



# NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Our next monthly meeting is: **20 November 2024**

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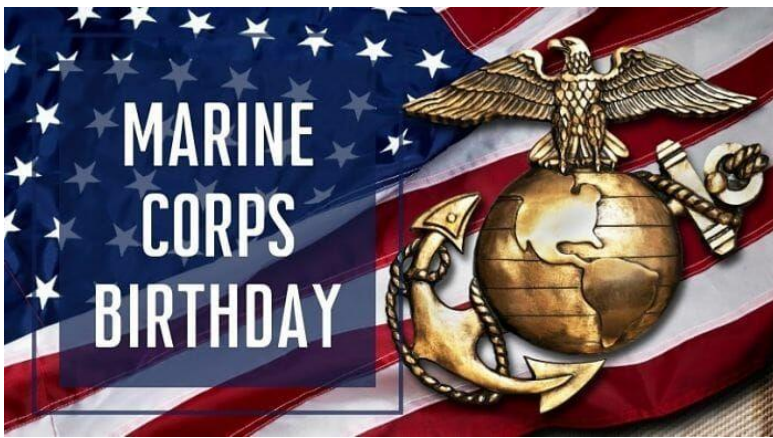
Any items bearing the detachment website (mcl917.org) should be deleted or marked out before handing out any cards or flyers.



**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW EXPIRED / LATE if you have not renewed your annual membership dues. If you are not sure please do not hesitate to ask.**

**WE REALLY DO NEED EACH AND EVERY MEMBER.**





## **UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

### **249<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY** **10 NOVEMBER 2024**

**DATE:**

10 November 2024 (Sunday)

**TIME:**

Social Hour / Gathering will begin at 1600 (4 PM)

Cake cutting ceremony begins at 1700 hours (5 PM) (Birthday messages will be read, the oldest and youngest Marines will be chosen, cake will be cut and served, and finally a toast will be made to the deceased members of the Emerald Empire Detachment following the reading of their names. Singing of the Marine Hymn. This will conclude the Cake Cutting Ceremony.)

**LOCATION:**

Moose Lodge 1726, 2011 Laura Street, Springfield, OR

**COST:**

The only cost is if you chose to purchase drinks from the bar (non-alcoholic & alcoholic) – water is available from the bar at no cost.

**THERE IS NO MEAL:**

Please dine before or after attending the cake cutting.

**ATTIRE:**

Your favorite United States Marine Corps, FMF Navy Corpsman, or FMF Navy Chaplain attire.

This is not a formal event.

**IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:**

Please email the number of persons in your party that are attending just so we have enough cake and serving items available.

Email: [mcldet917@gmail.com](mailto:mcldet917@gmail.com)

**OPEN TO:**

ALL – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERS, MARINES, FMF NAVY CORPSMEN, FMF NAVY CHAPLAINS AND THEIR GUESTS. ALSO, ANY FAMILY MEMBER OF A DEPLOYED MARINE / FMF NAVY CORPSMAN / FMF NAVY CHAPLAIN

**DISSEMINATION:**

PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ANY MARINES, FMF NAVY CORPSMEN, FMF NAVY CHAPLAINS AND THEIR GUESTS, ANY FAMILY MEMBER OF A DEPLOYED MARINE / FMF NAVY CORPSMAN / FMF NAVY CHAPLAIN, AND ANY VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS.

## The traditional celebration includes a reading of Order 47:

MARINE CORPS ORDERS  
No. 47 (Series 1921)  
HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS  
Washington, November 1, 1921

759. The following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November, 1921, it will be read upon receipt.

- (1) On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name "Marine." In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.
- (2) The record of our Corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.
- (3) In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.
- (4) This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps. With it we have also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,  
Major General  
Commandant  
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10 November 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

For 249 years, Marines have served as our Nation's sentinels of freedom. As we celebrate our Corps' birthday this year, I encourage all Marines to reflect on our legacy forged in blood on battlefields since 1775, and to rededicate ourselves to carrying that legacy untarnished into the future. Collectively, we who wear the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor have an obligation to uphold the ideals of self-discipline, warfighting proficiency, professionalism, and personal conduct that define what it means to be a Marine. I know you are all up to the task.

Twenty years ago this month, Marines fought and won the Second Battle of Fallujah, a brutal, grinding house to house fight, whose victory ultimately paved the way for the stabilization of the Republic of Iraq. Often in Iraq there were no true front lines, and by necessity, Fallujah was a battle in which every Marine fought, demonstrating once again our cornerstone philosophy that Every Marine is a Rifleman.

Our history bears witness to Marines of all stripes picking up their rifles and fighting for Corps and Country when the call came. From Wake Island to the Chosin Reservoir to Khe Sanh to Camp Bastion, every Marine fought. Our future battles will be no different. Our rear areas will be as vulnerable as our front lines and every Marine from our infantry battalions to our aviation squadrons to our headquarters and support elements will have to stand-to when called.

Preparing for the threats of the future requires the same exceptional standards and ironclad discipline that are the hallmarks of our Corps. Twenty years ago in Fallujah, our predecessors staunchly adhered to these virtues, earned our Nation's trust, and ensured the U.S. Marine Corps would remain the most feared fighting force in the world. It is our sworn duty to uphold those standards and stay true to our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Though technology and equipment change, the Marine Corps' culture of excellence must not. The road ahead is far from certain, but our ethos will never change – *Every Marine a Rifleman* and *Everyone Fights*.

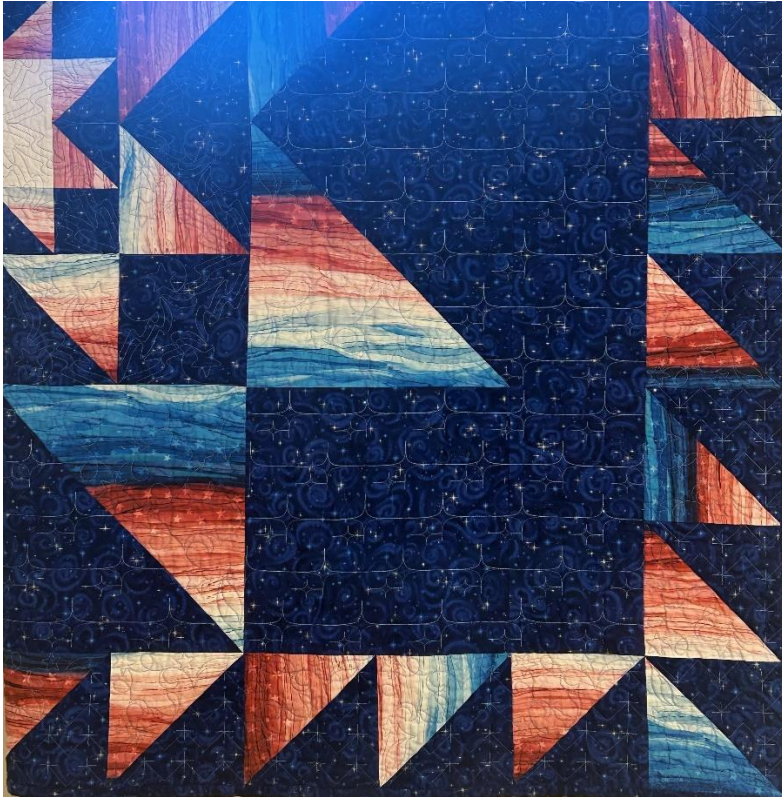
As I've said before, it is the honor of my lifetime to be a Marine and serve as your Commandant. I'm proud to stand alongside each of you, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for our Corps. When I travel to visit Marines here at home and deployed around the globe, I find absolute confidence that this generation of Marines has what it takes to uphold our Corps' legacy and prevail in any conflict we face. Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

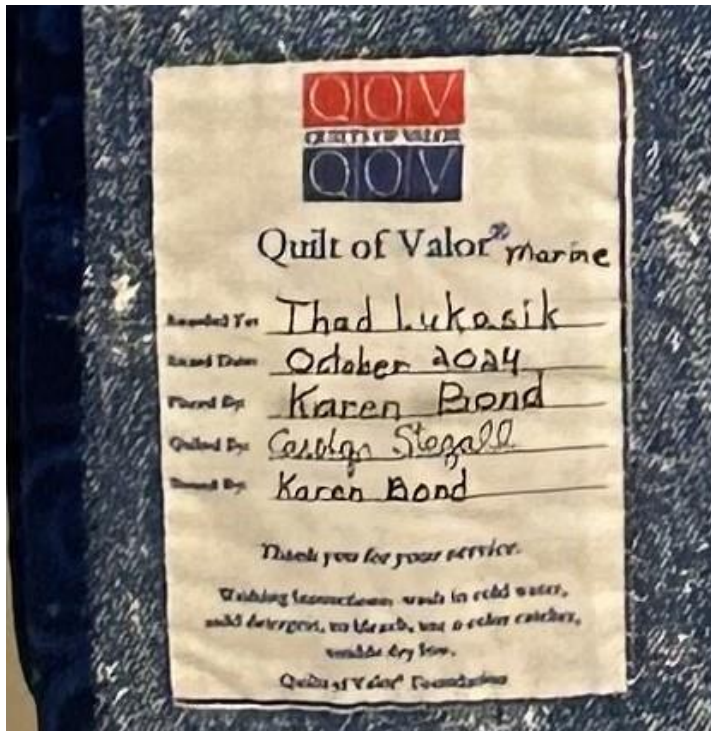
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric M. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric M. Smith  
General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

# Willamette Valley Quilts of Valor



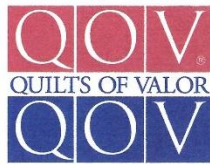
On 25 October 2024, Emerald Empire Detachment #917, LIFE MEMBER Thad Lukasik was presented with a Quilt of Valor from the Willamette Valley Quilts of Valor, Brownsville, Oregon.



# Quilts of Valor® Foundation



*Our Mission: to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.*



*"My quilt isn't another military medal to be placed in a box and sit on my shelf. I was moved to tears."*

*- Ssgt RC, US Army, Iraq 2005*

*"I never expected to have the hurt I have been carrying to be so miraculously softened."*

*- Vietnam Veteran, US Navy*

## QOV IN ACTION-JOIN IN!



*My Carolina National Sew Day*

### National Sew Day

On the first Saturday in February, thousands of volunteers across the US come together, either in groups or at home, to sew, quilt and create QOVs.

### Under Our Wings®

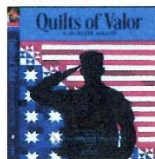
Under Our Wings is designed to give youth and adult community organizations the opportunity to learn quilting and participate in community service, 4-H, Boy and Girl Scouts, Senior's groups, veterans organizations and more participate.



*Young lady and recent Veteran*

**Generations of Service**  
A creative, beautiful way to recognize all Military for their service and sacrifice. The online, virtual photo album honors your family, friends or ancestors.

**50 State Salute**  
In 2018 we published our first book containing our history, wartime quilting, representative quilts from each of the 50 states and quilt patterns.



**Quilt Business Program**  
An opportunity for quilting related businesses to partner with QOVF to support making QOVs by engaging customers, expanding publicity and more!

**Donate, volunteer or be a supporter of Quilts of Valor.**

## Nominate Someone for a Quilt of Valor!

Are you a Veteran or Service Member or know one? Nominate them for a Quilt of Valor so we can wrap them in comfort and say, "Thank you; welcome home."

[www.QOVF.org/nominations-awards](http://www.QOVF.org/nominations-awards)

## "It started as a dream..."

### Our History

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine:

*"The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well being. The quilt had made this dramatic change.*

*The message of my dream: Quilts = Healing."*

These quilts are called Quilts of Valor® (QOVs).

The first QOV was awarded in November 2003 at Walter Reed Medical Center to a young soldier from Minnesota who lost his leg in Iraq.



*QOVF Founder, Catherine Roberts and Chaplain John Kalleron together ten years later to award Quilts of Valor at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD on May 2, 2014.*

In 2014, QOVF reached a milestone by awarding 100,000 QOVs to Service Members and Veterans.

Five years later that number was over a quarter-million. Volunteers are working towards 500,000 comforting and healing QOVs awarded for our 20th Anniversary in 2023.

As one volunteer said, "Our QOVs touch the recipients much deeper than we will probably ever know. And if just one quilt that I make touches a Veteran such that it gives him or her the motivation to keep going, it's worth the effort."

...the Journey Continues...



*- CS, US Navy's JL, Marine, VA*

**Quilts = Healing**  
Join us to provide comforting and healing Quilts of Valor



**Over a quarter-million lives changed since 2003**

Quilt of Valor, Quilts of Valor, QOV, QOVF and Under Our Wings are registered trademarks of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation.

## YOU can help by...



### Donating

Money, time, materials. One Quilt of Valor can cost \$300 to make. Use your phone to donate and designate to you would like the raw fabric.

website a [Willamette Valley Quilts of Valor](http://Willamette Valley Quilts of Valor)

Group **PO BOX 640**  
**Brownsville, OR 97327**

Group **Judy Clay**  
Donate **541 808 1970**  
State: **OR**  
Undesignated: General Foundation operations

**Your donation of any amount is appreciated!**

### Volunteering

You don't have to sew to volunteer. We can always use extra hands making kits, pressing fabric, awarding Quilts, making tops, quilting and fundraising. Although many members belong to groups who sew together at quilt shops, community rooms, churches and homes all over the United States, you may also sew individually.

### Join a Group for \$10

Visit [www.QOVF.org/whos-in-my-area](http://www.QOVF.org/whos-in-my-area) and find a local QOV group to join, or join our QOVF LongArmy™ or Block Builder teams. Register online or make a note of your preferred group and contact the group leader to join:

Group name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

### Become an Individual Member for \$40

Join on-line at [www.QOVF.org/membership](http://www.QOVF.org/membership).

See Online?

If you prefer, please complete the following information, tear off this section and mail your donation & your membership request to Foundation Headquarters. Make checks payable to: Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Please provide the following information for membership:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

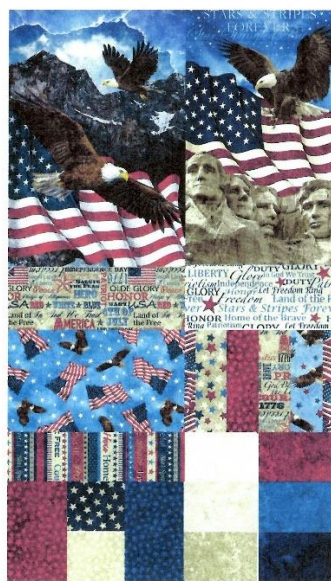
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## STONEHENGE STARS & STRIPES by Linda Ludovico & Deborah Edwards



**NORTHCOTT**  
*Cottons that feel like silk*  
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Northcott is proud to be an official sponsor, donating a portion of sales from Linda Ludovico and Deborah Edwards' Stonehenge Stars & Stripes collections to Quilts of Valor Foundation.



## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

11 November 1914 – Donald Brownrigg (China Marine) - Deceased

Please take a moment and remember Donald on the “Anniversary-of-the-Day-He-Was-Born.”





# **CORPSMAN**



**Thad & Nancy Lukasik – Thad passed away at 07:42 a.m., 30 October 2024.  
He has now reported for Duty on Heaven's Scene.**

**Information on arrangements will be passed along as it becomes available.**

**Please keep Nancy in your thoughts and prayers, as she begins to travel life's path without her beloved husband Thad by her side.**

**Thad touched the lives of many young men and women as they participated in the Emerald Empire Young Marines youth program.**

**Our fondest and most joyful memories will ensure Thad will always be with us all.**



# From the Chaplain's Corner



November – Birthday of the Marine Corps; celebration of Veterans' Day and all who served; Thanksgiving, pumpkin pie and falling leaves; cooler weather and cups of coffee or tea by a nice fire, wearing flannel shirts & woolen socks.

And don't forget VOTING! Every ballot counts!



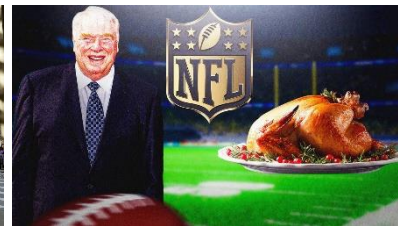
United States Marine Corps  
249<sup>th</sup> Birthday



249 Years of Service - In the Air, on  
Land, and Sea



For me, November evokes many memories of Macy's parade, family times with lots of great food, table games and football!



This November, spend some time remembering the good times and thanking God for His many blessings. Maybe send out some greeting cards to those you are thankful for to let them know you're thinking of them and grateful to them for their influence in your life. Or even just give them a call and chat for a bit.

It seems to me, since the internet has taken over so much of communication, that we miss out on those real-life experiences in person with our friends and loved ones, and that's tragic.

Thinking back to the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving makes me extremely grateful for all the conveniences we have, versus how they lived, fighting every day to find food for their

tables, shelter from the elements and living in the midst of dangerous people and animals. We have much to be thankful for.

Take care of yourselves and reach out to others you know.

Semper Fi,  
Joy Cavin  
Chaplain  
Emerald Empire Detachment #917, Marine Corps League





# **Fund-Raising Breakfast Service for Sunday, 20 October 2024**



**The 20 October 2024 fund-raising breakfast was cancelled due to only having 2 people available for the meal prep/service/cleanup.**

**Hopefully, we will see everyone at the 17 November 2024 fund-raising breakfast.**

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## **Marine Corps League**

### **Emerald Empire Detachment No. 917**

#### **Minutes of the meeting 16 October 2024**

**No October meeting took place due to the lack of a quorum; therefore, no Minutes of the Meeting.**



# Marine Corps League “Mission Statement”

Marine Corps League Mission Statement (As shown on our detachment website)

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen and former Marines and FMF Corpsmen and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

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The Mission of the Marine Corps League (as shown on national website)

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

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## LEAGUE PATCHES ARE IN



The detachment bought Marine Corps League patches (regular and associate). These are available for purchase for those persons wishing to buy new league shirts, or replace old league shirts.



Regular Patches are \$4.00 each  
Associate Patches are \$7.00 each

## Emerald Empire Detachment #917 Advertising Pens



The pens are available to detachment members for \$1.00 each pen. This covers the cost of the pens and earns the detachment approximately 23 cents per pen.

The pens are for handing out to Marines, Corpsmen, Chaplains, and persons we want to try and recruit for membership.

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### HATS & VISORS



Eagle, globe, anchor & “Semper Fi” White Sun visors and Black Marine Corps League hats - **\$1.00 each** – **What a Deal.** Hats/Visors are now available at the monthly meetings.



### DETACHMENT COINS / CHIPS



Available for \$1.50 each which off-sets the cost of buying them and earns the detachment 45 cents on each one purchased. They are available for purchase in-person during the monthly meetings and from the detachment paymaster.



You can carry one on you as your representation of the detachment when “challenged.” You can also give them out to Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and persons who may want to be associate members as recruiting tools; or as gifts to family, friends, and acquaintances who are veterans themselves.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

**Dinner @ 1800 hours**

**Meeting Starts @ 1900 hours**

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Detachment Facebook Page: [MCL Detachment 917](#)

Detachment Web Site: [www.mcl917.org](http://www.mcl917.org)

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Department Web Site: <http://www.mcl-oregon.org>

National Website: [www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org)



# **2024 Meeting Dates**

**MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS NOW**

**20 November 2024 (Steak, baked potato, dinner salad and roll, with  
Kim Lonberg providing Pumpkin Bars for desert)**

**18 December 2024 (Ham, scalloped potatoes, and coleslaw)**

# **2024 Fund-Raising Breakfast**

## **Dates**

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**17 November 2024**

**15 December 2024**

# **2025 Meeting Dates**

**MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDARS NOW**  
**(3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month)**

**15 January 2025**

**19 February 2025**

**19 March 2025**

**16 April 2025**

**21 May 2025**

**18 June 2025**

**16 July 2025**

**20 August 2025**

**17 September 2025**

**15 October 2025**

**19 November 2025**

**17 December 2025**

# **2025 Fund-Raising Breakfast**

## **Dates**

**MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDARS NOW**  
**(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)**

**19 January 2025**

**16 February 2025**

**16 March 2025**

**20 April 2025 (Easter)**

**18 May 2025**

**15 June 2025 (Father's Day)**

**20 July 2025**

**17 August 2025**

**21 September 2025**

**19 October 2025**

**16 November 2025**

**21 December 2025**