



KNIGHT NEWS

Council 844

Helena, MT

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FEB.	2026
12TH	EXEMPLIFICATION @ 6PM
12TH	FEB. BIZ MTG AFTR EXEMP.
27TH	FIRST FISH FRY 5 PM

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Every January we review and report on our activities and achievements for the past year. 2025 was a great year for us and we are already off to a great start in 2026. Now is the time to bring up any activities or programs that you think we ought to be doing. We have four main programs: Faith, Community, Life and Family. You will find details about each program on kofc.org.

Vivat Jesus!, Jerome Richard, Grand Knight

SEMINARIAN SPONSORSHIP

Our Adopt a Seminarian-Sponsorship Program is up and running, but we need your help! We are asking the men of our council to prayerfully consider adopting one of our amazing Seminararians 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 the are other great ideas for showing your support. Email Alex Ramirez (aaalexander.d.ramirez@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.

KNIGHTS EMBROIDERY

We are finalizing the details of the new Knights embroidery process. We will share any updates or details at the next meeting.

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 now. If you have questions about the balance or anything related to dues contact Brian Olsen at smatthewpatron@gmail.com

HELPING HAND GOD'S LOVE

On Tuesday, January 27, our council served sloppy joes, pasta salad and Girl Scout cookies to 41 guests of God's Love. We will be providing our final meal of the fraternal year on Tuesday, May 16. Many thanks to Richard Rime, John Russell and Carl O'Loughlin for putting on the meal. If you are interested in helping to fee 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

Council 844's annual Fish Fry dinners are just around the corner. We need kitchen workers, dishwashers, coffee servers, etc to ensure we provide the best Lenten experience for our customers. Fish Fry meals are scheduled for 2/27; 3/13 and 3/27. If you would like to help contact John Russell at (406) 461-3839.

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Upcoming cor dates: 2/19, 2/26 (Holy Hour) and 3/5. Treat yourself by joining us to be inspired and learn more about your Catholic Faith.

MARCH FOR LIFE

We had a very successful March for Life on January 16th with some 400 people in attendance and 30 Knights from Helena and East Helena.

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. January donations were 5 pounds of food. Total contribution for the 2025-2026 fraternal year is 1,078 **pounds**.

RAFFLE DRAWING WINNER

Congratulations to the January winner, Madison Beatty.

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.

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 \$1,250.00 and January were \$500. Total contributions for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year is \$3,810.00

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the February Family of the Month, Mike Glueckert.