KNIGHT NEWS

Council 844 Helena, MT

AUG.	2026
13TH	EXEMPLIFICATION @ 6PM
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23RD	OLV PARKING

AUGUST 2026

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen, as I write this, I'm attending the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver, Colorado. I have had an incredible experience and learning more about the Knights of Columbus and how we affect Catholics from around the world. I will give a full report in September. For now, I will only say, if you ever have a chance to attend a Supreme Convention, take it! It's very moving and informative. Also, Pope Leo provided a message to us. Here is the link if you would like to watch it: https://www.kofc.org/get-involved/events/supreme-conventions/2026/pope-leo-message/

At our August meeting we will have a family picnic. Knights will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Bring an item for potluck. Please RSVP to the Grand Knight (Jerome Richard at blackhorsebc@gmail.com) so we have an idea how many burgers and dogs we need. Our August meeting will be held at the normal time (August 13 @ 6:30 PM), but will be an abbreviated meeting. Any reports will be sent out by email. We will only conduct Unfinished Business and New Business. There are a few items we need to vote on. This will be an open meeting and families may attend. Prior to our August meeting, at 6:00 PM, we will have an exemplification. Exemplification team should arrive by 5:15 PM to help prepare for the event. Candidates should arrive at 5:30 PM. August 23. Our Lady of the Valley is having a special picnic on their land on North Montana. They will need some assistance with parking and helping people from the parking area to the dining tents. We need 5-6 people to volunteer to help, starting at 11:45 AM. The picnic is done at 3:00PM. Please contact the Grand Knight (Jerome Richard at blackhorsebd@gmail.com) to volunteer. Vivat Jesus!, Jerome Richard, Grand Knight

FIFTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST

We have been forced to cancel the August fifth Sunday breakfast that would have occurred on the 30th. Our next breakfast will occur on November 29th.

HELPING HANDS-GOD'S LOVE

Our first God's Love meal of the new fraternal year is Tuesday, September 22. We will be ~~serving sloppy joes. Showtime to drop off do~~nated meal items, and/or cook at the hall is 1:30 PM. Showtime at God's Love to serve meals is 4:15. Sign-ups will be at the August and September meetings. Offer up a Corporal Work of Mercy to the Lord by helping out at this next meal.

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Arrive at 5:30 on August 20 when Alex Ramirez will show us how to make Rosaries. We anticipate the need of roughly 100 needed for Confirmation candidates. Also, on Saturday the 29th of August from 4-9PM will be a special Cor of "Come Holy Spirit".

CATHOLIC MEN'S HOME ASSOCIATION MEETING & ELECTION

The Home Association (HA) in accordance with by-laws, will hold the annual meeting and election of two (2) Directors to the 4-member Board, at the September 10 regular meeting of Council 844. Current Directors are Willy Frank, Bob Simoneau, Jim Ruch and Dirk Andersen (vacant, deceased). The duly elected Grand Knight is a voting member of the Board. Nominations will be accepted up to and including the date of the election. If you have any questions or interested in serving on the Board, please contact any of the current Directors.

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 July were $540.00. Total contributions for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year is $540.00.

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 1280 Boulder Avenue in Helena. July donations were 68 pounds of food. Total contribution for the 2026-2027 fraternal year is 68 **pounds.**

RAFFLE DRAWING WINNER

Congratulations to the July winner, Ben Slakey.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the August Family of the Month recipient, Bob Simoneau. Bob recently lost his beloved wife Margie.

COATS FOR KIDS

Our council is in the process of ordering coats for children who may need help staying warm this winter. Normally, the coats arrive at the hall during late September/early October. If you would like to help, contact John Russell at (406) 461-3839 or jrsafe@gmail-com.