



# Could This Be Your Last Lent?

*... an Editorial*

Quite seriously, this might be the last Lent you'll be allowed. The people of Russia, France, Spain, Mexico, etc. all felt "it couldn't happen here," too . . . right up to the day the troops nailed shut their churches' doors.

Ayuh, here's old "Doom-and-Gloom" again, with the same old message. "Hard times coming, Satan on the rise, etc., etc." Heard it all before, right? Got your own problems to deal with, right? I mean, you know where I'm comin' from, but this *is* America, after all, and we'll handle it OK, right?

Don't look now, but our nation's heels are dug in at the cliff's edge; we teeter on the precipice of disaster, and few of those in charge seem concerned with anything but pushing us harder and faster toward the edge. Call it spreading the wealth — or socialism, or communism; no matter what you call it, the totalitarian government taking shape in Washington is not even remotely American.

No, I'm *not* talking politics! I'm writing about being a good Christian and a patriotic American citizen.

The government, we're told, is now totally in charge and knows what's best for us, whether we want it or not. We the people are too stupid to understand how destroying the economy will make it better, or how becoming a vassal of China can be good for America. And all these needless, unconstitutional changes following an agenda we're not allowed to see.

If I'm misinterpreting the preponderance of evidence that is upsetting so many people, praise be to God! But if we're all right, then it would behoove us to use this Lent as though it could be our last — each day, every hour, each prayer, every word as though it could be our last. And it would be a really *good* idea to pray like we've never prayed before, to preserve this nation, as our Founding Fathers must have prayed as they brought it into being.

# THE GK'S MESSAGE

## Brother Knights and Worthy Sir Knights . . .

What can I say — our spaghetti dinner continues drawing members to our meetings. The culinary delights of René Nadeau and Larry Brassard were fantastic. Dan Boone will be putting on the February spaghetti dinner. Please remember, if you would like to put one on, the council will pay for the ingredients. Dinner will begin at 6:00 followed by the meeting at 7:00. What a great way to get together!

February 16 we will host the Charles Jasman Assembly at a 7 PM meeting. This will not be preceded by our usual spaghetti dinner but will feature some of Dale Mount's desserts.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 7 PM.

One very important event during January was the Rally for Life Mass at St. Augustine's in Montpelier on Saturday, Jan. 16. At 9:30 AM there was a Mass with the celebrant, Bishop Matano. There were 22 Knights in regalia; seven from our council alone. An impressive showing! Several hundred people from all walks of life participated in the march afterward. Brother Sir Knight Mount is going to Washington, DC to march on January 22.

Shortly, you will be receiving the State Charity Raffle tickets. They are \$2 each; a book of 6 is \$10. Please buy/sell them. Half of the money we take in will come back to the council.

As a reminder, it is time to consider your interest in an officer position for the coming fraternal year. Although it is still about 6 months away we need to be prepared so there will be a smooth transaction. All positions are open. Please let your interest be known to the selection committee consisting of Dennis Breault, F.S., Jim Kirkpatrick, S.W., P.G.K. or myself.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Keith Grimes, GK*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 2/9	6:00 PM	Spaghetti Supper—Knights only
	7:00 PM	<b>Council meeting, Our Lady of the Angels</b>
Tuesday 2/16	7:00 PM	Assembly meeting, Our Lady of the Angels

## POPE BENEDICT'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS

### *Scholars*

GENERAL: For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.

### *The Church's Missionary Identity*

MISSIONARY: That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.