KNIGHT NEWS

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8TH	OCTOBER BIZ MEETING 6:30
9TH	BISHOP'S GALA
13TH	CLERGY DINNER

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Life gets busy. We have entered Autumn and many of us are wondering where the Summer went. October is upon us and before we know it, we will be in the holiday season. I often get caught up in activities and forget to take time to reflect on my faith. The Montana Knights of Columbus will display the relics from the Cristero War in Mexico (1926-1929) where Catholics were openly persecuted and many were martyred. These six relics of martyred Catholic priests will be in our area from October 7-10. Tentatively, they will be at Our Lady the Valley Church on October 7th (probably 6-8 PM). They will be at Sts.Cyril and Methodius in East Helena on October 8th (4-8 PM). And they will be at the Cathedral of St. Helena on Saturday morning. October 10th (exact time is being arranged). If you would like more, there's plenty of information in the May edition of Columbia magazine. There is also an excellent movie on Amazon Prime called "For Greater Glory" that I highly recommend. On October 8 at 6:30 PM we'll have our regular membership meeting. A lot of things are coming up in the next few months that we need to start planning. One event that is just about planned is the Clergy Dinner. This will be held on Tuesday, October 13 at Nava Gardens (2245 Head Lane). If you would like to attend, with or without a guest, please RSVP to me by October 8th. Our Bishop, Priests and Deacons have been sent an invitation. All religious are invited; however, I don't have their addresses, so feel free to invite them (just let me know so we have enough food). The Bishop's Gala is October 9th. Our council will be supporting the Bishop's intent of raising money for Legendary Lodge. With that, we will have 2 tickets to give away during our 50/50 drawing at the end of the meeting. Vivat Jesus. Jerome Richard, Grand Knight #844. (406) 461-3802

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Fall campaign runs from September 23 to November 1, 2026. The Helena kickoff occurred on the 17th of September. The Midway Rally is on Tuesday, October 13th. Guest speaker will be Matt Britton of 40 Days for Life and be at South Hills Baptist Church at 6:30, 12 Johns Street in Clancy. Sign-ups and Statements of Peace will be available at the event. Closing Rally will be Sunday, November 1st at 6:30. Guest speaker will be A.G. Austin Knudsen. More details for the 40 days are available at www.40daysforlife.com/helena.

RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL SALES

We will have a Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service (RASS) training session at the KC Hall on Tuesday, November 16 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. If interested in attending call or email Bob Simoneau at (202) 680-4393 or bobsimoneau85@gmail.com. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Certification lasts for a period of three years.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are available in books of 10 and sell for $10 each. You may obtain them from Joe Bugni by calling him at (406) 459-6187 or by seeing him at our next meeting on the November 12th. Ticket sales are a nice source of revenue for the council.

COR

Upcoming Cor meetings are scheduled for October 15 and October 29. Please join us for a bit of learning and inspiration.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

As the cost of food continues to grow, so does our annual contribution to food baskets distributed by Saint Mary Catholic Community. This year's contribution is $3,500 as opposed to $2,000 seemingly not that long ago. This donation, approved by the membership, is one of many examples of our charitable works.

HELPING HAND GOD'S LOVE

On September 22, our council served a delicious Sloppy Joes and Pasta Salad dinner to approximately 35 guests God's Love. Special thanks to John Russell, Carl O'Loughlin, Richard Rime, Dave Williams, Bill Hall, Tolly Patten plus three students from Carroll College for cooking, serving and cleaning up after the meal. Our next God's Love meal is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24. If you are interested in helping, contact John Russell at jrsafe@gmail.com, or (406) 461-3839.

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. August donations were 6 pounds of food. Total contribution for the 2026-2027 fraternal year is 172 **pounds.**

RAFFLE DRAWING WINNER

Congratulations to the September winner, Kelly Simoneau.

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 August were $550. Total contributions for the 2026-20267 Fraternal Year is $1,666.00.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the October Family of the Month, Bill Hall.