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Speaker: Arthur Oliver

Topic: Secession

7:00 p.m. at the Pickering Center

Don't miss our next camp meeting.

The Harsh Reality of Federal Supremacy

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How many more times will we the people of once sovereign states allow our agent, i.e., the Federal government, to act as our master rather than our servant?

We the people of the once sovereign states live in the shadow of Federal tyranny. For example; when the people of California expressed their sovereign will in an open plebiscite a Federal judge nullified the will of the people; when the elected legislature of Arizona passed a law to defend the people of that once sovereign state against armed criminal invasion originating from a foreign country, the Federal President filed a suit in the Federal court to prevent Arizona from executing its inalienable right of self-defense; and when the elected governor of Louisiana attempted to protect his state from a man-made disaster in the Gulf of Mexico the Federal bureaucracy stepped in and halted his efforts—the central theme of all of these examples is the fact of the harsh, oppressive, and unconstitutional reality of America's current system of Federal supremacy.

At the Federal level in contemporary America there is a great divide between the unrepresented taxpaying class and the Federally represented (and Federally protected) tax consuming class. Those tax consumers who support the political status quo in Washington,

D. C. and their political hirelings find nothing unusual, and actually celebrate the outcomes of the three examples above. The perks, privileges, and powers that are derived from the status quo, or the close connections they enjoy with the status quo, benefits the tax consuming class and they therefore find great incentive to encourage the expansion of Federal supremacy. Politicians such as Peter Stark who recently declared that the Federal government could do anything it wanted; or Nancy Pelosi who declared that questions regarding constitutional authority for congressional actions were “not a serious question;” or President Obama's declaration while running for office that the Federal government had a right to redistribute Joe the Plumber's wealth demonstrate a thorough repudiation of the Constitution. Whereas our founding fathers created a limited Federal government, today's “status quo” politicians see only unlimited power to promote their socialists agenda. In their very words and by their actions Stark, Pelosi, and Obama demonstrate the pervasive acceptance by America's political status quo of the notion that the Constitution, as an instrument to limit Federal powers and protect individual rights reserved to we the people of once sovereign states, is no longer relevant in modern America.

The concept of Federal supremacy is not new; it did not originate with the Obama administration or with the Democratic Party, but is something that began early in America's constitutional history. The adoption and enthusiastic acceptance of Federal supremacy by the political status quo reflects a strategic shift in the manner in which American liberty is defined. Prior to Appomattox, even in many Northern States, it was accepted as a tenant of American political faith that the States created the Federal government and that we the people of the sovereign states were the final judge as to the constitutionality of the actions of our agent—the

Federal government. But as Governor Yates of Illinois noted in 1865 the War for Southern Independence had “tended, more than any other event in the history of the country, to militate against the Jeffersonian idea that the best government is that which governs least.”

Too many modern day “conservatives” take great hope in the upcoming November elections—seeing the possibility of Republicans reclaiming control of Congress as a solution to the harsh reality of Federal supremacy. Unfortunately this is a false hope! As in a military campaign mere tactical victories may be impressive but they do not procure final victory. The heroic victory of Manassas (that’s Bull Run for those schooled in mere Yankee history) did not stave off the final sad reality of Appomattox—tactical victories regardless of how exciting are no substitute for a strategic victory. Yet one more false promise of a Republican “Contract for America” will produce nothing more than possibly one more exciting “conservative” tactical victory—at the end of the day, however, the political status quo in Washington, D.C. and Federal supremacy will remain intact and ready to be harshly applied when next called upon. We the people of the sovereign states do not need tactical victories we need a strategic victory—a victory that permanently deprives the power elite of the unconstitutional perks, privileges, and powers inherent in their system of Federal supremacy!

The only way to gain a strategic victory over the current system of Federal supremacy is to pass a constitutional amendment acknowledging the inalienable right of we the people within our sovereign state to nullify acts of our agent, the Federal government which we judge to be beyond its constitutional authority. How many more times will we the people of once sovereign states allow our agent, i.e., the Federal government, to act as our master rather than our servant? How much more liberty will we allow the agents of the status quo to trample upon before we demand a REAL change in how we are governed? Going to Washington, D.C., hat in hand, every four years and imploring our masters to “play nice according to the rules of the game” will never defend, let alone reclaim, our liberty. Real state’s rights including the right of nullification and/or secession are the only remedies an otherwise unresponsive Federal government will respond too.

For a full explanation of how this can be done, see *Nullification: Why and How*. A free copy of this book can be downloaded at: www.kennedytwins.com

Rewriting History

The following is an excerpt from a 1946 pamphlet dedicated to the Public Schools of North Carolina by the Anson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy in honor of its author, Dr. Harry Tucker Graham of Florence, South Carolina. Dr. Graham was the former president of Hampton-Sidney College and for twenty years the beloved pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Florence, South Carolina.

"There is grave danger that our school children are learning much more about Massachusetts than about the Carolinas, and hearing more often of northern leaders than of the splendid men who led the Southern hosts alike in peace and war. Not many years ago the High School in an important South Carolina town devoted much time to the celebration of Lincoln's Birthday---while Lee, Jackson, Hampton and George Washington received no mention. You have all heard of Paul Revere's ride made famous by the skillful pen of a New England writer. He rode 7 miles out of Boston, ran into a squadron of British horsemen and was back in a British dungeon before daybreak. But how many of you have heard of Jack Jouitte's successful and daring ride of forty miles from a wayside tavern to Charlottesville to warn Governor Jefferson and the Legislature of the coming of a British squadron bent upon their capture?

You have heard of the Boston Tea Party, but how many know of the Wilmington, North Carolina Tea Party? At Boston they disguised themselves as Indians and under cover of darkness threw tea overboard. At Wilmington they did the same thing without disguise and in broad daylight. With the utter disregard of the facts they blandly claim that the republic was founded at Plymouth Rock while all informed persons know that Plymouth was 13-1/2 years behind the times, and when its colony was reduced to a handful of half-starved immigrants on the bleak shores of Massachusetts, there was a prosperous colony of 2,000 people along the James (River) under the sunlit skies of the South.

The fact is that New England has been so busy writing history that it hasn't had time to make it. While the South has been so busy making history that it hasn't had time to write it.

(Some Things For Which The South Did Not Fight, in the War Between the States." Dr. Harry Tucker Graham, 1946)

Statue of Zebulon Baird Vance in Statuary Hall, US Capitol, 1916 Address of Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts:

"He was a fine example of a certain type of man who fought on the Confederate side during the (War Between the States). There were many of these men in the Senate in those days; now, alas! Then for the first time I was brought in personal contact with them. I had been bred in an atmosphere of intense hostility to the principles for which they had fought. I widely disagreed with most of their political views; but I was not long in the society of these men in the Senate---these men of whom Governor Vance was such an admirable example---without learning keenly to appreciate their strong qualities.

Their theories of political action which had guided them in the past, and which guided them then, were not mine and never could be; but they were men of principle and conviction, and for their principles they had not only fought but they were ready to sacrifice themselves them if need came in the less dangerous but more insidious trials of public life. They were men of traditions. They had the old American traditions strong within them...Above all, Governor Vance and those who shared his principles and had fought with him in the (War Between the States) were men who believed profoundly that there were certain things for which the individual life ought to be sacrificed, and that there were higher ideals to be followed than living in comfort and safety with opportunity to accumulate money. They were to the fullest extent like those...of the race of men that fought the Revolution, and they resented dishonor or humiliation for their country as they would have resented it for themselves.

Rather than permit their nation to undergo humiliation or be dishonored, rather than sacrifice principles in which they believed, they were ready to fight, and, if need be, give their lives. They went to war (with the spirit)...which has, I believe, at all times ever been the true American spirit. When it is extinguished, then the end of the Republic is not far off."

(Statue of Zebulon Baird Vance, Proceedings in Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol, Sixty-Fourth Congress, 1917, pp. 47-48)



Commander's Corner

Greetings Fellow Southrons!

I hope you enjoy this month's Traveller. Steve always does such a great job.

We are looking forward to Arthur Oliver's presentation on the War Between the States at the next Camp meeting, Monday, September 13th.

Our own Bankhead's Battery assisted in the opening of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra's fall season in Jackson, Tennessee. Joining in the William Tell's 1812 Overture and other crowd favorites, they put on a spectacular performance. If you have never seen the battery in action it is amazing. Judging by the crowd's response, the Confederate Uniform still means something in America!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Election Day is coming soon, so research the candidates, the issues, and vote. One only has to read the latest news to see that states are fighting for their very existence. This is our opportunity to continue the fight for the America the Founding Fathers created so long ago. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

DEO VINDICE
Mark Buchanan
Commander



S.D. LEE INSTITUTE TO BE HELD

Mark your calendars for February 4-5 in Charleston, South Carolina, for the 2011 Stephen Dill Lee Institute at the famed Francis Marion Hotel in historic downtown Charleston. This year's theme will be "Thomas Jefferson v. Abraham Lincoln: Opposing Visions of America".

Dr. Thomas Di Lorenzo is preparing another outstanding educational program which everyone will enjoy. Registration will be the usual \$150 with \$125 for SCV members and family. The cost of the hotel is \$129, a great reduction from the normal hotel rate. We are especially interested in students and teachers attending and have plenty of SCHOLARSHIP money for those who are interested. Anyone having questions can contact Brag Bowling at 804-389-3620 or visit the website at www.StephenDLeeInstitute.com for registration and hotel information.

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