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A Republic

election's outcome, the fact that more folks voted for Biden than Trump, plus the Electoral results, mean that Biden won and is our legitimate President. The peaceful transfer of power from one administration to the next is fundamental to the idea of government by, for and of the people.

January 6th was not a protest that got out of hand. It was not staged by antifa activists to discredit the previous presidential administration. It was, in fact, a planned, armed attempt to subvert the will of the majority of the American electorate. 67 lawsuits have been brought before various courts by the previous administration in an attempt to claim that the election was fraudulent. No judge in any of those instances would consider the arguments because none of the previous administration's lawyers were able to substantiate any of their claims with evidence of fraud. The judges, in each instance, were being asked to consider allegations, not actual evidence.

The result of all of this is that many among us do not trust our politics, we don't trust our institutions and above all, we don't trust each other. Benjamin Franklin's statement, "A republic, if you can keep it", seems to fit snugly into our current political reality.

One hears a lot these days about patriotism and adherence to the Constitution. Some claim to be Constitutional Originalists while others see the Constitution as a living document to be interpreted through the lens of our current time, experience and values. One almost never hears a detailed explanation about how either of these perspectives would apply to Franklin's rejoinder, "A republic, if you can keep it".

Perhaps our founders left us a clue. The preamble to the Constitution is actually a thesis statement for America. It reads, "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America".

Is it possible that in these simple ideas we can see a road map instituted by the Founders who themselves didn't see the full scope and

enormity of what they were proposing when the Constitution was adopted in 1787? Regardless of political affiliation, we must all consider the actions proposed in the preamble. How do we establish justice? Is justice the same thing as law and order or do we have to work to establish justice and keep it established in order to have law and order? What does it look like to ensure domestic tranquility? Is tranquility related to the idea that all of us are created equal and endowed with the gifts of life, liberty and the ability to pursue happiness? If so, can one enjoy tranquility while willfully denying it to others because they are different? What does providing for the common defense mean? Do military style assault rifles and high capacity magazines in the hands of more people with little or no common sense regulation make us safer or are we perhaps more endangered when going to church, school, the shopping mall or the local nightclub? How do we promote general welfare? Does having a very small number of very wealthy people who can use their money to influence both elections and public policy improve all of our lives or are many of us getting drowned out because we can't buy influence? How can we secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves or our posterity if we don't work together in our local communities and on the state and national level to actually form this more perfect union?

"A republic, if you can keep it". Maybe if we stop seeing our republic through the eyes of mythological patriotism and acknowledge that we share a responsibility to work toward actually creating the social order as prescribed by our own thesis statement, then there is hope that we keep our republic.

Wouldn't that be patriotic!

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SHERIFF'S REPORT Dec. 26, 2022 - Jan. 1, 2023

Monday, December 26, 2022
Inmate Population: 9

- 0902 Deputy responds to medical on Mill Rd.
- 1025 Deputy responds to unknown trouble. Accidental 911 call.
- 1239 Deputy responds to request for a welfare check.
- 1408 Deputy checks on residence on house watch list. All secure.
- 1628 Deputy serves papers at Ely residence.
- 1916 Deputies respond to report of an animal disturbance on Klinker Rd.
- 2015 Deputies respond to report of trespassing on Klinker Rd.
- 2106 LCRS responds to report of a vehicle fire on E Lakeview Drive.
- 2222 Deputy responds to request for a welfare check on Hwy 3. All ok.

Tuesday, December 27, 2022
Inmate Population: 9

- 0907 Deputy and LCRS respond to medical in BB. No transport.
- 1020 Deputy out with disabled vehicle on Hwy 61.
- 1027 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for speed.
- 1308 LCRS responds to medical on 7th Avenue.
- 1409 Deputy responds to request for a welfare check on Little Marais Rd. All ok.
- 1423 Deputy responds to emergency crash alarm near Hwy 12. Unable to locate a crash.
- 1649 LCRS responds to medical on Laura Lane. One transported by ambulance to LVMH.
- 1942 Deputy responds to report of suspicious activity on Hwy 3.
- 2143 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 3. Warn for speed.

Wednesday, December 28, 2022
Inmate Population: 7

- 0754 Deputies and LCRS respond to a one vehicle roll over on Hwy 61.
- 1051 Deputy transports inmate from Cook Co line to LCJ.
- 1100 Deputies respond to report of an unwanted person.
- 1151 Deputy responds to report of an unwanted person on Wales Rd.
- 1817 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to report of an unwanted person.
- 1909 Deputy makes traffic stop on 7th Avenue. Warn for taillight.

Thursday, December 29, 2022
Inmate Population: 11

- 0055 LCRS responds to medical on South Avenue.
- 1038 Deputy responds to report of a vehicle in the ditch on Valley Rd. Tow on scene.
- 1321 Deputy serves papers at TH residence.
- 1358 Deputy responds to report of an injured deer on Cardinal Rd. Unable to locate.
- 1620 Deputy attempts to pick up party with warrant in SB. One brought to LCJ.
- 1740 Deputy dispatches deer on Hwy 61.
- 2207 Deputy responds to medical on Marks Drive. One transported to SLH by ambulance.
- 2339 Deputy responds to medical in TH. One transported to LVMH by ambulance.
- 2339 Deputy responds to report of an animal disturbance on 20th Avenue.

Friday, December 30, 2022
Inmate Population: 10

- 0110 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to report of suspicious activity.
- 0601 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to security alarm.
- 0657 Deputy responds to report of a vehicle in the ditch on E Alger Grad Rd.
- 0658 Chief Deputy responds to report of a vehicle in the ditch.
- 0927 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for maintaining lane.
- 1212 LCRS responds to medical on 7th Avenue. One transported to LVMH by ambulance.
- 1458 Deputy responds to report of an injured deer on Shoreview Rd. Deer dispatched.
- 1509 Deputy responds to report of an animal disturbance on Hwy 1.
- 1804 Deputy responds to report of a harassing vehicle on Hwy 61. Unable to locate.
- 2115 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for headlight and expired tabs.

Saturday, December 31, 2022
Inmate Population: 10

- 0714 Deputy training with K-9.
- 1256 Deputy makes traffic stop on Edison Blvd. Warn for speed.
- 1731 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to report of a security alarm on 7th Avenue. All ok.
- 1841 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for headlight.
- 1938 Deputy responds to carbon monoxide alarm on Larsmont Ridge.
- 2258 Deputy makes traffic stop on Gun Club Rd. Warn for headlight.

Sunday, January 1, 2023
Inmate Population: 10

- 0452 Deputy responds to report of suspicious activity in SB.
- 0935 Deputy checks on residence on house watch list. All secure.
- 0950 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
- 1147 LCRS responds to medical on 7th Avenue. One transported by ambulance to LVMH.
- 1754 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to report of an intoxicated driver.
- 1930 Deputy responds to report of a vehicle disabled on Hwy 12.
- 2013 Deputy responds to report of suspicious activity on Scenic Drive.
- 2141 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 3. Warn for headlight out.
- 2244 Deputy responds, along with SBPD, to report of threats.

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