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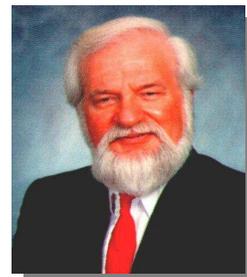
In the early 1980s, after a lot of time contemplating ways to make progress in the movement to re-establish strict adherence to the federal and state constitutions by those in government who swore oaths to honor and obey them, I recognized a need for an organization that offered financial support for individual Patriots within that Constitutional Revivalist Movement. To fill that need, I founded the Save-A-Patriot Fellowship in 1984, through which Patriots pledged to support their fellow Patriot members who had suffered the loss of their liberty or property by a wrongful act of some government official. Many Patriots recognized the benefits of such a support organization and quickly became members, making SAPF a reality. And after the first claimant collected his total damages for the IRS' wrongful confiscation of his property, the Fellowship really began to grow.

It wasn't long before members started asking for help investigating administrative problems they were encountering with the IRS. To fill this need, the Fellowship began accepting Power-of-Attorney from members in order to inquire into the procedures used by IRS employees, and to request documents — through the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act — that would provide evidence of whether those employees were staying within the law. These inquiries often revealed that IRS agents were *not* following the law and the regulations relating thereto. But the best part was that many of these agents genuinely appeared taken aback by SAPF's inquiries, which in turn seemed to cause many of these tax assessment efforts to end. When that news started making its way through the Patriot grapevine, the Fellowship grew like wildfire, and by the early 1990s, 40 Patriots were needed in-house to handle the casework development and paralegal work.

The Attacks Begin

By 1993, the IRS was visibly worried with the growth in Fellowship membership, and with its growing knowledge of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations, so they contrived a scheme to bring it down. They started a criminal investigation of me, and ultimately raided my home and the offices of the Fellowship on December 10, 1993. To make a long story short, we defeated them in

court, and got a very favorable decision establishing the fact that the Fellowship, as an unincorporated association, had no obligation to keep books and records for IRS purposes. You can just imagine how this turn of events was received within the IRS. Well, it took them another decade, but they finally conceived a new plan to accomplish what they failed to do the first time.



A message from John B. Kotmair, Jr., Fiduciary.

In 2003, the government began investigating me and the Fellowship for promoting and operating an "abusive tax shelter" under Internal Revenue Code § 6700. It didn't matter to the DOJ that none of Save-A-Patriot Fellowship's operations fell within any of the illegal activities described in that law. In May of 2005, they finally filed suit and merely alleged that the Fellowship activities were in violation of the law. As most reading this will know, this led to three solid years of defending against this nonsense all the way up to the United States Supreme Court. But the end result was that federal judge William Nickerson, without any evidence, without any hearing or trial, and in violation of the rules governing the federal courts, issued an injunction against me and the Fellowship staff that if violated, would ensure jail time. This injunction, for all intents and purposes, ended most of the Fellowship's educational efforts about the true application of the federal tax laws.¹ It is just one more example of how those in government are totally out of control.

Education is the reason!

But by 1994, I began to see the need for a more widespread way to educate our fellow Americans. And the method that kept coming up, for reaching as many Americans as possible with the least amount of effort, was talk radio. So, members of the Fellowship banded together in 1998 and started *Liberty Works Radio Network*. It was a commercial effort, but being underfunded, ran out of money before it really got off the ground. However, two things came out of that effort. One was the involvement of Sabatino Cupelli, an individual who has been in radio all his life, and the second was a renewed commitment to make Liberty Works Radio Network work.

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1. SAPF can still assist members with Privacy Act or FOIA requests for documents, or with state matters and non-income tax federal matters.

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Sab, as we call him, kept in touch, and in the early part of 2009, Sab committed his radio station (WIFL 104.3 FM, in Central Florida) to playing LWRN programming 24/7. So on May 4, 2009, Liberty Works Radio Network officially went back on the air. This time around though, instead of being dependent on commercial revenues, the plan was to fund and support Liberty Works like Save-A-Patriot Fellowship before it, through membership in a new **Liberty Works Radio Network Fellowship**. And so we started the long effort to make it work and to make it grow.

It didn't take long for the IRS to try to hurt the effort financially. First, they deposed me about alleged, but non-existent violations of the injunction order. When that didn't work, they started making calls to Sab in an obvious effort to intimidate him. And when that didn't work either, they started calling on the commercial advertisers of WIFL (now WOGF), inquiring as to whom they were paying for their commercials. While a couple of advertisers *were* scared off, many were not, and so LWRN continued its progress.

A blow out of the blue

The radio station has been attacked again, and this is the problem we mentioned in last month's Liberty Tree, for which we still need the help of all Patriots. A tax-exempt corporation, Citrus County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., (CCARC) filed suit against Nature Coast Broadcasting, Inc., the corporation that owns WOGF, claiming default on a note without any proof of their claim. It was admitted in their complaint to the Circuit Court of Citrus County that they *did not have* the promissory note in question, claiming it was "lost." Under normal circumstances, that should be enough for it to be thrown out of court for "No Cause of Action," but that's not what was done here. Despite the existence of *contested facts* – a situation that requires a trial (except in this case, apparently) – the judge issued an order establishing a judgment of some six hundred thousand dollars, and appointed a receiver to take over the operation of the radio station.

Believe it or not, however, the rules of the Federal Communications Commission stand in the way of these evildoers, and prevent them from taking over and operating the station, since Sab is the holder of the FCC license. Not to be deterred by such things as FCC regulations, the receiver came with a court order and deputy sheriffs and proceeded to seize all the studio broadcasting equipment.

In order to put a halt to this confiscation, Sab filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the federal court in Tampa, Florida, and gave notice to everyone involved. According to federal law, the filing of a petition for bankruptcy puts all actions to collect debts on hold, including actions that have taken place within the preceding 90 days, pending resolution of the bankruptcy. Therefore, any property that has been taken within that time, as was the case here, must be returned.

But these individuals care no more for bankruptcy laws than for FCC regulations, and are now openly defying the laws as well. By refusing to return the equipment, they're flirting with being held in contempt of the bankruptcy court.

Because Nature Coast Broadcasting is a corporation, and therefore cannot represent itself in court, a bankruptcy lawyer had to be retained before the bankruptcy could progress. The good news is that, with the financial help of some dedicated Patriots, bankruptcy attorney Buddy Ford has been hired, and he is now going on the offensive.

Fighting back

On January 25, Buddy filed an emergency motion in the federal bankruptcy court for the return of the property taken by the receiver appointed by the Citrus County court. He also filed a motion for an order to show cause against Citrus County Association for Retarded Citizens and its attorney, asking that they be ordered to show the bankruptcy court why they should not be held in contempt of the court for refusing to comply with 11 U.S.C. § 362 – the "automatic stay." It should be interesting to hear what they decide to say. Not only must they answer regarding their violation of the bankruptcy laws' automatic stay, but – in order to continue with their conspiracy – CCARC will need to file a "proof of claim" that a debt is owed. As mentioned above, CCARC told the county court that the note to verify its claim was "lost," and got away with it. However, Ford assures us this will not be the case in bankruptcy court. The show-cause motion also requests that CCARC and its attorney Karen Gaffney be ordered to pay punitive money damages for their contempt.

Before filing the motion, Ford called Gaffney and talked to her about her refusal to obey the automatic stay, to which she replied by letter to Ford that she had no intention of doing so. Ford responded by email:

Dear Mrs. Gaffney:

Thank you for taking my call this afternoon. I disagree with your legal position and will be filing a Motion for Order to Show Cause for willful violation of the automatic stay under 11 USC SEC 362, notwithstanding numerous correspondence from the Debtor and my office and even a personal call with you regarding the stay. You have stated that the state court order precludes my client from proceeding in a chapter 11 and that you will continue to disregard the Bankruptcy filing and even my authority to act on behalf of Nature Coast. We will have to bring this to the Bankruptcy Judge as your continuing efforts have caused my client irreparable harm and the blatant disregard for the Chapter 11 filing is continuing to damage the Debtor and the Estate. My firm is also filing an Adversary Proceeding to set aside the Judgment and to seek to subordinate the claim of CCARC for its actions under 11 USC Sec 510. Please call me if you wish to discuss this case further.

Buddy D. Ford, Esquire

It would be ironic indeed if future funding for LWRN came *from* this attack on it. If such event occurs, in my belief, it would truly be the Work of Our Lord.

While we fight ...

In the meantime however, we are still on the financial edge, and are still in need of your immediate help. Those of you who have been financially supporting the LWRN effort, *please* continue to do so, and send your much needed support *now!!* If you are hosting a show, *please*

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The WAR on BANK PAPER

(it's not what you think)



“Bank-paper must be suppressed, and the circulating medium must be restored to the nation to whom it belongs.”

— Thomas Jefferson to John Taylor, Monticello, 28 May 1816.¹

Nearly as long as there have been banks and paper, there's been *bank paper*. Paper notes which promise to pay a fixed amount to the bearer upon presentation to the bank have circulated in America since the latter half of the 17th century.

As conscious Americans know, the seditious U.S. Congress gave legal tender status to the Federal Reserve's bank paper in 1913. This illegal legal tender, created and loaned from nothing (“thin air”) by the Big Bank to the federal government, has allowed the federales to spend and spend and become powerful beyond even the depraved politicians' wildest dreams. It is an illusory power, however, since the borrower is slave to the lender, and the Federal Reserve System (“Big Bank”) has become the *de facto ruler of America*. As Jefferson wrote:

“... banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies; and ... the principle of spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale.” — Thomas Jefferson to John Wayles Eppes, Monticello, 24 June 1813.²

Bosom-buddy swindlers Big Bank and Big Government have demonstrated, through endless inflation, “quantitative easing,” “bail-outs,” derivatives, fraudulent mortgage-backed securities, and fraudulent foreclosure practices, that they are far more destructive than standing armies. They will eventually even destroy themselves, but first, they desire to prevent that outcome by sucking the people dry.

Monetary freedom threatens Big Bank

As banks in this country fail at increasing speed, the natural tendency will be for people to withdraw bank notes to avoid losing their savings. Since the essence of fractional reserve banking is that a bank *does not keep on hand the money it owes* its depositors, bank runs are a genuine threat to their existence.

Moreover, paper notes in the hands of the people are used for anonymous cash transactions. Big Government, in need of money to service its debt to Big Bank (and foreign creditors), knows administering taxes and levying property is exponentially more difficult when the property cannot be easily located or tracked. Even bank paper is hard to take when it can be physically held or hidden.

Therefore, even the people's use of Big Bank's *own paper* is too much economic freedom to allow. Bank profits

can only be secured if their slaves, the working people, are tracked, monitored, and forced to use the bank system.

By getting rid of its own (worthless) bank notes, and making all transactions electronic, Big Bank will achieve, for all practical purposes, full control over the medium of exchange. Since ordinary people can never hold electronic money in their hands, their assets would be forever in the hands of an irresponsible third party or parties, against whom they have little, if any, legal recourse.

Beneficiaries in financial prison

The federal Treasury has issued a final rule³ that all federal nontax payments, *e.g.*, Social Security benefits, VA and retiree payments, must be made by electronic funds transfer. Applicants for benefits after May 1, 2011, will only be paid by EFT; Applicants now receiving checks must switch by March 1, 2013. Payees who don't have a bank or credit union must use a Direct Express Debit Mastercard account provided by Comerica Bank, Treasury's financial agent, which will charge recipients for ATM cash withdrawals.

“Eight in 10 federal benefit recipients already use direct deposit, and now millions of additional retirees, veterans and other Americans will also receive their money in the safest, most reliable way — electronically,” says Fiscal Assistant Secretary Richard L. Gregg.⁴ Indeed, possession of all payees' banking info is “safe and reliable” for Treasury bureaucrats, since no extra steps are needed to find recipients' deposits if the government wants the money back.

Section 6331(h) of the Internal Revenue Code limits IRS levies on social security benefits to 15 percent of the amount received each month. Once the money has been deposited, however, the IRS can send a notice of levy to the bank, which generally sends *all* funds currently in an account to the IRS. Now that Treasury knows where and when each deposit is made, it's a simple matter for Treasury's IRS to coordinate levy notices and clean out the account. According to reports, Treasury has stated it will issue another rule this year to protect benefit payments from garnishment *after* they are deposited; time will tell if such rule will protect anyone from the IRS.

Government terrorizes cash holders

A fully-owned subsidiary of Big Bank, the Department of Homeland Security, uses taxpayer money to brainwash Americans that only terrorists use bank paper, *aka* cash. Here are some excerpts from a recent DHS be-a-snitch training video.⁵ Note the demonization of people using legal tender as “terrorists and criminals”:

NARRATOR: Terrorists and criminals do their best to cover their tracks. This may include paying in cash or using

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1. *The Works of Thomas Jefferson* (Paul Leicester Ford, Ed.), 11:533.

2. *Ibid.*, 11:303.

3. *75 Fed. Reg. 80335*, December 22, 2010.

4. See <http://hr.cch.com/news/uiss/012611a.asp>

5. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WRMcdgMhz2w&playnext=1&list=PL1BE0DD70BF934791=1>

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false identification.

HOTEL CLERK (to Manager): I have this guest who wants to stay for a few weeks and wants to pay in advance in *cash*.

HOTEL MANAGER: Well, cash is money, last time I checked.

What's the problem? Did you ask him for a credit card?

CLERK: Yeah, I did. He said he doesn't have one. He doesn't use them.

MANAGER: (Incredulous) No credit cards? How about an ID?

CLERK: He gave me one, it just doesn't — *feel* — right. I guess it's not a problem, it's just ... *weird*.

MANAGER: You know what, you're right. Let's call this in.

NARRATOR: If your interaction with a patron feels odd, if that person appears nervous or anxious, refuses to show ID ... or if the guest insists on paying with cash for sums that are customarily charged, and refuses to show a credit card, alert your manager or security personnel. This IS suspicious behavior.

Clearly, the banking system which rules America is no longer satisfied with merely controlling the money supply via the issuance of bank paper. It wants to control and drain every American of any remaining assets through fees and interest on every economic transaction.

Locals ban cash to control opposition

Town bureaucrats are now warring on bank paper too. In California, the Discovery Bay Community Services District board voted recently to ban cash transactions, beginning in May, for all services, including water bills, park reservations, and public records requests. Board members said the ban would ensure the "safety" of town clerks and save the district "time and money." They claimed that cash at town offices might attract thieves, but acknowledged to the *Contra Costa Times* that this has *never* happened.⁶

The cash ban is in reality a paranoid response to *anonymous* public records requests paid for with cash. It took only four such requests for the board to institute the ban in an effort to protect themselves and identify their unknown opponents. Board member (and modern Nazi) Brian Dawson made the real purpose clear by smearing such anonymous requests as "cowardly" and indicative of "bad intentions." Indeed, the directors (official looters) of the town must have something to hide, because although the town only handles about seven records requests each month, they publish the requestors' names in their meeting agendas. Nevertheless, the town's new policy appears to violate the federal legal-tender statute, 31 U.S.C. § 5103:

United States coins and currency (including Federal reserve notes and circulating notes of Federal reserve banks and national banks) are legal tender for all debts, **public charges**, taxes, and dues. Foreign gold or silver coins are not legal tender for debts. [emphasis added]

California Government Code § 6852 also states that legal tender notes issued by the U.S. "shall be received" for all taxes due any municipal corporation. Perhaps the worthy opponents of the local thieving bureaucrats will challenge the cash ban in court. Meanwhile, they can still *inspect* records anonymously in person (no ID required).

Are you a proud member of the great unbanked?

No federal law mandates that a private person or organization must accept electronic payments, checks, or

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stay with us as we go through what needs to be done to get WOGF back on the air. Liberty Works Radio Network is still streaming over the internet at www.lwrn.net. We are also restreaming the Saturday hosts' shows between 3 and 5 pm on weekdays, giving them greater exposure. Our Sunday hosts are also being restreamed throughout the day Sunday, meaning 24 hours of opportunity to hear the Word of God preached and applied to our world today. We're streaming Alex Jones in the afternoons, and have added Radio Liberty host Dr. Stanley Monteith from 7 to 11 pm weekdays. See the schedule on the website for details. Listen in whenever you can, and talk others into tuning in as well. Even old dogs can sometimes learn new tricks! More importantly though, we are working night and day to get back on the airwaves.

If you have not been a regular financial supporter, please consider becoming one. Or, if you're not able to become a regular contributor, please consider sending whatever you can at this time to help save this much needed effort, no matter how little it may be, for it all adds up. Every day brings more evidence of the need for a major Patriot news outlet; without one we are just spinning our wheels, and wasting precious financial resources. We cannot afford to let the enemies of our constitutional republic win this desperate battle in which we are engaged. Fellow Patriots, we CAN save this Constitutional Republic! That is, if we all stand and work together. **THINK ABOUT IT!!** Like our motto says: *Together We Stand, Or Separately You Will Be Stood On!* **HANG IN THERE, VICTORY IS IN SIGHT!! THE ONLY WAY WE CAN LOSE, IS FOR YOU TO IGNORE OUR PLEA FOR HELP!!!**

You can donate online at LWRN.net, or just mail your donation to: LWRN, 12 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD 21157. All questions should be directed to John Kotmair, 410-239-7621, or email john@lwrn.net.



even coins and currency of the United States as payment for goods or services not yet provided. If a person wishes a particular currency for payment, they must simply notify the buyer in advance of the sale as to the medium of exchange they will accept.

Unless you want to live in concentration camp "Cashless Society," run by warden Big Bank and guarded by Big Government, it is imperative to take personal action. Convert electronic funds to bank paper every chance you get, commit to using and requesting cash rather than checks or credit and debit cards, and finally, use silver and gold for transactions whenever possible. Only when a substantial minority of citizens stay anonymous and *unbanked* does a measure of safety from total confiscation yet exist. The more who withdraw consent from the electronic system, the more difficult to lock everyone down.

We must agitate for a return to constitutional gold and silver, and the abolishment of the Federal Reserve. But until then, as bad as bank paper is, you at least hold it in *your* hand. Do you want it in *theirs*?

