

*“Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.” — Leviticus 25:10*

## POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE

**Y**ears ago I attended a graduation ceremony at Pearl River High School in Rockland County, NY. To see the academic achievements of students is always encouraging. As part of the ceremony a local Pastor was called to give the invocation.

The dictionary defines an invocation as the act of calling on God for blessing, help, inspiration, protection; a formal prayer.

The Pastor, who like so many other Pastors speaking at public events, as was instructed to omit God and scripture.

Nine months before the graduation invocation the Pastor told the Pearl River Patch *“I am really a generalist in a culture where everyone wants to be a star or a specialist. I don’t do anything really well. But it is kind of a good gift. In my work it is better not being a specialist.”*

When a pastor or church leader claims not to *“do anything really well”* does this include ministering to the congregation? I am thankful our late Pastor Herbert C. Strait who always said, *“Good, better, best; never let it rest, till your good is better and your better is best.”*

As a nation we are obsessed with political correctness. Great measures are taken so as not to offend anyone, with the exception of Christians. It is ironic that a Pastor is invited to address a graduating class but instructed to be remove all Biblical content.

*“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither*

*were thankful but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened.” — Romans 1:21*

Another man of God, firmly believing in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who was invited to preside at an upstate New York graduation ceremony a declined the offer after instructed on what not to say.

*May the Schwartz be with you*



Getting back to the Pearl River invocation which included the movie reference used to wish the departing luck *“the force”*, and the *“powers”* that dwell within us, and in *“the universe”*. By the third or forth sentence, I knew that God had been effectively banned from the message which was filled by Hollywood movie references.

*“Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth that he shall also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.” — Galatians 6:6-9*

During the *“spiritual”* monologue, I was distracted by a police officer patrolling the outer field perimeter, where the cluster of healthy trees offered shade and potential danger. During my school days we faced random fire drills, and the occasional bomb threat.

We never imagined that the next gen-

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## SUPREME COURT RULES BLADENSBURG WWI VETERANS MEMORIAL TO REMAIN STANDING

**A** 40-foot cross-shaped memorial designed in 1919 by mothers who lost their sons in WWI became the focus of atheists and humanists who wanted it removed. Tasked with the building the cross the Prince George County, Maryland American Legion chapter dedicated the memorial in 1925 upon completion.

In defense of the WWI memorial Kelly Shackelford, president and Chief Counsel to First Liberty Institute — the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to protecting religious liberty for all Americans said, *“For nearly 100 years the families of these 49 sons of Prince George’s County have considered the Bladensburg Veteran’s Memorial their sons’ gravestone.”*

The American Humanist Association and some of its members filed a lawsuit in February 2014, alleging that the public ownership, maintenance, and display of the memorial violated the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution because it’s in the shape of a cross and sits on public property

First Liberty filed a motion to intervene in the lawsuit on behalf of The American Legion. The United States District Court for the District of Maryland granted the motion, permitting the Legion to become a party in the lawsuit to defend the memorial.

In November 2018 the Supreme Court agreed to review the case of the American Legion vs. the American Humanist Association, whose ruling could determine the fate of war memorials across the nation. The vote which resulted in a 7-2 ruling was handed down on June 20th, 2019.

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*“Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear.”*

— Harry S. Truman



**A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.**

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Welcome to the second edition of *Liberty Belle Times™*, a publication created to illuminate the truth and serve as a counterpoint by which to consider life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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# THE GOD ISSUE

By Rev. Bill Banuchi

**I**'ve spent most of my adult life fighting to restore standards of biblical morality to our culture, echoing the sentiments of Black activist, Frederick Douglass who, speaking of biblical values said, *"I feel it my duty to do all in my power to infuse this idea into the public mind, that it may speedily be recognized and practiced upon by our people."*

This has been my personal sense of assignment, inspired by a vision to see a genuine revival in the nation.

I have spent years fighting to preserve life, marriage, and religious liberties (as outlined in the **"Manhattan Declaration"**), as foundational principles of justice for the common good. In the process, I have come to realize that there is a more foundational principle that must provide the proper paradigm, or any debate on these issues will go nowhere, as godless forces of evil continue their march over this once blessed nation founded for *"the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian religion,"* according to the Mayflower Compact.

I'm speaking of what I call the "God issue," which is to answer the question, *"Where does the acknowledgement of God fit into our national debate, if at all?"* In fact, whenever I'm afforded the opportunity to question an aspiring politician, I ask this question, *"What do you think of our national motto, and how would that influence your governing philosophy, if at all?"*

On one occasion a congressional candidate responded to my question with that deer-caught-in-the-headlights look. He stared at me, totally puzzled, until I said, *"You know, our national motto, 'In God We Trust.'"* Then he said, *"Oh yes, of course, and I do believe in God."* Then he proudly assert-

## Do you know for sure Heaven will be your home?

First realize that God loves you.

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."**

— John 3:16

Secondly, everyone is a sinner.

**"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."**

— Romans 3:23

Thirdly, realize that sin has a price that must be paid.

**"For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord."**

— Romans 6:23

Fourthly, Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead to pay your sin debt.

ed, *"But when it comes to governing, there is a separation of Church and state, so my religion will play no part in the way I govern."* Interpretation: The motto is a quaint meaningless platitude that means absolutely nothing in real life, especially when it comes to important issues like government.

Some believe our motto describes who we once were as a fledgling nation, but we have evolved, have progressed, and no longer need superstition or belief in God to advance as a nation.

Sadly, this thinking describes the general public mindset. The idea of trusting in God has no practical impact when it comes to developing public policy in our *"progressive"* society. As long as this is the prevailing mindset, the issues I have fought for all these years will never win the day, because there is a godless, humanistic sense of right and wrong that serves as the ultimate authority, not God and His wisdom as revealed in the Scriptures.

It therefore makes logical sense that we must redirect our energies *"upstream."* We must address the more fundamental issue *undergirding the issues of life, marriage, and religious liberty. We must first address the God issue.*

Is national motto really meaningful or is it just some empty platitude that bears absolutely no consideration in the day-to-day business of governing?

1. Is it to be taken seriously?
2. If it is, then what exactly does it mean?
3. How are we to incorporate it into the day-to-day job of governing?

Abraham Lincoln taught us that *"... it is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power*

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**"But God commandeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."**

— Romans 3:8

Pray and ask Jesus Christ to be your Saviour, and claim His promise of eternal life.

**"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

— Romans 10:9, 13

## Questions?

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Because... *"There's no other church like this church, anywhere around, this must be the church!"* — H. Strait



eration would experience school shootings. How can we keep students safe when as Tony Parks points out that *“the pharmaceutical industry alone has a very high percentage of our teens (and the general population) on a plethora of drugs for everything from ADD drugs to anti-depressants, and psychotic (mental health drugs), add to this the illegal drug addicts and you have a very serious epidemic.”*

After September 11<sup>th</sup> people nationwide found comfort in the words, *“God bless America”* and by acknowledging the presence of God. American flags and post 911 memorabilia was everywhere during a period when patriotism declining. We mourned collectively as a nation for the lives sacrificed on that day.

Contrary to media reports, the American flag is still a symbol of freedom. It waves in our towns, and villages, from front porches, lamp posts, on boats, trucks, cars and motorcycles. It is reproduced on apparel, wooden fences, websites, in metal and even appears rooftops. It is still saluted, cheered, and honored.

At the Pearl River High School is a monument of two steel I beams from the World Trade Center. The manicured peaceful garden offers two stone benches, a kind of sanctuary to honor the lives of parents, grandparents, siblings and friends lost on that tragic day.

Usually, before a prayer is given, the speaker will say, *“Let us pray,”* which signifies to stop talking, bow your head and close your eyes, out of respect. When I heard the word *“Amen”* indicating the end of the invocation I and most of us in the audience didn't know we supposed to be praying. Needless to say more than a few families were disappointed with the imitation invocation.

Early U.S. presidents remained faithful to God and country while serving public office. History records they did not remove God from their lives nor their speeches which even warned the nation they were serving...

*“Despair my fellow countrymen of ever teaching citizenship save on the basis of immorality and abandon all hope of teaching morality on any other foundation than religion for the nation that forgot God has never been allowed to endure.”*

— George Washington

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to establishing new gun control laws and restrictions for law abiding citizens. *“Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”*

— Barack Obama

For every company that makes headlines for joining the opposition to the NRA which represents the voice of it's members, there are hundreds of 2A biased minions diligently working under the radar, siphoning *our* funds for their relentless agenda and the efforts to abolish the 2nd Amendment.

Sadly, like legally performed live

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birth abortions, many of us still believe *“that's never going to happen.”* The truth is there is an aggressive effort which has been gaining momentum to significantly limit, and restrict the ownership and use of firearms, the firearms industry at the municipal, county, and state level through legislation and regulation.

Gun control activists aggressively target NRA affiliated companies by contacting the CEO's, petitions and providing listings of businesses still associated with the organization for boycotting purposes.

An increase in number of individuals seeking pistol permits and excersing their Constitutional right, is only part of the

*“I would be the most presumptuous blockhead upon this footstool if I for one day though that I could discharge the duties which have come upon me, since I came to this place, without the aid and enlightenment of one who is stronger and wiser than all others.”* — Abraham Lincoln

*“The God who gave us life, gave us liberty—can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?”* — Thomas Jefferson

Today great attempts are being made to remove all traces of religion from public schools, court houses, monuments and the nation. A monument in Washington, D.C. has actually modified a speech given by F.D.R. removing all references of God. In defiance athletes unashamedly give thanks to God, while both on camera and off, teams bow their heads in prayer.

Meanwhile, the Bremerton (WA) School District suspended, and later fired, Coach Kennedy over his silent, 15-second prayer. A federal district court upheld Coach Kennedy's termination. On appeal, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit concluded that, because Coach Kennedy could be seen by students and fans engaging in religious expression, the school lawfully terminated his employment and his silent prayers were not protected by the Constitution.

How has this nation and the institution of education become so biased against the mere mention of God, when it's sole objective was so that the young might learn to read the scriptures? The first colleges were founded in New England to prepare young men for ministry. Harvard and Yale (originally Puritan) and Princeton (originally Presbyterian) once had rich Christian histories; it's crest still says in Latin *“Under God she flourishes.”*

*“You who are mortal cannot change the infallible, unwritten laws of heaven. They did not begin today or yesterday, but are everlasting and none can tell the hour that saw their birth. I would not from fear of any human edict, incur the God-inflicted penalty of disobeying divine law.”*

— Antigone to the Legislature: Sophocles

\*Source: [firstliberty.org/cases/coachkennedy](http://firstliberty.org/cases/coachkennedy)

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equation. The organization EveryTown USA proclaims,

*“For too long, change has been thwarted by the Washington gun lobby and by leaders who refuse to take common-sense steps that will save lives.”*

*“If we never learn from history we are destined to repeat it.”* The common-sense challenge for you, your friends and family is not only to review the Pro Gun-Control list of businesses, funding organizations and social media campaigns, but to actively seek alternatives, because you can bet your bottom dollar they are counting on you not to.

## TABLE SETTING 101

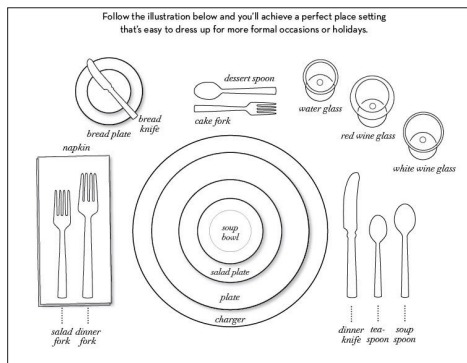
**E**tiquette and manners have been the byproduct of my upbringing. It was instilled from an early age, along with an work ethic produced by chores.

In our household every family member had chores from the oldest to the youngest. For those GenXYZer's and Millennials who may not understand this concept, chores are those pesky homebound tasks that keep things clean, neat, and functioning (i.e. dishes, laundry, taking out the garbage, walking the dog, cleaning your room, putting away toys, etc.).

One of my earliest chores was setting the table. While not a monumental task for a youngster, seven items were replicated seven times\*. Forks, knives, spoons, plates, cups, napkins, and sometimes placemats all needed to be in place correctly before each meal.

Napkin on the left, fork(s) upon napkin, plate in center, to left of plate knife, to left of knife, spoon, with drinking glass upper right.

I don't remember being taught how to



set the table, but every time I see an incorrect place setting it drives me crazy!

At first I thought it was just the regional habit of a few church ladies. Then I began to notice it occurring more and more. Now I notice that place settings are always reversed and just plain wrong.

To save time, most restaurants wrap the knife, fork and sometimes a spoon in the napkin, this eliminates the need for table settings, leaving young servers void of the knowledge of proper place settings. Fortunately, in upscale restaurants and for most catering services proper table settings can still be found.

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"solutions" tend to be, or how little their proponents understand what these measures will do (like the gun control supporters at one event who, when asked, were unable to explain what an AR-15 or a bumpstock is).

In 1954, Armalite was established as a Division of Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation. The AR-1 was one of the first rifles produced at Armalite's location in Hollywood, CA, and paved the way to the development of the AR-10. All rifles were designated AR, short for Armalite Rifle. Shortly thereafter, Armalite submitted the AR-5, .22 Hornet Survival Rifle to the U.S. Air Force as a replacement for their then-standard survival rifle. The AR-5 was adopted and designated the MA-1 Survival Rifle.

Previously Liberty Belle Times™ shared a list of those companies who support gun-control initiatives. Here's an updated list: *Levis®* jeans, *Dockers®*, *Yeti Coolers*, *Buffalo Wild Wings*, *Outback Steakhouse*, *Costco*, *Sam's Club*, *TGI Friday's*, *Starbucks*, *Sonic*, *Panera Bread*, *Walgreens*, *Waffle House*, *Ben & Jerry's*, *Walmart*, *Hooters*, *Jack in the Box*, *AMC* and *Cinemark Theaters*, *IKEA*, *Great Wolf Lodge*, *Jo Ann Fabrics*, *A & P*, *Pathmark*, and *Walbaums Supermarkets*, *Nike*, *Sterling Jewelers* (*Kay*, *Jared*, *Shaw & others*), *Model's Sporting Goods*, *Dicks Sporting Goods*, *Google*, *Salesforce Software*, *Met Life Insurance*, *Hertz Car Rental and Sales*, *Avis*, *Budget*, *Alamo*, *National Rent A Car*, *Enterprise Rent A Car*, *United Airlines*, *Delta Airlines*, *Bank of America*, *First National Bank*, *Republic Bank and Trust*, *Allied Movers*, *North American Van Lines*, *LifeLock*, *Simplisafe*, *Lloyds of London*, *The National Football League*, *Goodyear*, and *Hallmark cards*, wrapping paper, decorations and gift items to name a few.

These 2A biased companies heavily contribute to the financial support of gun control lobbyists and initiatives, while we continue to shop the big box stores, patronize food franchises and wear brands name labels of corporations committed

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## MARRIAGE & FAMILY SAVERS MINISTRIES CELEBRATES 21ST ANNIVERSARY

**M**arriage and Family Savers Ministries, led by Reverends Bill and Penny Banuchi publisher of Marriage Minutes, provides personal counseling and trains Marriage Mentor Couples in local churches to minister to couples. Pastoral counseling is available in the Newburgh office by appointment, Tuesday through Friday. Evening appointments are available and Saturday mornings. The reach of the ministry is also extended through the use of phone counseling on FaceTime and Skype.

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***Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he [it is] that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.***

— Deuteronomy 31:6



# GUARDIANS OF THE REPUBLIC

Welcome to the first Oath Keepers Column. On behalf of Orange County Oath keepers, I salute Sintora for bringing *The Liberty Belle Times™* to what we pray will be a fast-growing audience of hearts and minds in our communities.

The widely publicized “*Balance of Nature*” health program was conceived on the foundation of a three-sided pyramid; spiritual, physical, and chemical. When we look back across the sea of time to view the many civilizations over the many centuries, we realize a very critical and fundamental truth. Many of the peoples who were conquered, displaced, and destroyed were spiritually active, physically strong, and chemically healthy. But if we were to dig a little deeper, we would find the missing 4th side of the equation in our study of the vanquished; information and intelligence.

Many of history’s most unfortunate may have been spiritually active, physically strong, and chemically healthy, but most of them undoubtedly suffered a serious lack of information and awareness. And the tragic reality is that these same peoples were probably not as chronically uninformed and misinformed as many if not most Americans are today.

The United States Constitution is the single-most important reason for the United States being the greatest country that has ever existed on this earth. Furthermore, and for that reason, its defense and protection are the single-most important obligation that we, as Americans who love our country and how it has provided for ourselves and our families, have...second only to the God that has blessed us with

same. BUT...in order to faithfully defend and protect, we need to know, understand, and appreciate the treasure we are protecting.

Reach, Teach, and Inspire is our Oath Keeper mantra! The following quote from an old friend broke my heart the other day. Responding to another old friend pledging to become more involved in his Morris County, New Jersey community’s Islamification, he wrote, “*People have agendas and personal visions. I’d stay away.*” We “*stay away*” at our own peril....

From the May 9 issue of the Epoch Times:

An array of America’s leading intellectuals agreed May 3 that “*multiculturalism*”—described as the attempt

by the West’s enemies to divide and conquer it—constituted a threat to what one called “*Americanism.*” That term was described as the legacy of liberty and individualism conceived by the country’s Founding Fathers, ensconced in the U.S. Constitution, and which underwent a new birth of freedom after the Civil War. According to the program for the event, sponsored by the Claremont Institute and entitled “*Multiculturalism vs. America,*” the drive toward the former has eroded the latter’s fundamental grasp of citizenship and national identity. Specifically, multiculturalism “*perniciously and invidiously divides Americans by race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation,*” a list easily

expanded to include gender identity, gender expression, and disability, which are other protected classes now etched in policy and often law.

— from Experts Say Multiculturalism Poses Threat to Americanism, by Christopher C. Hull

Publications such as *The Epoch Times* and *The Liberty Belle Times™* are our precious 4th side, our Fourth Estate, sunlight and essential nutrient...key to our survival. Americanism has many enemies, but God has blessed her with many friends beyond measure. We are living in extraordinary times of both great excitement and great danger, as the tables are turning on the perpetrators of what will be exposed and prosecuted as the greatest and most treasonous political scandal in American History.



The *Orange County Oath Keepers*, welcomes and encourages your support as we look to do our part in passing this great torch to future generations.

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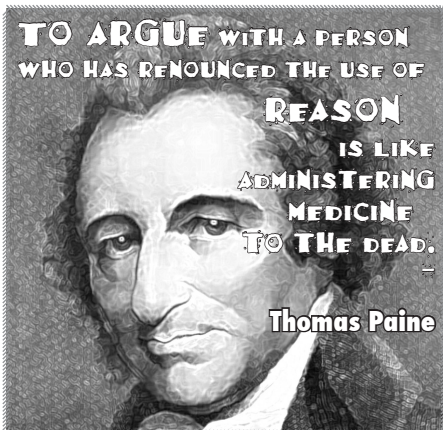
*Oath Keepers is a group of current and former serving Military, Law Enforcement and First Responders and like minded Associate Members with the same goal. To bear true faith to the Constitution and The Bill of Rights guaranteed within it and to defend it according to our Oath which states.*

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***“This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it.”***

— Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865)

The Crisis No. V - The American Crisis (1776 - 1783)



## U.S. SUPREME COURT URGED TO REVERSE PUERTO RICO COURT DECISION THREATENING CHURCH, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*Group files response brief on behalf of religious schools in support of writ of Certiorari in case where court interfered with church autonomy, governance*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Attorneys with First Liberty Institute filed a brief with the Supreme Court of the United States on behalf of two Catholic schools responding in support of a petition filed last month by the Archdiocese of San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Archdiocese has asked the Justices to reverse a decision by the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico that overrides the long-standing structure of Catholic churches and schools.

*"If a court can tell a church or school how to operate, it's only a matter of time until government is telling churches what to believe,"* said Kelly Shackelford, President, Chief Counsel, and CEO of First Liberty. *"We are asking for the U.S. Supreme Court to simply apply the clear purpose of the First Amendment and more than 100 years of its own precedent. The Justices should restore the freedom of churches in Puerto Rico to operate free of government interference."*

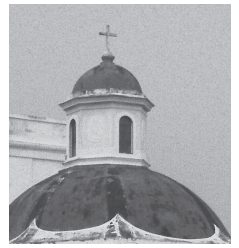
First Liberty represents two parochial schools in Puerto Rico. In 2016, former employees of various Catholic schools brought suit against a number of parties, including the two schools. On appeal, the Puerto Rico Supreme Court upheld a lower court's decision finding that individual Catholic churches and schools don't exist as independent, legal entities, despite one of the schools, Academia del Perpetuo Socorro, holding its own corporate certificate since 1968. Instead, the court deemed all Catholic entities in Puerto Rico jointly liable for claims against the *"Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church in Puerto Rico,"*

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President, Chief Counsel,  
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an entity that doesn't exist.

In its brief, First Liberty argues, *"[T]he Supreme Court has applied the First Amendment to protect religious congregations' ability to maintain their governing structures free from state interference. The Puerto Rico Supreme Court's finding that Catholic churches and affiliated entities lack legal personalities of their own ... devastates the Catholic faith's ability to determine its ecclesiastical government...."* Adding, *"By assigning legal personality to an entity that does not exist within the Catholic Church's polity while dissolving the legal personalities of entities that do exist within that structure, the decision below destroys the hierarchical polity governing Catholic churches and other Catholic entities throughout Puerto Rico."*



*First Liberty Institute is a non-profit public interest law firm and the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to defending religious freedom for all Americans.*

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*of God... and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."*

Are his words to be taken seriously and literally, or were they just important for a time when we were less educated, less sophisticated, less "evolved"?

Well then, let's hear from a more contemporary president, Dwight D. Eisenhower, *"Without God there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first — the most basic — expression of Americanism"*

In fact, it was President Eisenhower who, being inspired by a sermon in church, encouraged the Congress to add the phrase "under God" to our pledge of allegiance at a time when godless communism was on the march worldwide. Two years later, *"In God We Trust"* became our nation's official motto, though the phrase had been appearing on our coinage since 1864.

In fact, from the very birth of our nation the public acknowledgment of God has been central to American life. When Samuel Adams signed the Declaration, he said: *"We have this day restored the Sovereign*

*to whom all men ought to be obedient..."*

Public acknowledgement of our dependence upon God was a ubiquitous fact of American life as clearly expressed in the preambles of every one of our fifty state constitutions. One example is the preamble of the Constitution of my own state, New York: *"We, the people of the State of New York, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure its blessings do establish this constitution."*

Every one of the other forty nine states begins with a similar declaration.

It was clearly understood, and publicly asserted that liberty is a gift from God. Even Thomas Jefferson, the founding father who everyone quotes when it comes to the idea of separation of church and state said, *"God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath?..."* (1781 Notes on The state of Virginia)

The primacy of the sovereignty of God over our land is not just a sentiment for an era gone by, but rather an eternal truth that has provided peace and prosperity like

no other nation has ever known. If we are to preserve the blessings of liberty it is imperative that we publicly acknowledge the supremacy of God and His order for civic life as revealed in the Bible.

James Wilson, first Supreme Court Justice, taught us that civil law must always be consistent with divine law, as revealed in the Scriptures. It was a common occurrence to witness debates in Congress over the interpretation of Scripture and how Biblical truth is to be applied to our system of law.

With all the political rhetoric filling the airwaves this election season, I wait to hear a clear clarion call to acknowledge that we are, in fact, *"One Nation Under God,"* and we must seek to continue to develop our *"more perfect union"* according to objective biblical standards to the degree that we can understand and implement them with the consent of the governed.

Our devotion to God and His laws is the reason for our exceptionalism. All of our civic dysfunction derives from our neglect of God's revealed will, from relying on the supremacy of our own human wisdom. Noah Webster taught us that, *"All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their*

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# IGNORANCE IS BLISS NUMBERS

— by Toni V. Belle

Many prominent national corporations have lent their corporate support to gun control initiatives or taken a position supporting gun control. By patronizing these establishments many Americans who claim to support the 2nd Amendment are actually contributing to it's demise.

The first edition of Liberty Belle Times™ outlined the history of news. Since we have evolved beyond the printed page, the source of our information can be anything but truthful. Social Media platforms, the most popular avenue of distribution, is proficient in creating doubt in the minds of millions.

By using the headline “**HEAR YE, HEAR YE**”, potential youthful readers, automatically turn away due to the collective forever young mindset. Often it is insinuated that everything that is old, is outdated and of little use, including people. However wisdom and the truth is always hidden in plain sight for anyone seeking it.

News reporter Michael Graham titled a 2018 commentary “*Why do we hate the NRA?*” By using the words “*we hate*” suggests to readers that “*everyone hates*” the NRA, thoughts of opposition to this headline conveys that the reader is outcast from the collective, and ever popular “*we*”.

The article continues to redeem itself, “*The NRA didn't create America's support for the right to gun ownership and self-defense. It reflects it. Arguing that the NRA “is running our government” is essentially arguing that the voters are running the country.*”

*America spent about \$15 billion on guns last year, or one-thousandth of our national GDP. To put that number into perspective, Fortune.com reports that Americans spend far more than that—\$23 billion—on pet food each year.*

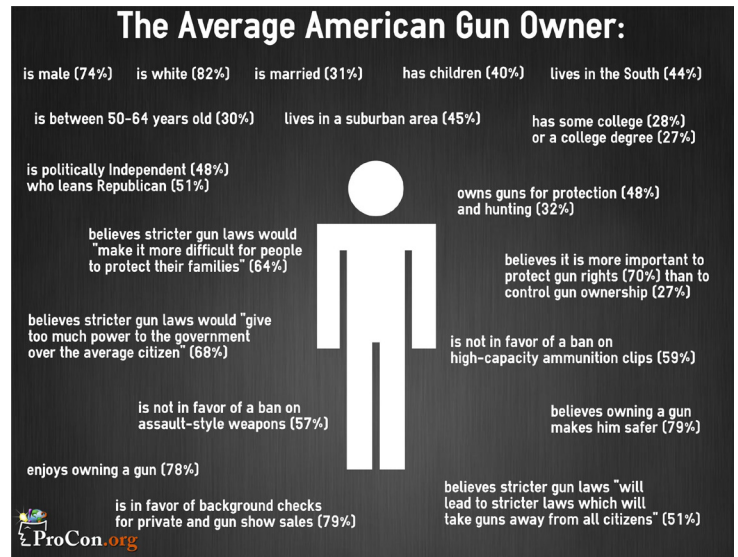
*This is hardly shocking given that about 40 percent of Americans—not American gun makers or NRA stooges, but American citizens—live in gun-owning households.*

*What the NRA's opponents hate isn't the organization. It's the millions of American voters who support it.”*

Americans may love their guns, but they are addicted to Social Media. In any cycle of addiction the first phase is denial. The addiction gradually begins to consume, until we are either rendered powerless and intervention is introduced. So it is with deception.

When a person is shadowbanned on the Internet, the banned user is unaware of the ban. The user's posts/profile/etc. are visible only to themselves, and sometimes a limited circle of like-minded common users. Other users beyond this circle will never see their communications. So if you've sent things out into cyberspace and never received a response, there is a good possibly the person, or persons they were sent to, may have never received it thanks to those pesky things called algorithms.

James O'Keefe's “*Project Veritas*” undercover video, exposes



how Shadowbanning is used by Twitter employees using algorithms to ban users of its social media platform without the users ever knowing. Faithandfreedom.us shares with readers an expose of Twitters' shadowban on conservatives.

Astroturfing is another sophisticated, and deliberate effort to undermine the credibility and distribution of information. It provides a streaming, constant method of attack to help create a bandwagon effect for specific results and modified modes of thinking.

Social Media platforms paired with biased news coverage of mass shootings across the nation, astroturfing and shadowbanning is the wellspring for gun control advocates such as ThinkProgress, EveryTown, USA, #KillTheNRA, and many others which pressure corporations into cutting ties (usually in the form of membership discounts) with the NRA.

The Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund claims to “*improve our understanding of the causes of gun violence and the means to reduce it – by conducting groundbreaking original research, developing evidence-based policies, and communicating this knowledge in the courts and the court of public opinion.*”

This organization undermines the credibility of responsibility and the need for civilian firearm ownership for recreational sport, hunting and personal protection.

*“The Social Media platform has become involved in the distribution of news creating a new information ecosystem - one that treats a lie like truth and spreads it faster than the fact”* reports Maria Ressa, CEO and executive editor of Rappler.com.

*“Today, I watch with horror as authoritarian leaders in many countries around the world use social media's exponential power to spread propaganda, use anger and hate, to manipulate their people and to create alternative realities. When a lie is said 10 times, truth has a chance to catch up...but when it's repeated a million times, it becomes the truth – especially when it's backed by online state-sponsored hate exploiting the fracture lines of society.*

The anti-gun/anti-2nd Amendment movement typically characterizes gun control restrictions as “*common sense*” and “*responsible*,” regardless of how poorly grounded in reality these

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danger is to get away, while law enforcement's trained response is to secure public safety.

In the beginning Sheryl was asked to outline what she thought a civilian training program for women should consist of. *"There are fundamental differences between the basic anatomy between women and men. Women tend to have smaller hands and smaller bodies with less upper body strength."* Sheryl was *"searching for a blend of training with firearms safety and handgun instruction with the tactical moves necessary to survive a gun fight."* Quality training provides the knowledge and the confidence required to shoot a handgun proficiently and live.

From her office at the OCSO headquarters, Sheryl explains, *"Many women are never introduced to firearms. This a lack of familiarity can lead to fears and misinformation."* Sheryl was on a quest for *"a friendly, supportive and knowledgeable environment for instruction. Women teaching women combines all of these qualities to create the ideal educational environment."*

*Women who choose to conceal carry are presented with a variety of factors from choosing holsters and adapting their wardrobe, environmental assessment, plus keeping tabs on children and their activities."*

The next step in developing a program would require the collaboration with 25 year veteran of the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Anthony Weed, Commander of the Special Operations Group (SOG). Along with guidance from Undersheriff Jones the foundation for the Women's Tactical Training Program was created. The training program was later opened to include men and renamed The Civilian Tactical Handgun Training Program.

*"Little did I realize at the time, I was crafting what would become an incredible opportunity for the community of firearms owners. Blending law enforcement expertise, experience, and combat tactics with my ability to connect "as a civilian" with the civilian students I was instructing. It has achieved the right balance. Especially for women, who respond positively to a female Instructor."*

The process of attending these classes transforms *"unskilled men and women"* into confident and proficient shooters, whether they eventually carry concealed or not. Sheryl's vision of a place which provides tactical firearm training to a small group of women is now a reality. Similar training for women is available nation wide due to the unprecedented growth of women with concealed carry permits.

*"Women train differently from men. They have a lot swimming around in their heads. There is a big difference between getting a little practice at the range and having the responsibility of conceal carry. Women who actively seek serious training have discovered this."*

Sheriff DuBois has made good on the pledge that his Sheriff's Office *"will display leadership with a commitment towards excellence and integrity."*

Sheryl is the only female civilian to be trained by SOG and

is a Firearm's Instructor for the Sheriff's Office to instruct civilians. She is the Coordinator of the training team for the civilian program and responsible for the annual qualifications for retired Law Enforcement Officers. Recently, she has been promoted to Range Supervisor.

The OCSO Civilian Tactical Handgun Training classes are taught by qualified Firearm instructors using state-of-the-art presentations, training handguns and simunition at a price students can afford. The multi-phase program is tailored to introduce the novice handgun owner to the basic operations of a handgun, safe gun handling and general information related to confident and proficient gun ownership.

Those obtaining a NYS Pistol Permit enroll in the Handgun Safety Course and then advance progressively through the other courses designed to increase situational awareness and tactical techniques for self defense using a handgun. The courses include:

Fundamentals of Tactical Handgun, Tactical Mindset, Use of Force; Article 35, Civilian Response to a Hostile Event, Tactical Mindset, Tactical Decision Making, and Firearms Training.

Each course includes an overview of the aspects of Concealed Carry and New York State Penal Law Article 35. All students are required to take the handgun safety course.

The Women's Forum is a special presentation for women to discuss female specific firearm ownership, challenges, solutions and experiences. The forum is free of charge and open to women pistol Concealed Carry permit holders, those in the process of obtaining a pistol permit and women just seeking information.

Today women are baring arms for recreational, educational, competitive, social reasons, as well as for self protection. Nationwide ladies-only organizations are designed for beginners to advanced skill levels.

A few of the clubs for and by women are: A Girl and A Gun, Blush & Bullets, Diva Women Outdoors Worldwide, Insights Training Center, NYC Women's Shooting Sports League, She Can Shoot, Shooting Sirens,

Sisterhood of the Outdoors, The Well Armed Woman, Women on Target Clinic, Women's Firearm Academy, NRA Women and the NRA Women's Channel hosted by Smith & Wesson.

Women who train seriously not only increase firearm safety, but discover that tactical training increases awareness, responsiveness and confidence.

From clinics to special topics, gear and garments women are educated, encouraged, and enlightened about firearm usage, safety and the importance of protecting their Second Amendment rights.

So, Annie, Sheryl, Toni, Carrie, Debbie, Lynn, Sereena, Melissa, Angela, Guadalupe, Robin, Rose, Heather, Danielle, Paula and the rest of you ladies out there, get your guns!



***"The Civilian Tactical Handgun training Course Use of Force was informative, organized and very, very focused on the responsibilities of ccw. But above that, I was again (and again) reminded of things learned in Civilian Handgun Training: four rules of gun safety, readiness of your firearm, the body's reaction to a threat (tunnel vision, distorted sensory perception), unintended consequences, etc., throughout last night's lecture and videos. What is contained in Article 35 is words on paper – the class was about real life."***

**— Kathy**



As every woman knows, gone are the days of the mythical knight in shining armor. Smart women today know that they must be better prepared for the predator-prey situation and the reality of it crossing their path. One of the leading reasons for women gun ownership and concealed carry of firearms is for the protection of themselves and family.

Historically speaking, newsworthy gun toting women have been mentioned as early as the 1800s. One of the best known female sharpshooters is Phoebe Ann Moses who helped to support her family through her hunting and trapping skills. When opportunity knocked she joined Bill Cody's touring Wild West show in 1885. Known worldwide as America's first female celebrity Annie Oakley was only fifteen when she participated in her first shooting contest. As fellow marksmen were eliminated she found herself competing against, and out shooting the famous marksman, Frank Butler.



When Sheryl Thomas, a grassroots, tea party activist, the Women for the Second Amendment founder, and Internet blogger / radio talk show host asked the Orange County Undersheriff, Kenneth Jones during an interview, "Why doesn't the Sheriff's Office provide any training for civilians who plan to carry concealed?"

That question led to a hearty discussion about the lack of tactical training necessary for those venturing into public areas with a loaded handgun on

their person. Sheryl asked, "Where am I and other civilians in general supposed to go for that kind of training, if not where Law Enforcement is trained? How do we survive an attack using a handgun?" Undersheriff Jones took that challenge seriously and in March of 2014 Sheryl was hired to design and development just such a program, originally intended for women only.

Within a few short years Sheryl's inquiry would evolve into the seven courses open to men and women, providing gun safety knowledge and the tactical training necessary to carry concealed confidently, proficiently and safely.

Sheryl realized, as many other women have discovered, that being instructed by a family member or friend and going to the range does not adequately prepare women with the proper safety, confidence and skillset essential for conceal carry and self-defense.

As more women embrace firearms for sport, to increased their skills, and for self-protection the mystique of men and firearms fades. A man's mind is wired for action and the hands-on of mechanics. Men are more likely to take things apart just to see how it works, and put it back together. For men it's all about the gun and how it works.

The woman's focus for concealed carry is more about safety, efficiency, and how to shoot effectively. She is challenged with the dynamics of the safety for children and other family members. Women face a multitude of obstacles including wardrobe, shoes, strollers, diaper bags, super-sized handbags, etc. in the quest for unencumbered movement.

Responsible for the public's safety, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, must keep up with law enforcement training. In addition to traditional Police firearm training it is now essential to equip officers with community policing, situational awareness, critical incident, mental health, crisis intervention, judgment skills, de-escalation, bias/unconscious bias, taser, and active shooter active shooter response.

The Sheriff's Office is tasked with conducting background investigations into pistol permit applications, before they are presented to county judges who issue the firearm

**As long as man has used tools, weapons have been among those of foremost importance. They have been used to provide food and protection since the formation of the earliest social units.**

**For centuries, and continuing through today, men and women have used firearms as the most effective weapons individuals can wield. Guns have been used to implement both the highest and basest goals of humanity - to put food on the table, to provide personal protection, to enforce or defy the law, to defend or acquire territory and treasure, and to liberate or to enslave.**

**Guns have also come to be used for a wide variety of recreational and competitive shooting, and millions of Americans exercise their constitutional right to own firearms simply for the pleasure of shooting or the enjoyment of ownership, in addition to more serious uses.**

— Jim Supica

permits. The situational and tactical training of individuals receiving pistol permits was never really considered. Women obtaining pistol permits was nominal.

When Sheryl, a female civilian, asked Sheriff's office that "really good question..." The answer would serve as the catalyst for a program designed to prepare law abiding citizens (both men and women) for safe and responsible gun ownership and concealed carry awareness.

The question, which "had never come up previously", brought to light some serious considerations. Orange County's Sheriff, Carl DuBois who's mantra is "Lead By Example", pledged to bring the Sheriff's Office into the 21st Century upon entering the office in January 2003. Sheryl's quest for a civilian woman's tactical program was a challenge which was to become a part of the Sheriff's 21st Century promise.

The average civilian lacks the benefits of the intense level of law enforcement training and therefore has an increased risk factor for misinformation coupled with the disadvantage of unskilled training and a lack of knowledge of the law. The individual's natural first reaction to

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**"If you are going to take time out of your busy day to go to the range, you may as well be shooting your own gun!"**

— HerHandgun.com

## FIREARMS DESIGNER, KIMBER FOUNDER, JACK WARNE HAS DIED

— 05/31/19 5:30 a.m.

Jack Warne spent over 50 years in the gun industry across two continents. Firearms designer and gun culture legend John “Jack” Llewellyn Warne, responsible for the birth of at least three iconic shooting industry brands, has died at age 96.

Raised in the small town of Kimba, South Australia, a 23-year-old Warne went on to found Sporting Arms Limited, best known as Sportco, in 1947. At the time, Sportco was the only private gun maker in Australia and over the next three decades produced dozens of rifle models, with Warne at the drawing board for their designs.

Besides their Martini-action guns, Warne’s bolt-action models proved popular not only Down Under but also on the global export market. Sportco made rifles for Winchester branded as that company’s Models 320 and 325.

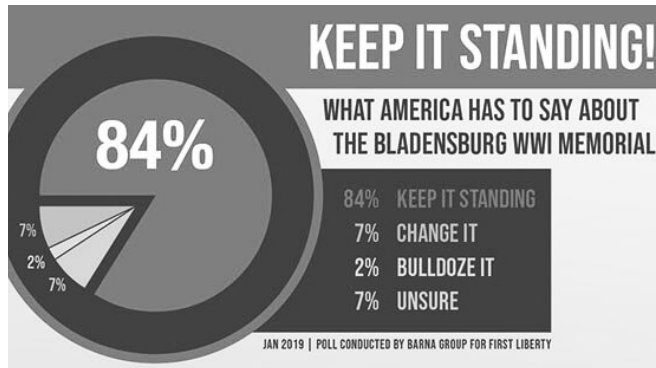
After 1966 when Oregon-based Omark purchased Sportsco, Warne transitioned to America as an executive. While at Omark, the company continued making Sportco-style rifles and acquired ammo makers CCI and Speer, sight/optics maker Weaver, and reloading and accessory makers RCBS and Outers.

In 1979, as Omark got out of the rifle making business, Warne and his son Greg founded Kimber of Oregon, which continued in the designer’s footsteps of producing accurate rimfire and later centerfire rifles. The new company’s name was an ode to the elder Warne’s childhood home. Kimber’s first rifle, the John Warne-designed Model 82, started shipping in 1980. Earning a well-known reputation for accuracy, the U.S. Government purchased 20,000 M82A Target rifles in the late 1980s, originally for U.S. Army training. Other models from that era included the Predator, M84, and M89 centerfire rifles in several variants and grades.

After Kimber of Oregon folded in 1991—it was later reborn as Kimber Mfg.,

## BLADENSBURG WWI VETERANS MEMORIAL TO REMAIN

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Justices reaffirmed that the First Amendment allows people to use religious symbols and images in public.

Representing the American Legion Kelly Shackelford stated “Our Founders would have been appalled at this attempt to make the government hostile to our religious heritage, history, and symbols. The attempted perversion of our Constitution is now over, and every American now has more freedom than they have had in decades, with a government no longer hostile to people or expressions of faith.”

A survey conducted by George Bar-

na of Metaformation indicates that an overwhelming number of Americans, young and old, believe the war memorial should not be torn down.

Michael Carvin, lead counsel for The American Legion, partner at Jones Day and First Liberty network attorney, said, “We are grateful for this historic victory for the First Amendment. This decision simply affirms the historical understanding of the First Amendment that allows government to acknowledge the value and importance of religion.”

“Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”



— Isaiah 41:10



First Liberty Institute is the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to protecting religious freedom for all Americans. Since 1997, First Liberty has been working across the nation to secure religious freedom in four major areas: the military, religious organizations, schools, and the public arena.

A nonprofit organization, First Liberty works with some of the nation’s top attorneys on a pro bono basis to defend the religious liberties of all Americans. First Liberty’s

legal team has argued and won cases at every level, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

First Liberty attorneys have been featured in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The Atlantic*, and appeared on CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX News, and more.

Government officials, community leaders, religious organizations, and members of the press, routinely seek out members of First Liberty’s legal team as subject matter experts on the First Amendment. First Liberty’s annual index of religious hostility in America, *Undeniable*, provides the most comprehensive catalog on the topic in the country.

Inc. under different ownership – Warne went on to found the Warne Manufacturing Company the same year with an eye to making high-quality scope mounts. He later sold that final company in 2001 but today Warne Scope Mounts still carries its

founder’s name and mourns his passing. Jack Warne is survived by his wife of 72 years, Marjory, son Steve, three grandsons, and three great-grandchildren.

Guns.com  
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## STOP LOOKING I FOUND IT: BLACKLISTED FIREARMS

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— [gunhive.com/blacklist/](http://gunhive.com/blacklist/)



# Center Piece: OPA GREEK GRILL

by L. M. Belle

Finding traditional Greek cuisine became a real challenge when I moved from Queens to Staten Island in the 80s. The longing for the flavor of spiced lamb Souvlaki Gyros continued to draw me back. Whenever possible, I would travel back to the suburban hub of Astoria taking friends, and later my husband and step sons with me. They say, *"nothing good lasts forever"*, (with the exception of salvation and God's promise of Heaven) and so it was with my favorite Greek restaurant.

Once located on a small triangular property, the small Pizzeria-style, over-the-counter eatery, with a few seats indoors eventually expanded to reside on the entire corner plot. Unfortunately, it has since closed. Astoria, Queens is no longer the U.S. Mecca it once was for Greeks immigrants, with *"nearly every Greek person in Greece knowing someone in Astoria"*.

When this favorite place for authentic Greek Souvlaki with the signature Tzatziki sauce closed more often than not I was met with disappointment while searching for a replacement.

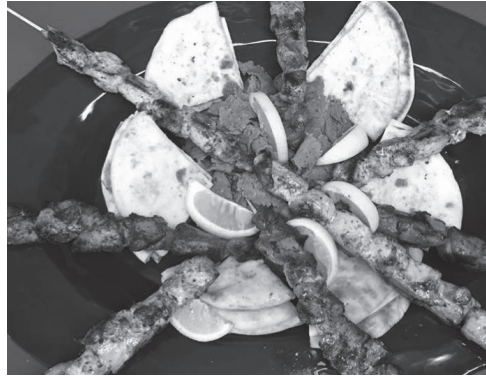
The trendy and popular Oakland Diner in New Jersey was the only place that earned my stamp of approval, until Opa Greek Grill opened closer to home in Warwick, New York.

First generation, American born George Anastasis and his older brother Dennis grew up in Flushing, Queens. Their parents, Manny and Yvonne were both born in Athens but immigrated to America. To support his young family Manny found employment in the restaurant business. In 1968, he opened Dennis' Steakhouse and Seafood in Manhattan.

Following in the footsteps of his father, as a teenager. George worked at a an Italian restaurant and pizzeria. He later enrolled in culinary classes at Sullivan Community College to get a better understanding of the art of food. Thirty years later, with the help of his older brother Dennis, he has owned several restaurants including the Upstate Liberty Diner, West 17 Diner, and has worked at the Goshen Diner for 10 years.

One of the most challenging aspects of the restaurant business is the hours. *"You have to work weekends and holidays which takes time away from being with your family"* George explained during our interview, *"I was looking to simplify life because spending time with my family is really important."*

*I wanted to try something different and offer something new*



*with a scaled down, smaller business. When the opportunity arose I opened Opa Greek Grill on October 21, 2016."*

The Opa Greek Grill serves a diverse selection of traditional Greek cuisine incorporating Yvonne's authentic Greek recipes into 70 percent of the dishes. The menu is designed to offer something for everyone with traditional Greek dishes such as Dolmades - stuffed grape leaves, Spanakopita - spinach pie, Horiatiki - tomato salad with cucumber, onion, pepper, feta and olives, plus desserts. There's even Greek (Gryo) Pizza! For traditional fare there's juicy burgers served with Greek fries seasoned with lemon and oregano.



Everything on the menu is prepared fresh daily and is beyond flavorful.

Guests are surrounded by bright blue walls, decorated with vintage family photos of bygone days. Seating is cozy contemporary. Outside the oversized picture windows is a row of cafe tables with chairs for outside dining. The

family-friendly atmosphere is filled with delicious smells of good food, with an open view into the immaculate kitchen area.

Finding the location for Opa Greek Grill, which is just five miles from his home, was ideal. George now gets to spend more time with his wife Deanna, son Christopher 17, daughters Alexa 15, and Sophia 11.

Since the opening of Opa Greek Grill George says that *"Everything has been very good. The Town of Warwick was very accommodating. I make sure that everything is clean and that the food is fresh. I have a great staff and great customers. I love it!"*

Repeat eat-in-down and take-out customers are greeted with a hearty hug and handshake. George is never too busy to look customers in the eye and ask, *"How have you been?"* Which can spark a little conversation while his friendly and attentive staff whisk by with mouth-watering platters loaded with delicious authentic Greek food.

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*"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers - and it was not there . . . in her fertile fields and boundless forests and it was not there . . . in her rich mines and her vast world*

*commerce - and it was not there . . . in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution - and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius*

*and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."*

— Alexis de Tocqueville  
(1805 - 1859)