



May 2013 Newsletter

“Greater than the force of mighty armies is the power of an idea whose time has come.” Victor Hugo

2013 Annual Convention

Saturday, May 4th

Edina Public Library – 5280 Grandview Square

Event Fee \$15 / \$20 at the door

10:00-10:30 a.m. Registration

10:30-10:45 Seating of Delegates by CD

10:45-11:30 a.m. By-Laws Resolutions

11:30 Address by Chair Tammy Houle

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00-2:00 p.m. Guest Speaker Guy Green

(Radio Personality widely listened to from South Korea, to California, to New York to Florida)

2:00 Introduction & Election of Candidates for Party Offices

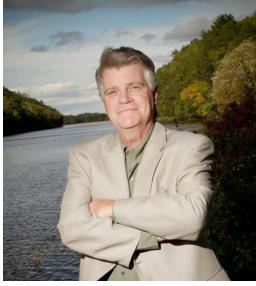
3:00 p.m. Adjournment

The two primary orders of business at this convention are the election of officers and updating our Constitution and By-Laws. All state-wide offices are up for election, along with eight Congressional District chairmen and up to two at-large members. The window for receiving proposals for by-laws changes has closed. They will be consolidated and distributed to delegates ten days before the convention - the same day you must have paid your membership dues to vote at the convention (walk-in memberships can attend, but not vote). So if you want to have your say in party matters, be sure your dues and registration are paid by April 24th. For more details, visit the state party website or Facebook page below.

<http://www.cpmn.org/aboutus.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/584954624862469/?context=create#!/events/584954624862469/>

Introducing Convention Speaker Guy Green



Have Tongue, Will Travel

Guy Green has an eclectic résumé ranging from Assistant Executive Director of the Minnesota Golf Association to actor, writer and radio host; from American Public Radio to 3wi in Brainerd. That last enterprise was burned to the ground by the cooperative efforts of a corrupt city council, spineless management, and a vapid little newspaper seeking desperately to end the ordeal of having its head handed to it on a daily basis.

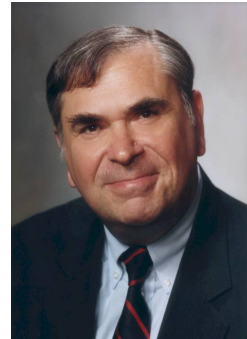
Clearly, if acquiring all the right enemies is a good measure, he is a bloody success! His take on the current situation is that the American electorate will not require cattle prods to be marched into FEMA camps. They will walk in with bags of popcorn asking what the movie will be. While adhering to Ambrose Bierce's definition of an optimist, "A proponent of the theory that black is white," he also believes that at the bottom of every seemingly impossible situation you will find hope. Way, way at the bottom. Let's begin there, shall we?

Constitution Party Loses a Leader

Conservative always put principles over partisanship

By Ralph Z. Hallow – The Washington Times

Howard Phillips was a magnificent anomaly in the worlds of politics and personal life. During his 72 years, he went from being a Harvard-educated, unsuccessful Jewish Democratic candidate for public office to an evangelical Protestant Republican who founded the Conservative Caucus and led a decades-long crusade to end the government funding of the left that was taking place under GOP and Democratic administrations alike.



When Nixon named him to head the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, the brainchild of Lyndon B. Johnson's 1964 War on Poverty, and then asked Congress for more OEO money, Howie Phillips left, slamming the White House door behind him, citing principles over politics.

"The Nixon White House betrayed Howie after it installed him to close down OEO and then under political pressure folded it into the Health and Human Services administration while also retaining the left-wing Legal Services Corp.," said former Phillips Chief of Staff Jay Parker.

In 1974, Mr. Phillips also left the GOP, fed up with its continuing failure to carry out anything resembling policies comporting with Mr. Phillips' understanding of philosophical conservatism.

His love for his wife and six children was always on display, even if he at times had trouble remembering all the children's names.

“One of my fondest memories of Howie would be when my son Ian and his daughter Alexandra sang in the Gonzaga College High School-Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School spring musical in their senior year,” recalled family friend Millie B. Hallow. “Howard, his wife, Peggy, my husband and I made all the performances and sat together for all of them. There was always an assortment of Phillips children with us in the seats, and Howard always fumbled on the names, including the daughter that was on the stage. Peggy was quietly indulgent.”

Mr. Phillips had no trouble remembering what he saw as the transgressions of the left. “In the 1970s, Howie and other conservative leaders like Paul Weyrich, Ed Feulner, Morton Blackwell, Terry Dolan and Ron Godwin began meeting for breakfast at my home every Wednesday till the mid-1980s — the beginning of Hillary’s ‘vast right-wing conspiracy,’” said Richard Viguerie, an early founder of the conservative movement. “By the early 1970s, no national conservative was more ideologically pure than Howie Phillips,” said Mr. Viguerie. “He was our true north, insisting that we never deviate from our principles.”

But Mr. Phillips’ stubborn adherence to principles was also his undoing as measured by electoral impact and public visibility. He helped found the U.S. Taxpayers Party, which morphed into the Constitution Party. Like others before him, Mr. Phillips’ conversion from major to third-party leadership made his criticisms of what was no longer his own party less newsworthy — and for some, less relevant. He ran three times for president as a third-party candidate, never winning more than half a percent of the vote.

“From his early service in the Nixon administration, where he tried to undo the Great Society almost single-handedly, to his later quixotic runs for the presidency of the United States, Howie always marched tall and straight to his set of principles,” said former Heritage Foundation President Edwin J. Feulner. “Most of these principles were conservative, some were a bit quirky, but Howie always believed and always led.”

Until what his family described as his “peaceful” death in bed at home April 20, Mr. Phillips spent most of his 72 years tall and straight.

[Editor’s Note] For an additional commentary on the passing of Howard Phillips, visit: <http://bobpeck.wordpress.com/>

From the Editor – Crime and Punishment

It has been a difficult several months in America, and many are likely wondering what has happened to our nation as we experience mass murders on a monthly basis. There is a great battle raging over Second Amendment rights, but that’s more government trying to disarm everyone than any effort to deal with the issue of specific criminals and their punishment.

If we were really interested in solving these problems, we might look to the mind altering prescription drugs that these criminals consume, the belligerent foreign policy that we force on other nations causing hatred and resentment of America, or maybe we would look at something very politically incorrect like sin. Maybe our government schools should put signs on the walls telling people they shouldn’t kill. But how could I forget that we used to have those signs, and the leaders of our nation actually demanded they be taken down. We wouldn’t want our children to be subjected to such teaching.

For a little more evidence to show that our government has a one track, gun banning mindset, you might note that the man accused of stabbing more than a dozen people at Lone Star College in Texas has not generated much interest by Congress or the legislatures in banning knives, doing background checks before purchasing knives or stopping stabbings and slashing. These victims were apparently unimportant and the focus remained on guns. Our government is not interested in fixing things – their agenda lies elsewhere. Otherwise, we might have expected them to deal with the rampant problem of misspelling in schools long ago by banning pencils. There is a totalitarian agenda that is being followed, and they will not be swayed from it.

We all know that pencils, knives and guns are just tools. It is people wielding tools who commit crimes such as misspelling, assault or murder. And it's those people who need to be dealt with – not the tools – unless you're a government that fears those tools could be used against them.

The original purpose of our government was to punish the wickedness and evil that is epidemic in our society today. And our Constitution does grant just a few other duties along with that. Unfortunately, our government has pulled a switcheroo on America's citizens. Not only should they receive a very poor grade on their original job description, but they have entered into other areas where they don't belong. Our government actually promotes vice and evil today instead of punishing it. Things that used to be considered crimes or evidence of low moral character are now being actively pushed by government for purposes of making money or gaining influence (i.e. gambling, murder (war), theft (taxes), homosexuality and across the board violations of decent people's privacy and rights).

Our government needs to get back to its original charter – The Constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the individual states. This will free up much time and resources to deal with wicked people who commit crimes. We already have plenty of laws, and our government needs to work within those laws – we don't need more.

Those laws that we do have exist to restrain the lawless. Unfortunately, our government is now so backwards that when terrible crimes are committed against humanity, they want to create new laws that punish those who have done no wrong at all. If one person uses a tool improperly, all peaceful citizens who own those tools will be required to register them or turn them in. All peaceful citizens will now have their every move watched by one camera after another – always under suspicion – all guilty until proven innocent. Of course, this doesn't stop the criminal evil-doer – they continue on with their crimes with little fear that government will harass them. Could it be that government is afraid of the criminal, so they leave them alone and focus their enforcement on peaceful people who are less likely to fight back? Or maybe the criminal and government are in league together? Just wondering.

Not only does our government need to deal with the rampant evil in our society, but they need to do it swiftly so that all Americans know not only that there will be a price to pay for crime, but that the price will be paid quickly. The Bible is distasteful to nearly all Americans. This is likely connected to increases in crime. But distasteful or not, we can learn much from it on all manner of topics. In this case, consider the following verse:

Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Ecclesiastes 8:11

This ancient sentiment may have been on the minds of those who framed our founding documents when they gave us the Bill of Rights (portion below). And Alexander Hamilton stated,

“The hope of impunity is a strong incitement to sedition; the dread of punishment, a proportionately strong discouragement to it.” (Federalist No. 27).

But again our government has failed in this duty. In our day, trials (and the punishment of the guilty) are so bound up by legal maneuvering that the speedy trial can now take many years. And quite often the criminal will be released over someone’s procedural failure. While that is happening, the innocent person is bankrupted by legal fees and the taxpayer suffers for every continuance. Crime pays in our world and innocence has become an economic liability.

Bill of Rights – VI – Right to a speedy trial, witnesses, etc.

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

The CPMN wants to place people of courage into positions of authority in an effort to see that criminals are punished and innocents are left alone. Our backwards government has become the terrorist to decent law abiding citizens. But they should be a terror to the criminals who commit mass murder and other crimes whether by using bombs, guns or by stabbing people with knives and pencils. These kinds of people should be afraid of sure and swift justice.

Proper law should be designed to punish the guilty, and the guilty should be afraid of the law. Proper law can be intimidating, but can only act AFTER a crime has occurred. In our nation, we see our leaders working feverishly to pass preventative laws which can only serve to punish those who have done no wrong. Those criminals who should NOT be left alone will not follow the preventative laws anyway, so the legislative efforts only serve to burden decent people.

A long time ago when I was a child, I remember having a healthy respect for the law. I knew that any crime I committed would follow me all the days of my life. I had a fear of doing wrong, because I understood that our government (or my personal government called family) would punish me and it wouldn’t be pleasant. It’s difficult to find such nostalgic sentiments in our day. The only people afraid of government or law in our world are those who conduct their lives admirably. Living peaceable lives is often a crime today if you don’t get government approval.

For more on what the CPMN platform says about “Crime and Punishment” or “Terrorism and Personal Liberty” you can see a consolidated CPMN platform which can be printed and distributed at: **http://www.cpmn.org/files/CPMN_Consolidated_Platform_4-fold.pdf**

Did You Get a Big Refund This Year?

Are you getting a refund on your taxes this year? If so, you might consider changing your withholding with your employer, because whenever you get a refund it means that you have given the government an interest free loan.

By adjusting your withholding, you will keep more of your own money in each paycheck throughout the year and receive less of a refund or even pay a very small amount at the end of the year. Then at least you can take that extra money you get in each paycheck and earn a little interest on it – thus improving your finances slightly.

Claiming an allowance tells your payroll department that a certain amount of wages should not be subject to federal or state income tax withholding.

More allowances = less tax

Fewer allowances = more tax.

Do you claim zero allowances and then get a large refund every year? If so, you are being over-withheld. You might consider increasing your allowances to keep more of your own money each payroll and deny the federal government the interest free loan. Then go do something good with that money like buying some gold or silver or paying off your debts. The feds will never put it to such good use. Maybe some of it could support the Constitution Party of Minnesota!

Finally, don't forget another way of defunding the government. To see if the government is using even more money that belongs to you, visit <http://www.missingmoney.com/> and claim what is rightfully yours. Then also check every other person and name you know living or dead so those claims can be made too. Better your personal economy improves than the governments!

CP Persecutors and Slanderers Have the Tables Turned

[Editor's Note] In case you've never heard of them, the Southern Poverty Law Center is notorious for labeling freedom loving people as domestic terrorists. It seems the tables may be turning on them as seen in the following post.

[Did the Southern Poverty Law Center Instigate an Attempted Murder?](#)

Posted by Thomas DiLorenzo on April 29, 2013 01:49 PM

The man arrested for shooting a security guard at the Family Research Council headquarters in Washington, D.C. has said in court that he got the idea by reading the Southern Poverty Law Center's "Hate Map." <http://washingtonexaminer.com/southern-poverty-law-center-triggered-frc-shooting/article/2520748> Interestingly, every time there's a multiple shooting, the Southern Poverty Law Center is the first to spread the (baseless) rumor in the media that the shooter is "thought to have links to right-wing hate groups."

There is no group of individuals more devoted to spreading hate and intolerance than the Southern Poverty Law Center. Their schtick is to label anyone who disagrees with their left-wing extremism as a "hate group" or "linked to" a hate group. They basically call people names.

Their *modus operandi* is this: 1) to find one or two truly reprehensible people (neo-Nazis, KKK remnants, etc.) and label them "haters" and their associates a "hate group;" then, 2) lump all conservatives and libertarians in the same category. This latter list includes Ron Paul, Rand Paul, Judge Andrew Napolitano, the Constitution Party, <http://lewrockwell.com/dilorenzo/dilorenzo229.html> Oath-Keepers, the American Enterprise Institute, and just about any prominent individual or organization that opposes their Marxist-inspired political agenda. What else would one expect from an organization that idolizes and holds out as a role model for children and teachers the admitted "Weather Underground" terrorist William Ayers?

Opportunities for CPMN People to Voice Their Opinions

The Met Council is hosting meetings in the metro area as the "public participation" component of its long-term planning process. In the past, the only people who have attended these meetings are those with an interest in getting stuff or playing "Sin City" with the rest of us - transit, affordable housing, parks, recreation, etc. It's why we have the current 2030 plan that prioritizes "land use policies" and transit over private property and common sense.

We need meeting attendance and online participation by people who don't like socialism. If we're going to take back our country, it starts at the local level.

Meeting Times <http://metro council.org/News-Events/Planning/Events/Thrive-MSP-2040-Roundtable-Meetings-begin-in-April.aspx>

Online Participation <http://yourideas.metrocouncil.org/>

CPMN at the Tax Rally



CPMN Tent



District 5 Chairman Tim Utz with rally participant

Other Items of Interest

(The For Whatever It's Worth Section)

You've probably seen many reports about North Korea (the hermit kingdom), most of them about the military aspects of the nation. This is a fascinating video that will give you a really good look inside the nation. You will see beauty, oddity, difficulty, sadness and a host of other very interesting things. If North Korea is our enemy, then it would be good that we know our enemy. I think you might find that the people are less the enemy. The leaders who promote themselves to positions as gods are the real problem – same as in any nation. <http://www.thedailybell.com/28987/Low-Budget-Vid-About-North-Korea-Is-Strangely-Moving>

Are you living in a Fourth Amendment Exclusion Zone? Do you suppose the people in Boston were shown a warrant before they were removed at gunpoint so the police could search their home? I guess Boston authorities can pick and choose when the Constitution applies and when it doesn't. Most other local, state or federal government police powers would claim this same power. Actually, there are zones where you no longer have this protection and the government even admits it.

<http://www.storyleak.com/are-you-living-in-fourth-amendment-exclusion-zone/>

Fourth Amendment Text: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

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