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GOVERNMENT

The founders of our country were very smart men and women. They knew history. They knew politics. In declaring the independence of the thirteen colonies from England they specifically declared:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Just a little over two decades later in the preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America the fundamental purposes of the constitution were stated as:

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

We believe that governments were instituted of God for the benefit of man; to secure to each individual the free exercise of conscience, the right and control of property, and the protection of life and property.

We the people heavily depend upon you men and women of law enforcement to be able to enjoy those liberties. There is no draft, each of you chose your profession, you qualified, trained in the academies, and continually train so that you have the best mental and physical response to the situations presented to you.

We the people that are Don's family, thank the police officers who had Don's back over the years so that after every shift he was able to go home, safe.

May God bless each of you as you continue to get each other's back.

TITLE OF LIBERTY

In the Book of Mormon, Another Testament of Jesus Christ, there is a story of life a free society. Important to this society was freedom of conscience, freedom of religion to worship how one chose, liberty and peace for their families.

A group of dissenters wanted to do things differently, to restrict the rights and liberties of the free society, and became enemies to the free people.

A warrior named Moroni became the leader of the armies of the free people. To rally men in defense of the free people he made a banner and wrote upon it:

"In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace, our wives, and our children-

"(and he called it the title of liberty)_ and he bowed himself to the earth, and he prayed mightily unto his God for the blessings of liberty to rest upon his brethren, so long as there should a band of Christians remain to possess the land."

This warrior Moroni is specifically described as:

"a strong and a mighty man;; a man whose soul did joy in the liberty and the freedom of his country,

"Yea, a man whose heart did swell with thanksgiving to his God,; a man who did labor exceedingly for the welfare and safety of his people.

"...., and he had sworn with an oath to defend his people, his rights, and his country,"

I think that those characteristics describe our law enforcement officers generally, my brother Don specifically, and the man and women that Cody, Kelly and Dana are becoming.