

Testimonial Recognizing The Freethought Society's Accomplishments and Projects

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Kudos, tributes and plaudits to the Freethought Society (FS) and its leaders, supporters, followers, participants in 15 committees and volunteers for a quarter century of distinguished service. Just as freedom depends upon freethinkers so, too, do freethinkers in the Greater Philadelphia area and a nationwide community-at-large look to Margaret Downey and the FS for inspiration, leadership, education and irreverent debunking of misplaced credulity and reverence.

I cannot resist a shout out, as well, to Margaret for her dramatic and moving appearances as the beloved wife of “The Great Agnostic,” Eva Amelia Parker Ingersoll. I look forward to yet another such appearance in August this year in Syracuse, NY at the Silver Anniversary Celebration of the Robert Green Ingersoll Birthplace Museum.

To borrow (and paraphrase) a few treasured gems of Robert G. Ingersoll, a champion of reason whom the FS has honored in multiple ways on numerous occasions, I thank Margaret Downey for guiding the FS to utter so many brave words in favor of liberty, in favor of reason, in favor of free men, women and children. And I thank Margaret and the FS for all the brave works that will someday, at last, sound like trumpets honoring our freedom from religion and other superstitions.