



KNIGHT NEWS

Council 844 Helena, MT

MAY 2025

MAY	Calendar
8th	May business meeting @ 6:30
15, 22 & 29	Cor meetings @6:30
27th	God's Love dinner

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

This month the council will be sending out, via email, to all members the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year for review. We will be voting to approve the budget during our June General Meeting scheduled for June 12. In addition, the council is sending out, via email, the ballot of council officers for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year.. We will be voting for those officers during the June General Meeting. As a reminder, the Faith Director and Life Director positions are open. If you are interested in either of those positions, contact John Russell at (406) 461-2829, jrsafe@gmail.com. The Montana State Convention was a great success. Special thanks to Al Williams, Willy Frank, Dave Galt, Rick Richetti, Joe Bugni and Mike Boyle for assisting in the council registration process. Lastly, this year's Fish Fry was a re-sounding success. We served a total of 862 patrons, earning approximately \$4.30 per person, which will be used to support our charitable programs for the next Fraternal Year. Many thanks to all the council members who participated in cooking, serving and cleanup.

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 at (406) 461-3839 or show up at our next General Meeting next Thursday, the 8th, at 6:30 and sign up.

MEN'S COR MEETINGS START UP AGAIN

We'll continue with the exceptional series from Paradi

sus Dei, *Mysteries of the Rosary*. Please bring a non-Knight friend and come join us in prayer, formation and fellowship as Brothers-in-Christ. Any questions, please call or text Willy Frank, Faith Program Director at (406) 461-2580.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Our Trustees have presented a slate of officers to be considered for election at the June Membership meeting. They are: Grand Knight-Jerome Richard; Deputy Grand Knight-Jim Ruch; Chancellor-Marty Beatty; Treasurer-Brian Mattern; Advocate-Rick Tappan; Warden-Joe Bugni; Inside Guard and Outside Guard are both open; Recorder-Open; Trustee (3-year)-John Russell; Trustee (2-year)-Mike Boyle; Trustee (1-year) Bob Simoneau. Open positions as well as recommended positions are open to nominations up to the time the vote is called at the June meeting. Contact Bob Simoneau at (202) 680-4393 for any related issues.

FROM OUR DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

Thank you Brother Knights. As you know, our council hosted this year's State Knights of Columbus Convention. It was quite an effort and we need to thank those businesses in Helena who sponsored our program. They are: Mr. Wise Cleaners, Miller's Crossing, Brothers Tapworks, Capital Sports, Tappan Law Firm, Mount Helena Motor Sports, Poor Richard BBQ, KNEH Relevant Radio and Galt Ranch Quarter Horses. If you get the opportunity, please thank them for their support. And if you know anyone looking for a great horse.....

APPRECIATION

To those who lent a helping hand at our annual Easter egg hunt. Turnout was fairly light with an estimated 30 participants, but they made quick work of over 1,100 plastic eggs, all gone in 10 minutes. AND to those who endured a very fast paced demand for alcohol at the annual Carroll College Saints Athletic Auction. And to you too Mr. Taflan for holding down the fort at the hall.

121st ANNUAL MONTANA KC CONFERENCE

Many thanks for all the hard work individuals put in to making the convention a success. Special thanks to Jerome Richard who so ably ramrodded the effort.

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. March donations were 205 pounds and April 205 pounds as well. donations were 268 pounds. Total contribution for the 2024-2025 fraternal year is **1,390 pounds.**

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the May Family of the Month recipient, Trapper Bishop. Congratulations also to Rick Duane who was chosen by Supreme Council as the State winner for March.

\$100 RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to the April \$100.00 raffle winner, Rich Holdorf.

LIFE

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

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 jrsafe@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. April donations were \$500. Total contributions for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year is **\$6,043.98.**