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December 18, 2014

**Dear Friends,**

We thank all of you who attended our **Christmas Celebration of Religious Liberty** on the **Eve of the 223rd Anniversary of the Ratification of the Bill of Rights!**

The commemoration was a lot of fun.

**Special Thanks to Congressman Jim Gerlach, Dom Giordano, and Rich Zeoli!**

**Rich Zeoli** stole the show as **James Madison** (below left) in a memorable reading of

**Madison's Bill of Rights** speech which originally took place on the **House Floor** in the very **1st Congress**(June, 1789).

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**The Foundation** proudly presented **Dom Giordano** with our **2014 Patriot of the**

**Year Award** (above Center) and retiring **Congressman Jim Gerlach** with our **2014 James Madison Legislator of the Year** (above right). (Photos courtesy of Board Member Jerry Klein.)

**Many thanks** to **Matthew Lamborgeese**, **Jason Decesare**, and **Fifer Ed Boyle** for their contribution to the program. We'd also like to give our heartfelt appreciation to **Joe Benedict** and **Paul Waterman** for magnificent performances on the piano.

The evening passed by very quickly--but there was one slight mishap. Somehow, someone mistakenly took **Dom Giordano's Joseph A. Banks black overcoat** instead of their own. If you have Dom's coat and would like to exchange it for your own, please call Teri @ 267.531.8169.

### **On Obama, the Pope, and Cuban-American Relations**

For over a year, members of the **Obama Administration** and **Vatican Officials** met in secret to arrange for an exchange of political prisoners between the **United States** and **Cuba** while hoping to foster the normalization of relations between the two countries whose diplomatic ties were broken more than half a century ago.

Not even **Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ)**, an **American of Cuban descent** and outgoing **Chairman** of the **Senate Foreign Relations Committee**, was aware of the ongoing negotiations.

We cannot express, in words, our profound dismay at the behavior of all parties in this **betrayal of American Policy** dating back to **January, 1961**, and the final days of the **Eisenhower Administration**. Every President since Eisenhower has shunned the brutal, murderous dictatorship of **Communist Fidel Castro**.

If **Pope Francis** thinks his role in restoring relations between **Cuba** and the **United States** will result in the downfall of a Communist regime in the way that **Ronald Reagan**, **Margaret Thatcher**, and **Pope John Paul II** toppled the **Soviet Union**, he is pathetically mistaken. Pope Francis is propping up a teetering dictatorship on the verge of collapse.

**Despite Cuban relations with Canada and other western nations, Castro's reign of terror has never permitted a loosening of its economic and political control over the Cuban people.**

Though **President Nixon's detente** with **China** may have brought about a softening of Marxist economic policies on the mainland--it also **tightened the grip of the Communist dictatorship** that still rules the most populated nation on earth.

And China is no more an ally of the United States, today, than it was during the Nixon era.

In fact, China is, potentially, our leading adversary.

We strongly urge everyone to click the following *Daily Signal* link to a video and article featuring **Marco Rubio's** unequivocal denunciation of the betrayal of US Foreign Policy:

<http://dailysignal.com/2014/12/18/marco-rubio-blasts-obamas-cuba-plan-deeming-concession-tyranny/> <[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Wr2p7FLnm8n-Cla0UsxTbI46HbhsZDYsfLZGIPMyve\\_cUyy8Erp1KoJlnA2NBXQjFWZcmVEygL8ikEqioK23BFQj8RwFVMT6emGd37t9AGrVEnvCPbKMreu7IEzh5mlByeodkQFILzSb4ggQXoxPkZFXXqzW37eFffQIM2Wwc-AZUz7Nahqatp7bWOAtom8R-elFhr2ee4BWGjSkn5IWpoG1GHA9FFzcr-qJzawG2gs1VFN\\_4T7sk200oit6HCpJuP3zKtYpMoA6D-sqggw2cA==&c=fkJG5G4UuTcrd0qdTbJqmDxMX74i7AjLgtitpHsB18PU9J5u\\_ggxFA==&ch=iL6Ptk-13Yy1zhIG\\_xKQQDOxrFpYrEJ4dp1hxU\\_C-0dHHB3CwdSVxQ==>](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Wr2p7FLnm8n-Cla0UsxTbI46HbhsZDYsfLZGIPMyve_cUyy8Erp1KoJlnA2NBXQjFWZcmVEygL8ikEqioK23BFQj8RwFVMT6emGd37t9AGrVEnvCPbKMreu7IEzh5mlByeodkQFILzSb4ggQXoxPkZFXXqzW37eFffQIM2Wwc-AZUz7Nahqatp7bWOAtom8R-elFhr2ee4BWGjSkn5IWpoG1GHA9FFzcr-qJzawG2gs1VFN_4T7sk200oit6HCpJuP3zKtYpMoA6D-sqggw2cA==&c=fkJG5G4UuTcrd0qdTbJqmDxMX74i7AjLgtitpHsB18PU9J5u_ggxFA==&ch=iL6Ptk-13Yy1zhIG_xKQQDOxrFpYrEJ4dp1hxU_C-0dHHB3CwdSVxQ==>)>

### **Friday's Pro-Police Rally**

**Where:** Frankford and Cottman Avenues, Mayfair, Philadelphia, PA

**When:** Friday, December 19, 7 PM

We thought you should know that the **citizens of Mayfair** are planning a peaceful rally in support of police officers in **Philadelphia's 15th District**.

The sole purpose of the rally is to show support for police. It is not about any prior local or national incident.

The organizers are asking attendees to bring signs with positive messages such as **"Honk for Our Police"** and **"We Support Our Police Department."**