



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2016

Special Dates and Activities

Jan 7 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel
of the Poor Clares.

Jan 10 3:00 PM
**Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion**, in front of the
Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

Jan 22 5:30 PM
**Prepare Meal at
Transition House**

Feb 4 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament, Chapel of
the Poor Clares.

Feb 14 3:00 PM
**Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion**, in front of
the Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

Feb 26 5:30 PM
**Prepare Meal at
Transition House**

- January 13 6:30 PM Officers Meeting**
7:30 PM General Council Meeting
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
First Degree Exemplification ceremony to be held.
- January 28 Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner**
No Host Bar: 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM
Hosting is K of C Council 5300 Cost - \$15 / person
Location: St. Raphael's Parish Hall See Page 3 for info
- January 30 Casino Knight - Beginning at noon until 4:00 PM**
No cost and its potluck so everyone bring a dish to share.
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
- February 17 Annual Valentine's Dinner for Council 1684**
6:30 PM Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner
Theme for Valentine's Dinner - "Love"
Dinner is Free for Knights & Spouses
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
- February 24 6:30 PM Officers Meeting**
7:30 PM General Council Meeting
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

Financial Secretary's Report

First, we welcome Dr. David A. Medina as a new member to our Council. Brother David is a member of St. Barbara Parish. While Brother David joined the Knights earlier in life, he recently decided to again become an active member.

On November 11 our Council shared our memorial service for brother Knights that have recently passed away with members of the Catholic Daughters of Americas. We thank Fr. Charles from St. Barbara Parish, Old Mission Santa Barbara for taking time to say the Mass and to our Grand Knight Deacon Nick Curran assisting in the service. Sharon DiaBeloo from Catholic Daughters read the Epistle with Trustee Mark Wietstock leading the attendees in singing. More than 45 people attended the service. We thank David and Louise Borgatello for hosting the dinner.

We began December with our Annual Christmas Dinner, sharing our celebration of Christmas with a poster contest having the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas." This bulletin provides photos of the artwork from participating grade school children. Each of the six winners were provided with a check in the amount of \$50. Our Council is convinced that this will become an annual Christmas event. Music for our dinner was provided by the Treble Clef Singers.

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Deacon
Nick Curran

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY AND YOU

Pope Francis proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy worldwide from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016.

There have been Jubilee Years periodically since Pope Boniface VIII instituted the practice in 1300. But this one is different and special. Pope Francis has, among other things, instructed each diocese to open its Holy Doors to start the event.

A door that is open is a sign of welcome and hospitality. A door that is open is an opportunity to hear the voices of others, their joys, their pains. As we listen, we are urged to be merciful, as God is always merciful.

In our own community, as Brother Knights, we should focus on ways to be merciful. There seems to be absolutely no mercy as we learn, almost daily, of events of terrorism. We should be foot soldiers of mercy, consoling, encouraging, praying for more peace in our world.

Meanwhile, as our Columbian Year of 2015-16 hits the halfway mark, there is joy in accomplishment and work yet to be done.

Our Christmas Dinner Party at Serra Hall was unforgettable. The feeling of God's love was everywhere with, for us, a record attendance, great food, and great music.

We have had two First Degree Exemplifications and one Second Degree. Another First Degree ceremony is scheduled for January 13 at Serra Hall. A Third Degree Exemplification is scheduled for January 31 in Oxnard.

We need the help and support of our Brother Knights to find new candidates and invite them to consider joining us. There seems to be no magic method or special words. We just need to find practicing Catholic men 18 years of age or older with a little time regularly to help others.

Looking ahead, Council 5300 is hosting the annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner on January 28 at St. Raphael's Hall. Please purchase tickets to support our clergy and religious and show them you care.

We are still finalizing details for our Valentine Day's Dinner. It will be on February 17 at Serra Hall. Admittance for dinner is free for Brother Knights. Save the date, as well as March 9 when we celebrate St. Patrick's Day a bit early.

Brother Jose Naranjo, our Warden, has succeeded me as Essay Contest Chairman. The winners will be honored on April 27. And Brother Marc Russo, our Chancellor, has succeeded me as Scholarship Chairman. Those worthy students will be showcased on May 25.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon Nick Curran

Grand Knight

Financial Secretary's Report ...

A Second Degree Exemplification was held prior to the business meeting on December 16.

Our Council welcomed Alvin Bentajado and Javier Briones as Second Degree Knights; also welcomed from Council 5300 as a Second Degree Knight was Augusto Pravia.

On Wednesday, January 13 our Council will hold a First Degree Exemplification. To show our support of new members becoming Knights we ask that you attend our meeting at 7:30 PM.

On Thursday, January 28 is the Annual Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner. Tickets for this advent are \$15/person. Tickets can be purchased at our Council meeting from Grand Knight Nick Curran or Financial Secretary Ray Charpentier. More information on the dinner can be found on Page 3.

Saturday, January 30 is Casino Knight - beginning at Noon and ending at 4:00 PM. While this is a no cost event, it is potluck, so everyone bring a dish to share. Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street.

On Wednesday, February 17 we celebrate our Annual St. Valentines Dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Theme for this dinner is "Love." This dinner is free for Knights and Spouses.

Our Council meeting for February is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30 PM.

Ray Charpentier



Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner
For all the clergy and religious serving the Santa Barbara Pastoral Region. Sponsored by the



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

Goleta Valley Council #5300
Tickets: \$15.00

Date: Thursday, January 28th 2016

Location: St. Raphael's Parish Hall
 5444 Hollister Avenue
 Santa Barbara, CA 93111

No-Host Cocktail Bar at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM

Menu: Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Mushroom Gravy, Broccoli Sprouts, Salad, Cake

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Deacon's Corner:

YEAR OF MERCY

In the Book of Leviticus we hear of the Jubilee Year, celebrated in ancient Israel; a year which recognizes seven sets of seven years (which of course equals 49) the 50th year would be called a Jubilee Year.

Land would be returned to families who were forced to sell it, and slaves who were placed into service to pay a debt would be freed and debts forgiven.

The Catholic Church has also adopted this practice. Our last Jubilee Year was in the year 2000, recognizing two millenniums since the birth of Christ.

This year is what we will call an extraordinary Jubilee Year, as it doesn't follow the 25 or 50 year cycle generally followed.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has proclaimed this Year of Mercy out of necessity. He says this is needed not just in our Church, but in the whole World.

During these next 11 months we are to pray for all those in need of help and support around the World and in our communities and in our own families; but during this year we are also called to do more than offer prayers, we are called to act by:

Contemplating Mercy - As God gives, and asks nothing in return, we are to do the same.

Don't Judge or Condemn - Let us not judge people by outside appearances.

Forgive - Jesus asks us to forgive others as he forgives us.

Practice the Spiritual and Corporal Acts of Mercy -

See the "**Jubilee Year of Mercy**" website www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html

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FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER KNIGHTS

<u>January Birthdays</u>	<u>February Birthdays</u>
1 Robert Luis	2 Arturo Gonzales
1 Edward Vigil	5 Mario A Borgatello
3 Ray Charpentier	6 Raul Navarro
7 Kevin Cheung	6 David Rink
11 Raymond Jarrard	8 Edward Corral
14 Richard Rink	16 Mike Engler
14 Rev Charles Talley	
17 Bishop Thomas Curry	
18 James Garland	
19 Mark Wietstock	
21 Michael Devaney	
25 John Froelicher	

**GENERAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL 1684
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015**

Thirteen members were present when Grand Knight Nick Curran called the Council meeting for December to order at 8:30 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, Warden Marc Russo verified membership cards. Grand Knight Nick Curran led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of October meeting were approved as printed. These Minutes were submitted by Brothers Ray Charpentier and Marc Russo due to the absence of the Recorder at the October meeting. Thank you.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- Worthy Grand Knight Nick Curran congratulated Council 1684's newest Second Degree Knights: Brother Alvin Bentajado and Javier Briones.
- The Grand Knight Congratulated Brother Mark Weistock for his handling of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The posters were displayed and the winners announced during the December social, much to the delight of the guests.
- We need more signatures for the drive to stop physician assisted suicide. Council 1684 is responsible for 365 signature and we don't have that many yet.
- We need a volunteer to become the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee since the former chairperson, Brother Nick Curran, is now Grand Knight. Brother Marc Russo volunteered.
- The Valentine's Day social will be on February 17. This dinner is free of charge to Knights and their wives. The Grand Knight announced that this year's event will have the theme of "Love."

Under the Treasurer's Report, the Council collected 1146.70 in and had an ending balance of \$2002.70.

The Financial Secretary reported 4 bills paid. The Christmas social netted a profit of \$174.64 after expenses of \$681.36 and income of \$856. The Financial Secretary also gave the second reading to candidates Benny Velázquez and Rodolfo Rios - candidates for the First Degree.

Under Membership,

- A Second Degree Exemplification was held prior to the business meeting. The Council welcomed Brother Alvin Bentajado and Javier Briones as Second Degree Knights in a ceremony preceding the business meeting.
- We need eight new members before June to reach our goal. Each member was asked to take a form 100 to sign up a new member.
- There will be a Third Degree Exemplification on January 31 in Oxnard.

Under Communication,

- The Council received both Thanksgiving and Christmas greetings from Brother Steve Riffero representing the Blue Jacket Teenage Club.
- The Council received a letter from Rosa Paredes and Garret Durand of St. Vincent's thanking the Council for the \$1,000 donation received from the Knights Nite Out.
- The Council also received the December Newsletter from the Poor Clares.

No Old Business was brought up.

Under New Business,

- The Treble Clef Singers requested a donation of between \$100 and \$500 dollars as a sponsorship of the group. The matter was taken

under consideration.

- The Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, January 28th at St. Rafael's Parish Hall. Council 5300 will send tickets and other pertinent information.
- There will be a Casino Night potluck at Serra Hall on Saturday, January 30th. Serra Hall was booked before the final arrangements were made for Council 5300 to take responsibility for this annual event, so we need to make good use of this booking. All members and spouses are welcome. Bring a prospective member.

Under the District Deputy's report, Brother Tim Coe greeted the Council, but kept his remarks brief. He urged all members, new and old, to take advantage of our outstanding financial opportunities available to us.

Under the Field Agent's report, Brother David Nordella was unable to attend.

Under the Lecturer's presentation, Deacon Chris Sandner spoke on the words of Thomas Woods and "The New Dark Age."

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed:

- For Catholic Daughter Christie Green who is ill.
- For Brothers Armando Vázquez and Bob Sánchez.
- For Brother Luis Pelayo who has been working too hard.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Nick Curran, the Council meeting for December adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Anglin
Recorder

Pro-Life Report



Mike Engler

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RELIGION UNDER ATTACK - FEBRUARY 17 SPEAKER TO GIVE US URGENT UPDATE

Your God-given rights of freedom of speech and religion are in grave danger today.

That's because powerful forces in government, the universities, the media and tax-exempt foundations are saying that abortion, euthanasia and homosexual acts are "constitutional rights" that override the sacred freedoms that America's Founding Fathers enshrined in our Constitution's Bill of Rights.

For example...

Across America, Catholics and other believers have been slandered, arrested, prosecuted, fined and even jailed for simply praying or demonstrating peacefully on public property in front of places where abortionists kill unborn babies, or at publicly owned colleges.

Under Obamacare, the U.S. government is trying to force Catholic hospitals, religious orders and campuses to provide abortion-causing drugs to their employees, or pay such huge fines that they'll have to close their doors.

Some hospitals are killing unconscious patients, against the wishes of their families.

David Daleiden of the Center for Medical Progress, who made the famous undercover videos of Planned Parenthood officials discussing their lucrative sales of aborted babies' organs, is under all-out legal attack for exposing those horrors to the world.

Thomas Jefferson warned that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Thank God, some brave Americans still know that and are fighting to preserve our freedom. And at our Council's St. Valentine's Day Dinner on February 17, one of our country's foremost defenders of our constitutional rights will give us an important report from the front lines.

Catherine (Katie) Short of the Life Legal Defense Foundation has been defending pro-lifers' rights in court for more than 20 years, and has won many battles. She's serving as lead attorney for the Center for Medical Progress, which the abortion industry is trying to silence and destroy. Mrs. Short will update us on attacks on our rights and what her organization is doing to defend them. Plus, one of her daughters who's a pro-life campus activist will bring us further stories from the front lines of freedom.

So mark the date, attend the dinner, and give Mrs. Short and her daughter a warm welcome. It's up to each of us to preserve the freedom that so many Americans have died for.

***Mike Engler,
Pro-Life Chairman***

A NEW DARK AGE - PART III

EXITING THE NEW DARK AGE

REFLECTION BY DEACON CHRIS SANDNER

The following was presented on December 16, 2015 and is the third in a series that will explore the conditions that contributes to and explain the world that we find ourselves facing and how we, as Knights, might respond. New Dark Age...

I open tonight with a quote from Chapter Two of Thomas Woods How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization wherein the author quotes the famous and well-respected historian and agnostic Will Durant. *“The basic cause of cultural retrogression was not Christianity but barbarism; not religion but war. The human inundations ruined or impoverished cities, monasteries, libraries, schools, and made possible the life of the scholar or the scientist. Perhaps the destruction would have been worse had not the Church maintained some measure of order in a crumbling civilization.”*^[1]

Up to this point I have not stood on any religious ground in making my case for a New Dark Age. I have relied only and specifically on facts that are easily found and verified from public sources. And the reason I have not is simply this; if we are to make headway in our efforts to re-establish the civilizing force that brought the world out of the first Dark Age then we must first be able to make our case to a secular culture that we are once again in the soup. The determined secularist of today will simply not listen to us if the first words we use to describe the world’s present and worsening condition begins with God or Church. The secularist of today is that hardened and closed off to any point of view he does not already hold.

Therefore, it is the secularist who is public enemy number one. What a thing to say! How are we ever going to make progress if we begin by condemning in this way the very people we hope to convert? Well, unless we recognize and admit that those who are institutionally, academically, scientifically, philosophically, culturally and firmly opposed to recapturing the historical benefits of religion and firmly deny the undeniable advances brought about by the Church since the fall of the Romans we will never formulate our arguments clearly or strongly enough to break through.

[1] Chapter Two, A Light in the Darkness, (Para. 2)

The best way to lose a war is to deny that your enemy is in fact your enemy. Call him your friend; refer to him as your ally in a mutual search for progress; give him every benefit of the doubt and assert that your mutual first priority is always peace and see where it leads. You will lose every time and you will never be thought as a convincing adversary worthy of even being heard. Problems are to be confronted head on if they are to be solved. And when the basic freedoms that all men crave and deserve are at risk there can be no compromise.

When the state can command citizens to violate their beliefs, the very beliefs that support the rights of a person to even be born, to act charitably, to speak out against any public policy or law or prevents one from acting according to one’s religious conscience then it is time to admit that we are confronting real enemies, not partners. Today it is the secularist who stands with such a state and against the free citizen.

As I promised in our last meeting we turn our attention to freedom. What is it? Where did it come from? And how does it factor into our obligations as Knights and citizens?

Here in America we typically quote from our own Constitution as the source of freedom - *“We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal, endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights.”* In fact this line was so powerful that following World War Two when countries were forming the United Nations a version of it became the opening line of the Universal Declaration of Rights (1948), *“All humans are born free and equal.”* What’s missing, of course, is any reference to rights coming from a common creator. By ignoring this key assertion the United Nations left open the question as to whether it was men and nations that dispense freedom. And that was a critical misstep.

But we should also understand that this notion of freedom is not an American invention. The first claim to human freedoms can be traced back to the Code of Hammurabi the first written code of laws that claimed as its goals, *“righteousness, justice and fear of God.”* Eighteen hundred years before Christ the notion that every man had a right to justice that came from God and not men was codified. Fast-forward to the

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Gospels and references to justice are found everywhere. Jesus also claimed for every man the right to just treatment. But what Jesus did that needs to be understood is that he also elevated man above civil authority while also obligating his followers to charity, which is above and beyond what laws can ever do. After all, a law cannot by definition be charity. Social justice is outside the capacity of government! Charity comes from the heart, out of a desire to impart justice. What the law can do is impart fairness, at least as fairness can be described. Jesus united the law to charity by obligating his followers to both obey civil law and act with mercy. All Christians, each of us, are called to dispense justice through mercy. Following the committed secularist as an enemy of human progress this duality of the Christian duty is the second marker for us to recognize.

The Magna Carta (1215 AD) acknowledged the inviolability of God given liberties and basic individual freedoms and it was from this point on that being a king was never the same. Instead kings became “servants” of their people and answered to their subjects through councils and parliaments. When politicians refer to themselves as public servants we should all ask who is being asked to serve whom.

In this modern Dark Age the evidence is overwhelming that the committed secularist is opposed to real freedom and instead wishes to cement more and more power in the state in an effort to bring about results that ignore the individual needs of the citizen to act humanely and conscientiously. And that is the definition of tyranny.

Justice, or fairness, without mercy can only result in an overly strict, unbending execution of laws that do not consider the individual. Refer to the Sermon on the Mount and you will find the Ten Commandments are restated, not denied.

The call to charity is simply beyond any function of the state that means only the individual free citizen is capable of loving their neighbor. Freedom of the individual encourages the basic natural human urges to perform acts of charity and when these human urges are recognized and protected by the state then the citizen and the state are in a proper relationship.

We need a working definition for freedom- after all we’re living in a time where bumper stickers substitute for philosophy and the real intentions of public policy are hidden behind twisted words that mean something other than their plain definitions. For example, the phrase, “reproductive freedom” has nothing to do with

the freedom to reproduce at all. The parents have already been reproduced! No, what is really meant by this phrase is the legal right to destroy the unborn child, nothing more. When asked what freedom means to them most people, especially high school and college students, will likely respond that freedom means they can do whatever they want. There may be some accuracy in that, but not much. The Oxford dictionary and the Cambridge Dictionary say the same thing so let’s not be too hard on our young people. But, can we, anyone, really do whatever our hearts desire? Really? Of course not! Realizing that no one can actually do whatever one wishes begs the question; can a person ever be free? The answer is, yes.

Freedom is not an act, or any kind of legal permission. We call that a license – a license to drive, open a business, or add a room onto our house. Freedom is much, much more. Freedom is a state of being that does not require the permission of other men. It is born into us, it is in our human DNA and it is the fundamental basic condition by which man is capable of finding meaning in his life. In short, freedom is a state of being. Freedom is the capacity to act as one should. When the state or the teacher, or the mayor, or the policeman, or even our neighbor attempts to take away my capacity to act as I should, according to my conscience, then I am approaching if not already in a state of tyranny. And it is out my freedom that I am commanded to act, to resist and to persist in my efforts to turn the tide back.

Freedom belongs to the individual and it is the most Catholic of all ideas in that the Church holds that each individual, Christian and secularist, retains within himself the power, yes, the power, to act according to his fully formed and informed conscience.

Imagine if our children were taught this lesson. Imagine if they were made aware and truly understood how their actions could influence the capacity of other persons to also act according to their consciences.

To understand and hold firm to the human character of freedom is the basis for how we will exit this New Dark Age. We have finally made the connection, albeit brief, between the Dark Age and our religious convictions and with your permission I’ll come back again when we will take a quick romp through history and rediscover how our religion, the Catholic religion, got us out of this mess the first time so we’ll know better how we’re going to get out of it this time

Field Agent's Memo



**David
Nordella**

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If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

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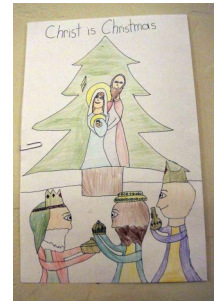
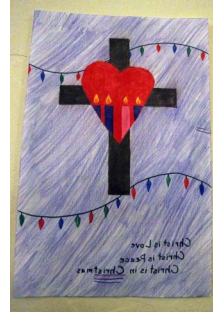
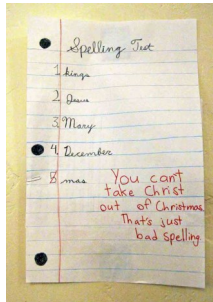
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Photo Section

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER - DECEMBER 9, 2015

Shown here are all the posters submitted by 22 children. Students are from Notre Dame and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Six winning posters are on the next page.



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Six Winning Posters



On the right is our oldest living Grand Knight, Edward Vigil. Ed was Grand Knight in 1964. Grand Knight Nick Curran is providing Ed with a certificate recognizing his service to our Council.



The gentleman on the right is Ray Charpentier, the first person that greets you when you enter Serra Hall.

K OF C AD HIGHLIGHTS CHRISTIAN FEAR OF GENOCIDE IN REFUGEE CAMPS

Despite the promise of safe harbor, fleeing Middle Eastern Christians continue to fear the ongoing genocide — even in refugee camps — according to international observers whose voices are being amplified by a new advertising campaign sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The ad, which ran this week in *Roll Call*, *Politico* and *The Hill*, quotes Lord David Alton and MP Fiona Bruce, who recently spoke out about the problem in refugee camps, citing press reports.

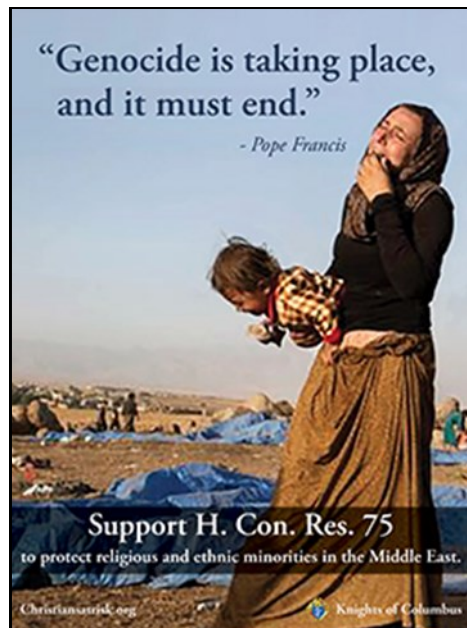
The British newspaper *The Express* reported in late October that “the fanatical jihadis are sending teams of trained killers into camps disguised as refugees to kidnap and kill vulnerable Christians. But refugees are terrified to report many of the killings in case they are targeted next, according to aid workers.”

The story added that when one terrorist got “cold feet” about his assignment, he “then revealed that he had been sent with an Islamist hit squad to eliminate Christians as part of the hate group’s ideological drive to wipe the religion off the map.”

In addition, it noted, “An aid worker at a United Nations (UN) run camp in Jordan, who did not wish to be named for fear of reprisals, revealed that the jihadis are also kidnapping young refugee girls to sell on as sex slaves.”

“It is increasingly clear that because Christians fear that the persecution and genocide will continue in these refugee camps, they often don’t enter them, and as a result find it nearly impossible to qualify for resettlement as refugees,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “This country and others should protect those who are experiencing this genocide. We must ensure that Christians and other religious minorities, who are the most vulnerable people in the region, receive the chance for asylum and don’t simply fall through the bureaucratic cracks.”

This is the second ad the Knights of Columbus has placed on this topic in these publications. The first was released last month and highlighted a quote by Pope Francis: “Genocide is taking place and it must end.” That ad called for passage of a House of Representatives resolution to protect religious and ethnic minorities in the Middle East.



In addition, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$4.4 million to assist Christians and other religious minorities now facing extinction in the Middle East.

Most recently, the program donated \$500,000 to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) earlier this month to support the Jordanian Catholic Church’s schooling of Syrian and Iraqi refugees at 18 Jordanian Catholic schools. Earlier in the fall, the Knights spent more than \$800,000 to provide food assistance for more than 13,500 displaced families and brought an Iraqi child to the United States for specialized medical care.

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