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## *Message from the Chairman*

*By Frank Fluckiger*

### **2014: A Good Year for the Constitution Party**

Overall the year 2014 was a good year for the Constitution Party. It was a year of significant challenges but also one of continued growth and impressive victories. I would like to review some of those with you.

In many states members of minor parties are not able to register under the party name, but in those states where our supporters were able to do so, our voter registration increased significantly. In those states with updated year-end voter registration, the party growth is most encouraging. In Alaska, voter registration grew by 38 percent; in Colorado by 30 percent, Wyoming by 29 percent, and in Idaho by 28 percent.

In Louisiana, two of our candidates were elected to office. Ronnie L. Broughton, our party's state chairman, was re-elected to the Webster Parish School Board. Randy Fontenot ran for Chief of Police in the city of Eunice and earned more than 40 percent of the vote, outpolling two Democrats and two Republicans. Since he needed to receive 50 percent plus one vote to win an election, there was a top two run off on December 6th in which he won nearly 60 percent of the vote. In Wyoming two races of note: Jennifer Young came in second in her bid for the Secretary of State thereby gaining major party status for the Constitution Party in that state; Joyce Collins won over 38 percent of the vote in a two-way race for her state house seat. In New Mexico, our candidate for McKinley County Sheriff out-pollled the GOP nominee, and in Alaska, Pam Goode significantly out-pollled the Democratic candidate in her race for a state house seat.

Idaho's Christian Fioravanti received 35 percent of the vote in a strongly Republican area for a state senate seat. In Alabama, under the leadership of Joshua Cassity, the Constitution Party garnered over 35 percent of the vote for Marshall County Coroner thereby securing ballot position for the party in that county for 2016. To my knowledge that is a first for the party there. Just weeks ago, William Cantley, a city councilman in Riverside, Alabama changed his registration from the Republican Party to the Constitution Party. In addition to other states where the party is ballot qualified, our statewide candidates in Wisconsin, Missouri, Michigan, Utah and Nevada garnered enough votes to secure ballot position for the party in 2016. The party fell short in Alaska and West Virginia, but our state leadership in both of those states are already working to re-qualify.

All of these successes were made possible by the hard work and dedication of the party leaders in these states. You are building the party from the ground up which is the only way we will restore the form of government given us by the Founding Fathers. I extend my sincere thanks to each of you.

Sincerely,

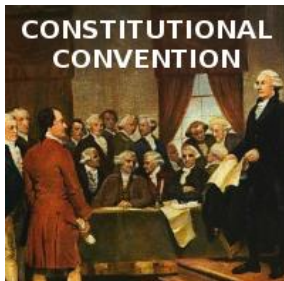
*Frank Fluckiger*

## ARTICLE V CONVENTION

Many people have contacted us in recent months concerning the perceived need for an Article V Convention, also referred to as a Constitutional Convention, or a Convention of the States. The Constitution Party has consistently opposed such a convention.

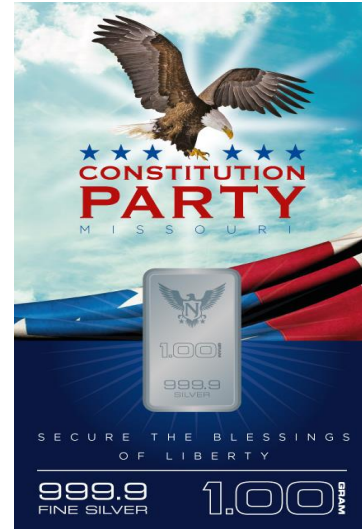
We have addressed this issue in several ways: in our 2012-2016 National Platform, through articles from various writers, interviews with national Constitution Party leaders, and the sharing of information from other sources. All these are now compiled on one page on the national website—the [Constitutional Convention](#) plank page now has links to various resources supporting our position. Please share this page with anyone or any organization who you feel can benefit from this information.

If you would like to share this page on your website and would like to use the image created for it, email your request for a copy to Karen Murray at [commsdirector@constitutionparty.com](mailto:commsdirector@constitutionparty.com).



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### *The Howard Phillips Legacy Society*

Our party has been blessed in the past year with a dramatic upswing of visits to our Facebook page, more readers of our party newsletter than ever before, and by a number of Constitutionalist who are putting up their name as candidates.

That kind of growth doesn't happen by accident. It takes a decisive plan of action, grass roots activists willing to work hard, and generous patriots who commit financial resources to get the job done.

Among those who invest in the Constitution Party are a growing number of Howard Phillips Legacy Society members.

Named after the founder of our party, The Howard Phillips Legacy Society provides the regular income necessary to run the "business end" of our work. Members receive the exclusive VICTORY REPORT newsletter various gifts of appreciation for joining, including a one gram 999.9 pure silver ingot especially created for the Constitution Party (pictured above).

Learn more about Howard Phillips [here](#), and how you can join The Howard Phillips Legacy Society [here](#).



2015  
STATE OF THE UNION:  
An Analysis by  
Constitutionists  
Darrell Castle and  
Cynthia Davis



Constitution Party leaders, Darrell Castle and Cynthia Davis, teamed up for the second year to give a Constitutionist analysis of the President's annual State of the Union speech. Cynthia Davis hosted the event on her weekly podcast, Home Front with Cynthia Davis. Darrell also covered the topic from his own unique point-of-view in a recent Castle Report podcast. Both can be heard at the links below:

[Home Front with Cynthia Davis](#)  
[The Castle Report](#)

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News and Information about the upcoming

## 2015 SPRING NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Details will be available on our website, social media pages, and in next month's newsletter.

**IN THE NEWS...****Athens Man Wants Third Parties on Ballots***Excerpt from article by Adam Smith in the Athens, Alabama News Courier*

Voters who find themselves disappointed by elected Republicans and Democrats have the chance to put a third party on Limestone County's ballots. Athens resident Bruce Craig and members of the small-but-fledgling Constitution Party are seeking enough signatures to have the party added to ballots for major election cycles. "We have a very small group that meets on a monthly basis, but we aren't very well-known," Craig said. "There are people who agree with us and what we stand for, but don't want to get involved and join the party. They're afraid if they join the Constitution Party, it will hurt the Republican Party."

So what does the party stand for? The following points were taken from the Alabama Constitution Party's website, [cpalabama.org](http://cpalabama.org):

- The Constitution is the prime law of the land. The limits imposed on government by the people ensure the right to life, liberty, family, property and personal freedom for all.
- Prosperity can only be achieved by restricting government regulation and control, which ensures that government resources are available to those who need it most.
- All human life is to be protected and respected; from conception to natural death.
- An opportunity to earn a living wage is a fundamental right that results in individual self-respect, increase in public resources, a reduction in government dependency, and a stronger more stable state.
- Our country's founders established states' rights as a necessary check and balance against federal power.
- Individual, family and property rights are the cornerstones of personal freedom and liberty.
- American sovereignty is the wall that protects us against unjust wars, foreign spending, and entangling alliances.
- Personal responsibility and accountability are essential for maintaining a free society.

"It's a party based on the Constitution, and the way the founders intended it," Craig said, adding the party has had a presidential candidate since 1992, though candidates have not appeared on local ballots. "I think people ought to be able to vote for someone they really believe in. I voted Republican my whole life, but I've gotten tired of voting for someone I can't really support. I appreciate what the Constitution Party stands for."

**Ballot Access**

For the Constitution Party to have a candidate on the ballot by the presidential election of 2016, or the next gubernatorial election in 2018, the party will need to gather enough signatures to equal 3 percent of the total voters who cast a ballot in the November general election. Craig said that number is equal to about 691 qualified signatures. He said much of the group's meetings have revolved around party planning and how to obtain those signatures.

"Some of us will get people we know to sign, but we may have a door-to-door campaign," Craig said.

**Impact on local Republican Party**

Ronnie Coffman, chairman of the Limestone County Republican Executive Committee, said he's concerned the presence of a conservative third party would only take votes away from Republican candidates.

"Personally, I never see a third party taking off," he said. "But then again, someone may get fed up with both parties in the future and not support either one of them."

Coffman said the divide between Republican ideals isn't necessarily a Limestone County problem, and that it's happening across the state. However, he believes positive strides were made in the November election, and he would hate to lose that momentum.

"(The Constitution Party) is probably better off getting on board with us," he said. Craig said the Constitution Party shares many of the same principles as the better-known tea party.

Get involved. Contact [jcassity@cpalabama.org](mailto:jcassity@cpalabama.org)

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