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President's Message

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It's the System . . .

League members know the imperial American regime cannot be reformed short of a miracle. But many of our neighbors do not. Sure, they understand that things are bad. They know the economy is a basket case, and that perhaps things will get much worse than they are at present. They know their money is fast losing its purchasing power. They know the political system is corrupt and that they usually have a poor choice between candidates of the two major parties. They know that the so-called "war on terror" is not working and that Iraq and Afghanistan have become quagmires. They know their jobs are being exported overseas. They know the regime has racked up a gargantuan national debt. And they know they have no voice in the affairs of their country.

But they don't really know the source of all these (and myriad other) problems. Perhaps they will blame certain politicians. Perhaps they will blame greedy global corporations. Perhaps they will blame the "liberals." Few, however, will blame the system itself.

The American system that was born with the South's military defeat in 1865 could be described as "the bottom rail is now on top." The creation of an unconstitutional empire in place of a federated, constitutional republic was Lincoln's and the Republicans' sorry legacy to America. This arrangement was further bolstered by the fraudulent adoption of the 14th Amendment shortly after the war's end. To keep it simple, the servant (the general government) now is the master (formerly the sovereign States). By overthrowing the original polity of our Founders (including of course the founding document), the Revolutionary Party created the blueprint for the Tyranny under which we suffer today.

If we had a constitutional republic, could George W. Bush (or his successor) make himself a dictator in all but name? Could Congress ransack the Bill of Rights with The USA Patriot Act? Could we have a Police State to "protect" us from the tactic known as "terrorism?"

The system that supports the illicit regime enthroned in DC is rigged to keep the powerful, wealthy, and ambitious on top and the rest of us in abject servitude, devoid of the God-given rights of free men. For instance, why is national policy on virtually every important issue decided by a majority of five black-robed justices on the Supreme Court? Isn't that too much power for five people out of 300 million to possess? Will those five people ever rule against the "home team" (the general government) and for the people on any truly important question? I think you know the answer. If George W. Bush should commit a crime, who's going to march into the

White House and arrest him? This could be asked of any top politician, office holder, or any really important person.

Both Abe Lincoln and George W. Bush said that the U.S. Constitution is merely a scrap of paper. In so many words, so did John C. Calhoun. But Calhoun meant that a set of fundamental laws was worthless unless the people enforced it on their elected leaders. In other words, the Constitution was not self-enforcing. What Lincoln and Bush meant was that the Constitution was in no way going to thwart their respective agendas as President.

When the established ruling elites have a virtually monopoly on violence (control of the military and law enforcement coupled with a disarmed or poorly-armed populace), who is going to force them to rule justly? When they control the great majority of the wealth and the mechanism (i.e. taxation and inflation) for creating poverty among their subjects, who has the means to stand against them? When they breed fear into the general population by sensationalizing every possible threat to their health and safety, who will have the courage to stand against them?

The first step toward redeeming our lost liberty as Southerners is to withdraw our consent, as individuals and families, from the current Republican-Democrat regime. The second is to convince our friends and neighbors to do the same. The third is to prepare ourselves to take action in defense of all we hold dear. The only means I see as feasible for restoring ordered liberty and prosperity to the South for ourselves and our posterity is to use each and every honourable means at hand to break free from a truly monstrous regime.

Self-defense is Biblical. Our Founding and Confederate forefathers would expect nothing less of us.

Begin your preparations now.

Southern Independence Flag?

The South has the world's most beautiful flags—the Naval Jack or battleflag; the First, Second, and Third National, and the Bonnie Blue. The League wants to add one more beautiful banner to the list: a Southern Independence Flag.

When our Confederate ancestors left the union, they did not employ the flags of their forefathers in 1776. They designed their own symbols for their own time and struggle. It is true that they modified the cross of St. Andrew, a symbol held dear by many of their ancestors. But the flags of the 1860s were their own.

Shouldn't the modern Southern nationalist movement have its own banner for the present and future? We would in no way disrespect or disregard the South's historical flags. We would not be replacing any flag, but would be adding a new one to fly proudly alongside the others. It would be our 21st century symbol to represent the continued struggle for Southern independence.

We need your help with the overall design of a new banner. What should it look like? What symbols (magnolia? St Andrew's cross? stars?) and colours should be used? Please send your suggestions or sketches to me by e-mail at jmichhill@cs.com, by phone (800) 888-3163, or by mail at PO Box 760, Killen, Alabama 35645.

**Circle of St Andrew
to Ride the Incline**

The Circle of St Andrew Banquet, usually held in conjunction with the national conference, will not be held this year. Instead, the Circle will ride the Incline Railway to the top of Lookout Mountain. If you have donated \$600 or more this year to the President's Fund, you should have received an invitation by US mail. If you did not receive yours, please contact us as soon as possible.

**Announcing the 15th Annual League of the South
2008 National Conference
“SURVIVING THE EMPIRE’S COLLAPSE”
Friday & Saturday, 31 October - 1 November
(9:00 am until 5:00 pm both days)
The Chattanooga Convention Center**

Scheduled Speakers: **Michael Peroutka, Esq**, 2004 Constitution Party Presidential Candidate; **Pastor John Weaver**, celebrated speaker and author; **Mike Crane**, founder of the Southern Party of Georgia; **Franklin Sanders**, LS Board member, editor of *The Free Magnolia & The Moneychanger*; **Michael Tuggle**, LS Board member and blogmaster of the Rebellion Blog on Dixienet; **Catherine Austin Fitts**, President, Solari, Inc. and Manager, Solari Investment Advisory Services, LLC; **Michael Hill**, League of the South President. There will also be a workshop, **“State Chapter Communications,”** on Saturday afternoon.

Cost is \$50 per individual; \$75 per couple; or \$100 per family. Vendor cost is \$60 per table.

The year's theme—“Surviving the Empire's Collapse”—is intended to be a practical one. As inflation soars and the dollar falls, resulting in higher and higher prices for energy, food, and many other necessities, life becomes more difficult for the average, hard-working family of the South. These factors coupled with continuing wars, the sub-prime mortgage crisis, and the potential meltdown of the credit markets, we believe it is imperative that folks learn how to provide for their basic necessities within their local communities. Not since the Great Depression of the 1930s has it been more important that local communities NOT depend on the fragile system of money, credit, supply, and transportation. The speeches at our 2008 conference will help you understand the crisis and prepare practically to withstand it. If we are to be here to “pick up the pieces” after the collapse and to restore ordered liberty to our communities and States, then we must get ready now.

Among the things you will learn: How to help develop a local agricultural economy; How to become a freeholder and wean yourself from dependence on the corporate system; How gold and silver can free you from a corrupt inflationary money system; How to implement the ideas of the Nashville Agrarians and the English Distributists in our own day; How to organize a political movement based on “localism;” Short- and long-term strategies for self-sufficient households; the Biblical foundations for self-sufficiency and localism.

Nearby Lodging: Chattanooga Convention Center Marriott (423) 756-0002; Staybridge Suites (423) 267-0900; The Chattanooga (800) 619-0018; Days Inn Rivergate (800) 329-7466; Sheraton Read House (423) 266-4121; Motel 6 (423) 265-7300.

Printable registration form follows, or register online with PayPal at DixieNet.

**The 15th Annual League of the South
2008 National Conference
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NC LS Summer Conference Highlights Distributism

The North Carolina LS Summer Conference, held in Burlington on Saturday, August 23, focused on Distributism. According to NC State Chairman, Bernhard Thuersam, the topic provoked a spirited discussion about ways LS members can implement the strategy: buying local, avoiding global-corporate boxes, and supporting only community-based agriculture.

Also featured at the conference was Southern Legal Resources Center Director, Roger McCredie, who outlined the SLRC's legal accomplishments preserving and protecting the South and its symbols.

The NC LS will continue through 2009 with its regular quarterly conferences in Burlington and will integrate Nathaniel Macon Institute (NMI) educational segments into each conference.

State Meeting in Missouri

The Missouri League of the South's Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, 27 September 2008, at the Wade Rabun Farm near Hartshorn, Missouri. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and feature Mr Ron Calzone of Missouri First as the guest speaker, a sermon by Pastor Wade Rabun, music by *The Carpenters*, an update on the Southern National Congress by Bob Mills and a lesson on patriotism by Les Goss, pot-luck dinner, pistol shooting competition, games for the children, examples of country living and a good time for all! Bring your friends and let's build our Southern community.

Directions will be provided to those attending. Contact Missouri Chairman, Bob Mills, rockytop16@hughes.net or 417-256-1926.

Northeast Florida & RLC

The Northeast Florida LS held its second meeting with members of the local Republican Liberty Caucus. The chapter gave the Ron Paul supporters a class in emergency preparedness, focusing on what is known as "Every Day Carry" or EDC. Future classes are planned.

**“Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
fear of death is the beginning of slavery.”**

State Meeting Held in Florida

About sixty people, half of them non-members, attended the 2008 Florida LS Convention on Saturday, 23 August, despite inclement weather associated with Tropical Storm Fay. State

Chairman Mike Tubbs & NE Florida Chairman Steve Walker did a terrific job publicizing the conference in the Jacksonville-Duval County area.

Chairman Tubbs opened the meeting with the presentation of several awards to Floridians who have taken notable stands against the forces of politically correct businesses or who have supported the Florida LS in distributing issues of *The Free Magnolia*.

Ray McBerry told the audience that our Southern inheritance of liberty is “not for sale” at any price, Pastor John Weaver explained “Why the South Must Rise Again,” and Michael Hill gave “Ten Reasons for Secession and Southern Independence.”

All of the presentations are available on DVD. Contact Mike Tubbs at floridas_son@yahoo.com.

Florida Rallies

The Florida LS has participated in two rallies recently in the Jacksonville area in defense of an employee of BJ's Wholesale Club, a Massachusetts-based company. The employee was banned from his company's employee parking lot for flying a Confederate flag from his truck. The Florida League is urging customers of the company to buy local and buy Southern.

Successful Summer Institute Macon, Georgia

Ed Wolfe reports that the LS Summer Institute held at Macon State College Saturday, 12 July, attracted 42 attendees, with seven attending on scholarship. Entitled “Southern Heroes: Lessons for Today,” the Institute featured Dr Clyde Wilson's lectures on Calhoun and Lee, Dr Brion McClanahan's on Washington and Jefferson; and Ray McBerry on Jackson. Miss Deborah Brinson, The Harp of Dixie, provided entertainment.

Wolfe wishes to thank the donors who made this event possible: Wendell Taylor of Warner Robins, Jack Caldwell of Macon, the LS Middle Georgia Chapter, the LS East Georgia Chapter, the LS of Georgia, and the LS National.

Successful LS Institute Burlington, North Carolina

North Carolina State Chairman, Bernhard Thuersam, reports that the August 9 LS Institute, “American Ideal/Southern Goal: The Consent of the Governed,” was a great success. He reports overwhelmingly positive feedback from the attendees of the Burlington event.

Thuersam wishes to thank speakers Michael Tuggle, Alexander M. Cheek, and Dr Tom Minsel for identifying realistic solutions to America's political dilemma, and Rev. Tim Manning, Director of the North Carolina Heritage Foundation, for his “Book Fair.” Another LS Institute is planned for July 2009.

New England Groups Look to Secede

From Mike Tuggle & the Rebellion Blog

Here's a great report on yet another movement to restore local sovereignty and put the brakes on a runaway Federal government:

Burt Cohen, 57, a former state senator, is leading a front in New Hampshire to secede from the U.S., and join with Maine, Vermont, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Gaspé Peninsula to create a new authority called New Acadia or Novacadia based on maps of a 1702 maritime union.

"This is a continuation of my politics," Cohen said. "I am interested in people taking part in decisions, and right now, it seems to me that fewer and fewer people have more concentrated wealth and power."

This is not some radical idea Mr. Cohen is advocating, but simply the continuation of a fine, long-forgotten tradition of New England self-government.

The central argument the post makes for secession is becoming more obvious every day: at some point, bureaucracy gets too big, and breaks down. The groans and cracks all around us can no longer be ignored.

- LSI Director, Dr. David Aiken, is using *The Best of the Southern Patriot* as a textbook in introductory English classes at The College of Charleston.

From the Front Lines . . .

contributed by Terry Compton

It seems our LS Bluegrass Chairman, Basil, "Bazz" Childress, was briefly detained by the police in Concord, North Carolina, while attending the 2008 Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion.

Evidently, Mr Childress had hung the Confederate battleflag from the inside of his hotel room window, thus provoking the ire of the establishment's owner. When Bazz refused to take down the banner without proof that he was in violation of hotel policy—which the owner could not provide—the police were called in.

Although forced to arrest Bazz, the officers (unlike the hotel owner) demonstrated good judgement and refused to handcuff him. This may have had something to do with the fact that Mr. Childress had pointed out how the hotel management had granted a group rate to an organisation whose members are proud supporters of the banner in question. Moreover, that same banner was displayed on everything from car bumpers in the parking lot to t-shirts on many of the hotel's guests.

Why, then, was the flag in a hotel window more disturbing to the hotel owner than all these other prominent displays? We have learned that this and other questions may be answered in, shall we say, a more formal setting in the near future. Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, we give a loud Rebel Yell to our Kentucky LS Chairman, Bazz Childress, for refusing to surrender his God-given right to honour his Southern heritage to a self-appointed censor disguised as a hotel owner.

King Corn: **The Documentary**

Here's an interesting and enlightening documentary that explains why hamburgers aren't so tasty as they once were, why obesity and diabetes are rampant, and why family farms are a thing of the past. *King Corn* (2007, Docuramafilms, 1 hr. 30 min. long, directed by Aaron Woolf) chronicles two college graduates' move to Iowa to grow an acre of corn. Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis follow their crop from seed to harvest and then through production and distribution in the food supply. It details how the USDA made a devil of a deal with farmers that affects your food, your wallet, and your health. Available from Netflix or Blockbuster.

“Whatever foes may face the Christian, Christ has already overcome them. There are lions, but their teeth are broken. There are serpents, but their fangs are extracted. There are rivers, but they are bridged or fordable. There are flames, but we wear that matchless garment which renders us invulnerable to fire.

The sword that has been forged against us is already blunted. The instruments of the enemy's war have already lost their edge. God has taken away, in the person of Christ, all the power of anything that can hurt us.”

—Charles Spurgeon from *Morning & Evening*

Winning Ticket to Be Drawn at LS National Conference



The winner of the raffle for the limited edition print, “Lee and His Valiant Men,” by Florida artist Janet McGrath, will be chosen by random drawing on November 1, 2008, the final day of the LS National Conference.

The framed and matted print of Lee, Longstreet, Forrest, Stuart, & Jackson is signed and numbered (#429 in a series of 600) and has a certificate of authenticity in a protective pouch on the back. It measures 27-5/16 in. wide by 22-5/8 in. high.

Chances can be bought at the conference or you can order them by mail. They are \$2 each, or 12 for \$20. Numbered ticket stubs will be sent to you by return mail. You need not be present to win.

“[The people] are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.... This reliance cannot deceive us, as long as we remain virtuous; and I think we shall be so, as long as agriculture is our principal object.... ”

—Thomas Jefferson

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