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## The Road to Hell...

... is paved with good intentions. I ran across that introductory statement on the web recently; it struck me as funny. Funny in that I had not heard it in a long while. It led me to remember a number of such statements that it seems our society has forgotten.

My late pastor used to say that the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel, a quote from Proverbs 12:10. In this he meant that the little things that people do to make themselves feel good, or to satisfy an immediate need to feel useful or helpful, are often a bane to those that they are intended to help. Take welfare for example, has it helped get people become successful or has it bred a large group of society tethered to the federal government's umbilical chord? I think the statistics and numbers support the latter half of that statement.

Another example would be the move in the public schools to make the curriculum work for everyone. In "equalizing" the curriculum of we have dumbed down the core so much so that the majority of our students are entering college

## From the Master's Desk:

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

First let me thank you all for your faith and trust in me to shepherd the order for the coming term, I am truly honored and look forward to serving you these next two years.

My goals for the order are to increase awareness and promote new membership for qualified individuals. Our country, our traditions, everything we hold dear as Orangemen, has come under attack in recent years. I hope and pray that we, as Orange men and women, can remain a light in the darkness, in defense of the faith, and that many will come to join us.

It is with that thought that I happily announce that the Charter of the Grand Black Chapter of the United States has been re-issued and the Sir Knights of the US Perceptories are now encamped under this Warrant. This is a momentous occasion for the LOI - USA and the Grand Black Chapter USA.

Let me first congratulate Sir Knight Sam Stewart for his installation as the Grand Master of the Grand Black Chapter - USA and to the remainder

of the Sir Knights who were elected to office. The LOI and Grand Black Chapter go hand in hand, the latter providing opportunities for dedicated Orangemen to study and learn more about the truths we hold dear.

I would also like to thank the convention committee for their organization and hard work in making the arrangements for the 85th Biennial Session of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States. It was a grand event and we are so very appreciative to those who participated.

Thanks also to the degree team for their hard work in the raising of two candidates to the RAPM degree. Excellent job!

I leave you with the understanding that we have our work cut out for us, but together in faith, hope and brotherly love, we may persevere.

May God Defend the Faith!

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
James S. "Jimmy" McCullough  
Supreme Grand Master



“We have dumbed down it's core...”

with serious fundamental problems that should have been honed by their secondary education. Once again something enacted as a tender mercy has actually hurt the intended target. (If you take issue with my comment, come visit me so I can show you the evidence first hand). My own children are involved in a program using a classical curriculum, akin to something we would have seen in the 1950's, with updated information of course; they are achieving far above their public school counterparts at all levels.

I run the programs at my college with an unrelenting push for quality, professionalism and structure. I rarely take it easy on my students. The result has been a turnaround from under 20% employment of my grads, to over 83% in the three years since I began. Ironically, my student persistence rates have also increased as well. When asked why I am so tough, my response is simple, “I am concerned for their futures.”

There are other arenas where the attitude is, “if it isn't hurting anyone why not?” The immediate gratification may work, but I ask you, what about the future repercussions? Perhaps we need to look at some of the old tried and true methods we have re-written in the name of “kindness.” Holding someone to a higher standard now rather than instantaneous relief. After all, “the road to hell is paved with good intentions.”

Alex Buffalo #1105

## News and Updates from the Supreme Grand Lodge

### SUPREME GRAND LODGE:

The 85th Biennial Convention of the Supreme Grand Lodge was convened on August 14th 2014 in Baltimore, Maryland. There was a good showing of men and women with representation from California, Connecticut, Nevada, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia. We also hosted guests from Canada, England, Northern Ireland, and Scotland.

Two members from Connecticut were received and advanced to the RAPM degree. Degree work was headed by a team from Patrick Henry #1105 in Manassas, VA.

Brother John Clair made a presentation to Worshipful Peter Downie of the Grand Lodge of Scotland with a number of historical items from the US donated by the Trimble family of California and New York. Donated items included a decorated orange sash and various medals and news clippings covering orange order work from the early part of the last century. These artifacts will be given over to the archivist for the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

A memorial service was held to honor and remember those who have passed to the celestial lodge above. Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, George Taylor, and

Honorary Supreme Past Grand Deputy Master, Eric J. Newell were among those whom we lost.

New officers for the 2014-2016 term:

Supreme Grand Master:  
James McCullough

Supreme Grand Deputy Masters:  
Colin McDowell  
H. Alexander Buffalo

Supreme Grand Secretary & Asst.:  
Walter S. Wilson  
Ronald L. Horne

Supreme Grand Treasurer & Asst.  
Fred E. Stewart  
Howard S. Gaul

Supreme Grand Chaplains:  
James Davies  
John D. Stallings III  
Eric W. Newell

Supreme Grand Lecturers:  
James Huey  
John. P. Elliott

Supreme Grand Directors of Ceremonies:  
John P. Clair  
Earl Fain

Supreme Grand Tilers:  
Adam M. Elliott  
Keith Frye



Historical Artifacts donated to the archivist of the Supreme Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Membership Chairman:  
Ronald L. Horne

## ROYAL BLACK INSTITUTION

On August 14th an historic event took place during the opening ceremonies of the 85th Biennial Supreme Grand Lodge Convention. A meeting of the American Royal Black Preceptories was convened to receive the new charter for the Grand Black Chapter of the United States.

A distinguished committee from the Imperial Grand Council led by Right Worshipful Peter Downie was on hand to award the charter to the American chapters. Members of the Grand Black Chapter of Ontario East were also on hand for this momentous occasion. Prior to the issuance of the new warrant all American preceptories operated under the jurisdiction of the Grand Black Chapter of Ontario East.

The historical significance of this event cannot be lost on us, the last time a new warrant was issued by the Imperial Council was over 100 years ago. We hope and pray for the success of the Grand Black Chapter of the USA.

Officers of the Grand Black Chapter USA are as follows:

Grand Master:  
Sir Knight Sam Stewart

Deputy Grand Master:  
Sir Knight James McCullough

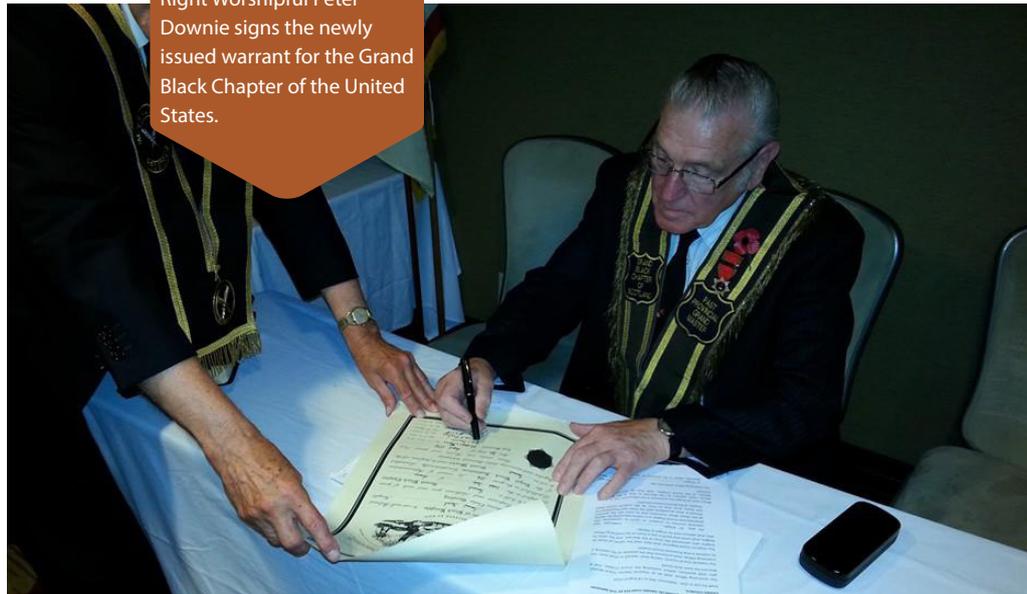
Grand Chaplain:  
Sir Knight John Paul Elliott

Deputy Grand Chaplain:  
Sir Knight David Henry Clair

Grand Registrar:  
Sir Knight Colin McDowell

Deputy Grand Registrar:  
Sir Knight H. Alexander Buffalo

Right Worshipful Peter Downie signs the newly issued warrant for the Grand Black Chapter of the United States.



## News & Updates Continued:

Grand Treasurer:  
Sir Knight Bryan Wilkinson

Deputy Grand Treasurer:  
Sir Knight John W. Whiteside

Grand Lecturer:  
Sir Knight James Huey

First Grand Censor:  
Sir Knight John Patrick Clair

Second Grand Censor:  
Sir Knight Ronald Lee Horne

First Grand Standard Bearer:  
Sir Knight Charles Thomas Hall

Grand Pursuivant:  
Sir Knight John D. Stallings III

Grand Master of Ceremonies:  
Sir Knight Keith Frye

First Grand Sword Bearer:  
Sir Knight William H. Haynes

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Royal Black, please contact Sir Knight John Patrick Clair, Sir Knight Ronald Lee Horne or Sir Knight H. Alexander Buffalo for more information. Keep in mind that you must be an Orangemen in good standing and have received your RAPM Degree.

### LOYAL ORANGE LADIES

The Loyal Orange Ladies enjoyed fun and fellowship together during this past convention. 17 ladies were attendance. The ladies are looking for new, qualified members. If you know of someone who holds true to the tenets of Protestantism and wishes to uphold the faith, and, of course, is a lady, please suggest that they get in touch with our very own Loyal Orange Ladies!

New Officers for the 2014-2016 term:

Supreme Grand Mistress:  
Judi Gardner

Deputy Grand Mistress:  
Hazel Tarkington

Supreme Grand Secretary:  
Irene Huey

Supreme Grand Treasurer:  
Sallie C. Wilson

Assistant Grand Treasurer:  
Jessie Brumer

On behalf of our Supreme Grand Master, we wish the ladies all the best for the coming term.



Worshipfuls Howard Gaul and John Whiteside, both Past Grand Masters of the Loyal Orange Institution of the United States.

## The Parting Glass - Wor. John Whiteside

To my Brothers & Sisters in the Loyal Orange Institution of the United States of America:

First and foremost, I want to thank all of you for your kind support of my tenure as Supreme Grand Master of the LOI-USA for the past two years. It has been a pleasure to serve such wonderful people as yourselves. We had a spectacular convention last week and it was well attended. A special thank you to the convention committee for organizing our 85th biennial convention. Job well done!

Thanks to the Patrick Henry Lodge #1105 for offering to host our next convention scheduled for 2016. I also want to congratulate our new Supreme Grand Master Jim McCollough on his new position and wish him well with his awesome responsibilities. I know I leave the LOI in his very capable hands.

Lastly, I want you to know that our financial status is not what it should be at the present time, and we are in danger of not being able to support programs on the level we have in the past. There are many reasons for the problem, but the real issue is the decline in our membership rolls and lack of

interest in our financial accounts.

We have not and do not want to raise our dues to make up for the looming shortfall that is expected in a year or two. Your dues are not a tax deductible item, but did you know that contributions to the LOI-USA are tax deductible?

I am writing this to each member of the Loyal Orange Institution - USA and asking each of you to consider making a tax deductible contribution to our organization when you receive this newsletter. I will donate \$100 today by mailing a check to our Supreme Grand Treasurer Fred Stewart, made payable to the LOI- USA.

I challenge each of you to match my donation. While I know some of you cannot afford such a donation, many can afford to give more. So please, donate what you can to ensure the continued growth and financial health of our worthy organization. Let's see if we can realize a 100% effort by all Orangemen as a testimony to the vitality of our Supreme Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary, Fred Stewart, can receive your donations at his residence at 7730 Indian Oaks

Drive, H-105, Vero Beach, Florida 32966-5179. Please remember to send a check so as to be able to claim the income tax deduction. One other note of interest, at our convention our guests from Great Britain provided us with a new charter for the Royal Black Preceptory of the United States.

We also initiated ten new Sir Knights into a new Preceptory in South Carolina. We welcome all new Sir Knights and look forward to a growing Chapter in the United States. To all Orangemen, the Royal Black Preceptory is open to all worthy Orangemen possessing the second degree.

We encourage each of you to consider membership in the Royal Black Preceptory to further enhance your deep and abiding faith journey.

I hope each of you enjoy what's left of the summer, and that you remain steadfast in your loyal Orange obligations until we meet again.

Blessings to each one of you!  
John W. Whiteside,  
Past Supreme Grand Master,  
LOI- USA