



KNIGHT NEWS

Council 844 Helena, MT

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APR.	Calendar
10th	April business meeting @ 6:30
11th	Last fish fry
24th-27th	State KC convention

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

This month the Financial Committee will be finalizing the 2025-2026 Council Budget. Once it is finalized, I will be sending it out to the council members via email in May for review. Council members will vote on the budget during the General Meeting at the KC Hall on Thursday, June 12, 2024. Also, the Council Trustees are putting together the 2025-2026 Officers Ballot. The ballot will contain nominations for Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Treasurer, Lecturer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard and Trustee (3 year term). If you are interested in any of these positions, contact a Trustee (Dirk Andersen (406) 422-2483, Bob Simoneau, (202) 680-4393, or Mike Boyle (406) 558-9426) to get your name on the ballot. Council members will vote on the 2025-2026 Ballot of Officers during the General Meeting at the KC Hall on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Lastly, there will be two director positions open for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year; Faith Director and Life Director. If you are interested in any of these positions, contact John Russell at (406) 461-3839.

121st ANNUAL MONTANA KC CONFERENCE

The 121st Annual Montana Knights of Columbus State Conference will be held April 24-27, 2025. The council is sponsoring the event. We need help with convention registration, which will occur on Thursday, April 24 at the KC Hall from 5pm-7pm and from 7am-9am on Friday, April 25 at Carroll College. If you are interested in helping contact John Russell at (406) 461-3839.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Closing rally event will be Saturday, April 12th at 11 am on the corner of 11th and Montana, between CVS and Walgreens to carry some signs opposing chemical abortions.

FISH FRY

Our last fish fry meal for this season of Lent is on Friday, April 11 at the KC Hall starting at 5pm. We served 256 guests our first meal and 307 for the second meal. We need all the help we can get to put on this last meal. If you are interested in helping contact John Russell, or Bernie Adams at (406) 431-9514, or simply show up..

HELPING HANDS-GOD'S LOVE

Our next God's Love meal is scheduled for Tuesday May 27. If you are interested in donating, cooking and/or serving food to the patrons of God's Love, contact John Russell

GRATITUDE

For all the hard working folks who helped with our last fish fry where roughly 300 meals were served. And, to those who worked so hard at the fish fry, then showed up at 6:30 Sunday for the Fifth Sunday breakfast where we garnered \$1,076 and served 87 guests. Particularly, those who helped were: Bernie Adams, Bob Simoneau, Rick Richetti, Jim Ruch, Jerome Richard, Joe Bugni, Marty Beatty and Carl O'Loughlin. That is a shining example of what makes this council so special.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter egg hunt will be held on Easter Sunday, the 20th, beginning at 1:00 sharp at Memorial Park. There will be two divisions, boys and girls 6 years old and younger and boys and girls 7 years old and older. We could use some help distributing the eggs about the grounds. Contact Carl O'Loughlin if you are interested in helping at (406) 461-9244

RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL TRAINING

To be held April 22 at the hall from 5:30 to 9:00. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Certification is good for a period of three years. You may check on-line to see if your certificate is up to date. Training is free to council members. The same training is offered on-line, but at a cost.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Special Olympics raffle tickets are available at a cost of \$5 each. You may contact Brian Olsen at (406) 431-2976 or catch up with him at a monthly meeting. Tickets must be purchased no later than May 1 in order to be processed. Drawing is May 15.

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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 jr-safe@gmail.com. Helena Food Share is located at 1280 Boulder Avenue in Helena. February donations were 205 pounds and March donations were 268 pounds. Total contribution for the 2024-2025 fraternal year is **1,122 pounds**.

AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY

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, 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 jr-safe@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. January contributions were \$500, February contributions \$590 and March contributions \$545. Total contributions for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year is **\$5,543.98**.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the April Family of the Month recipient, Jeff Patten. March Family of the Month was Rick Duane.

\$100 RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to the March \$100.00 raffle winner, our friends at Helena Food Share.

LIFE

Please spend an hour with us every Friday morning at 10:00 in prayerful protest of abortions in front of Planned Parenthood