# KNIGHT NEWS

## Council 844 Helena, MT

## APRIL 2026

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| 9TH | APRIL GENERAL MEETING AT 6:30 |
| 16TH | COR MTG @ 6:30 |
| MAY 26TH | GOD'S LOVE DINNER |

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Our Easter Season has begun! I wish you a happy and holy Easter season. We are starting the budget process for the July 2026 to June 2027 year. If you know of something we should plan for, let myself or one of the officers know. The budget will be approved by the membership and then put into effect in July 2026. This enables pre-approval of certain expenses. Other expenses and donations will come up throughout the year and we can vote on them at that time, but the budget allows us to identify most of our priorities and ensure we are being good stewards of the Council's funds. The trustees will be putting together a nomination report for Council Officers in the year 2026-2027. If you are interested in being an officer, contact our trustees. If you would like to be a part of a program (Faith, Community, Life, Family), let me know and I'll get you in touch with the program director.
Vivat Jesus!, Jerome Richard, Grand Knight

### SEMINARIAN SPONSORSHIP

Our Adopt a Seminarian-Sponsorship Program is up and running, but we need your help! We still have 8 more seminarians we would like to support in this unique way! Please prayerfully consider adopting one of our amazing Seminarians to intentionally support them in their journey. As a sponsor we ask for the following: to intentionally pray for your seminarian and write them once a quarter. Additional support is encouraged, but not required. Care packages, additional letters, having Mass offered for them, or asking family members to write are some of the are other great ideas for showing your support. Alex Ramirez has the list of seminarians, so feel free to either call him at (406) 465-2579 or email him at (alexander.d.ramirez@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Many thanks to all who helped with the annual Easter Egg hunt. Amazing how quickly over 1,400 plastic eggs filled with candy can disappear. 350 lucky hu ters will also find a dollar coin piece in their egg. Very special thanks to the Jim Ruch family for filling every one of these eggs. A daunting task indeed.

### HELPING HAND GOD'S LOVE

Our next God's Love meal is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26. If you would like to help feed the hungry (Corporal Work of Mercy) by helping to donate food, cook, and/or serve, contact John Russell
At (406) 461-3839.

### FISH FRY DINNERS

Our Fish Fry was a great success. We served just over 730 guests to a delicious meal of breaded cod, coleslaw, potatoes, clam chowder and macaroni and cheese. Thank you to the Knights and others who volunteered to work in the kitchen and serve meals. Special thanks those who helped with Thursday night food prep such as cutting mountains of fish, grinding up endless numbers of crackers and setting up chairs and tables.

### COR

We will resume Cor meetings on April 16 with the first of a series of an Into The Breach videos entitled Dignity of Work. These are truly wonderful and enlightening gatherings, so treat yourself by joining us to be inspired and learn more about your Catholic Faith.

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES MONTANA (CSSM) GOLF TOURNAMENT

You should have received an email regarding the 27th Annual CSSM Golf Tournament. This is an

18 hole scramble format with shotgun start on June 19th at 9 am. If you are interested in being an alternate on the team, contact John Russell by phone or text at (406) 461-3839, or email at jr-safe@gmail.com. If we have enough interest we may sponsor a second team.

## 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. March donations were 431 pounds of food. Total contribution for the 2025-2026 fraternal year is 1,622 **pounds.**

## RAFFLE DRAWING WINNER

Congratulations to the March winner, Father Tim Moriarity.

## 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 March were $680.00. Total contributions for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year is $4,535.00.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the April Family of the Month, Jim Ruch.

## 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.

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