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Dear **Friends**,

It saddened us to watch, via satellite broadcast, this past **weekend's carnage in France**--129 dead, over 300 injured. Our prayers are with the French nation. **Vive la France et de l'ouest** (and the west)!

We'd like to know just what it will take for the **Obama Administration** to acknowledge and confront the world-wide terrorist threat which should have been its top priority all along--instead of the highly questionable "global warming crisis."

No doubt, **President Obama's foreign policy created a vacuum in Iraq**, and elsewhere, which has directly led to the rise of **ISIS**. The **United States** must reassert itself as the world's leader, if not under President Obama, then under the **45th US President**. The survival of Western civilization depends on it.

It also saddened us to learn, a few weeks ago, that one of the most decent human beings we have ever met in the conservative movement, Tom Smith (R-PA) <

to an aggressive form of cancer (more below).

As fate would have it, we are also mourning the death of two additional friends of Conservatism--former **US Senator Fred Thompson (R-TN)**

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two weeks ago, and Foundation friend, Anthony D. "Dobbs" Dolpies

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Wt2r7IHXY-2FownUjZrdnraAg-3D-3D>, who passed away Friday, a week ago,

at the tender age of 41.

Anthony was an upbeat and kind soul who will be sorely missed.

Our sincerest condolences to his son, **Anthony, Jr.** ; his parents, **Valentino and Joseph**; and his brother, **Emilio**. A viewing and Mass of Christian burial was held at **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Philadelphia**, last Wednesday. Members of our board were in attendance.

Please keep Tom Smith, Fred Thompson, Anthony Dolpies, and their families, in your prayers.

On behalf of the **Foundation Board**,
Teri Adams

Tom Smith R.I.P.

(October 20, 1947- October 17, 2015)
Foundation's 2013 Patriot of the Year.

Tom, a successful Armstrong County farmer and businessman, had been a conservative activist and donor for nearly four decades before deciding to run for the **US Senate** against incumbent **Bob Casey (D-PA)** in 2012. Our former PAC was one of the first to endorse his candidacy during the primary season.

In the primary, Tom defeated several Republican candidates, including the **Republican State Committee's choice, Steve Welch**, to become the GOP standard-bearer. Tom ran a spirited general election campaign against Casey, but ultimately lost.

The following year, the Independence Hall Foundation named Tom our 2013 Patriot of the Year.

Tom is survived by his wife, Saudra R. (Saundy), their seven children (four of whom were adopted), numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Welcoming New Life

Congratulations to the Kleins!

We wish to congratulate Board Members **Jerry and Carol Klein** on the recent birth of their first grandchild--a baby girl named **Grace**. **May the Kleins be blessed with many more grandchildren!**

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Speaker Ryan

The Foundation welcomes our new Speaker.

It was quite an unexpected turn of events, not only for **Congressman Paul Ryan** (R-WI) and his family (pictured above with his wife, **Janna Little**, and their three children)--but for the entire nation--as Ryan quite unexpectedly became the **54th Speaker of the House of Representatives**.

In contrast to **Congressman John Boehner (R-OH)**, we are not shedding any tears over the departure of the **53rd Speaker**. But while many were very critical of the former Speaker, we think there were some bright spots to his tenure. (For example, Speaker Boehner refused to bring the "gang of 8" Comprehensive Immigration bill to a vote in the House--thus killing a bad bill.)

We're looking forward to a very different leadership style from Speaker Ryan and wish the new Speaker much success.

We applaud the **House Republican Caucus** for the orderly transition--an outcome that disappointed **Democrats**, many of whom were predicting a divisive GOP battle over the Speakership.

2015 Budget Deal

Boehner dismays conservatives in final deal.

In John Boehner's final act as House Speaker, he negotiated and helped pass a **2 year budget agreement** that increased **defense expenditures and cut \$80 billion in domestic spending**. It also **lifted the debt ceiling** without any concessions from Democrats on such matters as **Planned Parenthood (de) funding**.

While the deal disappointed us, and many conservatives, we also see the value of clearing the budget mess for the new speaker.

We thank the following Congressmen from our region who voted against the budget deal: **Lou Barletta** (PA-11); **Joe Pitts** (PA-16); **Chris Smith** (NJ-4); and **Leonard Lance** (NJ-7).

5th Circuit Rules Against Obama on Immigration

Twenty six states prevail, so far.

Of course, we first reported this story to you in February, 2015, when **Federal District Court Judge Andrew S. Hanen** ordered an injunction barring the **Obama Administration** from carrying out the **President's Executive Order** on immigration granting four million "undocumented workers" the right "to live and work" in the United States without fear of being deported.

Judge Hanen's injunction has recently been upheld by a three judge panel from the **US Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit**.

This makes it highly unlikely that President Obama's edict will take effect during his Presidency, giving the new incoming president a chance to withdraw the order--which would be a victory for the 26 states which filed the appeal--and the American people.

Board Member Appears on NBC Nightly News

Don Adams was asked to provide expertise on the Founders in response to a misstatement by Dr. Ben Carson.

NBC Nightly News interviewed Don regarding a Facebook post by **Dr. Ben Carson** in which the Doctor erroneously stated, "Every signer of *the Declaration of Independence* had no elected office experience."

The truth is that most of the members of the **Second Continental Congress** that produced *the Declaration* had been elected to the Congress. In addition, many of the signers, including **Benjamin Franklin** (PA), **Thomas Jefferson** (VA), and **John Adams** (MA) held previous elected office in their respective colonies.

Dr. Carson's Facebook page was corrected immediately following the broadcast.

To view the news clip, click the following link: