

# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

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*The Knights Hospitallers of the  
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## Seven Knights Invested in Kerrville, Texas - April 2015



Chev Anderson      Chev Hamilton      Chev Griffith      Chev Donaghy      FL GP Pantazis  
TX GP Morrill      Chev Snyder      PGM Papanicolaou      Chev Johnson      Chev Horak

The Grand Priory of Texas held its most recent Investiture in Kerrville, Texas, during the weekend of April 10 and 11, 2015. Seven new Knights were invested and welcomed into our Order: Norm Anderson (Co), Phil Snyder (TX), David Hamilton (Ga), Todd Griffith (TX), Darrel Johnson (TX), Brian Dinghy (IA) and Michael Horak (TX); and to Serving Brothers Jason Franklin (TX) and Justin Morrill (TX). The festivities kicked off with a game ranch tour and bar-b-que at the famous YO Ranch on Friday with boots and jeans and fellowship the order of the evening. On Saturday morning, Christian Sculpture Artist and Evangelist Max Greiner entertained us with a slide show on the story of The Empty Cross. It is an anointed 77.7

foot structure overlooking Kerrville and is the center of the Sculpture Garden devoted to The Coming King. OSJ Prelate Ardell Daniels then lead a fellowship and communion service. The Presence of the Holy Spirit was strong during this time. The Investiture was held on another high point over looking Kerrville and was followed by the Gala honoring the new Knights and dancing to Texas music. Sunday morning a representative group of Knights met at The Empty Cross to pray and celebrated communion. A special bond exists between The Grand Priory of Texas and The Empty Cross in Kerrville.  
- William Morrill, Grand Prior of Texas

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### Welcome to the Inaugural Edition of **The KNIGHTLY NEWS!**

Each issue will be different, but in every issue we'll try to cover each Priory, feature a Ministry, and let you know what other Knights and Dames are doing. In this issue, read about **Mark Gurley's** tireless work to defend the Faith, **Gayla Holley's** Ministries, **John Guandolo's** assessment of why we are where we are as a country, the upcoming

**The Gathering** is discussed, as well as news from around the USA. The attacks on our Law Enforcement is a reoccurring thread, so make certain you read about **Supporting those who Protect and Serve**. Then on the last page, find your **Prior's email** and send in things others ought to see in the next Edition. God's Blessings. **Bill and Freddie**

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## Mark Gurley, a Christian Soldier

By Tom Pantazis, Grand Prior of Florida



OSJ Knight Mark Gurley (MI) from the Florida Priory has been active standing up for Religious Freedom and Life. There have been press conferences in front of the Supreme Court, media interviews across the state of Michigan, and the occasional death threats from the LGBT. Mark went to Washington to petition Congress to employ its Constitutional authority over the Supreme Court regarding marriage. There was one respite from his seeming non-stop involvement, when he was invited to attend the first Republican Presidential Debates in Cleveland. The first person Mark ran into after security at the entrance was a Knight by the name of (General) Jerry Boykin (VA) so Mark was in good company.

The photo (*to the right*) was taken recently during a local Fox News interview that Mark did at a Planned Parenthood protest in Grand Rapids with approximately 500 people in attendance. Mark is in the trenches standing up for God ordained marriage and speaking for those humans who would be killed in the womb and cannot speak for themselves.

Here is a link to Fox News interview with Mark about Planned Parenthood. <http://fox17online.com/2015/08/22/>



[pro-life-advocates-question-planned-parenthood-practices/](http://pro-life-advocates-question-planned-parenthood-practices/)

Mark recently said: "All in all it has been a busy several months for standing up for Jesus and the Cross. God has blessed our family with safety and protection as I travel regularly on business and to promote the cause of Christ."

Please pray for our Brother Knight and his family as he defends our Christian Faith. - Tom



## Feeding the Displaced, for God's Sake

By Jorge Parrott, PhD, Deputy Grand Prior of The Carolinas



Many of us have met our fellow Knight FD. He was born in Iran and raised a Muslim. His humility and love of Christ impacts us all. While in prison for two and half years, he was beaten and tortured. He said Jesus came to visit him every day.

Recently we spoke online. His team is sharing the precious love of Father God with thousands of fleeing refugees near the Syria and Turkey border. Last year he asked the Knights to pray he could feed 500 a day. Now, they are feeding 50,000 three times a day. Your prayers and help has made a huge impact.

These refugees are fleeing evil, barbaric terrorists. They lost their homes and businesses as they run for their very lives. Many have lost their hearing from the bombings. Our God is doing many miracles in their midst. Online FD introduced me to some of his new converts. What a joy to see their faces and smiles, and hear words of thanksgiving for our help.

He told me he looks forward to my next visit when we are in Athens in October. He smiled and then said, "I can't wait to hug you brother...if we are still alive." Our hope in Jesus is our only hope. This is the time for real faith and courage in us all.



Feeding Refugees - Matthew 25:40

Fellow Knights can help by praying for FD and his family and team as they risk their lives daily. FD told me that morning on Skype that he was being followed and it took him four hours to travel back to his office near Suruc, Turkey, and it normally takes only five minutes. As the Lord leads, you can support FD in his precious ministry by giving online at

<http://eaglemissions.org> and write on the memo line "Persecuted/FD". - Jorge

***This Just in:*** Please pray for the healing and health of FD.



## Expectations and Unforgiveness - Removing Hindrance

By Dr. Greg Linnebach, Prior of Arizona



Do you realize that the plan of the enemy is to keep you from fulfilling your destiny? Why do great leaders sometimes fall into horrible sin and make terrible decisions? In many cases, it is directly related to unmet expectations.

Unmet expectations often begin with disappointment and continue on with anger, hurt, helplessness and low self-esteem. Sometimes we have expectations of what we felt God would do for us and it didn't happen. Or we may have expectations of ourselves that we haven't fulfilled and we feel disappointed. We may be disappointed with our spouse, our church, our children or another Christian leader.

If we forgive and release and apply the grace of God to our lives, we will receive grace from the Lord and find steps to freedom, even win back a brother. In Mark 11:25, we're even told to forgive when we pray. If we can release those unmet expectations, we'll walk in freedom.

But if we do not forgive, we will soon begin experiencing discontentment. The grass begins looking greener on the other side of the fence. We become negative. We stop seeing the positive in our lives and in the lives of others. When we enter into negativity, we are no longer sure we can trust people again, because of someone who has hurt us. Or we may find it much harder to trust God than in the past.

What we need to learn is that having expectations is normal and not the problem. How we deal with unmet expectations is what can make or break our relationships. As Knights, let's commit to resolving unmet expectations between brothers and sisters, so we can go forward in service to Christ without the hindrances of unforgiveness.

I pray the blessings of God over you as you serve Him. - Greg  
**Proverbs 27:17. As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.**



## Our Obligations as Knights - A Commentary

By Michael Alber, Grand Prior of the Midwest



The members of ISIS, "Muslim Extremists", there can be no other definition of who they are and they do practice the readings of the Koran, brutally killing or enslaving all Infidels (anyone who is not Muslim), while bent on destroying all other religious faiths, wiping from the face of the earth all other religions and religious shrines, threatening all civilizations around the globe. We need to understand this enemy. The ultimate goal of Islam is not killing, rather it is submission of the entire world either through conversion to Islam or slavery. You have heard that Islam is the religion of "Peace." That Peace is attainable only through submission to Islam. Killing is only a means to intimidate, to bring submission. As for what the Muslims say, keep in mind: "It's Ok to tell lies to the Infidels if it's advancing the cause of Islam".

ISIS is a clear and present danger for all, but upon reflection, they are not the number one threat to America. I've

commented for over 40 years that I believe the number one threat to our country and way of life will be from within. That threat is present and it's within the highest levels of our elected leaders. With plenty of room to place blame on both sides of the aisle, many have repeatedly violated the Sacred Oath they've taken to Protect and Defend the Constitution and our country from threats foreign or domestic. As Knights, all of us have taken Sacred Vows to be guided by the ideals of The Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, defend Christianity, protect the poor and weak. We as Knights DO NOT take our Sacred Vows as lightly. We as Knights must stand strong and determined together today and all of our tomorrows, to fight for what we believe in and to help insure that Christianity and those who come after us have a future and can be safe from persecution. - Michael

**"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good Men (and Women) to do nothing." (Edmund Burke).**

### \* NOTES FOR KNIGHTS \*



## Oblation for Knights and Dames



In Leviticus and Numbers, King James Version, occasionally uses "oblation," but generally "offering," as a rendering of qorban--a general term for all kinds of offering. Each Knight and Dame are required to tender a minimal **oblation** (set by the Prince Grand Master) at the end of each year for the following year to remain in **Good Standing**.

## From The OAK Initiative, rises Women of Oak

The Oak Initiative is a grassroots movement to **Unite, Mobilize, Equip, and Activate** Christians to be the salt and light they are called to be by engaging in the great issues of our time from a sound Biblical worldview, and it is doing that. During the 2015 Oak Initiative Summit, "**Women of Oak**" was birthed to engage women to use their God-given authority to become powerful decision making forces in their communities. The **monthly webinars** are hosted by **OSJ Knight Vickie Simmons (TX)** and feature outstanding women with uplifting and challenging messages. Contact Vickie at [thewhiteeaglesoars@gmail.com](mailto:thewhiteeaglesoars@gmail.com) to learn more.



**Editor's Note:** In March of this year John Guandolo hosted a workshop called *Training the Trainers*. It encompassed the recorded origin and tenets of Islam as a way of life (Sharia), the life history of Mohammed, highlights of Sharia and its concept of Justice, the US Constitution, natural freedoms, the Christian basis of our country and a quick study on the anarchists who would destroy our freedoms in the names of "equality and fairness." I agree, we don't have time to mince words.



## The Convergence of the Threats to Our Republic

By John Guandolo, OSJ Knight and Founder of *Understanding the Threat*

Police officers are being targeted for assassination; there are an increasing number of jihadi attacks across the world; tens of thousands of Christians are being slaughtered by Muslims in Africa, the Middle East and elsewhere; a flood of refugees from hostile countries are being forced on local townships across America as a part of federal government plan funded by taxpayers; our critical infrastructure is dangerously vulnerable; our military is being gutted; courageous leaders are being punished; and our nuclear forces are decaying; there is a disregard by our leadership on both sides of the political aisle for the rule of law and our Constitution; many Christian and Jewish leaders stand on the side of tyranny in the name of "tolerance"; there exists a unified effort by the Socialist Left in America and the Islamic jihadis to silence all forms of communication which bring the truth to light and call this evil out for what it really is; Russia stands ready to engage the U.S. militarily; and this administration openly supports the largest state sponsor of terrorism in the world - Iran - in developing nuclear weapons which it says will be used to destroy Israel and the United States.

This is where we are today in America. Yet, Americans still feel compelled to ask if this is intentional or just the result of poor policies that have gone awry. You do not have to be a political scientist to understand America is headed exactly where the Progressive Left Movement has worked for over 50 years to take this nation. This is the intentional outcome of a decades-old effort to bring the United States down.

Growing up, President Obama went to an Islamic school. His father and step-father were Muslim, and his greatest mentor, according to the President, was a card carrying member of Communist Party USA, Frank Marshall Davis. Mr. Obama

studied and taught Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals, which is Marxist revolutionary ideology. In that book, you will see all of the tactics detailed which we are now witnessing on the streets of America. Just like a playbook.

It should be noted Rules for Radicals is dedicated to Satan - by the way.

So where did the President learn to respect America's founding principle that our rights come from God and that all of our laws and moral standards flow from that point? He never did.

Today the forces of the Marxists and Socialists have a well-funded and well-organized movement to destroy the foundations of this Republic while the jihadis have an even more well-funded and well-organized effort to destroy us as well. The facts and evidence have been on the table for sometime with no thoughtful or factual debate coming from another point of view. Those defending the founding principles of this great Republic are told to shut up and stop being so "racist" or "hateful" or whatever other adjective they throw out, just like the Nazis, Lenin, Stalin, Mao, and so many other tyrants have done over the years.

The first step in maintaining a free society is for citizens with courage to stand in that freedom and refuse to slowly get washed out into the sea of slavery. We must count the cost and be ready to give everything to maintain the liberty our founders gave to us with the blessing of Almighty God.

*God Bless - John*

To learn more visit **Understanding the Threat's** new website <https://www.understandingthethreat.com/>

Consider taking one of John's trainings to fully understand the threat. - **Editor**



## MOVIEGUIDE Celebrates 30th Anniversary

By Dr. Ted Baehr, Knight of The Grand Priory of Florida



Ted Baehr (FL) is the Founder of **MOVIEGUIDE**, The Family and Christian Guide to Movie Reviews. He sent in the following brief note for the Knightly News:

We will be celebrating the **30th Anniversary of MOVIEGUIDE®** at our **October Banquet on October 9 in Atlanta**. We'd love to have you be part of that celebration.

We also have our **24th Annual Faith & Values Awards Gala coming up on Feb. 5, 2016**, surrounded by four days of incredible events.

We live at a time when many things are happening causing people concern and anxiety.

By the Grace of God, He has appointed and anointed our ministry to make a significant difference. I will keep you updated .

For more information, please go to: [www.movieguide.org](http://www.movieguide.org)

*God bless you. - Ted*





## A Ministry to Recognize

### Dr. Gayla Holley, OSJ Dame of Grace



The Grand Priory of Texas would like to recognize one of its own in this inaugural Newsletter, Dr. Gayla Holley. Gayla was born in Benton, Illinois to Sam and Joyce Latta. Adventure came early as a tornado ripped through the small town of Benton, Illinois. When she was only 3 days old, cradled in her father's arms, the young family was kneeling in prayer beside a closet when the house was blown away, leaving only their lives intact.

At age 7, Gayla moved with her parents and three brothers to Liberia, West Africa, 65 miles from the nearest motor road in a mud house located in a jungle village. Along with three brothers, Gayla attended school taught by her mother. The experience of this early adventure provided her with an early education in humanitarian mission work, which impacted her. Upon returning to the United States to complete schooling, Gayla met and married Evangelist Gregory Holley on December 27, 1975. As itinerant ministers and teachers, the couple traveled throughout the world and continue to as Ambassadors of **New Life Foundation**. Their Ministry continues to be in many nations teaching, educating, feeding, bringing medicine and clothing to those less fortunate.

Gayla birthed their baby girl, Angela, in Harare, Zimbabwe and home-schooled their daughter for 10 years. Supporting orphanages for hurting children, and homes for those who are in poverty, her compassion for the young encircles the world. Dr Gayla founded the organization **Moms Against Hunger**, which feeds hundreds of thousands of children and their mothers around the world annually. MAH assists others in setting food pantries to provide for local communities, as well as offers aid in disasters for earthquake victims, hurricanes, floods, fires and tornados in the USA.

Zimbabwe, Pakistan, Ghana, Liberia, Mexico, Romania, Belize, Malawi, Haiti, Guatemala, Fiji, Honduras, Zambia, Mauritius are just a few of the list of nations that containers of aid have been shipped to providing food and supplies to the impoverished. Please visit <http://www.momsagainsthunger.org> to see ongoing efforts in different nations.

Let me list a few of Dr. Gayla's accomplishments:

- On the Advisory Board of PROJECT GLOBAL FASHION <http://www.projectglobalfashion.com> promoting sustainable micro

enterprise in third world nations.

- Founder for the *Pass it On Program* at Illinois State University.

- Writer for the **Community Bible Institute** which has over 1600 incarcerated men and women enrolled in 43 States whom her writings encourage.

- Dame of Grace of The Knights Hospitaller of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, The Ecumenical Order

- her own blog <http://www.gaylasmagazine.com> on leadership, travel, family, education and faith has over 100,000 readers.

It is difficult to name a crisis that Dr. Gayla has not sewn into with food and love. A few of the names were found above, but don't forget the one closer to home: Houston, Wimberly, New Orleans, and as I contacted her, Washington state, as well as countless other locations within our country.

But there is one more aspect of this mighty woman of God that I want to highlight from my personal experience with her: To quote Paul Harvey: "Now, for the rest of the story."

On two occasions Freddie and I, like countless others, have eaten at the home of Bishop Greg and Dr. Gayla Holley. The food has always been Texas great! But as I researched her Ministries for this article, what struck me is that this Daughter of the King, with her multiple ministries, her constant travel and her tirelessness sharing God's heart with others, simply leads out of a servant's heart.

When you are at the Holley's table, your glass is never empty and your plate never wanting, because the OSJ Dame who serves you does so with a quiet authority bathed in humility. She does it as before the Lord and I just know it pleases Him. The Dame whose work has provided food and living waters to hundreds of thousands and possibly millions, works to see your needs are met with the same diligence and thoroughness as her attention to her hungry wards elsewhere. Get to know her at The GATHERING in Arizona and you will understand the Lord's Power working within her.

- William Morrill, Grand Prior of Texas

**Matthew 20:26. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant.**

### My dream in the night. By Dr. Gayla Holley

I heard a voice say  
"Would you like to see a picture of God's Daughter?"  
I said "yes"  
I was shown a picture of a sweet little girl  
The voice said  
"Would you like to know what God calls her?"  
I said "yes"  
The voice said,  
"He calls her 'Never'"

I asked "why does He call her Never?"  
The voice said,  
"Because  
He will never leave her  
He will not forget her  
He will not ignore her.  
Never.... Never... Never...."  
"God dotes on her, so He calls her 'Never' ....."  
**Editor's Note: Deuteronomy: 31:8.**



## Supporting Those Who Protect and Serve

By William Morrill, PhD, Grand Prior of Texas



Law enforcement in our country is under attack. The men and women who put on badges stand on "the thin blue line" that separates us from those that would break the law and plunge our country into anarchy.

During a Billy Graham Rapid Response Team (RRT) crisis training for Chaplains at The Cove near Asheville, North Carolina, the challenges facing our law enforcement nationally were outlined and discussed, both on a day to day basis and the civil unrest being promoted to create riots and anarchy.

The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team (RRT) is bringing the Power of the Lord to individuals within the law enforcement community and their spouses by hosting the second annual National Law Enforcement Retreat, November 4-6, 2015; a three day event in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains just outside of Asheville, North Carolina.

The goal is to address the unique emotional and spiritual needs law enforcement officers and their families face day to day. The mountain setting of the Billy Graham Training Center at [The Cove](#) is just the right environment to step away from the pressing demands of life and career to focus on the truths found in God's Word.

Two OSJ Knights recently attended the Chaplain training and were moved by both the challenges faced by those on the "thin blue line" and the need for such a Retreat for those that Protect and Serve. They are sponsoring two couples to attend the Law Enforcement Retreat at The Cove.

If you or your church feel called to support the law enforcement within your area, this is an excellent way to make a difference for someone who protects and serves you. - Bill

For a flyer on the Retreat and to sponsor individuals from your community, please see:

[http://billygraham.org/landingpages/nler/images/Law\\_Enforcement\\_Retreat\\_Flier.pdf](http://billygraham.org/landingpages/nler/images/Law_Enforcement_Retreat_Flier.pdf)



The Cove Retreat Center, Asheville, North Carolina

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**We will never  
forget!**

**God Bless  
America!**



### Here are some articles or videos you might not have read or seen.

#### European Colonization, Not Refugee Resettlement –

**In the mushrooming "refugee crisis" in Europe, there is a big dog that is not barking**

(Tom Tancredo)

Why are the more than one million Muslim refugees so anxious to get to northern Europe and not, say, Saudi Arabia or Egypt? Why are we obligated to help them get to Amsterdam, Oslo and London? And why in the world is the United States government planning to take 66,000 Syrian refugees?

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2015/09/04/tancredo-european-colonization-not-refugee-resettlement/>



More articles or videos you might not have read or seen.

## Read the Contract the Islamic State Group Is Forcing Christians to Sign in Syria

The Islamic State group has forced Christian men in a Syrian town to pay a **Sharia-mandated tax** known as **jizya** and abide by a long list of **restrictions on practicing their faith**. This is the implementation of Sharia and the **true meaning of Islam's retort of "Peace and Justice."** (Sharona Schwartz)

Full article ...

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2015/09/06/heres-the-contract-the-islamic-state-group-is-forcing-christians-to-sign-in-syria/>

## Other news items of Interest

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2015/09/06/huckabee-schools-stephanopoulos-on-kim-davis/> (not enforcing laws)

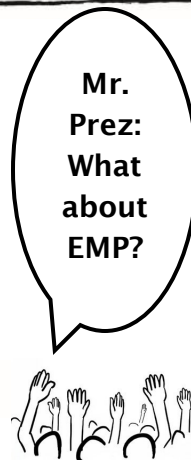
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWXArl\\_L28](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWXArl_L28) (Coincidences for September 2015)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZ03\\_m50T-M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZ03_m50T-M) (More Coincidences for September 2015)

**Editor's Note:** No political candidates are endorsed or favored in this Newsletter, but if someone speaks the truth, we will refer our Knights and Dames to that article.

## A parting thought!

"Let me be *clear* about this"



Hmm! So that's  
what Hubris looks  
like.



Please let us know what you think! It is your newsletter and it should address  
your desires and needs. Bill and Freddie Morrill - [Morrill.tx.osj@gmail.com](mailto:Morrill.tx.osj@gmail.com)

