

# Editorial

## Time for a passing of the torch...

Well, here goes...

The following subject has been haunting me for months, perhaps many of you as well.

America's 45<sup>th</sup> President, Donald J. Trump was without a doubt one of the most historic figures, and certainly the most independent man ever to hold that office! By independent I mean, he did not even have the support of his own party, the establishment republicans, from day one. And the other major party, the democrats, were on the hunt, a seek and destroy mission, even before the inauguration was done.

Donald J. Trump had emerged victorious from a primary election which started with 17 filed candidates, and several notables who declined to file. Of those 17 filed candidates, five withdrew before the primaries: Rick Perry, Scott Walker, Bobby Jindal, Lindsey Graham, and George Pataki. The other 12 candidates withdrew before all the state primaries were completed, listed here in reverse order of withdrawal (Kasich being the last to withdraw); John Kasich, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, Ben Carson, Jeb Bush, Jim Gilmore, Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, Rick Santorum, Rand Paul, and Mike Huckabee.

But there were several notables who were also very serious contenders, fifteen of them, who did not even file as candidates, some of them you'll remember; Michelle Bachmann, Herman Cain, Nikki Haley, Sarah Palin, Jim DeMint, Ken Cuccinelli, and Allen West to name a few.

The point being that in the 2016 Republican Primary election for President there were more than a couple dozen very credible candidates seeking the highest office in the land. Many of them Governors, U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, Ambassadors, prominent physicians, business CEO's and executives, all of whom were eminently qualified. Most of them were fiscal if not social conservatives. Only four; Trump, Fiorina, Carson, and Cain had never held government office.

So, the vetting process was obviously very thorough and complete.

A Mea culpa is due at this point; Trump was NOT my first choice. Some of you already know this and can remember editorials making that crystal clear.

Many of my friends had already made that choice before the convention. But suffice it to say that as an alternate delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, and after watching great conservatives, like Phyllis Schlafly, Tony Perkins, Laura Ingraham, and dozens of others give their full, and unequivocal endorsement, I came home a true believer, and a 100% Donald Trump supporter! Not as a compromise, but as a conviction newly born of the convention, and of those who I had known for years who were totally on board.

On the day of Trump's swearing in ceremony it was clear, this was NOT a standard changing of the guard in Washington, though it was a traditional ceremony, signifying the peaceful (at least for a few minutes) transition of power.

I don't know if he wrote these words, but when the President elect Donald J. Trump delivered them on January 20, 2017, outside the nation's capital he certainly owned them, and they were spoken from the heart:

*"Chief Justice Roberts, President Carter, President Clinton, President Bush, President Obama, fellow Americans, and people of the world: thank you.*

*We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and to restore its promise for all of our people.*

*Together, we will determine the course of America and the world for years to come.*

*We will face challenges. We will confront hardships. But we will get the job done.*

*Every four years, we gather on these steps to carry out the orderly and peaceful transfer of power, and we are grateful to President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama for their gracious aid throughout this transition. They have been magnificent.*

*Today's ceremony, however, has very special meaning. Because today we are not merely transferring power from one Administration to another, or from one party to another – but we are transferring power from Washington, D.C. and giving it back to you, the*

*American People.*

*For too long, a small group in our nation's Capital has reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost.*

*Washington flourished – but the people did not share in its wealth.*

*Politicians prospered – but the jobs left, and the factories closed.*

*The establishment protected itself, but not the citizens of our country.*

*Their victories have not been your victories; their triumphs have not been your triumphs; and while they celebrated in our nation's Capital, there was little to celebrate for struggling families all across our land.*

*That all changes – starting right here, and right now, because this moment is your moment: it belongs to you.*

*It belongs to everyone gathered here today and everyone watching all across America.*

*This is your day. This is your celebration. [Bold face added for emphasis]*

And it was just blocks away, and minutes following those remarks that chaos erupted in the capitol. I will leave it to you as to who organized it, but I can assure you that it was not just an organic response to an opposing political view. And it is more than a little ironic that now, five years later, the J6 Committee has great interest in who may have organized a breach of the U.S. Capital building.

But lest I digress, let me bring this back to my main point. Donald Trump, faced incredible hurdles starting the first hour of his presidency. He was under constant attack from the opposition party, but from his own party as well, who had things going just about the way they wanted for the past several decades. And this outsider was not about to be allowed to mess with that.

The term Deep State came into play, because it was obvious that the bureaucrats who survive every election, and every "peaceful transition of power" because they don't ever stand for election, they just slither around the halls of government wielding powers that were never delegated to them, regardless of which "party" is at the helm.

I will not take the time right now, to list all of the amazing accomplishments

that President Trump achieved, without pay, during his first term of office. But some of the obvious ones are; the lowest unemployment figures in decades, especially amongst Blacks and Hispanics, the end of ISIS, making America an energy exporting nation for the first time in my recollection, moving the capital of Israel to Jerusalem, a promise made by countless presidents before him, restoring American jobs and bringing us closer to balanced trade with the rest of the world, bringing China to heel by imposing tariffs for the benefit of American workers, stopping North Korea's Kim Jong-un from making nuclear threats, and restoring American's confidence in their economy evidenced by the greatest gains in the Stock Market in our history. He delivered on his promise and inspired everyday Americans to participate in Making America Great Again!

Looking back, who can forget these great achievements and so many, many more? But in spite of all of this, with the aid of a worldwide pandemic, and a completely suspect 2020, first ever, mail-in election, the establishment, including the Deep State and the international globalists, were able to remove the one obstacle they had to their conquest for a New World Order.

Their deceit, corruption and outright lying throughout the duration of the Trump administration, led to not one, but two impeachments, with no conviction, however. And if that weren't enough, in an effort to assure he can never interrupt their schemes again they drum up this J6 nonsense.

Be that as it may, and even as obvious as all of their deception has been proven to be. There is still a massive percent of the population who bought into it all. And chief among the true purveyors of falsehoods and FAKE NEWS, is of course the corporate press, and social media, owned and run by a handful of global elites.

You think Trump and the MAGA supporters were attacked before? Well, you ain't seen nothing yet. They have never stopped, and they never will. This is a force of pure evil, of

spiritual wickedness, and the battle is being waged, as the scriptures tell us, between principalities and rulers of darkness of this age. And the battle is not only in the heavenly places, but right here on this Earth. Many of the players are right in front of your very eyes.

I sincerely believe, because of all that I have observed, that the name Trump will be a huge target, and an enormous distraction in the 2024 elections. The Trump brand has been so severely damaged as to create a political deficit from the outset. One that I don't believe we can overcome. The hatred is so deep and so vitriolic; I even know families that the children won't let grandma and grandpa see their grandkids because they are Trump supporters. I have spent much time thinking on this subject. And I know some of you will be stressed by this. But if you know me and you know my heart, it is one that seeks to keep this republic free, and to restore what the opposition has destroyed of Trump's glorious achievements.

It is time for the torch to pass.

And in my opinion the man who is most prepared to take the baton and run is Governor Rick DeSantis. He has proven as Governor of one of the largest most productive states in the nation, that he has the same guts and determination that President Trump had, but without all the baggage. He has fought and will continue to fight to restore greatness to America.

With DeSantis we as a nation can talk with optimism about the future, not try and defend the past.

Trump's magnificent place in history can never be denied, and not just what he sacrificed, but what he accomplished! But I believe now it is time for the legacy to be passed on, and for him to support the next generation of patriots.

This wasn't easy to write, but I hope you can trust that I, like you, want what is best for this country, for all of our sakes, and especially the sake of my five children and thirteen grandchildren.

