



KNIGHT NEWS

Council 844 Helena, MT

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FEB.	Calendar
13th	February business meeting @ 6:30
20th & 27th	Cor group @ 6:30
Mar. 6	St. Francis dinner

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Our annual Fish Fry is just around the corner. Our first meal is scheduled for Friday, March 14; the second meal scheduled for March 28 and the third and final meal scheduled for April 11. We need servers in the ballroom for all three meals. If you are interested in helping, contact John Russell at (406) 461-3839. The council submitted its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity to Supreme Council for the 2024 calendar year. Charitable disbursements were \$28,000 and 2,135 hours of service. Thanks to all the council members who volunteered their time, talent and treasure to make this happen. Vivat Jesus, John Russell, Grand Knight.

COR MEN'S GROUP

Please join us for our spiritually provoking Cor meetings in February, dates of 20th and 27th at 6:30. Hope to see you there!

KNEH BANQUET

Our council has purchased an Event Sponsorship for the upcoming KNEH annual fundraising banquet on April 3 at Carroll College. The guest speaker for the event is Father Francis Hoffman, better known as Father Rocky from Relevant Radio. Included with the sponsorship are complimentary tickets. We will be giving tickets away at our General Meeting on February 13th. The remaining remaining tickets will be given away during our March General Meeting.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Special Olympics raffle tickets are available at a cost of \$5 each. You may contact Brian Olsen at (406) 431-2976 or catch up with him at a monthly meeting. Tickets must be purchased no later than May 1 in order to be processed. Drawing is May 15

HELPING HANDS-GOD'S LOVE

Our council cooked and served sloppy joes to 45 patrons of God's Love on Tuesday, January 28th. Special thanks to Rick Richetti, Fred Lubke, Rick Rime, Mike Boyle, Carl O'Loughlin and John Russell for donating, cooking and/or serving food.

DUES

Dues and donation sheets were mailed just before Christmas. About half have paid and I thank you. If you did not receive a statement or donation sheets, please contact me. Also, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about payment. Membership cards will be mailed this week. Brian Olsen, Financial Secretary, (406) 431-2976 (cell).

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the February Family of the Month recipient, our Grand Knight, John Russell..

\$100 RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to the January \$100.00 raffle winner, Rick Richetti.

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. January contributions were 80 **pounds of food**. Total contribution for the 2024-2025 fraternal year is **64-pounds**.

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 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 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. Contributions for January were **\$500.00**. Total contributions for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year is **\$4,408.98**.

121st ANNUAL MONTANA KC CONFERENCE

The 121st Annual Montana Knights of Columbus State Conference will be held April 24-27, 2025 and we need volunteers to assist for several different jobs. We need people to work at the reception desk, help during the conference (ie. runners, inside/outside guards, etc.) Also, someone to drive a golf cart to transport people from the parking lot to the conference center at Carroll College. There will be other jobs as well throughout the weekend. Contact State Warden, Jerome Richard, at statewarden@montanaknights.org or (406) 461-3802.

SAINT FRANCIS DINNER

The annual dinner brings the collaboration and community spirit of the Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians in support of Good Samaritan Ministries! We thank them for their support and community presence. This year we are raising funds while honoring Saint Joseph the Carpenter, featuring soup and pasta to nourish your body and seeking assistance for renovations. Funds to be used for Good Samaritan Ministries dock area and necessary upgrades for the safety and productivity of our Assistance Ministry Team. Knights can bring soup or pasta, help with set up before and take down after. The dinner is March 6th at the hall.