



KNIGHT NEWS

Council 844 Helena, MT

SEPTEMBER 2024

<https://kc844helena.org>

John Russell, Grand Knight
gk844@montanaknights.org
(406) 461-3839

Dave Galt, Deputy GK

SEPT.	Calendar
12th	Monthly membership meeting @ 6:30
25th	God's Love dinner
29th	Fifth Sunday breakfast

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows. Take some time this month and pray the Via Matris Dolorosae, "The Way of Our Sorrowful Mother". It consists of seven stations reflecting on our Mother from the "Prophecy of Simeon at the Presentation" to "Jesus Placed in The Tomb". Vivat Jesus, John Russell, Grand Knight

COUNCIL POSITION OPEN

We are presently without a Life Director. This individual would keep the council apprised of pro life events and seek membership involvement. If this is something that sounds of interest to you, please contact John Russell at (406) 461-3839.

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Council officers have discussed two options regarding our existing Relief Fund. Presently the fund authorizes \$500 to assist fellow knights, with a maximum single payout of \$250. In light of a recent event, proposal (1) would increase the fund to \$1,500, with maximum single payout of \$1,500. Proposal (2) would remove the Relief Fund from the by-laws and would be replaced by a line item in the annual budget. Advantages and disadvantages of either proposal will be discussed at our September business meeting.

PRO LIFE-CI-128

A very hot topic needless to say. Our three bishops have issued a letter that was provided to all parishes. If you have not seen it, a copy of it will be available at our September business meeting on the 12th. This initiative is on the upcoming ballot and being pushed primarily by political groups from outside our state. The Initiative removes most existing restrictions to allow an abortion. A new Social Advocacy organization through Montana Catholic Conference is now in place, with this entity to use social media and other sources to educate voters of the dangers of CI-128. Individual contributions to aid our effort are

most welcome. News of the new entity will be detailed in a new letter from our bishops soon. discussion will be a change from \$250 to \$500 for expenditures no needing council approval.

PRO LIFE

On September 20 there will be a presentation of a movie entitled *Unthinkable*. The film is an expose on the abortion industry and is showing at Bridge Assembly. Address of that church is 725 Granite Avenue, Helena and the showing starts at 6:30.

HALL MAINTENANCE

Another reminder, on September 21, a Saturday, we will gather at the hall to tackle various projects that need attention. Bob SImoneau, who has worked tirelessly to have our facility in tip top shape needs your help to make the place even better. Those with special skills, such as carpentry, would be most gratefully welcomed. However, all are welcome and needed to make this effort successful. Work to commence at 9 AM. See you there!

HELPING HANDS GOD'S LOVE

Our council will be providing a Sloppy Joe dinner for the patrons of God's Love on Tuesday, September 24. If you are interested in providing food, cooking, and/or serving, contact John Russell via call or text at (406) 461-3839 to volunteer. Better yet, show up at our September council meeting on Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 and sign up.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Helena once again will be hosting the Special Olympics competition on November 8th and we will be feeding athletes and coaches afterwards. The venue for the dinner has yet to be determined, but mark your calendar to be available that date and participate in a most satisfying event.

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 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 1616 Lewis Street in Helena. August contributions were 149pounds. Total contribution for the 2024-2025 fraternal year is 165 pounds.

JUBILEE GARDEN

IT IS HARVEST TIME!! And there is much work to be done. Please help somewhat justify all the credit our council receives for tons of fresh produce by offering a helping hand. Crops produced are donated to Helena Food Share. This is primarily as a result from the works of Brother David Krainacker and wife Nina at Saint Mary's Jubilee Garden. Help make this more of a group effort by offering your services Sundays 11:00-1:00 or Wednesdays 6:00 pm to 7:00.

\$100 RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to the August \$100 raffle winner, Mary Buswell.

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. Contributions for August was \$500.00. Total contributions for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year is \$1,191.00.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the Family of the Month recipients, Rick Richetti for August and Tony Poelman for September.