



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

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## Seven Knights Invested in South Carolina

The Grand Priory of the Carolinas hosted a Solemn Investiture in Fort Mill, South Carolina in April of this year. The Grand Priory of the Carolinas welcomed Chevaliers **Sandra Boneck**, **James Simcoke**, **Daniel J. Hesse, Jr.** and **Teresa D. Caine** as Knights. The Grand Priory of Texas was honored to see Chevaliers **Ramiro Pena** and **Kenneth Scarborough** invested as Knights from Texas. The Priory of Arizona received Chevalier **Prince Orakwue Nwigwe** from Canada in its priory.

The Grand Priory of the Carolinas hosted a fellowship dinner on Friday night, with

world class musical entertainment by Chevalier **Martin Powell**, followed by more fellowship on the veranda. As tradition directs, the Solemn Investiture was followed by a Gala with many Knights and guests demonstrating their dancing skills prior to adjourning to the veranda for a last fellowship of the Investiture weekend. A special thanks to Deputy Grand Prior **Jorge Parrot** and Chevaliers **Anna Marie Parrot** and **Boo Fields**, as well as the staff at Morning Star for the arrangements and a grand experience.

William Morrill, PhD, Grand Prior of Texas

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# Hospitallers, Templars and Masonic Templars - The Differences



## The Knights Hospitallers

***The Knights Hospitallers of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta – The Ecumenical Order (White Maltese cross on a red background)***

The hospital of St John of Jerusalem (the origin of the Hospitallers) is older than the crusades. It was founded in 1048 by Italian merchants from Amalfi, Italy, as an outreach of the ecumenical church, to look after sick pilgrims in Jerusalem. It became a source of refuge for all who needed medical treatment or assistance. Manned by devout monks, this was the origin of the warriors for Christianity referred to as the Order of Saint John.

With the arrival of the crusaders in Jerusalem, around 1099, the hospital grew in importance and in resources. Crusader knights and pilgrims, grateful to have their wounds healed or illnesses cured, often devoted themselves to the hospital's cause or endowed it from their estates. As Islamic aggression increased, the Hospitallers began to take on a more militaristic role in defense of Christianity.

As they grew in military prowess, the Knights of St John become an important component of the army of the Kingdom of Jerusalem, fighting to defend the faith, while also maintaining their charitable care of the sick.



## The Knights “Templar(s)”

**The Poor Knights of Christ of the Temple of Solomon (Red Maltese cross on a white background)**

In 1118, a group of crusading knights dedicated themselves to making travel safe for pilgrims traveling to Jerusalem. Taking vows of poverty and chastity, they pledged obedience to the patriarch of Jerusalem; hence the name – Poor Knights of Christ of the Temple of Solomon, in short: The Templars. The two founding knights only had only one horse between them, interestingly this situation (of riding double) is reflected in the order's seal. Under their vows they were to wear only clothes which were given to them and to own no possessions other than their weapons. This commitment to poverty would change, specifically after leaving the Holy Land.

The Templars were organized by a threefold division of the ranks: the aristocratic knights (who wore white mantles), the lower-born sergeants, and the clergy. Fierce warriors for Christianity, the Templars distinguished themselves in battle against the Muslim foe, until Acre fell to the Moslems in 1291, and as a result, the Holy Land was lost. The Templars then moved to their lands in Cyprus.

Other than a few unsuccessful raids on the Syrian and Egyptian coasts, the Templars transitioned into an organization of bankers and moneylenders with expansive wealth and land holdings throughout Europe.

In the 14th century, noticing (and coveting) this wealth, Phillip the Fair (Phillip IV) of France repeatedly petitioned the Pope to

investigate the Templars. Ultimately successful, the Pope investigated the Templars and found them guilty of heresy, blasphemy and sodomy via confessions under torture. Most of the Knights were spared death, but when the leaders renounced their confessions and declared their innocence, they were burned at the stake. Their lands and finances were confiscated by Papal decree, with those in France going to their accuser, Phillip the “Fair.” In 1312, the Templars ceased to exist.

### Divergent Paths

While both the Templar and the Hospitaller orders left the Holy Land after the fall of Acre, there was competition and strife between the two groups of Christian Knights in Cyprus. The Templars increasingly moved into the financial and investment realm until their dissolution (destruction) in 1312. The Knights of St John chose to leave Cyprus and to thrive elsewhere in the medical and military fields (specifically using Rhodes and Malta as bases of operations against Islam).



## Knights Templar (Freemasonry)

**The United Religious, Military and Masonic Order of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta.**

This is a modern group related to (a branch of) Freemasonry calling themselves the Masonic Templars. There is no known historical evidence to link the medieval Knights Templar (which ended in 1312) and Masonic Temple, nor does the “Masonic Knights Templar” claim any such direct link to the original medieval Templar organization. Despite Freemasonry's general disclaimer that no one Masonic organization claims a direct heritage to the medieval Knights Templar, certain degrees and orders are obviously patterned after the medieval Order leading to (unintended?) misunderstanding. The one remarkable condition is that this Masonic Order claims to only be open to members who profess a belief in Christianity, which differentiates it from the regular Masonic Lodge which only requires a belief in a supreme power, regardless of that belief's orientation.

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***“We should seek by all means in our power to avoid war, by analysing possible causes, by trying to remove them, by discussion in a spirit of collaboration and good will. “***

*Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister*

*(known for his failed policy of "appeasement" in response to the aggression of Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany. )*

Neville Chamberlain was a British patriot, but an inadequate leader. He completely misjudged (ignored) the Nazi goal of **world domination**, in spite of Hitler’s **rhetoric** of Germanic supremacy and stated goal of just that (note the similarity to Islam).

If this does not ring an alarm, then consider this wisdom attributed to George Santayana:

*“Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it.”*



## UNDERSTANDING THE JIHADI THREAT TO AMERICA!

By John Guandolo



The Grand Priory of Texas hosted a one day training for Dallas, Texas area law enforcement entitled “Understanding the Jihadi Threat to America” led by fellow Knight and UTT Founder Chevalier **John Guandolo**, OSJ. Over 70 individuals attended the briefing and were introduced to the threat facing our nation from those Muslims who follow Islam in directing them to implement jihad. Relying upon Court Documents from the Holy Land Trial and other verifiable documents, Guandolo outlined the Muslim Brotherhood’s planned process (and implementation) of undermining the government of the United States and replacing it with Islam’s Sharia law. John then methodically detailed the directions from Islam’s ruling documents (specifically the applicable and abrogative Suras of the Qur’an as well as elements of the Sunnah) regarding Jihad and obligations of all Muslims.

Of particular interest was a presentation by **Chris Gaubatz**, an associate of UTT who sent 9 months infiltrating the Hamas sponsored Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), an unindicted co-conspirator in the largest terrorist funding trial in the United States. Chris outlined the techniques used by CAIR including having “interns” develop scenarios for disruption of services and create methodologies for disinformation and intimidation campaigns to silence critics or enemies. The take home message was that:

### ***Islam is at war with the United States,***

whether we recognize it or not.

**Kat Rowoldt of Christian Reporting News** wrote an outstanding article on the training, while you can find it at [http://media.wix.com/ugd/5a9411\\_a14a436268024082bd971e12f1c308f7.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/5a9411_a14a436268024082bd971e12f1c308f7.pdf)

A certain passage from her article is critical to understanding the current situation :

*It was stressed over and over again, that we must NOT listen to what a Muslim says to a non-Muslim (us), but rather listen to what Muslims say to one another. When you understand their ideology, you'll understand the critical importance of this statement. They are required to lie to us to maintain their cover-up for their ultimate plans, but they must never lie to a fellow Muslim. If you want truth about their operations and plans, listen to a Muslim talk to a Muslim, such as Chris Gaubatz did when he infiltrated CAIR.*

You are encouraged to purchase a copy of **Muslim Mafia** by David Gaubatz for a thorough picture of the standard

operational procedures of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Chevaliers **Freddie Morrill** and **Edward Smith** (OSJ) as well as Serving Brother **Justin Morrill** (OSJ) stepped forward to lead the Grand Priory of Texas in organizing Guandolo’s presentation. Without their knightly efforts, the presentation would not have taken place. Thanks also go to **Roy White** (Col. Ret., USAF) Chairman of the ACT for America Chapter in San Antonio, flew up to Dallas and provided moral support as well as a sound system for the presentation.

William Morrill, PhD, Grand Prior of Texas

### **A Morning at the Range with Knights and Friends**



Chris Gaubatz, Steven Hunnicutt, David Martin  
John Guandolo, Freddie Morrill

**Editor’s note:** Look for John Guandolo’s briefings from the UTT Website (also in The Oak Initiative), including:

- \*Muslims paying ZAKAT are funding terrorism (A Must Read)
- \*The lie that “we must use Muslims against Isis”
- \*Muslims thank Merkel by killing German citizens
- \*Information warfare clouds understanding Jihad
- \*America’s National Security controlled by the Jihadists
- \*Orlando Attack nothing comparted to what’s coming
- \*CAIR’s violent assault on free speech

Guandolo’s writings are brief, referenced and timely . . .

they are also sobering.

UTT Website: [www.understandingthethreat.com/](http://www.understandingthethreat.com/)



## Annual March in Support of Persecuted Christians in Orlando (16 & 17 March, 2016)



**Pro fide,  
Pro Utilitate Hominum**  
"FOR THE FAITH AND  
IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY"  
Motto of the OSJ



Chevaliers **Tom and Carole Hayes** (OSJ Florida) were organizers of the Annual March in Support of Persecuted Christians in Orlando (16 & 17 March, 2016). The March was lead by the banner of the Order of Saint John and the US and Israeli flags. Several dignitaries were on a panel to speak to the world wide persecution of Christians and Jews, including Prince Grand Master, **Nicholas Papanicolaou**.

Chevalier **Elisabeth Sabatitch-Wolff**, OSJ, was also a speaker and submitted the following as her presentation which serves as a report on the event:

I bring you heartfelt greetings from my country, Austria, and from my city, Vienna. Your country and mine are bound together by their high regard for freedom. In 1789, the United State ratified the Bill of Rights, and the First Amendment guarantees not only freedom of speech, but also freedom of religion. In Austria, almost at the same time, Emperor Josef II, issued an edict called the Patent of Tolerance, which liberated the Jews and other religious minorities from many restrictions and allowed them to settle in Vienna. Both of these declaration are nowadays considered part of the worldwide foundation for constitutional safeguards on freedom of religion and the peaceful co-existence of religions within a common cultural area.

More recently, Austria and the United States have also been bound together by the idea of freedom and tolerance. For this reason, many "freedom thinkers", that is, pioneers of a theoretical foundation of freedom, were able to develop their ideas effectively. Thus it is with great pleasure that I note the remarkable convergences between American and Austrian endeavors with respect to freedom, as exemplified in very personal relationships. One notable example can be found in Friedrich August Hayek, an Austrian economist and philosopher on matters of freedom, a Nobel Prize recipient, who spent an important part of life and career in Chicago, which for many decades has been home to a teaching and research facility.

This tradition of fundamental rights and freedoms as realized in such an exemplary manner by the United States and Austria reached its pinnacle in the 20th century. Thus, in Vienna, on the

60th anniversary of the signing of the "United Nations Charter of Human Rights," an important idea took shape: Why not use the date of the signing — the 10th of December — to advocate for persecuted Christians around the world, to call attention to their plight, and to push for action to be taken against oppression, torture and discrimination? In this manner the Prayer March for Persecuted Christians was born. It has become an annual event since then.

After the end of Soviet communism in Eastern Europe, there was some hope of irreversible progress in human rights. Unfortunately, we were very wrong! The spread of ever more radical forms of Islam, especially in countries in the Middle East and Africa, have led to a dramatic deterioration of human rights. The prophet Mohammed is cited in hadiths as follows: "Whoever changed his religion, kill him!" Hence it does not come as a surprise that a very radical form of Islam does not recognize freedom of religion.

Although some fundamental human rights — including freedom of religion, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly — are still enjoyed by many Christians in the world, other rights are restricted or non-existent. In some places Christians cannot own property, and Christian householders have no rights. Every year 200,000 of them are killed because of their religious beliefs. The persecution of Christians in the Middle East has increased dramatically since the emergence of the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq. Rape, murder, enslavement, torture, and mutilation have become daily occurrences for those Christians unfortunate enough to live in ISIS-controlled territory.

I don't have to tell you that Islamic rule is the all but invariable prerequisite for the persecution of Christians. According to the index of global persecution published by the respected organization Open Doors, of the ten countries in which Christians are intimidated and persecuted most aggressively, nine are Islamic by government or culture. Violent suppression of Christianity is encouraged — and even mandated — by Islamic law, or sharia, which is based upon Islamic scriptures.

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Due to its centuries of experience in the Middle East, especially since the turn of the century, Austria has concerned itself with the phenomenon of Christian persecution. As a result, the Platform for the Solidarity of Persecuted Christians” was formed. The human rights activists who marched in Vienna aimed to push the persecution of Christians into public consciousness. We wanted to give the victims a face, because the violence and barbarity directed at them is so often ignored by the media and public officials throughout the Western world. We strive to provide a voice for the voiceless.

The march in Vienna was a torchlight walk from the Opera to Saint Stephen’s, the most beautiful and important cathedral in the land. At the end an ecumenical divine service was celebrated with the participation of various Christian denominations, including those from regions which suffer the greatest persecution.

This year we celebrated the 8th anniversary of this march, with 23 organizations supporting our endeavors. Once again, the march was a great success. Countless men and women stopped their busy Christmas shopping in order to line the street leading to St. Stephen’s cathedral, many with tears in their eyes.

Still, despite our success, the persecution of Christians has not ended or even abated. On the contrary, with the establishment of ISIS and the new caliphate the number of radical-Islamic cruelty, persecution of Christians, Kurds, Yazidis, and Alawites, has reached new heights. Even those Muslims considered apostates because they do not follow Koranic teachings to the letter are in grave danger of being beheaded, shot, or at least jailed.

Persecution of Christians is, without doubt, planned very effectively and with special consideration of Islamic belief. Special acts of symbolism are used: Christian girls are raped and enslaved. Christian homeowners are ousted from their houses and banished proving that all of this is “Allah’s booty”. Finally, Christians are tortured and crucified.

Two years ago, the idea of a march in solidarity with persecuted Christians taken up by my friend Rev. Bruce Lieske, and so it happens that we are here in the beautiful city of Orlando for the third time in a row. I am honored and grateful to have amongst us a great friend of mine. He is a man I admire for his courage to speak the truth in times of great lies, a philanthropist and strongly committed man who loves Jews and Christians: Rabbi Jonathan Hausman. This is a very encouraging sign, for the responsibility of solidarity with Christians also implies a solidarity with of Jews. Antisemitism is an ugly phenomenon, which has spread not only in Europe, but also in America, due to the breeding ground of Islamic communities, which provide the ideological basis.

It is for this reason and in order rouse the American public that Christians and Jews must march side by side against the persecution and abuse. We must not allow the persecution of people and their religious beliefs in the guise of misconceived tolerance and suppression of freedom of speech. America, you must remain free! Do not allow yourselves to be forced into

sharia through the creation of parallel societies. And take this occasion — the march in solidarity for persecuted Christians and Jews — to focus on your Judeo-Christian foundation of culture.

God bless you all and thank you.

Chevalier **Elisabeth Sabaditsch-Wolff**, OSJ

### NEWS of Knights

#### Hospitallers at the Republican National Convention



Chevaliers **Ramiro Pena** (TX) center, and **Mark Gurley** (MI) left, were invited to and attended the Republican National Convention to provide Spiritual support.

#### Preparing for the Rocky Mountain Investiture

Prior and Deputy Prior of the Rocky Mountain Priory Chevaliers **Lee Van Arsdale** (Col. Ret. USArmy) and **Norm Andersson** (BGen. Ret. USArmy), respectively, are diligently making plans to host the first Rocky Mountain Priory Investiture next Spring (2017) near Colorado Springs, Colorado (details will be announced). It’s a great venue! The Van Arsdales and Anderssons hosted the Morrills for a planning meeting involving beautiful scenery and weather, great food and greater fellowship.



#### On the Job in Dallas

After the recent murders/ assassinations of 5 police officers in Dallas, Police Chaplains provided much needed spiritual support. One of those Chaplains was Chevalier Edward Smith of Dallas. Pray for protection of our “new” centurions and those who are on the spiritual front lines.



#### **That’s it for this issue.**

If you’d like to share some Knightly news with other Knights, be sure to send it in to

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Blessings and Prosperity

Bill and Freddie