

# The Patriots' Truth

## Flint Hills TEA Party News

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### ON OUR CALENDAR

#### **MEDIA COMMITTEE MEETING – MCALISTER'S EVERY WED AT 5:30PM**

**July 9 – Monthly Meeting at Manhattan City Library – 9:30AM**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> – RL County 4-H Fair – Helpers Needed – see inside**

**August 13 – Regular Monthly Meeting at Manhattan City Library – 9:30AM**

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I received these July 4 celebration articles on July 4. I know July 4 has passed, however, I, personally, don't believe there is a day, any **one** day, that should be the **only** day we celebrate our wonderful Country. **GOD** has blessed us with living in this one of a kind country for 235 years. Now because we blindly trusted the leaders we elected we are in danger of losing the very liberties we value the most. We must reflect upon what we have, what we want, and what we are in danger of losing and what we must do to keep our valued liberties.

### **America, Why Do I love Thee? A special note from Darla Dawald**

**Posted by Darla Dawald, National Director on July 4, 2011 at 11:17am in Patriot Action Alerts**

Dear Patriots,

Why do I love Thee America?

As long as I can actually remember I have loved being an American. From early childhood sporting red, white, and blue pinwheels, eating watermelon on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, staring at the dark sky in amazement as colors burst in air. Sparklers dancing as I twirled them around leaving behind a smoke design and smell that meant

celebration. Family and friends gathering and enjoying the fact that we were, in fact, Americans and loved our country. Patriotism so proud each and every day to be a citizen of the greatest country on earth.

I love being an American, I love what our country stands for and what has been sacrificed not just for future generations of Americans but that we cared enough about freedom that we would stand and fight so that others around the world would benefit from the same kind of freedom and liberty. That's America... We care, we love, we stand, we fight.

On 9/12/09 as I stood on the stage at the Capitol my eyes panning the crowd of Americans that love the country as much as I, I knew, I was where I was supposed to be. I knew in my heart that everything I had ever done in my life prepared me for this time, this place in history, standing with others, shoulder to shoulder to preserve liberty and freedom in this country we all adore.

The last few years have been trying, difficult, laborious, worrisome, and yet each day I jump out of bed eager to do my part to bring America back to the America we all love. Some days I question why I am spending so much time working to educate and inform others when clearly some don't care and make it clear by the attitude displayed on our website. Then I open my email or receive a comment and am humbled by a statement from someone reminding me they are the reason. America, its children, its elderly, its working class, and its patriots are worth any effort I can make.

I love that we embrace individualism yet foster team. I love that we provide an opportunity for others to become citizens & love America & contribute to her the way we do. I love that people will go to the ends of the earth to protect those freedoms so many take for granted. That so many men & women have died to simply preserve those freedoms and to make sure that others have the opportunity to experience freedom the same.

Some days it's difficult when there are so many forces working against the America that we love. We receive blow after blow that leaves a residue and depresses the most avid patriots. Then we remind ourselves why we must remain vigilant and continue to stand and fight. Today, as we celebrate Independence Day, think about the Independence and freedom our founders sought, obtained, and their sacrifices. Today, let that be an inspiration to you to continue to fight for her. It is worth the price.... Below is the price our Founders paid....

### ***Our Nations' First TRUE Patriots***

#### ***Thanks to Bob Aldrich for sharing this***

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? For the record, here's a portrait of the men who pledged "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" for liberty many years ago.

Fifty-six men from each of the original 13 colonies signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Nine of the signers were immigrants, two were brothers and two were cousins. One was an orphan. The average age of a signer was 45. Benjamin Franklin was the oldest delegate at 70. The youngest was Thomas Lynch Jr. of South Carolina at 27.

Eighteen of the signers were merchants or businessmen, 14 were farmers, and four were doctors. Twenty-two were lawyers – although William Hooper of North Carolina was "disbarred" when he spoke out against the king – and nine were judges. Stephen Hopkins had been governor of Rhode Island. Forty-two signers had served in their colonial legislatures.

John Witherspoon of New Jersey was the only active clergyman to attend. (Indeed, he wore his pontificals to the sessions.) Almost all were Protestants. Charles Carroll of Maryland was the lone Roman Catholic.

Seven of the signers were educated at Harvard, four at Yale, four at William & Mary, and three at Princeton. Witherspoon was the president of Princeton, and George Wythe was a professor at William & Mary. His students included Declaration scribe Thomas Jefferson.

Seventeen signers fought in the American Revolution. Thomas Nelson was a colonel in the Second Virginia Regiment and then commanded Virginia military forces at the Battle of Yorktown. William Whipple served with the New Hampshire militia and was a commanding officer in the decisive Saratoga campaign. Oliver Wolcott led the Connecticut regiments sent for the defense of New York and commanded a brigade of militia that took part in the defeat of General Burgoyne. Caesar Rodney was a major general in the Delaware militia; John Hancock held the same rank in the Massachusetts militia.

The British captured five signers during the war. Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, and Arthur Middleton were captured at the Battle of Charleston in 1780. George Walton was wounded and captured at the Battle of Savannah. Richard Stockton of New Jersey never recovered from his incarceration at the hands of British Loyalists. He died in 1781.

Thomas McKean of Delaware wrote John Adams that he was “hunted like a fox by the enemy – compelled to remove my family five times in a few months.” Abraham Clark of New Jersey had two of his sons captured by the British during the war.

Eleven signers had their homes and property destroyed. Francis Lewis’s New York home was razed and his wife taken prisoner. John Hart’s farm and mills were destroyed when the British invaded New Jersey, and he died while fleeing capture. Carter Braxton and Nelson, both of Virginia, lent large sums of their personal fortunes to support the war effort but were never repaid.

Fifteen of the signers participated in their states’ constitutional conventions, and six – Roger Sherman, Robert Morris, Franklin, George Clymer, James Wilson, and George Reed – signed the U.S. Constitution.

After the Revolution, 13 signers went on to become governors. Eighteen served in their state legislatures. Sixteen became state and federal judges. Seven became members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Six became U.S. senators. James Wilson and Samuel Chase became Supreme Court justices. Jefferson, Adams, and Elbridge Gerry each became vice president. Adams and Jefferson later became president.

Five signers played major roles in the establishment of colleges and universities: Franklin and the University of Pennsylvania; Jefferson and the University of Virginia; Benjamin Rush and Dickinson College; Lewis Morris and New York University; and George Walton and the University of Georgia.

Adams, Jefferson, and Carroll were the longest surviving signers. Adams and Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Carroll was the last signer to die in 1832 at the age of 95.

Sources: Robert Lincoln, *Lives of the Presidents of the United States, with Biographical Notices of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence* (Brattleboro Typographical Company, 1839); John and Katherine Bakeless, *Signers of the Declaration* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1969); *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-1989* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1989).

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education.

***They had security, but they valued liberty more.***

**Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: “For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor”.**

God bless you each, your family, and your efforts to correct the great wrongs to this great country. Remember to humble yourselves and pray, and thank God for the freedoms we are so blessed to enjoy.

I thank you all for your continued sacrifices to restore this America that we love. I am honored to work with you, for you, and for the future generations of Americans. Stand tall, stand firm, and by the grace of God we will prevail!

# Happy Independence Day!

God Bless America Again!

Darla Dawald, National Director

P. S. America, I love you!

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An Email from GA State Senator Bill Heath

## What is Independence Day?

As we prepare to celebrate what has come to be known simply as the “Fourth of July” holiday, let us pause for a moment to remember exactly what it is we are celebrating. This year we are celebrating our nation’s 235<sup>th</sup> birthday. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, 56 of our nation’s bravest men signed the document declaring our independence from the tyranny of Great Britain.

A review of the Declaration of Independence reveals that we may be slipping back in to some of the same subjections that our great forefathers sought to protect us from.

First and foremost, the Declaration of Independence begins with an acknowledgement that there is a supreme God; that He is the creator of the universe, and it is from Him that all rights emanate. The document also ends with the expression of our firm reliance on the protection of divine providence. Today, many of our nation's leaders are ungodly men and women and even our judges have sought to remove any reference to God from our public places and documents.

The Declaration of Independence contains a list of grievances against the tyrannical government of Great Britain. The list includes mention of a long train of abuses and usurpations designed to reduce our rights under absolute dictatorship. The list mentions the King's refusal to concur with laws protecting our basic rights, which are the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. The Declaration of Independence also charged the King with forbidding his Governors to enact laws of immediate and pressing importance, until his agreement was obtained. Furthermore, the King is charged with imposing taxes on our forefathers without their consent.

As I review this historic document, which defines the very reasons this country was founded, I am faced with the uncomfoting fact that it may once again be time for us to lay claim to what was called in the Declaration of Independence our "unalienable rights of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Our forefathers understood that "to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

I hope you enjoy the celebration of our nation's 235<sup>th</sup> birthday. Try to find a few moments to ponder how we have come to this point in history. What does the future hold for this nation?

*(If you would like to have a Constitution to read contact a member of the Flint Hills TEA Party!)*

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## [Celebrating America's Enduring Principles](#)

America was born on July 4, 1776, with the passage of the [Declaration of Independence](#). Today, as we celebrate our great country 235 years later, we reflect upon its meaning.

The Declaration announced to the world that the American colonies were free and Independent states. But this alone does not make the document or America revolutionary. What is revolutionary about the Declaration is not that a particular group of Americans declared their independence under particular circumstances but that they did so by appealing to a universal standard of justice; equality. What is revolutionary about America is that it is built upon a foundation of universal principles, not petty interests.

This is the core of American exceptionalism. As Matthew Spalding explains: America is an exceptional nation, but not because of what it has achieved or accomplished. America is exceptional because, unlike any other nation, it is dedicated to the principles of human liberty, grounded on the truths that all men are created equal and endowed with equal rights.

All countries celebrate something that is theirs: The French celebrate Bastille Day, Canada has Canada Day, & Spain honors Christopher Columbus. **But only America celebrates a set of principles that apply to all men.**

The Declaration of Independence serves as a philosophical statement of America's first principles. [Just read the second paragraph](#). It affirms that all men are equal by nature and therefore have certain inalienable rights. Government is not in the business of granting rights, making everyone alike, or ensuring that everyone is happy. Operating by the consent of the governed, government has as its purpose to secure liberty and allow individuals to govern themselves and pursue their ambitions.

It is not uncommon to hear that these principles were fine for the 18<sup>th</sup> century but are woefully inadequate to meet the challenges of today. Just recently, in *Time* magazine's cover story on the Constitution, editor Richard Stengel dismissed the Founders for being trapped in their own time and unable to speak to modern problems. Stengel's allegations are nothing new. Since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, academics, journalists, and even American Presidents (Woodrow Wilson, for example) have held the view, characterized by Calvin Coolidge, that "[we have had new thoughts and new experiences which have given us a great advance over the \[Founders\], and that we may therefore very well discard their conclusions for something more modern.](#)"

There is finality to America's principles, though. [As one President insightfully explained](#): **If all men are created equal, that is final. If they are endowed with inalienable rights, that is final. If**

**governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, that is final. No advance, no progress can be made beyond these propositions.**

Today, read the Declaration of Independence to your family, neighbors, and friends at your barbecue. Allow its memorable phrases to inspire you to strive for liberty and to vindicate the principles of self-government. **Brace yourself, though—the Declaration of Independence is revolutionary, because its principles are true.**

***"The principles of our republic must be protected vigilantly at home and defended fearlessly abroad," Heritage President Edwin J. Feulner says in a special Independence Day podcast.***

This is another "Independence Day" article that I think is VERY important.

**This was written by a Mexican, now a naturalized US Citizen.** It's a great explanation of the illegal immigration issue.

Here is the quote:

"If you had tickets to a sports event, concert, Disneyland, or for an airline flight, and when you got to your assigned seat you found someone else was in that seat, what would you do? You would call for a person in charge of ticket checking and have the person in your seat removed. You would properly be asked to show your ticket, and you would gladly and proudly do so, for you have bought and paid for that seat. The person in your seat would also be asked for a ticket, which they would not be able to produce. They would be called "gate crashers" and they would properly be removed.

Now in this huge stadium called the USA we have had millions of gate crashers. We have been asking security to check for tickets and remove the gate crashers. We have been asking security to have better controls in checking at the door. We have asked security to lock the back doors. Security has failed us. They are still looking the other way. They are afraid to ask to see the tickets. Many people say there is unlimited seating, and whether there is or not, no one should be allowed in for free while the rest of us pay full price!

In "section AZ", of "Stadium USA", we have had enough of the failures of Security. We have decided to do our own ticket checking, and properly remove those who do not have tickets. Now it seems very strange to me that so many people in the other 49 "sections", and even many in our own "section" do not want tickets checked, or even to be asked to show their ticket! Even the head of Security is chastising us, while not doing his own job, which he has sworn to do.

My own ticket has been bought and paid for, so I am proudly going to show it when asked to do so. I have a right to my seat, and I want the gate crashers to be asked to show their tickets too. The only reason that I can imagine anyone objecting to being asked for their ticket is that they are in favor of gate crashing, and all of the illegal activities that go with it, such as drug smuggling, gang wars, murder, human smuggling for profit, and many more illegal and inhumane acts that we are trying to prevent with our new legislation. Is that what I am hearing from all of the protestors such as Phoenix Mayor Gordon, US Rep. Grijalva, even President Obama? If you are not in favor of showing tickets, (proof of citizenship, passport, green card, or other legal document) when asked, as I would do proudly, then you must be condoning those illegal activities."

Written by a US Citizen, Globe, Arizona.

This makes perfect sense to me. What do you think?

**Since Obama has never shown his ticket I guess he feels obligated to not ask others to show theirs.**

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OK, reflection time is over, if we **want to have the very freedoms we were given in the Constitution we must fight again – hopefully, this time we won't need firearms, but don't give your firearms up, just in case!!**

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**Read this then Thank GOD Kansas has Kris Kobach!!!**

## **SOROS AND HIS “SECRETARY OF STATE” PROJECT (SOSP) IN MOTION..... IN BATTLEGROUND STATES.**

Posted by TONY SALAZAR, SC DIST.#5 COORD; on June 25, 2011 at 9:59am in General, Town Hall

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/jun/23/section-527-works-t...>

**Soros and liberal groups seeking top election posts in battleground states Billionaire hedge-fund operator George Soros is among wealthy liberal activists who have contributed to the Secretary of State Project, a 527 organization that works to put progressive Democrats in office overseeing elections in battleground states. (Associated Press)**

By Chuck Neubauer, I Washington Times at 9:00 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2011

A small tax-exempt political group with ties to wealthy liberals like billionaire financier **George Soros** has quietly helped elect 11 reform-minded progressive Democrats as secretaries of state to oversee the election process in battleground states and keep Republican “political operatives from deciding who can vote and how those votes are counted.” Known as the Secretary of State Project (**SOSP**), the organization was formed by liberal activists in 2006 to put Democrats in charge of state election offices, where key decisions often are made in close races on which ballots are counted and which are not. The group’s website said it wants to stop Republicans from “manipulating” election results.

“Any serious commitment to wresting control of the country from the **Republican Party** must include removing their political operatives from deciding who can vote and whose votes will count,” the group said on its website, accusing some Republican secretaries of state of making “partisan decisions.” **SOSP** has sought donations by describing the contributions as a “modest political investment” to elect “clean candidates” to the secretary of state posts. Named after Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, so-called 527 political groups — such as **SOSP** — have no upper limit on contributions and no restrictions on who may contribute in seeking to influence the selection, nomination, election, appointment or defeat of candidates to federal, state or local public office. They generally are not regulated by the **Federal Election Commission (FEC)**, creating a soft-money loophole.

While **FEC** regulations limit individual donations to a maximum of \$2,500 per candidate and \$5,000 to a PAC, a number of 527 groups have poured tens of millions of unregulated dollars into various political efforts. **SOSP** has backed 11 winning candidates in 18 races, including such key states as Ohio, Nevada, Iowa, New Mexico and Minnesota. “Supporting secretary of state candidates with integrity is one of the most cost-efficient ways progressives can ensure they have a fair chance of winning elections,” **SOSP** said on its website, adding that “a relatively small influx of money — often as little as \$30,000 to \$50,000 — can change the outcome of a race.”

**SOSP** was formed in the wake of the ballot-counting confusion in Florida during the 2000 presidential election and a repeat of that chaos in Ohio in the 2004 presidential election. Democrats accused Florida Secretary of State **Katherine Harris** and Ohio Secretary of State **Kenneth Blackwell**, both Republicans, of manipulating the elections in favor of **GOP** candidates — charges **Mrs. Harris** and **Mr. Blackwell** denied. “Does anyone doubt that these two secretaries of state ... made damaging partisan decisions about purging voter rolls, registration of new voters, voting machine security, the location of precincts, the allocation of voting machines, and dozens of other critical matters?” **SOSP** asked on its website.

**SOSP** said it raised more than \$500,000 in 2006 to help elect five Democratic secretaries of

states in seven races. The [Commission on Federal Election Reform](#), co-chaired by former President [Jimmy Carter](#) and former Secretary of State [James A. Baker III](#), recommended in 2005 taking away the administration of elections from secretaries of state and giving it to nonpartisan election officers. “Partisan officials should not be in charge of elections,” said [Robert Pastor](#), co-director of the [Center for Democracy and Election Management at American University](#). “Both Democrats and Republicans not only compete for power, they try to manipulate the rules to get an advantage.

**“We want to make sure that those counting votes don’t have a dog in that game,” said [Mr. Pastor](#), who served as executive director and a member of the commission.**

**It doesn’t matter which side is cheating it MUST be stopped. More and More states are passing Photo ID Laws to vote. It needs to be Nation Wide Now and strictly enforced, NOT AFTER the 2012 election.**

**[Kris Kobach, you are a Blessing to Kansas and America, Thank you!!!!](#)**

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There will be no minutes of the June 11 meeting as the Secretary was not in attendance.

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Flint Hills TEA Party had a Crafts Booth at Randolph, KS on July 2, 2011, manned by Tom & Sylva Nichols & Helen Poppe. Our objective was to begin to make the people of the area aware of the **Youth Education Scholarship or YES for Liberty, Constitutional Scholarship FHTP** is developing.

We had crafts for them to purchase with all income going to the Scholarship. The response was good with citizens and students showing interest. One fact they seemed to like was that a student is **qualified to participate & WIN** each year from Grade 9 thru 12. We had several folks visit with us about the **Flint Hills TEA Party** in general, some wanted to receive the **Newsletter** we write and distribute; we signed them up. Some were interested in the Crafts and Items we were selling for Contributions to the Scholarship. We were pleased to see lots of folks were interested in receiving a copy of the United States Constitution. All in all it was a pleasant day visiting with old friends and making new friends.

Anyone wanting more information on the Scholarship or FHTP should contact FHTP members and/or come to our monthly meeting. Info is at the beginning of this Newsletter or at the end.

We will also have a booth at the Riley County 4-H Fair, July 21 thru 25 (located at the lower level at the SE corner of Pottorf Hall – where we were last year. We have to be there from 4PM to 10PM of each day and would like to have someone there 2PM on. If you are able to be there contact Chris Tawney at 785-532-8618 or 785-539-3430 for times.

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## **INDEPENDENCE DAY—JULY 4, 2011**

Here we are celebrating another Independence Day/4<sup>th</sup> of July. The traditional fireworks stands are in place, the sounds of firecrackers, the fireworks displays, and the frolicking and romping in the swimming pools and on the beaches will soon be upon us. And we can’t forget about the camping, the picnics, the barbecues, the boating, baseball, softball, volleyball and hiking, and all of the traditional activities for the long 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekends. Have I forgotten anything?

Of course, what is Independence Day really all about? In 1776, 56 men from the 13 original colonies penned and signed the Declaration of Independence, pledging to each other their Lives, their Fortunes and

their honor in support of the Declaration.

I am not proposing in any way that we give up the traditional fun activities of Independence day, after all, we are celebrating our independence and the freedoms bestowed upon us by the Founding Fathers. But I think it would be appropriate, especially since our country is on the brink of disaster to at least crack open the Declaration of Independence and read through it. It is only about 6 or 7 pages long.

Here is one passage from the declaration that most citizens will recall: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness". While sitting around the camp fire some evening, why not crack open the Declaration and explain to your children what "Unalienable Rights" are along with other critical points in this document.

Another passage in the Declaration not to be overlooked: "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it," I am not advocating overthrowing our Constitution, it does not need revision, it needs enforcement. Our Constitution has been ignored and abused by the Washington Elitists for far too long.

One last quote from the Declaration: "But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Objet, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government."

Is it time for such action? You will have to be the judge of that, however, consider the following: Christians and Jews in this country are being chastised and silenced in favor of Muslims who want Sharia Law to be the law of the Land. Our traditions are no longer the norm, i.e., Christmas is now the Holiday Season, Christmas Trees have been replaced with Holiday Trees, Easter Break is now referred to as Spring Break. After all we do not want to offend foreigners who come to this country, so we must conform to their desires. Our Department of State has been bringing Muslim refugees from Somalia to this country for years. **Oh well, just that many more un-American foreigners that must not be offended. Is there anyone else out there that is offended that our freedoms are being infringed upon by foreigners with the aid of our own government?**

Why is it that Muslims are allowed to conduct terrorist training camps right here in America while our American unorganized Militia have been driven underground? After all, the only thing our unorganized militia is attempting to do is to protect our Constitution.

So, let us celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the traditional way, hopefully it won't offend anyone, but along with that let us at least look at our Declaration of Independence.

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## Who wrote the song, Precious Lord?

### "PRECIOUS LORD"

Back in 1932, I was a fairly new husband.. My wife, Nettie, and I were living in a little apartment on Chicago's south side.

One hot August afternoon I had to go to St. Louis where I was to be the featured soloist at a large revival meeting. I didn't want to go; Nettie was in the last month of pregnancy with our first child, but a lot of people were expecting me in St. Louis . I kissed Nettie goodbye, clattered downstairs to our Model A and, in a fresh Lake Michigan breeze, chugged out of Chicago on Route 66.

However, outside the city, I discovered that in my anxiety at leaving, I had forgotten my music case. I wheeled around and headed back. I found Nettie sleeping peacefully. I hesitated by her bed; something was strongly telling me to stay. But eager to get on my way, and not wanting to disturb Nettie, I shrugged off the feeling and quietly slipped out of the room with my music.

The next night, in the steaming St. Louis heat, the crowd called on me to sing again and again. When I finally sat down, a messenger boy ran up with a Western Union telegram.

I ripped open the envelope.... Pasted on the yellow sheet were the words: YOUR WIFE JUST DIED.

People were happily singing and clapping around me, but I could hardly keep from crying out.

I rushed to a phone and called home. All I could hear on the other end was "Nettie is dead. Nettie is dead."

When I got back, I learned that Nettie had given birth to a boy. I swung between grief and joy. Yet that same night, the baby died. I buried Nettie and our little boy together, in the same casket. Then I fell apart.

For days I closeted myself. I felt that God had done me an injustice.. I didn't want to serve Him any more

or write gospel songs. I just wanted to go back to that jazz world I once knew so well. But then, as I hunched alone in that dark apartment those first sad days, I thought back to the afternoon I went to St. Louis . Something kept telling me to stay with Nettie. Was that something God?

Oh, if I had paid more attention to Him that day, I would have stayed and been with Nettie when she died. From that moment on, I vowed to listen more closely to Him. But still I was lost in grief. Everyone was kind to me, especially one friend.

The following Saturday evening he took me up to Maloney's Poro College , a neighborhood music school. It was quiet; the late evening sun crept through the curtained windows.

I sat down at the piano, and my hands began to browse over the keys. Something happened to me then. I felt at peace. I felt as though I could reach out and touch God.

I found myself playing a melody. Once in my head they just seemed to fall into place: 'Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn, through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.'

The Lord gave me these words and melody. He also healed my spirit. I learned that when we are in our deepest grief, when we feel farthest from God, this is when He is closest, and when we are most open to His restoring power.

And so I go on living for God willingly and joyfully, until that day comes when He will take me and gently lead me home.

- - -Tommy Dorsey

For those too young to know who he is, Tommy Dorsey was a well-known bandleader in the 1930's and 40's.

Did you know that Tommy Dorsey wrote this song? I surely didn't. I'm happy to share this knowledge.

Indeed I want to share this – I pray none of you have lived thru this type of personal happening in your life. I don't believe you need such devastation to be open to GOD coming into your life. We do need to be open to receiving the Lord and his love in our lives. We, desperately, need GOD helping us retrieve our Country to GOD, our Constitution and to "We the People".

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## Sundown Salute 2011

**HOT!! HOT!! HOT!!** The weather and the action at Flint Hills TEA Party Booth this year, I and others spent most of the time manning the booth, speaking to the people. Who would stop and look over the material. The pocket Constitution was a great hit, offered free for a suggested donation. We managed to practice our run down on the "YES, for Liberty," Youth, Educational Scholarship. This scholarship will be one of our groups finest efforts.

The most striking things I remember was the people who stopped to talk and vent, about what was going on in their lives. One gentleman told about his foreclosure in another state, because he was under water on his house, but had to leave it to care for an ailing Mother. Military personal who sign up to know what was going on and what will go on. Children of Military personal who not only have to worry about a parent in harms way, but also faced with parents pay being delayed State side. The parents and young people who can not find jobs locally in Kansas, or anywhere else out of the State. The young man (Ronald) who stopped and talked to us at the booth one day; surrounded by his friends who wanted to move on. Ronald stayed for better than an hour asking questions. Then he returned to visit with us again. I remember the people who sign up for our newsletter and information. Some just curious and wanting to know what we were all about. Those who walk by several times and then just come over and sign up. I remember the "Thumbs Up" and positive nods. The Dad who took our pocket Constitution and handed it to his young son as he walk away, (I heard this father say, "Son, you need to read this".) I remember those who stop to say they belong to another TEA Party outside of Kansas.

There were many young people who plan on College and realize they could apply for a Scholarship. They were interested in more info.

We saw a few unhappy liberals who voiced their anger at our just being there. Mainly, they would blame President Bush, and how dare we attack the current President. When we invited them to look at our material they saw nothing against Obama. And still they weren't happy!

I never saw any evidence of threat. I did see people carrying our material, house after their visit with us.

As a very good friend of the Flint Hills TEA Party said, “Look what Jesus did with just a few dedicated followers. Our efforts are like trying to find a few grains of gold in a large pile of sand.”

So I leave you with this thought for next year – Come join us and have your own experience at the Sundown Salute 2012!!

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## These Things I Deny

**We hold these falsehoods to be evident through history.**

by John Hayward

07/07/2011

**“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”**

So says the Declaration of Independence, among the greatest documents ever produced by the human race. It is time to declare our independence again, this time by listing the *falsehoods* made evident through the past century of our history.

I do not believe the government can accomplish any given task more efficiently than the private sector. The awful record of our bankrupt State argues conclusively to the contrary.

I deny both the right and wisdom of government to “own” any industry. Industry cannot succeed without the threat of failure, and the State never has to worry about going out of business. Ownership is the prerogative of citizens, not the government they authorize to perform certain essential duties.

I reject the notion that a just government can exist in the absence of a strictly obeyed Constitution. It is not an archaic document to be evaded when it interferes with the agenda of public officials. A republic must be bound by laws that its elected representatives cannot *easily* change.

I deny the wisdom of the political class to achieve prosperity through economic control. Their failure is massive and evident. I challenge them to relinquish their control, and watch the creativity and judgment of free citizens surpass their own.

I do not believe the wealth of a free citizen belongs to the government, to re-distribute in accordance with the moral judgment of the elite.

I do not believe that only government officials should be allowed to enjoy lavish benefits and extravagant lifestyles without facing moral condemnation for their greed.

I deny the possibility of a large government without endemic corruption. It’s not just a question of electing honest people to run the super-State. Big Government is *inherently* corrupt, because it replaces the freedom of choice with the power of political command, and there will *always* be efforts to purchase the incredibly valuable favor of powerful politicians. If you would have honest government, you must make it smaller.

I deny the possibility of “creating” jobs. Jobs are *offered*. If you would have more of them, your fellow citizens must be willing to extend more offers. Free people cannot be compelled to make offers.

I do not believe the election of national representatives should be a quest for brilliant masters of industry. They should understand the limits and duties of their *own* jobs, not how to perform the jobs of those they rule. If a President understands and reveres the Constitution, it doesn’t really matter if he knows anything about the manufacture of automobiles or corporate jets. Electing politicians is not the equivalent of selecting the CEO of America, Incorporated, and Congress is not its boardroom.

I reject the application of compulsive force against citizens who have not engaged in criminal offenses. I am not interested in being “transformed” or “engineered” by my government, and I deny its moral authority to do so against my will.

I reject the idea that the *intention* behind legislation is more important than its legality under the Constitution, or its actual effects.

I do not believe that the business of funding the government should be turned into an exercise in social engineering, with citizens obliged to run through a vast maze of tax penalties and exemptions, designed to encourage “correct” behavior.

I don’t think the government should be allowed to function without a budget. Ever. This is a mockery of the vital concept of delegated authority. I will not grant the State the right to do as it pleases, and send taxpayers the bill later. How can we judge the performance of government, and vote accordingly, if we are not told precisely what it plans to *do*?

Except in cases of the most dire emergency, I don’t accept the moral authority of today’s politicians to place unbearable obligations on the taxpayers of the future. Taxation without representation is **wrong**. Who represents the children of tomorrow? Were their voices heard, when they were assigned to pay off fourteen trillion dollars in debt? It’s one thing to engage in emergency deficit spending when wars or natural disasters threaten the very survival of the Republic. Using the same techniques to encourage dependency on government, or fund the weird obsessions of bureaucrats, is an outrage.

I deny that the continuing dissolution of liberty is “progress,” while the restoration of liberty is “regressive.” The growth of the State is not inevitable.

I do not believe the proper business of government is reducing “uncertainty” in the free market. Opportunity only flourishes upon uncertain terrain. The government’s job should be to reduce the artificial uncertainty generated by its own actions. Free people should not have to worry about being crushed by the State, or watch their commercial triumphs washed away by huge subsidies to their defeated competitors.

I reject the moral authority of politicians to measure the virtue of ambition. As long as those ambitions are legal, politicians have no right to denounce them as evil.

I will not tolerate the continued presence in office of a politician who would compromise the core duties of government to protect funding for its extravagances. If government spending is limited, any official who would jeopardize the essential functions of government, or its financial obligations – as Barack Obama has openly threatened to do – is criminally derelict in his duties, and should be removed from office immediately. I will not allow a government official to threaten me with the refusal to discharge his lawful duty.

I don’t believe it is wise to place control of your life in the hands of politicians, many of whom you will *never* be able to vote against, or massive agencies you can only influence through savage political battles, fought once every couple of years. State control is all about transitory promises and eternal obligations.

I deny that liberty can be realized entirely through speech and action. It cannot exist without *ownership*.

I deny that freedom can exist without responsibility. No one is free unless everyone is. That means you cannot make demands upon your neighbors that you are not willing to reciprocate. It means the burden of financing our government should be shared by *everyone*, not lumped upon small populations that can be easily out-voted. It means that people are accountable for their actions. It is the reason a free people should embrace charity, but deny entitlement.

The Declaration of Independence announced the glory of American liberty by advancing three self-evident truths. The never-ending struggle to retain that liberty involves combining those truths to produce an endless series of denials. The allure of government control and dependency is great, so every free man and woman should be prepared to spend a lifetime saying “no.” **Freedom depends upon the right to say “no.”**

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