at the May general meeting on the 14th.

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Upcoming Cor dates: 5/28 and 6/18. Treat yourself by joining us to be inspired and learn more about your Catholic Faith as we travel " Into the Breach".

MARCH FOR LIFE

Our March for Life in January garnered our council an award at the State convention in the Faith category.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

We have two exemplification ceremonies upcoming. The first will occur after the 11:00 Mass at OLV on May 31. The second will happen prior to our June business meeting on the 11th. We need four more gentlemen to join the Knights in order to achieve our goal of Star Council for the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

HELENA FOOD SHARE- FOOD FOR FAMILIES

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 Food Share, 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 1280 Boulder Avenue in Helena. April donations were 130 pounds of food. Total contribution for the 2025-2026 fraternal year is 1,752 **pounds.**

RAFFLE DRAWING WINNER

Congratulations to the April winner, Dave Zachmann.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVES

Upcoming the weekend of June 27-28 we will be holding membership drives at Our Lady of the Valley and St. Mary Catholic Community.

AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY (ASAP)

Brother Knights, 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, please ensure that all of it is legible before you send it in. Options Clinic is located at 1005 Partridge Place, Suite 1, Helena. Contributions for April were $500.00 and contributions for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year is $5,035.00!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the May Family of the Month, Brian Mattern.

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