



# KNIGHT NEWS

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8TH	JAN. BUSINESS MTG AT 6:30
9TH-11TH	MONTANA KC MID-YEAR MTGS
16TH	MARCH FOR LIFE

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! We are starting to review all the events we did this year as well as donations and volunteer hours. If you participated in an event and want us to include it in our report for the parishes send me a text or email with the information. Our Christmas party was a lot of fun. In spite of the wind storm, we had over 50 people attend and bring donations for Options Clinic We delivered 2,610 diapers, 3,192 baby wipes, 18 cans of formula, 6 pajamas, 4 pacifiers and one bonnet. Thank you for your generosity. I've worked with our Faith Program Chair, Alex Ramirez, to put together a program to adopt a seminarian. Alex will provide details at the meeting on Thursday, January 8th. Briefly, a knight, or his family, will select a seminarian and make a commitment to write to him, pray for him, and provide love and support. We are hosting the Montana Nights of Columbus Mid-Year meeting at our hall from January 9-11 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) If you would like to help with serving food on Friday night or throughout the day Saturday let me know. Vivat Jesus!, Jerome Richard, Grand Knight

## RAFFLE TICKETS

LAST NOTICE!! All unsold tickets and any cash proceeds are due no later than the January business meeting on the 8th. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Joe Bugni at (406) 459-6187 to arrange getting them turned in.

## DUES NOTICES

Notices for dues and voluntary donations (blue sheets and green sheets) were mailed the week of December 29 and should have been received by the January 8 meeting. If you have questions about the balance or

anything related to dues contact Brian Olsen at [stmatt-hewpatron@gmail.com](mailto:stmatt-hewpatron@gmail.com)

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Raffle tickets will be available at the January 8 meeting at \$5 per ticket. There are dozens of prizes beyond the grand prize truck. Additionally, if you sell the ticket that wins the truck, you will receive \$100.

## FISH FRY DINNERS

Our annual Fish dinners are coming up in February, with the first meal scheduled for February 27. If you are interested in helping serve a terrific meal to our community friends, contact John Russell at (406) 461-3839.

## COR

Our next Cor gathering will be at 6:30 on January 15th. Please come and join us to be inspired and learn more about your Catholic Faith.

## MARCH FOR LIFE

Save the date! March for Life January 16, 2026, at the Capitol Rotunda. Keynote Speaker will be Kristan Hawkins, CEO of the Pro-Life Generation and President of Students for Life organizations. She is a speaker and analyst on topics of abortion, feminism and disability advocacy. Other speakers will also be present to discuss such topics as the abortion pill. The life and legacy of Charlie Kirk will also be presented. Our council generally provides hot chocolate and there will be a 4th Degree Color Guard leading a prayerful March around the Capitol Complex at 1:00 PM.

## 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](mailto:jr-safe@gmail.com). Helena Food Share is located at 1280 Boulder Avenue in Helena. December donations were 70 pounds of food. Total contribution for the 2025-2026 fraternal year is 1,073 pounds.

## 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 December were \$540. Total contributions for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year is \$1,660.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the January Family of the Month, Carl O'Loughlin.

## RAFFLE DRAWING WINNER

Congratulations to the big December \$500 drawing winner, Jim Lubke.