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## THE GK'S MESSAGE

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

As mentioned at our last meeting, installation of our council officers will be at our next meeting on August 10. Our Worthy District Deputy Stephen Day will be installing the officers. As was done last year, we will open this meeting to your families. In lieu of this I would like to skip the spaghetti dinner for this month and ask that everyone attending please bring some type of finger food to share. It need not to be anything fancy — just something to munch on before the meeting starts. If you can let me know what you will be bringing I would appreciate it. I will be picking up a couple of meat platters and a cheese platter.

Just a reminder that our new council officers have taken over their respective offices as of July 1. I ask that you support them in their new roles within our council.

Before our last meeting we had our wonderful spaghetti dinner, prepared for us by Jim K. and Keith G. What a wonderful meal. The date of our next meeting is August 10. Just a reminder that if you want to put on our monthly dinner before our monthly meeting, the council will pay for the spaghetti and sauce. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Thomas Herbst, Jr., G.K.*

# Let's Turn It Around

Hey, listen up a minute! I just realized that, while I sit here preaching gloom 'n' doom day after day, and brooding about the future night after night, it kinda detracts from that old *joy de vivre*, ya know? I mean, here I am surfing the net, trying to figure out where the next attack will take place, what direction it will take . . . and feeling frustrated and helpless with each new, virtually unopposed assault on our economy, our Constitution, and our way of life.

I'm *supposed* to feel that way, you see; that's what the people behind the attacks *want* me to feel. It's also what Satan wants.

Thing is, though, we're actually making progress, but we've reached the point at which a lot of people feel burnt out, tired, discouraged. The other thing is, the SDS revolutionaries working to scuttle America have reached that point, too.

In other words, it may not be the end of the world. And the less we brood, the more positive our attitudes, the better our chance of bringing this runaway train under control before it crashes.

This is not to say that things are going to be back to normal. No way, José. There are hard, hard times coming. It's possible, very possible, that there will be rioting and bloodshed as never before seen in history, for that's part of the other side's master plan. Our resistance must, of course, be a peaceful path of nonviolence, like Gandhi's and King's.

If we answer lies with lies, obscenities with obscenities, or violence with violence, we have lost the battle, for then we will have become the enemy.

And times will be bad. If you're old enough, you may remember the insanity that became the norm in Russia in the '50s; the government and the citizens were *all* absolutely nuts, because the inmates *were* running the asylum. The same has probably happened in every major revolution since time began. So be prepared.

But that's down the road a bit. For now, I think, *intensify* your life; stop worrying about stuff you can't change and get on with living; take the time away from brooding and get things done that need doing. Pull the family together; start doin' things with them again. Get to know your neighbors (to paraphrase Frost, good neighbors make good fences). Because if you sit there and worry and feel frustrated as I've been doing, you're going the wrong way.

# THE INSURANCE CORNER

## The End of Summer

Have you ever heard the expression “lazy days of summer?” While the hot weather may encourage a slower paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year. Especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it’s easy to forget about such things as reviewing your life insurance coverage.

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me, your Knights of Columbus agent, before the end of the summer. Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I’ll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals. If you’ve had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. I’ll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

Call me to set up an appointment. When we meet, you’ll discover that time spent with your Knights of Columbus agent is time well-spent. But, make the call today. Because summer is not only busy, it’s also coming to an end.

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**“Wherever politics tries to be redemptive, it is promising too much. When it wishes to do the work of God, it becomes not divine, but demonic.”**

— *Pope Benedict XVI*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 8/10      7:00 PM      **Council meeting/Installation of Officers**  
Our Lady of the Angels — *Families are invited o attend.* Bring a “finger food”

## POPE BENEDICT'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTIONS

### **The Unemployed and the Homeless**

**General:** That those who are without work or homes or who are otherwise in serious need may find understanding and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.

### **Victims of Discrimination, Hunger and Forced Emigration**

**Missionary:** That the Church may be a “home” for all people, ready to open its doors to any who are suffering from racial or religious discrimination, hunger, or wars forcing them to emigrate to other countries.