

The Constitutional Sheriff: America's Last Defense of its Rights and Liberties

Why a **Constitutional** Sheriff? Because not all sheriffs understand the scope of the Constitutional power at their disposal or the sacred duty they are sworn to uphold.

When the United States was founded, the Framers transferred sovereign authority from King George III and his Parliament to **We the People** of the United Colonies. [1] For the first time in history, the Rulers were to be governed by the People. [2] To vindicate the Rights of the people, the *Declaration of Independence* enumerated the abuses of the King. To prevent these abuses from reappearing under the new federal government, the Framers specifically prohibited them in the Seven Articles of the 1787 Constitution and the Bill of Rights. [3] To further safeguard Liberty, the Framers severely limited the powers of the federal government by granting it the right to act in only 18 specific areas.

Additionally, the framers divided the federal government into three branches: The Executive, the Legislative, and the Judicial, each to act as a check on the other, so that Tyranny would not arise again. The power of the federal government was further limited by making it subordinate to the Rights retained by the several sovereign states and the people.

In an abundance of caution to protect the people's greatest asset, their Freedom, the Executive power was distributed to three independent but integrated entities: The federal executive, the state executive, and the county executive which was exercised by an elected County Sheriff. For a thousand years, the Kings of England appointed County Sheriffs to protect the Rights of the people, but often these officials did the king's bidding. When the colonists asserted, and then vindicated their Right to self-government in 1776, they decreed that the People of each County would elect their Sheriffs. [4] Having received their authority directly from the People, the Sheriff would not be beholden to any County, State, or Federal government. Thus, the Sheriff would be accountable only to the People. His duty was to *protect* the *totality* of their God-given Rights to life, liberty, and tranquility, which were only *partly* enumerated in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, from bad actors, *foreign or domestic*.

Now, 248 years later, we have a federal government, and most state governments, acting completely out of control. They have brazenly cast aside all limitations to their power. The checks and balances outlined in the Constitution to protect the Rights of the people have been effectively nullified. Unelected administrative agencies from the IRS, BLM, and the EPA, on the one hand, and the FDA, CDC, and NIH on the other hand, now terrorize the People. [5]. An uncontrolled welfare State system has seduced a large segment of the public to exchange their God-given Rights for ephemeral security while impoverishing them and leading them into bondage. Meanwhile, an ideologically driven public school system systematically dumbs down the People, and discourages them from thinking for themselves, while urging them to accept self-serving authoritative statements over the evidence of their senses. John Wycliffe, that ancient champion of the Rights of the common man who first coined the phrase, "Government of the people, for the people, and by the people" [6], warned us that if the common people did not believe the evidence of their senses, they could be led to believe any seductive superstition foisted upon them. [7]. The Constitutional Sheriff has become the last defense of the Rights and Liberties of **We the People**.

All Sheriffs must soberly consider that they are the highest Constitutional executive authority in the County and therefore have the legitimate authority to prevent state and federal agents from entering the County to do mischief; and that they have the duty and the power to protect the People from these abuses of their Rights and Liberties. [8] The Sheriff's oath of office states:

I hereby do solemnly swear that I will support and defend this Constitution for the United States of America, against all enemies, foreign and domestic, so help me God.

If this oath is taken seriously, the County Sheriff will remain America's last hope and last line of defense for the Rights and Liberties of the people. It is our duty as **We the People** to elect Constitutional County Sheriffs who dare to stand tall and protect the People from abuses of power by the state and federal governments.

Reference Resources:

1. Preamble to the United States Constitution.
2. Richard Mack, *The County Sheriff: America's Last Hope*, p. 11.
3. Paul Skousen, *How to Read the Constitution*, p. 28.
4. Mack, *The County Sheriff*, p. 23.
5. See also Mack, *The County Sheriff*, pp. 11, 12.
6. Wycliff on "This book is for the Government of the people, for the people, and by the people"
<https://www.quora.com/Did-John-Wycliffe-write-The-Bible-is-for-the-government-of-the-people-by-the-people-and-for-the-people>
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7. J A. Wylie, *The History of Protestantism*, Part 1, vol.1, p. 120
8. Ken Jorgustin, *Sheriff's Oath to Take Back the Constitution*, Blog, 1/15/14.