



# Knights' News

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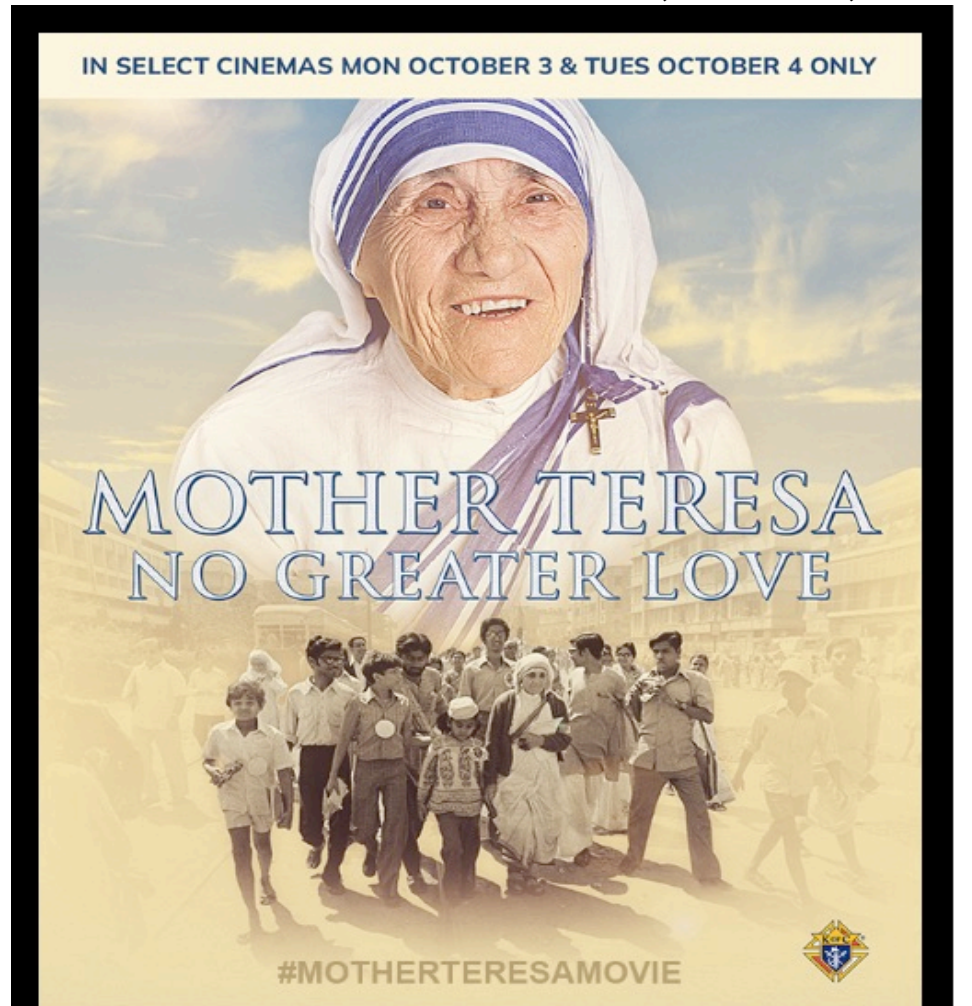
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**Maria Lanakila Catholic Church, Lahaina, HI**



## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Is it global warming and climate change, the natural weather cycle, or just another everyday catastrophic Earth event? On August 8, 2023 a very familiar catastrophic event, similar to the Paradise, Camp Fire of November 8, 2018, destroyed the town of Lahaina, Hawaii. There were so many similarities: high winds, no evacuation notices, hydrants without water. It was a replay of the events that we went through during the Camp Fire.

Greg Kidder made calls to Maui and contacted St. Anthony's Catholic Church, the temporary home of office of Maria Lanakila Catholic Church in Lahaina in preparation to support the parishioners of Lahaina. The Maria Lanakila Catholic Church had smoke damage and their rectory was damaged along with the school. Greg was able to obtain a point of contact, and he coordinated help for them. He also found out that they needed to develop a strategy on how we can help them the best.

St. Thomas More Parishioners wrote handwritten words of encouragement to the people of Lahaina. It was the intent to share our struggles and provide comfort to the people Lahaina, said Greg. Home-Tech Charter School's (Paradise Outreach Program) Ms. Danielle DiPietro Hawkins also participated by having her students prepare cards and artwork that will be sent together with our parishioners. We are hoping our words of encouragement will help the parishioners of Maria Lanakila Church and the people of Lahaina, said Ms. Hawkins.

There was an overwhelming response at the Knights Meeting to donate funds to the local Catholic Church on Maui. Without hesitation, a vote was made to support the church in Maui. Greg had an additional collection at our church in support of the people of Lahaina, and the Knights DJ Lemire, with daughter Claire, and John Thomas barbequed pork chops with applesauce along with John's homemade baked beans for after church luncheon to benefit Lahaina. Greg DC prepped the luncheon, and, along with Kathy and several Knights, helped with cleanup. It was a nice event to support the families in Hawaii.

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## DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

September is usually the month when home and family life resume a regular routine. Vacations are over, children and grandchildren are returning to school, and there is a hint of Fall in the air. September is also the month councils and assemblies resume their normal activities for the year, helping at fall festivals, planning upcoming programs, and responding to their church and Pastor's needs.

The Supreme Council's *Faith in Action* guidebook (publication 10831) offers several activities for councils to engage with their members and parish. There will always be a need for Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Supreme's RSVP Seminarian support program, the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, and new for this year, the Women's Religious Assistance Program. Continued spiritual growth is extremely important and featured in the new *COR* program (Latin for *Heart*) which can be implemented with resources like the *Into the Breach* video series, Sacramental Gifts, Rosaries, Adorations, Holy Hours and Eucharistic Processions. Of greatest importance is the need to continue serving your Pastor and Church. Click [here](#) to learn more about *Faith in Action* and *COR* programs your council can do.

Our State Deputy Gregory Marracq's patron saint for the year is Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The Knights have a long and distinguished history with Mother Teresa. At the 134th Supreme Convention in August 2016, the Knights of Columbus approved a resolution honoring Mother Teresa on the occasion of her upcoming canonization. The Knights also produced a feature length film "*Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*" made to commemorate the 25th anniversary of her passing. Our State Deputy Gregory Marracq's patron saint for the year is Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The Knights have a long and distinguished history with Mother Teresa. At the 134th Supreme Convention in August 2016, the Knights of Columbus approved a resolution honoring Mother Teresa on the occasion of her upcoming canonization. The Knights also produced a feature length film "*Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*" made to commemorate the 25th anniversary of her passing. To learn more about Saint Teresa of Calcutta and her relationship with the Knights of Columbus click [here](#). **(Con't p. 4)**

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**Calendar of Events****September / October**

Sep 5	Labor Day
Sep 10	K of C Hospitality
Sep 13	Officers meeting at 9:00am; 6:00pm Mass STM
Sep 20	Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7:00pm, 6:00pm Mass STM
Sep 24	Women Host Hospitality
Sep 27	1800 Mass STM (Last)
Sep 29	Lions day 1 Rummage Sale / K of C Breakfast
Sep 30	Lions day 2 Rummage Sale / K of C Breakfast
Oct 1	K of C hospitality after Mass
Oct 11	Officers meeting at 9:00am
Oct 18	Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7:00pm
Oct 8	K of C Hospitality
Oct 9	Columbus Day
Oct 13	US Navy Birthday
Oct 22	Women Host Hospitality
Oct 31	Halloween

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Tom Debettencourt—1st

Russ Cangialosi—6th

Darrell Voelker—7th

Steven Barnes—9th

Chris Bolshazy—9th

Sotero Toca—18th

Roy Stanton—22nd

Ed Gregorio—23rd

Alphonse Sperske—30th

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

It is with sadness that we report our brother, Ed Rundle, passed away this past week from prostate cancer. Please keep Ruth and son Eddie in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Greg Foreman, Leo & Beverly Benedetti, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Leo Bourgeois, Richard Reniero, Greg & Kathy DeCristofaro (cancer), Duncan Barnard, Linda Shores, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, John Johnson, Karen Philips, Jerry Foster, Kim Keysling (K.O.'s daughter), Jeff Tolly, Barbara Collins, Bob Smith, Deacon Ray Helgeson and Pope Francis.

Please remember those who are serving our country in the Armed Forces and those who fell victim to the natural disasters and the Corona Virus. Pray for all the health professionals, all our police and law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's and all who are trying to keep us safe. Pray for our brothers and sisters and allies who were left behind in Afghanistan. Pray for America which stands for One Nation under God, with Liberty and Justice for ALL.

For additions, deletions, corrections, please call Greg DeCristofaro at 873-4132.

**KNIGHT HUMOR—**

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'

Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'

'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'

'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

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## DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

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All of the councils in District 2 are planning events and activities during the months of September and October. Please volunteer to serve and always invite qualified Catholic men who are not members to join! Give them the same opportunity for charity, service, and faith formation someone once gave you. For helpful tips and strategies on membership recruiting click [here](#). Useful information is also available by taking advantage of online training webinars which can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend and month! As always, thank you for your charity and service! May God bless, Dave Abbott, District Deputy 2 - 530-680-0401 -- [dabbott79@gmail.com](mailto:dabbott79@gmail.com)

## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS (con't)

The funds from the last collection at St. Thomas More on Sunday August 27 and the donation by the Knights of Columbus 7773 will be combined and sent together to Maria Lanakila Catholic Church in Lahaina.

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## KNIGHT'S CORNER

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Many thanks to all our brothers and lady Knights for helping to give our Past Grand Knight and Parish Steward, Greg Kidder, a surprise birthday party after mass. Thanks to all who helped cook and clean up the porkchop lunch after mass, celebrating our parish's donation to our sister church, St. Anthony in Maui.

There was a short meeting after mass on Sept. 3 and we passed the motion to go ahead with helping Carenet to purchase a new ultrasound machine through the Knights' Ultrasound Initiative. All the knights should consider helping our Grand Knight, Dave Lemire, cook breakfast and lunch on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am till 4pm at the Methodist Church on Clark Road across the street from the old cinema. All the proceeds will go to Carenet to offset the cost of the ultrasound machine.

There is still a need for helpers at the Food Pantry at the First Baptist Church on Clark Road. Come and join Greg and Kathy D.C., Ron Martin, Phil and Susan Barteck, Dee Cox, Louise Cambray and Kathy Keys and Deacon Mike. See Greg DeCristofaro for details or call him at 873-4132

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## INSURANCE INFO

LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE • LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

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