



Pie in the Sky for All

... an Editorial

If you think about it, the Old Testament saga of Israel could be used to illustrate a person's life as well as the life of a nation; it shows a cycle of belief and prosperity, then a relaxation, a falling-away that leads to slavery, followed by a rebirth of faith leading once again to freedom and prosperity. Over and over again, the Israelites had to repent and rediscover God in order to remain a free nation.

Looking back, you'll admit that your own life has mirrored that cycle. Every now and then we've all needed to pull things back together, to "turn over a new leaf" and get back to where God's the center of our lives . . . and it's only while living *within* God's rules that we can be truly free.

That sounds illogical, but it's true. I think maybe it's because, when we decide to live by our own rules, we become selfish and self-centered, and the universe we can comprehend shrinks to the confines of our own narrow imaginations. Making up rules to cover all situations becomes painfully complex; we're forced to judge everything good or bad by one light — how it impinges upon us — rather than by God's straightforward commandments.

But how is it that, like the Israel of old, we keep slipping? I guess we could say "it's just human nature." Nearly every tenet of philosophy we discover, no matter how profound, must be rediscovered over and over again or it passes from our lives. That's one of the primary reasons the Church year is a continuous cycle: Christ must be born again in our hearts, just as we must die with Him to rise anew each year.

. . . but you know all this, so why am I telling you again? Because we, as a nation, have forgotten. We've fallen away, and are as a people being encouraged to live by the selfish and self-centered belief that someone else will provide through the "redistribution of wealth." Every day, my computer is littered by emails proclaiming some sort of free handout from

THE GK'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights and Worthy Sir Knights:

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 8, at 7 PM. I will be on vacation for this meeting. In my absence, DGK John Tuz will be in charge, followed by Chancellor Jim Kirkpatrick if John is not available. It should be a short meeting followed by election of officers; Steve Day, our worthy District Deputy, will handle the elections. Please attend this meeting. It is the most important meeting of the year!

The regular spaghetti dinner, beginning at 6 PM, before the meeting, will again be provided by John Tuz. (Last month's spaghetti dinner was put on by John Mahaffy and Tom Herbst. As usual, it was absolutely wonderful.)

We were able to send a check to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta (the children's cancer camp) in the amount of \$570. Many thanks to all who participated.

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. Please note: due to the late arrival of the Tootsie Rolls the drive may take place on a different weekend.

A final note: Since I am not running for office for the coming year, the month of May was my last meeting as Grand Knight. For the past two years, it has been my pleasure to serve as your Grand Knight. I could not be more pleased with what you have accomplished for the Knights of Columbus, our church, and those in need. My job was easier than some other Grand Knights' because of your help and dedication. Many thanks for all you continue to do.

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.

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the government, from “reverse mortgages” to free health care (which will include my kids till they're 26) to a free college degree — all just free for the asking, because someone else will (*be made to*) pay for it.

“Pie in the sky” is what my folks used to call it, and believe me, it's not anywhere near being “truth, justice, and the American way.” It amounts to slavery for all future generations.

We as a people have forsaken the God of our fathers. We've become as greedy, self-centered, dishonest, and corrupt as those we've elected to lead us . . . and it's time, and past time, for us to turn again.

It's time to rediscover God, time to reestablish in our everyday lives the plumb-lines of honesty, generosity, responsibility, morality — in short, true Christianity.

If we ourselves turn again, others will do so as well. Because that's also an oddity of “human nature”: people will naturally cooperate with other people. There's really great power in knowing and applying that simple principle. Put it to the test by smiling at people, strangers in the supermarket, say; nine times out of ten they'll smile back at you.

Next, try treating them with love and respect — try using Christian virtues in all aspects of your life. Who knows? It might spread; we might come out of this mess as a Christian nation once more. It's worked before . . . and it's the only way we *will* come out of it. ■

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 6/8 7 PM **Council meeting, Our Lady of the Angels**
preceded by Spaghetti Supper at 6 PM

Elections are being held; please be sure to attend!

POPE BENEDICT'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTIONS

Respect for Human Life

General: That every national and transnational institution may strive to guarantee respect for human life from conception to natural death.

The Churches in Asia

Missionary: That the Churches in Asia, which constitute a "little flock" among non-Christian populations, may know how to communicate the Gospel and give joyful witness to their adherence to Christ.