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Thomas Paine's 2026 Birthdate Event Receives Rave Reviews

The 2026 **Thomas Paine** Birthdate Celebration event was hosted by Thomas Paine Memorial Association (TPMA) president **Margaret Downey** and TPMA board member **Christopher Cameron**. The program featured welcome messages from Congressman **Jamie Raskin** and Congresswoman **Victoria Spartz**, followed by a performance from Benjamin Franklin, portrayed by actor **Brian Patrick Mulligan**.

Historian **Jack Kelly** delivered a speech that focused on Paine's background as an immigrant and working-class Englishman who became a key figure in the American Revolution. Kelly highlighted Paine's writing of *Common Sense*, which played a crucial role in swaying public opinion towards independence, and his subsequent service in the Pennsylvania militia. The presentation included details about Paine's life, his ideas about natural rights and his commitment to the revolutionary cause despite facing defeats and personal challenges.

The Kelly presentation also covered Paine's pamphlet *The American Crisis* and its impact on colonial morale. Paine's words inspired **George Washington** to cross the Delaware River and defeat the Hessian forces at Trenton, turning the tide of the war. The presentation touched on Paine's relevance today, highlighting his message of staying calm and resolute in times of crisis, as well as his belief in the rule of law. Kelly presented insights from Paine's works, emphasizing themes of hope and perseverance.

After the Kelly presentation, actor **Ian Ruskin** gave a beautiful reading of a portion of Paine's *American Crisis One*. It was synchronized to a slideshow of various photos, each at a different angle of the Thomas Paine memorial located in Morristown, New Jersey. After Ruskin's slideshow and recitation, Downey and Cameron highlighted the inscriptions found on the Morristown memorial.

Gene Jones, president of Florida Veterans for Common Sense, talked about how Paine's legacy serves as a symbol for the organization's mission, goals, and vision. Jones also described an annualThomas Paine Award and other good works done by Florida Veterans for Common Sense. The Award is given to those who exemplify Paine's courage and revolutionary ideas. The community work done by Florida Veterans for Common Sense is an extension of Paine's commitment to assisting veterans and engaging in civic activities, including climate change initiatives and promoting democracy.

Highlighting Paine's connection to New Rochelle, New York, a video presentation detailing the history of the farm that was gifted to Paine in 1784 was presented by the Huguenot New Rochelle Historical Association (HNRHA). The 10-minute video was entertaining and informative. The video was produced by HNRHA trustees **Gary Bush** and **Suzanne Tanswell**.

The birthdate celebration included a musical performance of "These Are the Days," which is part of a new musical "The Crossing." The musical places Paine and his *American Crisis* front and center as it sheds fresh light on Washington's famous crossing of the Delaware River.

During the Q and A segment of the program, participants discussed Paine's life, works, and legacy, with emphasis on his role in the American Revolution and his writings on liberty and equality. Weighing in on Paine's adventures and writings, panelists addressed questions about Paine's political views, his treatment of religion in the *Age of Reason*, and his stance on slavery. The discussion concluded with reflections on Paine's relevance to contemporary issues as determined by his writings — not speculation. *(continued on next page)*

A recording of the Thomas Paine 2026 Birthdate event can be found at the following link:

https://youtu.be/zmYOUu-CS7s

The social hour with special guest sculptor **Zenos Frudakis** was recorded separately. The recording is available at the following link:

https://youtu.be/JtJXRqgyuI8

Frudakis (pictured below) conducted his part of the program from his Glenside, Pennsylvania studio and his camera caught not only his Paine clay statue, but also many of his other works including Franklin, zoo animals, and busts of famous people.

During the social hour Downey and Frudakis discussed Paine's influence on the Declaration of Independence and his views on slavery. Participants also learned more about significant contributions Paine made to the cause of establishing a non-royalty form of government.

They also talked about where a statue of Paine might be installed in Washington, D.C., and a possible second design that includes an upright desk, a toppling chair, and spilled inkwell to show Paine's urgency in delivering *Common Sense* to the "inhabitants of America."

After a discussion about the process needed to install a memorial in the nation's Capital, Frudakis answered many questions from the social hour participants.

The event concluded with a toast to Paine delivered by Downey. Below is the toast:

Please raise a glass in honor of Thomas Paine,
born not merely into the year of 1737
but born into history.
We remember Thomas Paine
not as a general or a statesman in uniform,
but as a soldier of words whose courage stood
shoulder to shoulder with those who faced
muskets and cannons.
When the cause of liberty seemed lost,
he enlisted his pen in the darkest hour
of the Revolution and gave strength
to weary patriots.
On the occasion of his birth
two-hundred-and-eighty-nine years ago,
we honor a man who believed that freedom
must be defended
not only on the battlefield,
but in the minds of the people.
Thomas Paine's service
helped turn despair into determination
and helped give birth
to a nation founded on reason,
courage, and human rights.
To Thomas Paine,
patriot, revolutionary,
and fearless defender of liberty.
May his words continue to inspire free minds
and brave hearts. Cheers

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https://secular.org

Helping with the Zoom broadcast were Freethought Society board member **David Condo**, communications manager for the Secular Coalition for America **Nnenna Onwukwe**, and Thomas Paine enthusiast **Hyder Shah**.

If you would like to donate to the construction and installation of the Washington, D.C. Thomas Paine memorial, please visit the donation link below:

https://thomaspainememorial.org/donation/

Please donate generously to help create an educational Thomas Paine-themed setting in our nation's Capital for the enjoyment of generations to come. All donations are tax-deductible.

The National Park Service allows donors who contribute 1-Million dollars to the project permission to place their names on a bronze memorial plaque for a period of ten years.

We are also looking for candidates to fill a Thomas Paine Memorial Association (TPMA) Honorary Ambassador position. Please contact TPMA with leads or connections who could help make this memorial a reality. ●

Photos from the 2026 Thomas Paine Birthdate Event

Pictured above left is actor **Brian Patrick Mulligan** welcoming participants to the event portraying Dr. **Benjamin Franklin**.

Margaret Downey is pictured above center. As president of the Thomas Paine Memorial Association (TPMA), she cohosted the January 29, 2026 event entitled "The Times That Tried Men's Souls: Thomas Paine's Service During The Revolutionary War."

Above right is TPMA board member **Christopher Cameron**. As a cohost with Downey, he helped to introduce speakers, presented details about a Morristown, New Jersey Paine memorial, and made sure the program ran smoothly.

Below left is keynote speaker and author **Jack Kelly**. His presentation brought his book *Tom Paine's War* to life with a beautiful PowerPoint slideshow.

Pictured below right is Florida Veterans for Common Sense (FVCS) president **Gene Jones**. He represented FVCS's mission, goals, and vision. He also explained why they chose Thomas Paine as their figurehead.

Thomas Paine Memorial Association board member **Joy Masoff** is pictured right. Masoff is currently completing her PhD, entitled "Thomas Paine and the Company He Kept: Family and Friendship in the Times That Tried Men's Souls."

During the event, Masoff shared a brief yet fascinating excerpt from her dissertation in which she described a December 1776 heroic journey Paine took through New Jersey to reach Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In December 2025 the Annual Tree of Knowledge Tradition Continued in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The *Tree of Knowledge* (TOK) tradition has endured and blossomed since its creation in 2007 by the Freethought Society (FS). The TOK concept was originally created as a symbol for nontheist citizens to be equally represented in public holiday displays. The first TOK was displayed on the lawn of the Chester County Courthouse in West Chester, Pennsylvania — its branches holding close to 100 laminated book covers in celebration of various authors and their contributions to freedom of thought, critical thinking skills, philosophy, science, and history. Since that time the TOK concept has been featured in private homes, offices, and community spaces nationwide.

In 2025 the installation of a TOK in the Philadelphia Ethical Society (PES) building located at 1906 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, helped to foster new leadership connections.

PES leader **Hugh Taft-Morales** retired earlier this year and FS moved it's office location to Huntington Beach, California. Pennsylvania based FS board members **David Condo** and **Marjorie Goldman** volunteered to help continue showcasing the TOK in the PES building. The new PES leader **Phil Lindsay** expressed interest and soon the group decided that the tree would be decorated on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

The brisk winter weather did not deter Condo and Goldman from starting a new tradition outside of the PES building. They set up an FS information table near the PES entry steps, occupying a small portion of the public sidewalk. The table provided passersby with an opportunity to learn about the TOK, receive complimentary literature, make an ornament, sign up to receive future correspondence, and to ask questions. Several new friends were made at the table. Please see the photo at right featuring Condo and Goldman at the outside table.

During the formal PES program inside, Goldman provided an overview of the history and impact of the TOK, and her presentation included reading of a poem written by **Margaret Downey** in the style of Dr. Seuss. The poem can be viewed at the following link:

https://www.ftsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/History-of-the-Tree-of-Knowledge-in-Rhyme-.pdf

Goldman also led the decorating of the inside tree as people enjoyed food and drink provided by PES. Condo staffed the outdoor table which featured a small wrought iron version of the TOK. Instead of laminated book covers the outside TOK had red foam apple ornaments with handwritten commentary about recommended books and favorite quotes gathered from members of PES. It was a good opportunity to introduce newer PES attendees to FS and to inform passersby about both organizations.

As people hung ornaments on both trees, Goldman and Condo took pride in bringing together a diverse group of all ages. Condo stated, "The *Tree of Knowledge* event shows just how many inspiring voices the nontheist movement has to offer for public consumption — and how many books I've yet to read! From numerous generations across many cultures, the stories behind the ornaments highlight a small part of humanity's brilliance during the Winter Solstice, and at any time of year when the lights seem dim."

Goldman said of the event, "It was a pleasure to share the *Tree of Knowledge* tradition with the Philadelphia Ethical Society. Their partnership is much appreciated. I was overjoyed, and a little astounded, to see all the laminated book-cover ornaments they pulled out of storage. We displayed past issues of *The Freethought Society News*. Additional information about our organization was available which helped drum up some interest in our other activities. I'm glad I was able to let the attendees know about another Tree of Knowledge in Center City Philadelphia — a mural of that title is located at 13th and Market streets, right next to City Hall. All in all, it was a great day to celebrate reason, understanding, and our warm human connection with like-minded friends."

FS stands ready to assist individuals and/or groups interested in creating a TOK display in 2026. The FS website has many TOK resources. See:

https://www.ftsociety.org/menu/tree-of-knowledge/

A TOK concept can also be used for public displays during the annual Banned Books Week (BBW). BBW is sometimes extended or commemorated throughout the month, highlighting censorship attempts in libraries and schools. The official dates shift slightly each year. In 2026, BBW will take place September 20-26. BBW is a national campaign by organizations such as the American Library Association (ALA) in an attempt to defend the freedom to read and access diverse ideas.

FS sells book ornaments, a tree topper and a tree skirt. See the above link for ornament details. The cost of the tree topper and round tree skirt are size dependent. Contact FS for an estimate and shipping information (info@FtSociety.org).

The Freethinkers Supporting Safe Streets Challenge Coin Project: Giving Small Tokens to Those Who Make a Big Difference

by David Condo

When the Freethought Society (FS) began the Freethinkers Supporting Safe Streets (FS3) initiative, one of our priorities was to show how nontheists in criminal justice and other public safety professions were inspirational examples of how people who don't have religion can still be patriotic, moral, fulfilled, and motivated to help others. We sought to find such people and award a token of appreciation for their work.

FS3 is now presenting "challenge coins" to certain freethinkers and other public service champions as thanks for their work in keeping our communities safer. Recently, FS President **Margaret Downey** met with and presented a coin to our very first recipient **David Weidman.**

Weidman was recognized for his work as a Regional Coordinator for the Self-Management and Recovery Training (SMART) organization. An article by Weidman was featured in *The Freethought Society News* January/February 2026 issue. Weidman is pictured above holding the coin. His continued efforts to bring recovery resources and assistance to so many is the reason he was selected.

Upon receiving the coin Weidman said, "I am honored to be the first recipient of the new Freethought Society coin. It is really beautiful. The coin will hold a privileged position on my office desk. I could not be more grateful to the Freethought Society's Freethinkers Supporting Safe Streets Committee for recognizing the work I've done to help people in recovery. I'm inspired to continue my work knowing that others recognize its importance."

Challenge coins are rooted in a military tradition, but their popularity has expanded over the decades to law enforcement, the private sector, and community groups. The awarding of the coin is a way to recognize performance, express gratitude, foster morale, commemorate a special event, and establish community connections.

While designing the FS3 coin, the committee wanted to include several symbols to highlight freethought ideals.

The use of scales on one side of the 2-inch coin emphasize the weighing of evidence to find the truth. The books and candle reflect the value of learning, knowledge, and imagination in solving whatever problems and challenges we face. The candle is also a nod to **Carl Sagan**'s book *The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark.* The number of stars in the night sky was intentionally kept at 13 to fly in the face of superstitious notions.

The FS nautilus shell logo on the other side of the coin is a celebration of strength, growth, and the secular beauty of nature.

Betsy DeVille is the coin designer, and she was a tremendous help at all stages of the process. She has a wonderful online store filled with beautiful freethought-themed items. Please visit her site at:

https://www.betsydeville.com/

Many organizations and individuals contribute to the protection of our neighborhoods and our nation. For instance, police officers, prosecutors, and numerous other professions in our criminal justice system; our vital liaison partners in the private sector, academia, and the community; the many other professions and individuals who work with them; and those who go above and beyond their jobs or with volunteering efforts to improve society overall. For those who serve in these roles, we want to thank them with a gift of the FS challenge coin to acknowledge who they are and what they do as we continue to build bridges and find common ground.

If you know of anyone who you think FS should spotlight and thank with a coin presentation, or if there is someone who deserves quiet recognition, please let us know.

To nominate somebody for an FS coin presentation FS will need the name of the person and contact information (email address, postal address, phone number), the reason for the nomination, and if they would agree to be highlighted in the FS ezine about their acceptance of the coin.

If you have any questions about the overall FS3 initiative, please contact me at the following email address:

DavidCondo@ftsociety.org

Insecurity in Haiti: Deliberate and Calculated

by Billy Almoza

Gang violence in Haiti raises urgent questions: What is the true mission of these armed groups, and what future awaits the Haitian people?

Paramilitary groups have existed in Haiti for decades, mirroring the country's political power structures. Under the Duvalier dictatorship, the notorious Tonton Macoutes served as the president's personal militia. During Jean-Bertrand Aristide's Lavalas era, armed groups known as the Rat Pakaka or Chimè emerged. Later, under Michel Martelly's PHTK (Parti Haïtien Tèt Kale) regime, so-called Bandits Légaux took hold.

Under the PHTK government, banditry expanded rapidly and evolved into a powerful criminal force. These gangs engage in truck hijackings, kidnappings, armed robbery, rape, murder, and other acts of terror. They are the product of alliances between Haitian politicians and members of the private business sector. The United Nations, Canada, and the United States have imposed sanctions on individuals accused of financing gangs in Haiti. Those sanctioned include former President Michel Martelly; Carl Brown, CEO of Unibank Group in Haiti; Joseph Lambert, former senator and president of the National Assembly; and others.

The Haitian state, in collusion with segments of the private sector, is actively destabilizing the country. Gang strongholds are spreading nationwide. More than 80 percent of Port-au-Prince is now controlled by armed gangs operating under the banner "Viv Ansanm," led by former police officer Jimmy Chérizier, known as "Barbecue."

All major cities are paralyzed. Police officers have abandoned their stations because of the insecurity, and many have fled the country altogether. Gangs have erected tollbooths across Haiti, extorting money from civilians and drivers on behalf of their patrons. On social media they openly display their wealth, weapons, and even their victims — often in full view of indifferent state authorities.

For more than five years National Route 2 has been blocked by gangs. Entire regions are cut off. Traffic has collapsed, commerce is crippled, and commercial banks struggle to move cash for basic transactions. Hospitals have been burned. Schools, libraries, and shopping centers have been set ablaze. Prisons have been attacked, releasing criminals back into the streets.

There are no jobs. No reliable electricity. No infrastructure. No investment.

Following the assassination of the former president, nine presidential advisers now govern in his place. Each adviser reportedly costs the Haitian state more than $100,000 per month. It is an obscene expense in a country where people are dying from extreme poverty and despair.

Young girls are forced into prostitution for a plate of food or a pair of underwear they cannot afford. And what does the Church—one of the most powerful institutions in the country say? Nothing.

What is Haitian civil society doing? What is the press doing?

There is nowhere to turn to file a complaint after an attack. In the city of Carrefour, a gang leader has even appointed himself judge, dispensing his own form of "justice." Haiti has become an open-air prison.

Humanists, atheists, and people of conscience everywhere: look to your brothers and sisters suffering in Haiti today, and offer whatever support you can.

When will the suffering of the Haitian people finally end?

A footnote message from **Seráh Blain**, president of The Nonprofit Industrial Complex (NPIC):

Pictured above is Almoza placing food items into bags that are given to families in need. It may seem hopeless, but wherever human beings are willing to stand together in solidarity to make change, there is always hope!

In Haiti, humanist groups working at the local level can fill in the gaps where government and civil society are failing. Organizations like Mouvement de la Jeunesse pour la Liberte de la Pensee en Haiti (MOJELIPH) are working to establish food sovereignty through a community farm and emergency food distributions, provide funds for children to attend school, and ensure other immediate survival needs.

Bit by bit mutual aid efforts like MOJELIPH's build the collaboration, relationships, and infrastructure that are necessary to shepherd the country into a brighter future.

You can help make it happen! MOJELIPH is fiscally sponsored by the US-based humanist nonprofit (NPIC). Gifts to MOJELIPH through NPIC go straight to Haiti; NPIC charges no administrative or wire fees so all of your support goes to where it is needed most. Your financial solidarity will mean so much to humanists in Haiti, where every dollar can save a life:

https://nonprofit.fund/mojeliph/

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March 10

The Secular Coalition for America's Lobby Day is taking place on **Tuesday**, **March 10**, **2026**, in Washington, D.C. The most important political issue at that time will be determined, and lobby training will take place accordingly. Lobby Day provides an opportunity for people to visit Washington, D.C. and talk with their representatives. No experience is necessary. Register at: **https://lobbyday.us/**

Plan your trip to include attending the **Monday**, **March 9th** reception taking place at the **Rayburn House Office Building** (**45 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20515**) at **5:30 PM**. While the event agenda is not set and special guest speakers are still being selected, all members of the Congressional Freethought Caucus have been invited to the reception.

The special rates for accommodations of $269 per night may still be available at the **Phoenix Park Hotel**, March 6-11 (use code "SCFA664"). Use the hotel phone number to make your reservation: **(202) 638-6900**

March 14

On **Saturday**, **March 14**, **2026,** at **3:00 PM PDT/6:00 PM EST**, the Freethought Society (FS) and the Humanist Society of Santa Barbara (HSSB) will sponsor presenter **Charlie Painter**. His Zoom speech is entitled "What the heck is Objectivism?" The link to view this Zoom is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88193881833

With a well-designed PowerPoint slide show, Painter will outline how philosophy moves the world and why a rational philosophy like those of the Founders is necessary to preserve liberty and freedom in the 21st century.

Ayn Rand's philosophy of Objectivism provides the rational basis Painter will highlight and how Objectivism pertains to all five branches of philosophy: metaphysics, ethics, politics, epistemology, and aesthetics. There will be time for a question and answer segment.

Painter is an award-winning guitarist, band leader, and teacher in Madison, Wisconsin since 2007. Since 2019 Charlie developed a deep passion towards rational, liberty-minded philosophy which motivated him to organize a local Meetup group in 2021. The success of this group has led to Painter becoming a return guest on YouTube podcasts and a featured presenter in other local Meetup events. Painter adheres to reason as our most important guide to knowledge and agrees with Rand that "anyone who fights for the future, lives in it today."

April 18

On **Saturday**, **April 18**, **2026**, at **3:00 PM PDT/6:00 PM EST**, FS and HSSB will host Dr. **Jeremy M**. **Berg**, Professor of Computational and Systems Biology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He is also Director of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and is a former *Science Magazine* (2016-2019) editor-in-chief.

His presentation "The Best of Times - The Worst of Times" will highlight that since World War II the United States has enjoyed an enviable international leadership position in science, driven by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Health. The potential for science to address key societal challenges is profound. However, the first year of the current administration has been tremendously damaging to the American scientific enterprise with un-precedented grant delays, terminations, "realignment with agency priorities," staff terminations, and more. The traditional scientific establishment has largely complied in advance, cowered in fear, or worked "behind the scenes," but some groups and groups have stepped up with more activist approaches. Members of the public, who depend on advances made by science for health and economic prosperity, must be engaged to understand what is happening and to speak out.

The link to view this Zoom event is below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88193881833

May 17

On Sunday, **May 17**, **2026**, at **3:00 PM PST/6:00 PM EDT**, FS and HSSB will host professor of anthropology **David Orenstein**, presenting "Humanity's Debt to Africa: Evolution, Humanism, and the Legacy of 8 Million Years of African Descent."

Orenstein will take the audience on a journey through the evolutionary process using a powerful slideshow filled with scientific facts, an overview of the scientists who confirmed those facts, and information that viewers will be able to convey easily should social conversations demand a defense of evolution. The link to view this event is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88193881833

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Anti-Discrimination Educational Committee
(nontheism explained in classroom settings)

Community Outreach
(locate tabling opportunities)

Diversity Outreach Committee
(developing programs to appeal to underrepresented groups)

Free Speech Zone Committee
(research and implement displays in public venues)

Freethinkers Supporting Safe Streets
(fosters communication with law enforcement)

Helping Hands
(provides helpers to seniors in emergency situations)

Jump Into the Jean Pool
(collection of jeans for donations)

Literature Placement for the Incarcerated
(provides freethought literature to prison libraries)

Meetup Committee
(planning events)

Monthly Meeting Coordinators
(schedule, manage speakers, and venues)

Secular Celebrations
(develop new nontheist celebrations)

Sole Searching
(collection of athletic shoes for donations)

Southern California Secular Coalition
(connect, share, and grow together)

Speakers Bureau
(provide FS a resume, photo, and speech subjects/titles)

Thomas Paine Memorial Committee
(work on themed events)

Tree of Knowledge/Winter Display Committee
(promote and support the concept nationwide)