KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 844

Helena, Montana

Business Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2026

CALLED TO ORDER	6:30 p.m.	ADJOURNED	7:30 p.m.
ATTENDANCE	28 members	OPENING PRAYER	Jerome Richard
PRIOR MINUTES	Approved	CLOSING PRAYER	St. Michael's Prayer

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Fourteen of fifteen officers were present. The Chaplain was absent. Twenty-eight members were in attendance.

Office	Officer	Status	Office	Officer	Status
Chaplain	Name not recorded	A	Financial Secretary	Brian Olson	P
Grand Knight	Jerome Richard	P	Treasurer	Brian Mattern	P
Deputy Grand Knight	Brady Benson	P	Lecturer	Bernie Adams	P
Chancellor	Marty Beatty	P	Advocate	Rick Tappan	P
Recorder	Joshua Schultz	P	Warden	Joe Bugni	P
Inside Guard	Richard Rime	P	Outside Guard	Rick Duane	P
Trustee (1 yr)	Bob Simoneau	P	Trustee (2 yr)	Mike Boyle	P
Trustee (3 yr)	John Russell	P	Officers present	14 of 15	

P = present A = absent E = excused

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the prior meeting were approved. The member who moved approval was not recorded.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The Chaplain was absent. Special prayers were offered for:

- Our Lady of Lourdes parish, after the recent fire
- Linda Sorenson, sister of Gerald LaChere
- The victims of September 11
- Moe Wosepka
- Laura Barry
- Marty Beatty's aunt
- Father Dugal McCallem
- Mike Boyle's niece

FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 31 BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	CURRENT BALANCE
$122,843	$27,442	$17,585	$121,547

Reported by Financial Secretary Brian Olson. Figures are as stated at the meeting.

REPORTS

Grand Knight	**Jerome Richard** — There are a number of "Thank You Cards" that have come in recently from: Garrett and Carrie Penny(Wedding Reception, Deacon Dinner (Father Bart), the Helena Trap Club, numerous weddings and Carson Gordon(Semenarian), Helena Food Share, Habitat for Humanity.
Financial Secretary	**Brian Olson** — July 31st, ending balance was $122,843. Monthly revenues of $17,560, expenses were $13,107, net income for August was $4493. The current balance is for the end of August $125,506. If we are to meet our goals we have to bring in $14623 a month. For August we were almost 2% above our goal per month.
Membership	**Brady Benson** — Our previous membership director has stepped down and Brady B. has been asked to take it over for the time being. The ministry fairs will be happening soon so please make sure and let Brady know if there are any happening that we are not aware of. We have been asked to set up 3 membership drives for the State so we will be rolling that out soon.
Program Director	**Brady Benson** — No report.
Faith Director	**Alex** — As we end the summer and move into fall, I encourage my Brother Knights to start thinking about the things they can focus on during Advent to help them prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas. Examples being, building better prayer routines, daily Mass or time in adoration, praying the Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy, praying the Litany of Trust. We will be identifying the Seminarians at the next meeting. We will be supporting 5-6 Seminarians and hopefully more in the future. Please let us know if any of the kiosks need re-supplying. Please make sure to bring your Rosaries to the next meeting. Check the calendar for COR. The Bishop's Gala is October 9th. Knights are leading the Rosary before the Saturday morning Mass. Maybe you would be interested in watching the movie "Greater Glory" to understand more about how Mexico tried to ban Catholicism.
Family Director	**Carl** — Moe Wosepka is a very impressive man who has helped a great number of people and served our country in the military. Please pray for him and his battle with cancer. Family of the Month September - Moe Wosepka Nominated for Family of the Month October - Bill Hall
Community Director	**John Russell** — God's Love meal will be on Sept. 22nd.
Life Director	**Mike Boyle** — Forty Days for Life Kicks off soon at the Brondel Center. Please check with Mike regarding where events will be happening each week. We meet every Friday 1500 Cannon Street, at the abortion clinic at 10AM to pray the rosary. Keep all the mothers in your prayers who are contemplating abortion.
Catholic Men's Home Assn.	**Willie F.** — An update on the start date will be sent by email very soon.
Insurance Agent	**Rick Neiese** — Contact Rick Neiese for any insurance questions. There will be a portion of the exemplification dedicated to the insurance portion of being a Knight. Please schedule a time to speak with Rick.
Trustees	No report.
Fourth Degree	**Marty Beatty** — Fourth Degree meets at the Hall on September 14.

District Deputy	**Jerome Richard** — Went to Townsend and presented Father Cody with the State award.
Event Coordinator	**Bob Simoneau** — Members are asked to sign up for events, especially through the summer, while the calendar is full. The hall safe is giving trouble and may need to be replaced soon.
Tootsie Rolls	**Brady Benson** — No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clergy Dinner — coming up soon. Jerome Richard.

NEW BUSINESS

- We have the firepits that were gifted to us and we installed one and we will be raffling off the other one or donating it to a charity/fundraiser.
- Carl suggested we donate $500 to food share. The motion was made and passed.
- We have asked Father Cody to be our Chaplin but he denied the position. Father Ned may be interested.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The raffle and the 50/50 drawing.

LECTURER'S REFLECTION

Bernie: We are showing a video of the opening of the Supreme Convention in Denver.

RAFFLE RESULTS

$100 RAFFLE	50/50
Kelly Simoneau	Rick Duane

COMING UP

What a member who missed the meeting needs to know.

- Ministry Fair at Saint Mary's and Our Lady of the Valley — Brady Benson.
- Cor on Thursdays; come early to make rosaries — Alex.
- Seminarians the Council will support, to be named at the next meeting — Alex.
- God's Love meal, in about two weeks — John Russell.
- Friday rosary at the clinic, 10:00 a.m. — Mike Boyle.
- Fourth Degree meeting at the Hall, September 14 — Marty Beatty.
- Clergy Dinner, date to follow — Jerome Richard.
- Make-a-rosary group now forming — Marty Beatty.
- Coats for Kids orders needed soon — Bernie Adams.
- Catholic Men's Home Association start date, email to follow — Willie F.
- Hall safe may need to be replaced — Bob Simoneau.
- Event sign-ups, especially while the summer calendar is full — Bob Simoneau.
- Our Lady of Lourdes: prayers continue; donations once the investigation allows — Jerome Richard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The closing prayer was not recorded.

SUBMITTED BY

Joshua Schultz
Recorder

ATTESTED BY

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Grand Knight