

“It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people’s minds.” –Samuel Adams

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SATP Status Report

This reporter has the regrettable duty to report that there have been no public Saint Augustine Tea Party activities since July 4, 2023. On July 11th the SATP held its “Annual Meeting.” Lance Thate made a motion that the current SATP Board of Directors and Officers be re-elected by acclamation. The motion passed. Since that time the current SATP leadership has focused on and has been engaged in mostly SJC-REC infighting and little else—to the detriment of the SATP. The SATP has a closed and private Telegram chat line for its most active members. The changed REC policy and its effect on the Tea Party caused the only SATP “Founding Member” maintaining active membership status, and the former long term SATP Chairman, Lance Thate, to post the following on the Telegram chat line:



TCCR Staff photo No Tea for the REC

“We have had three failed SATP meetings in a row. Now the meeting for next Tuesday has been canceled. It breaks my heart to see the loss of a once vibrant and successful organization go down the toilet for lack of interest in promoting the SATP.

There is a substantial history and legacy on the website now and no one locally, not even my friends, has an interest in looking at the SATP's 12 year effort to alert the people. In the past, the SATP did all the things Patriots are doing today; we failed. Instead of learning from our mistakes, today's Patriots are repeating them. Our only lasting success was our engagement with the public. We helped to turn the "Taxed Enough Already" movement into the AMERICA FIRST, or MAGA, movement. Today, no one is willing to take to the streets and use the goodwill of the Tea Party name to engage the public and give them HOPE. It's what Jesus did. He went among the people and gave them HOPE in the face of Roman tyranny.

The Baby Boomer generation and younger are going to sit on their asses and watch the country go to hell. Christians are saying it's God's will; it has been prophesied. But my understanding is that God has also commanded that we fight evil with all our might. Communism is EVIL."

Six members responded with numerous comments—each with each liking and approving each others' comments in the same manner that the left does in MSM publications and on social media platforms. To respect the member's right to privacy, their Telegram postings will not be included here. However Mr. Thate's response covers the main points of the dialog. Thate has approved the publication of his two Telegram posts. His response was as follows:

"There are 18 people on this Telegram chat and 6 chose to respond to my posting. I find that the comments posted are concepts that I find myself in agreement with. This Telegram chat seems to be about the importance of family. Those who preceded you in this political adventure had families too. They did not subordinate family for their political activities. They found the time to do both.

People posting seem to have a consensus of opinion that the way forward is education. When the groups were formed, the Tea Parties were originally filed as educational organizations not political parties. Traditional vehicles for the education process were meetings and rallies—later demonstrations and workshops. But it was always about education.

Some time ago the SATP Chairman advised me that he was going to stop having featured speaker meetings. Instead he was going to conduct Constitutional instruction classes with mostly "Open Mic" meetings. While the Constitutional instruction to me seemed better suited to the John Birch Society, the Town Criers promoted the Constitution from their very beginning. I thought perhaps this is an extension of our heritage. My advice to the Chairman was that to be successful the meeting would have to be advertised to attract non-members and the meeting would need to be conducted in an urban center. No need to instruct SATP members. It would be like preaching to the choir. Others suggested subjects like prepping and survival courses. My standard response is to do both.

But you cannot educate in meetings without attracting the public. Meetings with 5 or 6 inside members is not a setting for education to take place. Meetings with "100 pizza eaters" is. "Having 5 or 6 that you can depend on is better than 100 you can't," is soldier talk; not the voice of educators or TEA PARTY language. Each has its place.

There is consensus that Town Crier and Dartmouth events are non productive at the moment, because people have already chosen sides. "We are in a lull of a bonding agent right now—nothing locally is stirring up the people." Along those lines another said: "Without uniting issues, right now and with constant bombardment and arrests of Patriots, we should definitely hold Tea Party events when it can make the most impact with the most amount of people.... quality events over quantity."

If this were true, I would be in agreement. But in 12 years this has never been the case. You might have the wrong message on a given outing, but never is the public unreachable. This is where the education process begins and continues.

With news headlines proclaiming that we are on the verge of world war, facing both economic and financial collapse and standing on the threshold of global hunger, it is difficult to understand why the SATP is concentrating its effort on REC infighting.

Before the inevitable turbulent times, we still have time to enlist others to our cause. Time to teach them and comfort them before the storm. I believe that there is not enough time to accomplish the long term reform goals we would like.

The current leadership of the SATP is focused on a local perspective. The TEA Party movement was huge and national in scope. There is talk, little doing and no one is promoting the TEA Party.

When the “Roman Empire” imposed tyranny, Jesus walked among the downtrodden with a message of hope. The SATP still has the capacity to shine a light into this cesspool of fear and defeat and offer hope by walking in the footsteps of the Master of hope and peace. The SATP has a mechanism in place to accomplish this goal. Current SATP members seem to be reluctant to use this asset.

I take note that the old have great amounts of time to devote but lack the energy. Typically young people have the energy but they lack the time because they have families and businesses to run.

The Founders of this Country were young men. They made the sacrifice which brought forth this nation. They put everything at risk because they understood that they were faced with liberty or slavery. The decision that needs to be made today is exactly the same. May God grant us all the wisdom to choose wisely.”

None of the six members responded to Thate’s post. A seventh suggested that the response was very well written.

It has been announced that the SATP’s Dartmouth will be entered in St Augustine’s annual Christmas Parade. It will be the SATP’s 14th involvement in the Christmas Parade. Tea Party Patriots applause Chairman Morrison’s effort.

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SATP and the GOP



The “Tea Party Movement,” in its very beginning, had what could be called a love affair with the GOP. It was an “innocent young girl with dirty old man” romance. Innocence quickly gave way to reality as the GOP colluded with the Democrats to fund and promote the globalist Communist agenda.

Politically inexperienced Saint Augustine Tea Party (SATP) members quickly saw the true nature of the Republican Party. By June, 2011 the love relationship with GOP leadership started to wear thin. In response, certain St. Johns County (SJC) Republican Executive Committee (REC) Board members attempted to separate the grassroots members from the SATP. A coup d’état was attempted. The struggle to be free and independent continued for several years with a final termination of the Republican efforts obtained in a successful courthouse battle. The SATP sustained independence and grew because the SATP focused on engaging the people, not the politicians.

That policy started to change when former Vice President Biden’s forces corrupted the 2020 election and seized the White House in 2021. With the advent of Obama’s third term, by way of Biden, “America First” people wanted to get involved in saving the Country. So many America First or MAGA people, including some Tea Party members, joined local RECs, believing they could reform the GOP at a precinct level. There are 67 County REC organizations in the State of Florida, all of which are under the control of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF). There are reports that several REC County groups have broken free of the RPOF but in the end the globalist RPOF seems to prevail.

We recently received reports that the same struggles are going on in several counties in Wisconsin. The Republican Party of Wisconsin is reacting in the same manner as the RPOF is doing in Florida. You have to wonder if Patriots are trying to reform the GOP at precinct level in other states as well. Is this nationwide? Whether it is occurring in a majority of states or not, it’s fundamentally a truism that the power structure of the Republican Party is top down. Informed Patriots ask why are reformers focusing on the precinct level? Naive political activists believe that with Patriots in control of local RECs, America First people will be able to influence political decisions locally. In order for that to happen the local RECs would have to be able to generate influence over public officials.

Perhaps the question can be answered by considering the opinion of a highly respected former SJC REC Chairman, Jerry Cameron. What makes Mr. Cameron’s opinion so valuable is the wide range of experience he brings to the table. Cameron has an extensive background in law enforcement as a Police Chief. He has been on the inside of SJC’s bureaucracy and knows how it functions as it relates to County Attorney, the Board of County Commissioners and the effects of regional planning. Jerry Cameron was assistant SJC Administrator for nearly ten years and Flagler County Administrator for a year and a half. TCCR reporters have had



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multiple conversations about how the system works. Cameron has revealed that the local RECs have zero influence over City and County Commissioners, the Sheriff's Department or the Legislative offices. These precinct level positions are not where power resides.

Many REC members often think of themselves as elected officials though nearly all are inducted into the organization by the REC members themselves; few are elected by the registered republican voters on the "Republican Primary Ballot." REC members are deeply involved in lowly Republican inside game playing and back stabbing—a favorite sport of precinct committee members. Out of this cesspool of deceit, political candidates practice their trade. Currently the SATP Officers are participating in this dirty little game. It's not like the Tea Party of old didn't expose Republican corruption. But it exposed it out in the open with media attention so the public could see. They didn't hide behind closed doors where you are forced to submit to the party's rules. If you disobey the rules, right or wrong, you get thrown out of the meeting. Disenchanted Tea Party members asked to what end? Can anything of value be achieved?

In St. Johns County Florida, REC membership swelled to 200 members after the Obama-Biden takeover. This is the highest number in the 12 years this publication has been observing. For a while it looked like MAGA Patriots might gain control of the SJC-REC. A very successful Special REC meeting called by the members accomplished a great deal of reform business. Jamie Parham presided over the Special Members' meeting. However, the meeting was not recognized by the SJC REC Chairman or the RPOF. This Publication reported numerous stories regarding the struggle between local control and RPOF control.

The struggle between "MAGA Republicans" and the "Old Guard Republicans" created numerous chaotic meetings. Roy Alaino was the REC Chairman at the time. He did the bidding of the RPOF. Alaino appears to have been forced out of his REC Chairmanship by his inability to control the meetings. For services rendered to the RPOF, Alaino was appointed as a St. Johns County Commissioner by Governor DeSantis, adding to David Hutson's control of St. Johns County.

While the REC membership was at its high point Blake Paterson was elected SJC REC Chairman and Jamie Parham SJC REC Vice Chairman.

MAGA and America First Patriots expected productive meetings after the election of new officers, but the opposite occurred. Many REC members complained that the chaotic meetings became worse since the new Chairman took office. The TCCR stopped publishing REC stories because there is a limit to how many times you can write an article about chaos at the REC.

According to REC sources, 87 newer MAGA members left the REC. This change in membership makes it nearly impossible to gain control. Conservatives tend to make good political decisions based on use of "common sense" in the same fashion as Thomas Paine wrote about in 1776. Perhaps, this explains the exit.

Parham, who represents the Republican Liberty Caucus (RLC) interests represents himself as a Patriot and has called Paterson a fluke since all he wanted was power. Paterson is a politician. Is there

anything else to say. Paterson is no fluke that needs to be exposed. Paterson exposed himself at the so called “Unity Meeting” at the Spot Restaurant, in St. Augustine, before the election. Paterson, like Alaino before him, is in a long chain of REC Chairmen beholden to the RPOF, that goes as far back as anyone would care to go.

Parham is closely allied with the RLC. The last time a RLC member was elected to high REC office was in the 2012 Republican primary election. Since three candidates were competing, the race was placed on the “Republican Primary Ballot.” The three candidates were John Stevens, a RLC member, Randy Covington, a neocon, and Bob Veit, a RINO. John Stevens inched out incumbent State Committeeman Randy Covington with Bob Veit a distant third with less than 20% of the vote. Clearly the Republican voters wanted a change in the local party leadership. At the time Lenny Curry was the RPOF Chairman. Curry, a first class RINO, found grounds to remove Stevens’ REC membership on alleged party loyalty rules, thereby making him ineligible to hold the office of State Committeeman. Covington was bypassed due to undisclosed reasons. Bob Veit was elected by SJC REC members over the wishes of the Republican voters. Sending a RINO to Tallahassee to represent Conservative SJC suited the RPOF just fine.



Social Media Screen Shot

is pictured barring the Vice Chairman, Jamie Parham, from entering the meeting room. Parham’s supporters believe that barring him from attendance will put the Vice Chairman in a position of being expelled for failure to have three unexcused absences. This would make Parham subject to the RPOF rule requiring his removal from the REC. This in turn would cause him to lose his office in the REC. The similarities between Parham and Stevens’ case cited above are remarkably similar. The globalists positioned at the state party levels and in the Republican National Committee will stop at nothing to maintain their control.

After the November 16th meeting started, with a quorum present, MAGA members left the room to prevent any adverse business being conducted against Parham or others. When the suggestion of a lack of a quorum was raised, Chairman Paterson ruled the question out of order and continued the meeting according to the people in attendance. It is not clear as to whether any motions were made

REC Power Resides with those who Control the Money and Make and Interpret the Rules

Now it appears we have another RLC expulsion underway. At the most recent REC meeting on November 16, 2023, Blake Paterson, REC Chairman

that required a quorum. We bring up the point to illustrate the extreme measures party leaders will take to subvert America First movement's influence.

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