



LIBERTY TREE

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Patriots, lend me your ears

By Dick Greb

May 2012 marks the three-year anniversary of Liberty Works Radio Network's return to broadcasting. It would be no understatement to say that we would never have seen this landmark without the continuing financial support of dedicated LWRN Fellowship members – as well as some die-hard Save-A-Patriot Fellowship members, too. There have been a number of times in these last three years when it was uncertain if we'd be able to keep going on for another month, or even another week. But each time, with our backs against the wall, Fellowship members and supporters stepped into the breach, and through their contribu-

Many hands make light work. — John Heywood

tions, enabled us to continue making the dream of a Patriot-supported media source a reality.

LWRN's financial struggle continues though, as it no doubt does for many of you. And it's axiomatic that going back to the same supporters again and again will ultimately lead to decreasing levels of giving and increasing levels of annoyance. The answer of course, as the Heywood quote above reveals, is simple math. We need to expand the pool of supporters by increasing the membership rolls of the LWRN Fellowship. The greater the membership, the less burden to fall on each individual member. And so, if you see value in what Liberty

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A Great Patriot and Friend of Liberty Passes

Tommy Cryer, September 11, 1949 — June 4, 2012

Early this morning, our Constitutional Republic lost one of its most formidable Patriot warriors against tyranny and sedition. Tommy Cryer, age 62, of Shreveport, Louisiana, was an honest, principled, and valiant attorney – a true American hero. He saw his duty, and did not shirk from it; he met it head on, and through his knowledge and fortitude was able to prevail against the forces of evil.

The enemies of Liberty tried to still his voice, and end his activities for the Cause of Justice and Freedom, by bringing false charges against him to try to cover up their seditious acts. But they did not prevail, because a jury of true Americans had

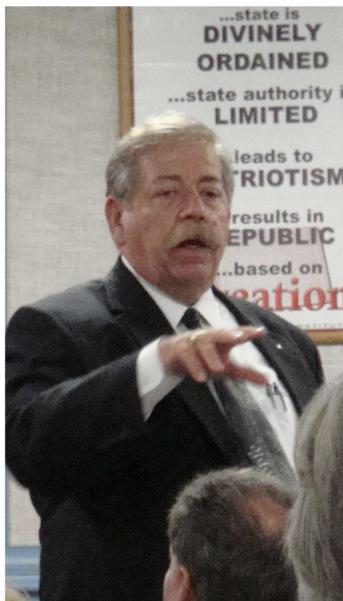
the courage to reject the government's lies and find him innocent.

After being acquitted of all charges by a jury of his peers on July 11, 2007, Tommy founded Truth Attack – an affiliation of Patriot groups – to combat the wrongdoing of those within our government who are intent on taking away our substance, and using it against us. You can visit his website, www.truthattack.org, to learn the strategy he advocated and the projects he was engaged in. Although it will take more than a few Patriots to fill the gap that is left by his departure, it is important that his work be carried on.

Tommy was a real force in helping to get Liberty Works Radio Network up and running again, and one of its main supporters. And despite his busy schedule, he graciously devoted an hour every weekday to host a show on LWRN. His knowledge

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Left: Attorney Tommy Cryer speaks at Save-A-Patriot Fellowship August 28, 2010. He was always eager to spread the truth about the income tax, encouraging patriots to become involved in publicizing that truth via support of projects such as Liberty Works Radio Network, Truth Attack, and Operation Stop Thief!

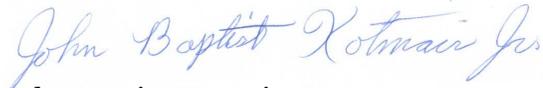


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and teaching technique will be hard to replace, if it ever can be.

I cannot begin to describe the personal loss that I feel. He was always there for me, offering counsel and solutions whenever there was a problem to solve. But more than that, I feel the void of the loss of a personal friend that could always be counted on. My heartfelt condolences go out to his beloved wife Dee Dee, and to all who loved him, and I pray that the Lord comforts them in the loss of their true friend.

Semper Fidelis ad Libertas, Veritus que Justitia



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Works Radio Network is doing, then try to get others to see that value as well. Convince them that LWRN is worth supporting and worth listening to.

Which brings up my next point: if *you* believe that LWRN is worth listening to, then *why aren't you listening to it?* The cornerstone of a radio network is *listeners!* Without them, we're just whistling in the wind. Hosts become discouraged when they get no response to their shows. Even negative responses let them know that people are hearing what they have to say, but naturally, they'd like even more to

hear positive feedback. It takes a lot of effort to produce a show for broadcast, and hosts are in the same boat as the rest of us – they must constantly weigh the costs and benefits of their efforts so as to maximize their effectiveness. If they see no fruit from a particular branch, then that branch will eventually get pruned. That's just part of being a good steward of one's resources.

So why aren't you listening? You don't have to be within the broadcast range of a radio station to hear the broadcast, because you can listen to our streaming audio live from any computer with internet access. And I'd be willing to bet that some of you have internet access at home. Chances are that some of you even have Smartphones, so you can listen anywhere by downloading the *free* mobile apps. The links to listen

live and to download these apps are at the top of the left side panel of the LWRN website.¹ We couldn't hardly make it any easier for you to listen.

Along with such well-known freedom advocates as attorney Larry Becraft, ex-IRS Special Agent Joe Banister, Alex Jones and Dr. Stan Monteith, Liberty Works also features Institute on the Constitution founders Michael Peroutka and Pastor David Whitney, current Constitution Party national vice-chairman Randall Stufflebeam, anti-Agenda 21 warrior Maggie Roddin, and David Alan Carmichael, who won his battle with the Navy against the use of an SSN. But wait, there's more! Visit the program schedule² on the website and I'm sure you'll find one or more shows that you will find interesting and informative. And then listen to them; and let the hosts know that you're listening. If you like what you hear, encourage others to listen too. If you don't like it, try another program, but give us some feedback as well. After all, we also need to be good stewards of our resources. If people don't want to listen to a particular program, then we may need to do some pruning of our own, and find hosts whom people do want to hear.

That brings us to another way you can help. If you know of someone who is currently hosting a talk show, or wants to start one, call the LWRN Fellowship at (410) 587-5444 with their contact information, or send that information to fiduciary John Kotmair so he can talk to them about joining the Liberty Works Radio family. There are good slots available right now for either daily or weekend shows. In fact, there's not much equipment necessary to set *yourself* up for a live broadcast, if you have the inclination. We will do whatever we can to help you get started.

The bottom line is that Liberty Works Radio Network can only succeed with your involvement. And that starts with the simple act of listening to LWRN programming, and getting others to listen as well. We need your feedback regarding the shows (or problems you come across trying to listen), and so do the hosts. We need you to help find new hosts to fill empty slots, or become a host yourself. And of course, we still need your continued financial support as you are able, and we need your help to find others of like mind to join in our cause, and that want to help us spread Liberty Works Radio Network from sea to shining sea.

Together, we can make it happen.



Your friends can be listening to LWRN today!

How to download LWRN streaming apps:

iPhones: Type <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lwrn/id505586074?mt=8> into your browser, and the download page will appear. Or search "iphone app LWRN" in Google, and this page will be the first result.

Androids/Smartphones: Go to <https://market.android.com> and search for "LWRN." The download page will appear.

1. www.lwrn.net

2. www.libertyworksradionetwork.com/jml/index.php/hosts

AN OPEN LETTER

To the representatives of the Republic of the great State of Delaware and fellow citizens of all States:

I have spent the last twenty years trying to convince all I come into contact with of the importance of strictly following our Constitutions, both state and federal, of which the office of Sheriff is an integral part.

I invite you to join me in celebrating and upholding the high and noble office of the Sheriff, which is under attack in the State of Delaware. While this attack is against all Sheriffs in Delaware, one Sheriff, Jeff Christopher, has stepped up to fight for the preservation of this ancient office, and Sheriffs from all over the county, including Sheriff Richard Mack, are supporting him in his valiant stand.

On June 9th, 7:00 PM, at the Agricultural Center in Westminster, Maryland, Sheriffs Jeff Christopher and Richard Mack will present the urgency of the case for preserving this office, which protects the people from federal and state depredations. If you are nearby or can make the trip, please join us for a wonderful and enlightening evening.

Recently, I have become personally acquainted with an astute attorney, Carson Tucker, a specialist on the topic of Sheriffs' powers and duties, and a lawyer who represents law enforcement officers generally. He has won several key cases in the Michigan Supreme Court defending law enforcement interests. His article "Vitae Republicae – The Life of the Republic"¹ is a must-read: Tucker exposes the nature of the common law powers of the Sheriff and the limitations of the legislatures with respect to that office – limitations presently being ignored by Delaware's legislature.

The people have the sole and exclusive right of regulating the county's internal government and the police thereof, electing their law enforcers as a free, sovereign and independent people. However, the "representatives" of the people in Sussex County and the state of Delaware are attempting to violate the republican form of government with an unconstitutional legislative act, House Bill No. 325. A reading of HB 325 clearly shows contempt for the people's role in self-government.

HB 325 amends existing law to explicitly remove the general authority to arrest from the Sheriff, stating: "Sheriffs and sheriff deputies are not authorized by law to make arrests in criminal cases," and "Sheriffs and



You are invited to Save-A-Patriot Fellowship's July 4th celebration!

— Held on
June 30th —

in beautiful Carroll County, Md. Our annual event features a barbecue, refreshments, and best of all, other members and serious patriots from around the country. Meat is provided; please bring beverages and a side dish, from salads to desserts, and join us. For more information, call Headquarters at (410) 857-4441 ext. 100.

their regular deputies shall not have any arrest authority," and excising the term Sheriff from every statute containing the term with respect to arrest powers.² Patriots across this country are closely watching their sister state Delaware in her political struggle to maintain the noble, constitutionally mandated office of the Sheriff. This fight is for the very heart of our form of government. We here in Maryland offer our support to this extremely important effort. It seems that people in positions of the public trust in Delaware are not deserving of that trust and must be removed from office for trying to destroy the office of Sheriff through deception.

'A Republic, if you can keep it'

At the close of the Constitutional convention of 1787, a woman reportedly asked Benjamin Franklin, "What form of government did you give us, Mr. Franklin, a Republic or a monarchy?" Dr. Franklin answered, "A Republic, if you can keep it." Our form of government is a Constitutional Republic, not a democracy. This means that anyone with authority under the Constitutions are *elected as representatives of the people* (the sovereigns), and must govern according to the limits of existing Constitutional law. The mandate for a guarantee of a Republican form of government is found at Art. 4, Sec. 4 of the U.S. Constitution.

The office of Sheriff is a very important part of our

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1. <http://amicus-curious.com/2012/06/02/vitae-republicae-the-life-of-the-republic/>

2. [http://legis.delaware.gov/LIS/lis146.nsf/vwLegislation/HB+325/\\$file/legis.html?open](http://legis.delaware.gov/LIS/lis146.nsf/vwLegislation/HB+325/$file/legis.html?open)

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Sussex County Sheriff Jeff Christopher, who is attempting to preserve the common-law arrest powers of the Delaware Sheriffs..

Republican form of government, safeguarding individual Freedoms. He is sworn to the Constitution, and is the supreme law enforcement officer, *a.k.a.* the chief executive, of the county, answerable for his actions only to the citizens. He is our conservator of the peace (with arrest powers, of course) and our duly elected representative, the one we go to first with problems of government corruption or common law crimes of theft and such. The Sheriff also interposes on our behalf to make sure all law is faithfully adhered to and executed, including state and federal laws. In this manner, government officials who operate outside the law (*e.g.*, IRS and FDA of-

ficials) can be held to the law and their unlawful invasions of the county stopped.

The office of Sheriff arises Constitutionally and has its roots in the Common Law of England. Americans have a right to be served by the office of the Sheriff as a matter of law, Art. 4, Sec. 4 of the U.S. Constitution, which was incorporated into the Delaware Constitution at Art. 15.

The office of Sheriff was the only law enforcement office in the States of the union in the beginning, from colonial times through the revolution into the Confederacy and into the Constitutional Republic. The first unelected police force was in 1835 in Boston, Massachusetts. To my knowledge, the constitutionality of that agency has never been challenged in court, and frankly, with the sophistry in today's courts, it would probably be a waste of time. However, that does not change the fact of the constitutionality of the office of Sheriff. Thomas Jefferson wrote that "there is no honorable law enforcement authority in Anglo-American law so ancient as that of the county sheriff whose role as a peace officer goes back at least to the time of Alfred the Great."³

While the "representatives" of Delaware are attempting to pass laws removing the arrest power of

the Sheriff, the attorney general of the state is simultaneously deceiving the people by stating that the term

"conservator of the peace" (a term which includes sheriffs) in the Delaware constitution is not defined, and that the common law powers of the Sheriff have been abrogated by statute (AG Opinion No. 12-IIB03). If these powers could be abrogated by statute (which they cannot) and have already been abrogated, then why is the legislature attempting to abrogate them now?

The AG's opinion further states that the term "peace officer," as far as they can determine, has never been judicially interpreted in Delaware, although it admits the AG did "... forgo an exhaustive historical analysis because the law of arrest is governed by statute in Delaware and the relevant statutes control over the common law." A mere five-minute search on Westlaw, however, shows the AG's statement to be a lie. In *State v. Brown*, an 1854 case, Delaware Judge Harrington noted that a peace officer such as a Sheriff *does have* the common law authority to arrest.

The powers and duties of the Sheriff are found in the exhaustive *A Treatise on the Law of Sheriffs*, written by Walter H. Anderson after more than thirty years of active practical experience on this subject as a member of many state Bars. The government certainly hopes this treatise would disappear, but as a champion of the constitutions, I can tell you Mr. Anderson understands law. Among a few of the statements of fact in this treatise are: Sec. 1, "The office of sheriff is one of the oldest offices known to the common law system of jurisprudence. It is an office of great dignity and greater antiquity," Sec. 43, "Rights of the sheriff as a constitutional officer.-Where the sheriff is named in the constitution his duties are the same as they were at the time the constitution was adopted," Sec. 50, "... where the office of sheriff is a constitutional one, the legislature has no power without a constitutional amendment to diminish his official powers or to transfer to other officers the duties which properly pertain to his office." The Delaware legislature should take note.

Legislative acts that conflict with constitutional mandates are void from their enactment (see *CJ.S.* citation below). HB 325 is only one of many unconstitutional acts that are passed routinely, apparently because most "representatives" seem to be either ignorant of our system of government, or seditiously in contempt of it, violating the oath they took to protect it. The result has been the violation of the people's rights to life, liberty and property. If we are to survive as a self-governing and free people, we must elect statesmen who will be devoted to understanding and upholding their oath. Thank God for men like Sheriff Christopher who are taking that stand. Support your local Sheriff!

Yours truly for Liberty under Law,

George Otto III

16 C.J.S. Constitutional Law § 3 (1956):

Statutory law ... in order to be valid, must conform to the constitution, both federal and state, and likewise any principle of common law in conflict therewith is void. Anything that is unconstitutional is void.



3. Chapter 4, "The Value of Constitutions," *The political writings of Thomas Jefferson: representative selections*, Edward Dumbauld, ed., 1955.