

Message from the desk of Chapter President Kenneth Gorton, November 2009

America – A Changing Culture

President Ronald Reagan can well be remembered of his love for our country, preservation of our liberties, and generating patriotism in our citizens. As America is encountering dramatic changes in our government and culture, I fear that the words of President Reagan may become reality, when he stated that "...if we ever forget that we're a Nation under God, then we will be a Nation gone under...".

Our Founding Fathers realized that in establishing the Constitution that politics and religion were intertwined. Such leaders as John Adams, Benjamin Rush, Charles Carroll, Samuel Adams and Patrick Henry recognized that in order to build a lasting republic, religion and morality must be part of our foundation; thus, America would be invincible. Benjamin Franklin declared "...that only virtuous people are capable of freedom, and only as a nation becomes corrupt, do they need a Master...".

Where is America headed? Daily we are confronted with decisions by leaders, congress, and judges that are leading to the destruction of our Constitutionally-mandated republican form of government by governing with despotic decrees that subvert our liberty and entire way of life. This is evident in actions impacting our God-granted liberties, God-given stewardship of property, the institution of marriage and family, fundamental rights of parents, God-bestowed right to life, our national relationship with God, an environment of decency, just taxation, and our national borders and identity.

The challenge. As Compatriots who adhere to the principles of liberty and justice, our Constitution self-government, our decent character, and our shared national identity, it is essential that we continue to be a voice for the preservation of these freedoms and rights for the common good of all. We must reflect on our roots, rediscover and preserve our civilization advanced by our Founding Fathers. Without a passion for our nation and religion, we could become a dark nation like others that fell before us.

Opportunity. As you enter the month of December, take advantage of attending the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, share Christmas joy with family and friends, and participate in numerous events that reflect on the freedom of our national relationship with God. Do not let President Reagan's comments, stated above, become a reality.

As President of the George Washington Chapter, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.