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Editorial of a madman



TO THE FUTURE AND BEYOND...

This issue of **Knights of the Dinner Table** completes the 12th volume of the magazine (with 12 issues in each volume). Geek that I am, I've been organizing my personal collection of **KODT** over the years by volume. So there's always a sense of satisfaction when I have to create a new binder and prepare for the next volume. Volume 13 promises to be particularly exciting.

For as we head around the bend and continue on our journey, we're closing in on yet another important milestone — the **one-hundredth and fiftieth** issue of **KODT!**

That's right, the big ONE-FIVE-O.

We've been busy making preparations to celebrate and make #150 a very special issue. More strips. Special content. A few surprises. And most importantly — a much needed facelift.

It's been nearly nine years since we've made any major layout changes in the magazine. Knowing readers are usually leery of change, we've evolved the magazine over the years with slow, steady steps while considering reader feedback.

Over the last 100 issues or so, we've made an occasional nip here, a tuck there. A few shots of botox. But basically the overall layout of the 'zine hasn't changed all that much.

With Issue 150 approaching, however, we feel it's time for a major make-over. Steve Johansson and I have been bouncing around ideas and knocking heads. It's exciting. But at the same time it's a bit daunting. We don't want to break what doesn't need fixing. So we're taking special care to do this right. So consider this a heads up.

Over the next seven issues, you'll be seeing some hints of things to come as we experiment with various aspects of the magazine's format and layout (like the body font in this editorial, for example). Just

consider it for what it is — the cooks in the kitchen tweaking the broth that goes in the soup and experimenting.

We won't be fully revealing the magazine's new look/layout until 150. And if you notice a change here or there in the coming months — it doesn't mean it's final. We'll be experimenting with various fonts and layouts to see how they look on the printed page and then go back to discussion.

If you see something you like (or don't like) in the coming months, however — please drop us an email and let us know. Likewise, if you have suggestions or ideas you'd like to pitch, send those our way as well.

And don't worry — the content you've come to know and love will not be changing (with the possible exception of a few new features). The **Knights**, of course, will continue to be the heart of magazine.

Now here's where you the reader come in. As with our past celebratory issues, we want YOU to be involved in the festivities.

Over the next six months, we'll be compiling reader comments, well wishes and fan art to help round out the special issue. You can send such material to jolly@kenzerco.com.

Here's hoping you enjoy the issue in hand. We're still playing catch up from the summer cons. We should be back on schedule next issue.

Game on!

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