



# Fighting the Good Fight

*... an Editorial*

Last month, I'm afraid I didn't sound very optimistic about America's future. If anything, I've fewer reasons for optimism this month.

Anyone even peripherally aware of current events must realize that our country is rushing, on a ruinous course of "change," toward a goal diametrically opposed to the freedoms which our founding fathers attempted to guarantee would be ours. Our elected officials flagrantly ignore the Constitution, just as they ignore the wishes of those whom they are supposed to represent, and we seem powerless to wrest control from their hands.

We are, however, going to win. You and I and thousands like us — we're going to win. All we need are faith, hope, and love. Faith the size of a mustard seed, the certain hope of resurrection, and the love of Christ in our lives.

It's the answer to the same old question, only more-so: "How, as a Christian, can I convert the world?"

First, you tell Satan to shut up, because getting us to feel powerless is one of his most effective ploys. Read up on the saints; they all went through this same battle, and won it by climbing up out of the Satan-inspired pit of self doubt and self defeat.

Then, stop with the knee-jerk reactions and take the time to consider what's important. I mean, really important. If you focus on the real goal, everything else falls into place — but if you concentrate on what Satan wants you to think of as the problem, if you try to counter every move he makes, you're going to lose. Don't try to fight by his rules; arm yourself with St. Patrick's all-encompassing armor, and get on with living. You're bound to take a few knocks here and there, but your soul will survive.

Last, make up your mind to convert the world. That was, after all, one of the things we were commanded to do by Christ, and it's the only way

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# THE GK'S MESSAGE

## **Brother Knights and Worthy Sir Knights:**

I must apologize for being tardy with this newsletter. I have just returned from Florida due to a death in the family.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 17, at 7:00 PM. Please note the day and date change for this meeting. Normally, we would be holding our meeting on Tuesday the 11th; however, I have an operation scheduled in Boston for that day. I will be on vacation for the June meeting (not very good planning on my part). Since I am not running for office for the coming year, this will be my last meeting as Grand Knight. I was encouraged to change the date so I could run my "last meeting." Steve Day, our District Deputy, will handle the elections at the June meeting.

Last month's spaghetti dinner was put on by John Tuz. The spaghetti, with your choice of meatball or sausage sauce was absolutely wonderful. Thanks to Galen for the great pies for dessert. There will be another spaghetti dinner beginning at 6 PM before our May 17th meeting. This will feature the culinary delights of John Mahaffy.

On Saturday, May 1, we held a breakfast in our parish hall. This was our annual fund raising event for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, the children's cancer camp. Many thanks to all of you who worked (many as early as 5:30 AM) and/or donated money and food. Even though several members were disappointed with the turnout, we should be able to contribute nearly \$500 to the camp — somewhat better than last year. The main disappointment came because of the lack of support from our own members. It's frustrating to spend hours working on an event and non-working or non-contributing members don't even show up to eat; how a little support, guys?

The first week in June will be the Tootsie Roll Drive. All the proceeds are given to support those with special needs. DGK John Tuz is in charge. Please volunteer to help him. We need members at Shaw's and Rinker's.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Keith Grimes, GK*

# THE INSURANCE CORNER

## Insurance . . . *me?*

During these unsure, insecure times — as many of us watch our retirement funds decimated, and some totally disappear — *now* would be a good time to speak with your K of C insurance agent.

And if you're a young man, will Social Security be around when you retire? Probably no . . . but K of C Insurance has viable options that you can rely on to be there.

Give me a call . . . soon. I'll be glad to make an appointment to come talk with you.

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we're going to put things right again.

How do you do that? The best way, perhaps the only way, is to try to be a good Christian, a good example — a saint, in other words, as most of us were once told in our Confirmation classes we should strive to be. Or, as some put it, you should not only talk the talk, but walk the walk as well.

Is it really that simple? Well, yes. If enough of us get on the stick and actually work at being full-time Catholics, we'll convert the whole world. Sure, prayer and fasting are essential, but that's part of being who we're meant to be. Make the effort to learn about the heritage of your faith — so much richer than you can imagine now, for your thinking has been colored by the cynicism of today's secular world.

And yes indeed, we're really going to get beat up, and it's going to be rougher than we can imagine . . . but this is the Church Militant; that's why we're here. And, just as in the past, we go on with our lives, and we love God, and our Church, and our families, and our neighbors, and our country. We are Christians. Nothing and no one can take ever that away from us . . . unless we let them.

“Love one another, as I have loved you.” Amen?

Amen and amen.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monday 5/17      7 PM    **Council meeting, Our Lady of the Angels**  
preceded by Spaghetti Supper at 6 PM
- Tuesday 6/8      7 PM    **Council meeting, Our Lady of the Angels –**  
Election of Officers (preceded by Supper at 6 PM)

## POPE BENEDICT'S MAY PRAYER INTENTIONS

### **Human Trafficking**

**General:** That the shameful and monstrous commerce in human beings, which sadly involves millions of women and children, may be ended.

### **Priests, Religious and Committed Lay People**

**Missionary:** That ordained ministers, religious women and men, and lay people involved in apostolic work may understand how to infuse missionary enthusiasm into the communities entrusted to their care.