

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

The American Bar Association is opposed to Stand Your Ground laws and Citizen's Arrest laws. It finds both racist. I could explain why they find the laws racist but the explanation is tenuous and perhaps imaginary. More African Americans have invoked the "stand your ground" defense than white Americans. George Zimmerman did NOT invoke the "stand your ground" defense.

I had occasion to view the three "John Wick" movies. These movies are extended gunfights in which extras are fed into the hero's gun muzzle. Exciting, but unrealistic entertainment. Versions 4 and 5 are being simultaneously filmed at this time. Perhaps one of them will go into the legal consequences of gunfights. If not, I am still selling my DVD "Missouri Concealed Carry and Self-Defense Law." I am selling it out of the office.

Senator Rand Paul was attacked by a mob as he left the White House after the President's convention speech. If a US Senator is not safe in front of the White House what will happen to the rest of us? Senator Paul was rescued by a group of police officers. We are usually left to our own devices.

There are five million new gun owners this year. Motivated by virus and riots people who have never owned guns before have bought firearms for self-defense. Gun companies and gun organizations have posted gun safety videos for their benefit. None of the anti-gun rights groups who claim to be acting in the interests of gun safety have done so. It is still an open question if these purchases will change the new gun owner's voting habits. Still, this indicates a groundswell of public opinion. Five million more people know that that when the usual suspects claim that guns are sold with no questions asked; they are lying. When they claim that there is no background check system, they are lying.

The Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has struck down California's magazine ban. This is cause for rejoicing. The bad news is that this is a ruling by a three judge panel of the court. Past experience has been that when we receive a favorable ruling, California asks for a re-hearing by the complete court and political correctness is restored. Still, every victory is a small step forward. If President Trump is given four more years to appoint judges we will have final victories. The President appoints all federal judges, not just the Supreme Court. Who is elected president affects every person and cause placed on trial.

I have heard that a church in St. Joseph did a gun buy up. Such stunts have never had any effect on crime. They give warm fuzzy feelings to participants and may allow killers to dispose of guns. They give the anti-gun crowd an all-day sucker and feeling of accomplishment. These stunts keep them busy and out of mischief so I do not oppose them. If they really wanted to end violence they could use the money to process the rape kit backlog. This will reduce some violence although not much of it is "gun violence." They could also use it to fund a witness protection program. Such a program is likely to break down the wall of silence surrounding criminal activity. Neither of these programs allows officials to stand behind a table of rusty guns and pretend they have accomplished something.

I have replaced a patch of weeds with a rock garden. It occurs to me now that when Antifa shows up to stone me I have given them plenty of ammunition. It seemed like a good idea at the time. On the other hand, I now have plenty of rocks with which to respond; if it comes down to rocks.

A Trump supporter has been murdered by a mob of leftist "protesters." He was part of a convoy of Trump supporters in Portland Oregon the mob shot at. He appears to have been targeted because of right-wing hat he wore. A pro-Trump caravan in Los Angeles was also fired upon. There were no casualties. So, we cannot publicly support a politician without being targeted. A weaker people would back down. We shall not.

Missouri Governor Parsons brought the legislature into special session. Among the bills he wanted them to consider was increasing the penalties for giving guns to children without parental permission. This sounds like a good idea. But, it criminalizes grandpa handing a rifle to a new shooter. The legislature changed the bill to confine it to transfers with criminal intent. This is a mark against our Governor; however his opposition this election season is worse. I hate to advise voting for the lesser of two evils however in this election the lesser evil is so much better than the other that we must vote for him. This also indicates we must keep an eye on him.

I saw an article on public speaking. This is a valuable skill. People hate public speaking. On the list of fears it beats out death. Still, people do it every day. They speak to people in the elevator, at parties, at work, in bars and in church. Radio call in programs offer a larger audience. When you call in you will talk first to a call screener. This person's job is to select interesting calls. He wants calls from people who will be interesting to the audience; people who are marginally coherent. The caller must give this man a single sentence which summarizes his call. Something general to the effect that the caller knows what the founding fathers really meant is not enough unless the caller has some special research. Some small aspect of the Second Amendment is wanted. A personal experience with self-defense, with buying guns, with gun

shows, why you personally own guns. The call itself must have one theme and the call must not deviate from that theme. Most callers spend time thanking the station for taking the call. They are in business to take these calls. Be polite but not fawning. Have the theme of the call written out so that you are not diverted into side issues. If the moderator calls trying to drag you off on a side issue, tell him you called to talk about your theme. Do not drown them with statistics. One statistic might be remembered. More than one will not be. Stories are the best. A small town Jewish carpenter did very well telling parables. Write down a few key words to avoid the ums and ahs and “you knows” that are the hesitation marks of speech. Hesitation marks make a story less believable. Some call-in programs have a theme of the day and tying your theme to the program’s theme may be difficult. Do not try to link a program on potholes to the Second Amendment. This will have you put down as a local crank and your calls will be disregarded. Many people try to be humorous. Professional comedians make a living because humor is hard. Most people who think they are funny are not. Stick to the facts. Do not be insulting. My Dad was a great salesman. He told me that you don’t make money knocking the other guy’s product. You make money by promoting your own product. Much of political advertising is negative, but at least stay away from insulting attacks.

In this election our rights still hang by a threat. The next president will appoint at least one, probably two Supreme Court Justices. The Democrats threaten to expand the court so they can appoint a majority. We can lose all of our progress in a few months of a Biden Administration. If there is money left from a vacation not taken or a few dollars put aside for toilet paper; donate it to the candidate of your choice. If you have a few spare minutes a day, spend them on the campaign. The race focuses on President Trump, but we must keep control of the Senate. Put out signs, make calls do whatever is possible.

In the words of two great time travelers, “Be excellent to each other!”

We shall overcome.