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A Tale of Two Investitures: Rhodes, Greece in September and Tempe, Arizona In October - 2015

Rhodes, 2015

Arizona, 2015



The Knights Hospitallers added seven Knights to its ranks last Fall in two separate investitures, one in September on the historic Island of Rhodes, Greece at The Grand Master's Castle: (four Knights, Chevalier Lukas Schablauer - Germany, Chevalier Dr. Elisabeth Sabatitch-Wolf - Austria of the Grand Priory of Europe, Chevalier Valerie Price - Canada of the Grand Priory of Canada and Chevalier Pascal van Klieff - Holland of the Grand Priory of the Benelux). The second ceremony was in late October in Tempe, Arizona, USA and three Knights were Invested: Chevalier Dr. Edward Smith - Texas, Chevalier Edgar (Skip) Gunn - Florida, and Chevalier Saeed Hosseini - Arizona. The Rhodes Investiture was well attended and the Arizona

Investiture had over 150 dignitaries. In Arizona, over 170 people at the Gala banquet heard from one of our Knights that is laying his life on the line at the Turkey/Syria border, feeding 50,000 people daily and helping refugees from ISIS as he employs The Great Commission. He and his team are seeing hundreds of Muslims coming to Christ. He was followed by US Congressman Trent Franks, a champion for the unborn and for Christianity. The Gala concluded with a very timely word from our Prince Grand Master, Nicholas Papanicolaou. (See more about **The Gathering** on Page 2)
Dr. Greg Linnebach - Prior of Arizona
William Morrill, PhD - Grand Prior of Texas

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Happy New Year and Welcome to the Second Edition of **The KNIGHTLY NEWS!**

Another year has slipped into history. For the Knights, it included Investitures in the United States (Arizona and Texas) and Greece (Rhodes). There was a "Gathering" (a Chapter General) of the Knights in Tempe, Arizona, where relationships were forged and commitments renewed.

In this issue of **The Knightly News**, the subject of persecution, both of Christians and non-Christians (Syrian refugees) is addressed. A home defense training course was held in the Midwest and a Knight has published a thoughtful treatise challenging the Muslim claim to the site of the Temple in Jerusalem. Folks are talking about the failing of America, but read how Franklin Graham is challenging Christians to take our country back with his **Decision America Tour**. Read about a Florida Knight's testimony on being called to a prison ministry. Pray God's Protection over those who work in dangerous places.

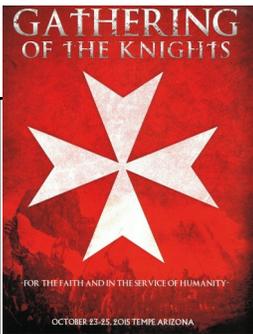
May you walk in the fullness of what God has for you in 2016! Bill and Freddie



**Coming next issue:
"The Hospitallers and
The Templars -
Big Differences."**



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The GATHERING

Tempe, Arizona, October 23-25, 2015.

After a very hot summer, the Arizona Priory hosted **The Gathering of the Knights** held October 23rd through 25th. As far as is known, this was the first time in modern history that a gathering of this type occurred for the primary purposes of building relationships, renewing vision, reestablishing a focus on the Lord and offering opportunity for outside community, business and church leaders to come and meet the Knights in a relaxed setting. All the Knights had opportunity to tell the others about the various ministries, business initiatives and challenges they are facing in these times of increasing opposition to godly values and principles.

The Gathering was also a time for rededication to our Knightly principles. Christianity itself is under fire, at the highest levels of national and international governments, secular media, educational and legal systems. But there is also hope and much seed was sown during semi-formal presentations.

For example, a delegation of six knights (below) sat for a one hour roundtable discussion and recording on **Trinity Broadcasting Network**, an international Christian-based broadcast television network.



On Saturday we heard inspiring presentations from: **OSJ Chancellor Gen. Jerry Boykin (Ret.)** applying principles of commitment to living; **Chevalier Dr. Ted Baehr** on his Ministry in Hollywood; **Chevalier Br. Gen. Norm Andersson (Ret.)** on his new book (see the review in this newsletter), **Grand Prior of The Carolinas Rick Joyner** stressed the need to financially support the OSJ, **Chevalier Lee Van Arsdale** was recognized for his service in Somalia, **Chevalier Bart Peacher** introduced us to



Dr. Lonnie & Betty Rex - The GALA

his Ministry and work in Israel, and **PGM Nicholas Papanicolaou** spoke about proposed United Nations Resolution 16/18 which would criminalize free speech if that speech criticized Islam (see the PGM's message on page 4). Knights were treated to an hour long video chronicling the amazing life experiences with and accomplishments for God of **OSJ Grand Commander Dr. Lonnie Rex**. His many recollections included his longstanding relationship with Vladimir Putin and his arrest, and subsequent escape, on a Missions trip to Africa.

Grand Prelate Ardell Daniels started the final day with a Sunday morning service for Knights and guests delivering a powerful message on seeking the Lord's will and our responsibilities to Him and each other.

There are challenges and persecutions facing Christians. We hear reports daily of the most heinous persecution of Christians, primarily by increasingly brutal and radical forces of Islam. Here in the USA, we are learning of the horrendous mutilations and sale of body parts of our most innocent citizens, the unborn, by an institution supported with our tax dollars. We see our freedoms eroding as various groups use our laws and our individual protections via the courts to enforce their radical agendas with the ultimate stated goal to destroy both Christianity and the United States itself.

It is for such a time as this, that the Knights, who are pillars of strength and courage, are called once again to be the defenders of Christianity, the protectors of the those who cannot speak for themselves and to stand on God's Word.

As in our Ecumenical Order, we are calling believers from all denominations to set aside any *theological* differences for these greater purposes of God *in His Great Commission*. We can and will lead by example.

Each attendee was encouraged to redouble both our thoughts and commitment to Christ, and specifically to the calling and the vows taken as a Knight.

If you missed The Gathering of the Knights in Arizona in October, you truly missed a momentous occasion and an opportunity to bond in fellowship with other Knights.

Lastly, there are a very limited number of the commemorative magazines left available. Contact the OSJ to request a copy before they run out.

* NOTES FOR KNIGHTS *

Make a Knight's Day this NEW YEAR!!

Pick up your telephone and call a fellow Knight. Each of us have busy lives. Take a ten minute break and call a Knight that would like to hear from you. Fellowship is not just face to face, it is about relationship. The Apostle Paul ended most

of his epistles with the admonition to: "Greet one another with a holy kiss." We are directed to an action, demonstrating Christ's love and friendship for one another. Let the Holy Spirit direct you; someone needs to hear the message of exhortation you have for them. **Take a moment and call someone to start their New Year off Great! - WIM**

WHY UN RESOLUTION 16/18 MUST BE STOPPED

By PGM Nicholas Papanicolaou

On October 23, 2015, The Knights Hospitallers of The Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, The Ecumenical Order, Supreme Council unanimously adopted a resolution that our Order will use its resources to oppose **Resolution 16/18** adopted by of the UN Human Rights Council on April 11, 2011.

WHAT IS RESOLUTION 16/18? Resolution 16/18 criminalizes any speech which incites another person to violence. While purporting to protect freedom of religion, this Resolution has a darker and more sinister side in its origin and ultimately, its result.

WHO INTRODUCED (sponsored) 16/18? The prime mover behind this resolution is the **OIC (the Organization of Islamic Conference)**. The **OIC** is a 57-nation coalition of countries that have a majority Muslim population. The **OIC** forms the largest voting bloc in the UN General Assembly.

WHY WAS 16/18 INTRODUCED? There was a conflict between the **OIC** Countries and their UN membership. In August of 1990 the **OIC** Countries adopted the Cairo Declaration of Human Rights in Islam which included adherence to Shari'ah (also known as Shari'ah Law).

As an example, if the Shari'ah calls for killing a person for leaving Islam (apostasy), and while killing that person is a violation of all his/her human rights under UN treaties, the killing is justified under the **OIC** Cairo Declaration. Likewise, Article 2(a) of the Cairo Declaration states in part: "...it is prohibited to take away life except for a Shari'ah-prescribed reason." **This created a conflict for the OIC nations with UN membership.**

Upon receiving criticism from the UN that the OIC countries did not conform to its UN treaty obligations (see the 1948 UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights below), the OIC gave the UN Secretariat, Article 19(d) of the Cairo Declaration which reads: "There shall be no crime or punishment except as provided for in the Shari'ah".

The "Shari'ah-prescribed reason" under the Cairo Declaration was in violation of the UN Charter and was in conflict with membership in the UN. To become a member nation of the United Nations, each prospective member has to subscribe and give its consent to certain key UN treaties, including the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)**, adopted in December, 1948.

The UDHR states in Article 18 that: *"all persons shall have the right of freedom of religion, including the right to enter into, and to CHANGE their religion."*

Article 19 states that: *"every person shall have freedom of thought, of expression, including manifesting their thoughts and expression in private and public places."* The recourse for the conflict for the **OIC** and the **UN** is clear: *"Member(s) of the United Nations which has persistently violated the Principles of the present Charter may be expelled from the Organization by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security*



United Nations
Human Rights
Council

Council."

THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OF Resolution 16/18 was introduced to address this conflict by circumventing the required adherence to the UN Charter and treaties. In the body of the Resolution, the Human Rights Council refers to, and cites, a speech by the OIC's Secretary General, given at the 15th Session of the Human Rights Council. In his speech, the OIC official called on all States to take some of the following actions:

In (f): To adopt "...measures to criminalize incitement to violence based on religion or belief";

And in (e): To adopt measures to speak out "...against intolerance, including advocacy of religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence."

The Human Rights Council also conveyed the following:

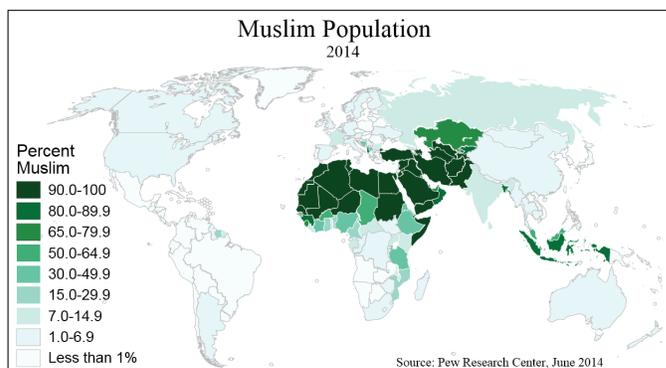
1) It expressed its "deep concern with negative stereotyping... and stigmatization of persons based on their religion...in particular when confined by governments".

2) It expressed its concern with religious intolerance, discrimination and related violence...and religious hatred against individuals that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence, and urges States to take effective measures as set forth in the present resolution, consistent with their obligations under international human rights law..."

Number 1 above seems to ignore the existing mandatory submission of Christians in predominantly Muslim countries and Resolution 16/18 seems to also ignore that practice. **Rather than change their adherence to Shari'ah or leave the UN, the OIC sought to fundamentally change the UN to make it Shari'ah compliant.**

Up until now the worst accusation that could be made (based on international agreements and all member-states, except OIC members) against someone who criticized Islam, was that he/she had engaged in defamatory speech, a civil offense (*under Shari'ah Law, the penalties could be severe*).

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Resolution 16/18 Continued . . .

Resolution 16/18 calls on nations to institute laws to criminalize such speech and hold the speaker accountable for the listener’s violence. Resolution 16/18 reassigned the responsibility for instigation of violent crime from the perpetrator to the victim. For example, under 16/18, if a Christian happens to tell a Muslim that he/she believes in Jesus Christ and as a result the Muslim resorts to violence, then the Christian is responsible for engaging in hate speech and “inciting” the Muslim to violence. (See San Bernardino below as a potential example).

WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN: We need to get past the lofty principles and supposed intentions of this Resolution to its implementation. This Resolution is not being, nor is it going to be, observed within the borders of the **OIC** countries. They will ignore it, just as they have ignored the UN Charter and the UNHRD. Thus Resolution 16/18 is a manifest violation of the UN’s very own treaties and its founding documents, which guaranty freedom of speech and of expression. **Resolution 16/18 equates speech which offends with direct incitement to murder.**

If it is adopted by the UN General Assembly, the word will go out to Muslims around the world that they may resort to violence against non-Muslims at the slightest excuse (which some believe is already happening in Muslim countries),

because this will make the non-Muslim guilty of hate speech.

What will happen, if recent history is any indicator, is that the **OIC** will insist on strict enforcement of the principles of Resolution 16/18 only on non-Muslim countries.

The leadership of our Order strongly believes that Resolution 16/18 must be stopped immediately. It is a paper-thin excuse to criminalize Christians and Jews to deny them their freedom of speech rights which are guaranteed under the UN Charter and the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, while leaving murderous discrimination against Christians and Jews in Muslim countries unscathed.

CALL TO ACTION

The Order calls on all Knights and Dames to contact their national political and diplomatic leaders in each country where our Knights live, and strongly object to the adoption of this Resolution by the General Assembly.

We pray that all our Knights and Dames will be duly inspired to rise against this challenge to our Judeo-Christian values and to our Constitutional rights.

May God bless you all,
Nicholas Papanicolaou
Prince Grand Master



RECENT EVENTS

And How Resolution 16/18, If Law, Would Be Used!

San Bernardino, California:

A Muslim went to a Christmas party, where he had a conversation with Nicholas Thalassinos, a Messianic Jew, about Christianity and Islam. He then went home, armed himself and his wife, returned and killed people.

The Christmas party, together with the conversation with Thalassinos (whom he subsequently killed), was too much of a “provocation” for him.

If Resolution 16/18 was accepted into US law, the Courts could/ would hold that Mr. Thalassinos (or his estate) was guilty of engaging in hate speech that “incited” the violence.

Garland, Texas:

Incited by a contest to draw Islam’s prophet Mohammed (“slander” to all Muslims), two Muslim men, drove from Phoenix, Arizona to Garland, Texas, put on body armor and armed with military style weapons, attempted to enter a parking lot leading to the event building with the intent to kill

attendees.

They were confronted and killed by law enforcement rather than resulting in a catastrophic massacre.

Under Resolution 16/18, the event organizers would be guilty of “incitement.” The Event Coordinator (and possibly participants) would be charged with a “Hate Crime.”

Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas:

Nidal Hasan, a U.S. Army major and psychiatrist, who swore to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, renounced his oath, and was committed to his view that Islam must be over all other religions. He believed that American Democracy was wrong. Hasan calmly worked with his military brothers, and practiced with his pistol. Then one day when he

could stand no more, he took his pistol and killed 13 and wound dozens of his fellow soldiers. He was incited to violence because of the United States murdering of Muslims in armed conflicts overseas and Islam was not recognized as supreme.

Perhaps it was a fellow soldier that argued with him that ‘incited” him to act.

These three stories have a common thread. These were perpetrated by individuals with pathological behavior. Resolution 16/18 attempts to rationalize such acts by implementing the Shari’ah concept of slander. The resolution further institutionalizes the acts by converting the victims to criminal cause of the violence. **And that is criminal.** WIM



Annual Prayer March for Persecuted Christians and Jews

By Chevaliers Tom and Carole Hayes, Grand Priory of The Carolinas

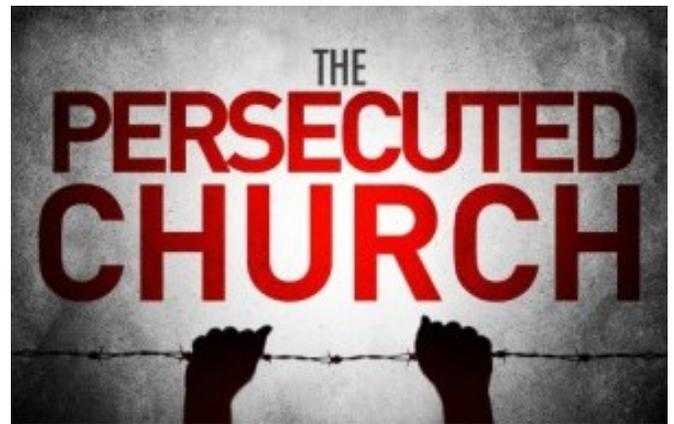


Persecution of Christians and Jews is on the rise worldwide! But there is action we can take. . . .

Mark your calendars to be in **Lake Eola, downtown Orlando, Florida**, on **April 15th and 16th 2016** (Friday and Saturday) for the **3rd Annual Prayer March for Persecuted Christians and Jews**. As persecution escalates, there needs to be an awareness of both actual experiences and the urgency of the hour. Unity and prayer are two weapons we can employ to combat this threat to civilization to take back and occupy the ground. We do this while remembering our call to bring those in the dark to know Jesus.

Our Prayer March has hosted a number of persons known to the Knights. In the past **recently invested Chevalier Elisabeth Sabaditsch-Wolfe** from Austria has been one of our guests, and a well received speaker. **Prince Grand Master Nicholas Papanicolaou** has participated both years. He is scheduled to join us as a Speaker and in the Round Table seeking solutions to the worldwide problem of increasing persecution. One of our Round Table members from the past two years will be joining again, this time as a newly invested member of the OSJ, **Chevalier Valerie Price** from Canada. These Knights are in the battle.

This is an exciting venue for next year and a good response is



expected. Let us know you are attending and we will happily seek a Group Rate with one of the hotels in the area.

We can be reached at tomhayes@cfl.rr.com or carolehayes@cfl.rr.com, respectively. Be on the lookout for a detailed flyer announcement in the next **The Knightly News**.

Be praying for our brothers and sisters worldwide who are being persecuted for their faith (Ephesians 6:13).

Blessings - Tom and Carole Hayes of the Grand Priory of The Carolinas



Putting Faith into Action

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



Many of our Knights were deeply touched to see **FD** in Rhodes and Tempe recently. What at first was thought to be pancreatic cancer later proved to be the effects of gradual poisoning from anti-freeze inserted into his meals. This brave hero of the faith attests to many miracles including the fact that he is even alive. Our fellow Knight and thousands of refugees were forced at gunpoint by the Turkish government to leave within 24 hours to enter Syria.

Some dear Knights were led to support his work once again providing a generous gift to help **FD** begin building the first church permitted in Kobani, Syria in 120 years. Please pray for the full restoration of his health and this vital work.

Two days after he left Rhodes, **FD** crossed Turkey to climb over the dangerous border fence into Syria once more to help the suffering, many who have come to know Jesus and those awaiting the Good News. He chose to do it by himself so as to not endanger any of his fellow workers. Kurdish soldiers who are welcoming Christians and Muslims into the area had told **FD** they don't know how he is able to do this dangerous trek without being caught or killed as they watch him go back and forth. **FD** gives the glory to the Lord for protecting him and preserving him as he regularly risks his life to help those hurting refugees.

Plans are underway with the permission and favor of the



James 2:15 (KJV)

"Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works is dead."

Mayor of Kobani (a Muslim) to build a refugee center, orphanage, clinic and now a church. **FD** asks our prayers and as the Lord leads financial help to continue this effort. The Lord has supplied the funds for the foundation of the church and now more funds are needed to complete and equip. You may recall for months this team was baking 20 tons of bread everyday to feed up to 50,000 refugees in Turkey just across the border.

As the Lord leads you may give at <http://eaglemissions.org> and write on the memo line **"Persecuted/FD"**.

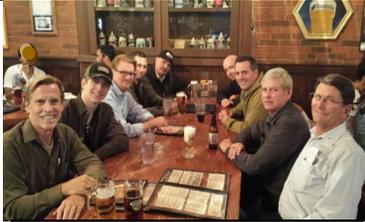


“Fellowship, Information, Training - Home Security”



By William Morrill, PhD, Grand Prior of Texas

OSJ Knights and others took part in a Home Security Training over two days at **Chev. Brian Donaghy's** beautiful **BroadHorn Farm** (and retreat) on the rolling hills outside of Des Moines, Iowa. The Grand Priors of the Midwest and Texas hosted the event which featured Marine Reservist and Defense Department security contractor Ken Javes. Four



Upon Arrival

broad areas were covered: Mindset, Awareness and Observation Theory, Basic Home Defense, and Weapon Selection, all with an emphasis on surviving crisis situations. Knights and prospective Knights were introduced to hands on application of tools and techniques during the two day training, including range time.



BroadHorn Farm

Each participant came away feeling that they were better equipped for home security and wanting more. Further practical application courses are being planned. So stay in touch with Michael Alber or Bill Morrill, Grand Priors of the Midwest and Texas, respectively.

It's a great location. But don't go there with the idea you will lose weight unless you have super-human will power, the ample food is all farm fresh and delicious, due in no small part to **Julie's (Donaghy)** professional preparation.

In short, comfortable accommodations, brilliant weather, beautiful scenery, great food and outstanding instruction were the order for the weekend.

Stay Tuned!



Clearing a Room!



“JERUSALEM’S TEMPLE NOW” - *(The Wrong Place!)*



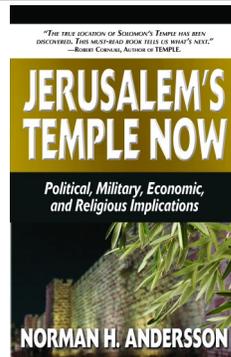
A Book Review By William Morrill, PhD, Grand Prior of Texas

I am a movie buff who likes to read, so bear with me . . .

Do you remember that point in the movie **Raiders of the Lost Arc** (of the Covenant) when Dr. Indiana Jones, through research and deductive reasoning has an epiphany: specifically that the Nazis were wrong about the location of the Arc:

“They are looking in the wrong place!”.

Well, we have our own real life *Dr. Jones*: **OSJ Knight and Brigadier General Norman H. Andersson (Retired)**. Norm has written a thought provoking book chronicling a discovery that challenges heretofore proprietary efforts of Muslims to steal a sacred location from the Jewish People. To quote the back cover: **“it (The Temple which will be rebuilt) is in an area owned and controlled by Israel in the City of David”**.



Wrong Place

This book is a worthy read for all who want more understanding of the Geopolitical and Spiritual implications of that sentence. Happy Reading! - WIM

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BLESSINGS BE UPON YOU!

“The Lord Bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord turn His face towards you and give you Peace.”

Numbers 6: 24-26



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A MESSAGE FOR AMERICA

By Franklin Graham of The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association



America is in trouble. At 62 years of age, I've lived long enough to learn that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans can turn this country around; no political party or politician is the answer. The only hope for this country is Almighty God and His Son Jesus Christ.

I am planning to travel to all 50 states to conduct prayer rallies—we are calling this the [Decision America Tour](#).

I want to challenge Christians to boldly live out their faith and to pray for our nation and its leaders.

I want to **encourage Christians** to get out and vote, and to cast their ballots for candidates who uphold Biblical principles.

I want to strongly **urge Christians** to run for public office at every level—local, state, and federal.

We will not be endorsing any political candidates, but I will be proclaiming the truth of God's Gospel in every state. More details will come later. I hope you will start praying with us now.

Will you join me in your capital? Even if you have to drive across the state, it's worth it to stand together and pray for our nation at this critical time. Ask for a day off work to join us.



Take your children out of school for the day. Bring your church group. We need to let the politicians know that our voice is going to be heard.

The Tour Stops (through March) are as follows:

Des Moines, Iowa	January 5
Tallahassee, Florida	January 12
Baton Rouge, Louisiana	January 13
Concord, New Hampshire	January 19
Columbia, South Carolina	February 9
Atlanta, Georgia	February 10
Honolulu, Hawaii	February 24
Denver, Colorado	March 15
Santa Fe, New Mexico	March 16
Phoenix, Arizona	March 18
Salt Lake City, Utah	March 29
Carson City, Nevada	March 30
Sacramento, California	March 31

"I will give you every place where you set your foot, . . ." Joshua 1:3

Editors Note: Each Knight is encouraged to join Franklin Graham at your State's Capital and set your feet to the land. As Knights, we should be claiming the land for Christ.



Twenty Five Years of The Great Commission

By Chevalier Ronald A. D'Addio, Grand Priory of Florida



In January 1992, a general announcement was made to join a member of my church in the jail ministry that evening. I felt a tugging on my heart, I responded and knew immediately this was what God had for me. Although I did not think Matthew 25:34-40, it seems a most appropriate verse now. The first two years I ministered every Sunday evening at the Stockade facility in Fort Lauderdale in a small trailer in the back of the property.



Attendance started out at between 4-5 men and at the end of the two years we were averaging 25 young men.

In May 1995, the Broward County Chaplain, Rick Braswell, asked if I would be interested in ministering to young "gang bangers" at a new program the county started referred to as the "Boot Camp". These were both young men and woman who a judge offered them to attend the program as an alternative to a longer sentencing for their offenses. Rick had mentioned that he had a few other people attempt the ministry without success as it was two hours on Saturday morning and previous volunteers said they felt intimidated by the gang members. This was my beginning, and I did it for the next 11 years. I knew that God doesn't differentiate between

sinners and that I should not either (James 2:1-5).

From the two of us the ministry grew to a team of 12, all from different churches, but all with a single heart & purpose. It is estimated that 95% of the "cadets" accepted Jesus as their personal Savior which totaled approximately 5,000 over the period of the program. Ultimately, the boot camp program was closed to save money and for political reasons.

But the seed was sown in my heart to help folks who had made mistakes, and after that program ended. I started going into another county facility on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings ministering to young people. Approximately 3 years ago, Mike Rentler began to co-minister with me. Since 1993, the programs we have seen between 11,000-12,000 men and woman give their hearts to the Lord and be set free (Psalm 146:7-9).

Editor's Note: Prisoners being set free is a perfect metaphor for those who are captive until they know true freedom by accepting Jesus into their heart.