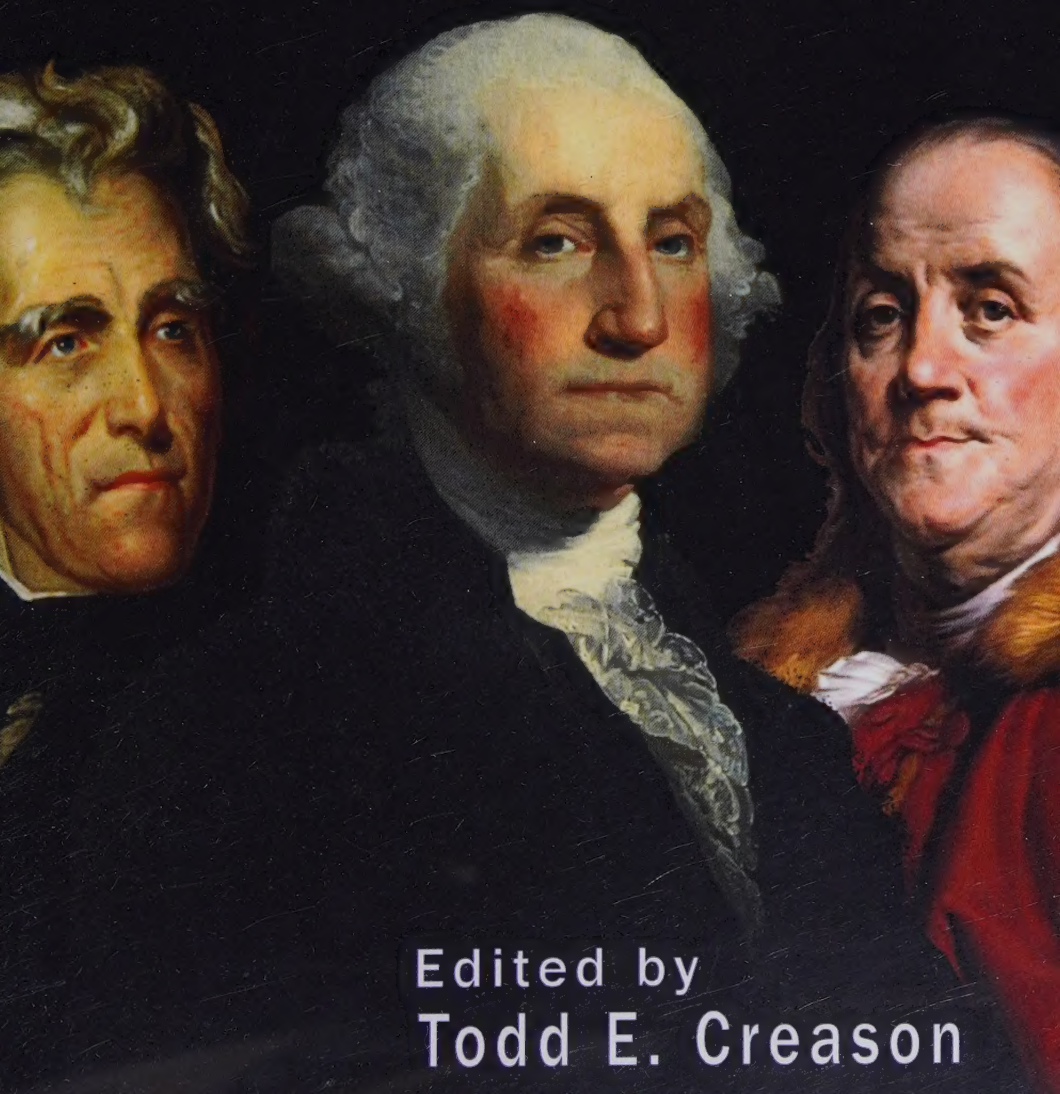
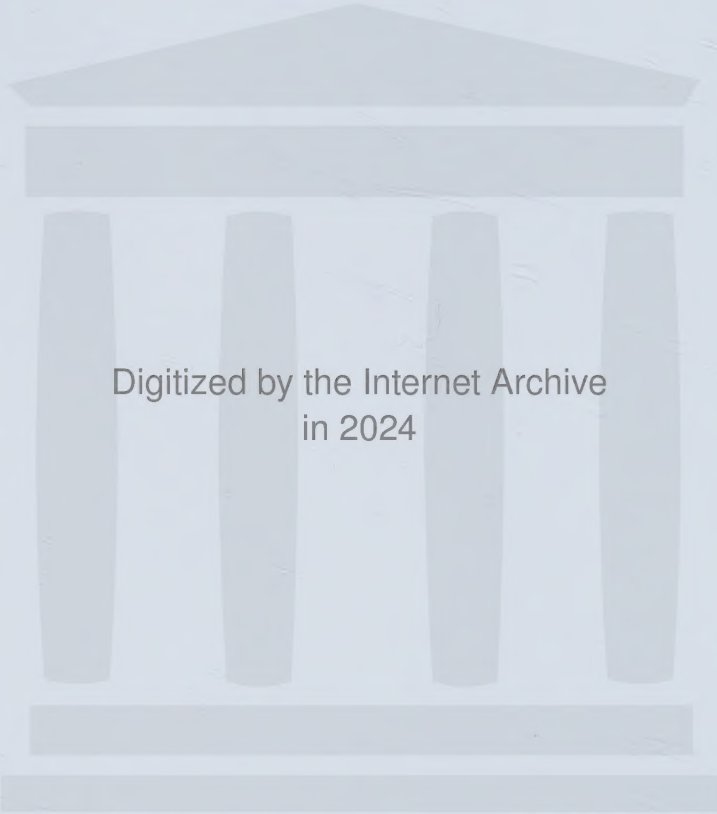


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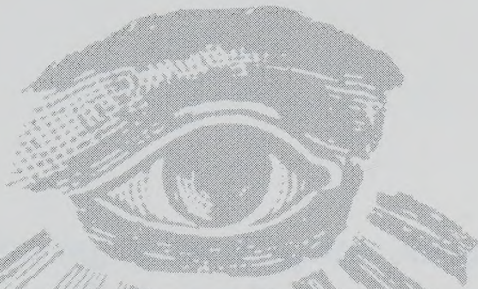
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*For my eldest daughter Jaclyn—
you'll always be number one.*

Introduction

Over the last five years, I've spent a lot of time researching the lives of great Americans (who also happened to be Freemasons) for my two books—*Famous American Freemasons* and *Famous American Freemasons: Volume II*. Eventually, there may be a third volume, which I've cleverly decided to call *Famous American Freemasons: Volume III*.

I really enjoy quotes. Long before I ever thought about writing a book, I'd been reading and collecting quotes. I've put together a pretty impressive collection over the years. I even have t-shirts and coffee mugs with quotes on them. I'm that guy who has a quote for everything, and I'll use a quote in conversation whenever it fits. Sometimes I think Oscar Wilde was talking to me when he said, "Quotation is a serviceable substitute for wit."

As a fan of quotes, one of the things I wanted to include in the *Famous American Freemason* series was some of the great quotes I've collected over the years. In both my books, I opened each chapter with a quote that set the tone for the chapter. I used more of these quotes in telling the stories of the men's lives. Of course, I had a lot more quotes than I needed, which is how I got the idea to put together a collection of some of my favorites. And now that I've finished this collection, I find

I still have a bunch left. Who knows? If you readers like this book, there may be another collection of quotes.

What I love about quotes is that you will find in some of these quotes, wisdom that is generations old, but remains applicable today—wisdom that still rings true, and still makes sense in today's world.

We often fool ourselves into believing that we live in a modern world and that our problems today are unique to this new sophisticated world. But in reading these quotes, you may discover that there are few problems we deal with today that are truly unique. People have dealt with many of these problems before. If only we spent more time learning from the things we've already done, we might have a better idea about how to solve our problems today.

One of my favorite figures in history is Winston Churchill. He was a man who dedicated a lot of his time to both studying and writing about history. Without question, he is considered one of the greatest leaders in world history, and he obviously believed his knowledge of history had served him well as a leader. He said, "The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you can see."

I wrote this to be a fun collection—so don't take it too seriously. You'll find a lot of good humor, some of which comes from famous men you don't really think of as having a sense of humor. As in my previous books, I've included quotes you likely know by heart, a few you may have heard before, and some I hope you've never heard before.

I even took a bit of advice from my two-year-old daughter, Katie. When she was looking at *Famous American Freemasons: Volume II*, she had only had one comment to make.

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“There aren’t any pictures!” And so, for your enjoyment (and hers), I’ve added a few illustrated pages that tell a story about a famous event or a famous person from history.

I hope you enjoy reading this collection as much as I enjoyed putting it together.

Todd E. Creason
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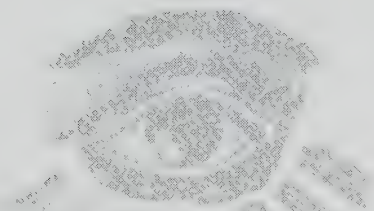
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A

Achievement

Almost all the noblest things that have been achieved in the world, have been achieved by poor men; poor scholars, poor professional men, poor artisans and artists, poor philosophers, poets, and men of genius.

Albert Pike

My attitude is never to be satisfied, never enough, never.

Duke Ellington

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

Harry S. Truman

Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement.

Henry Ford

I feel sorry for the person who can't get genuinely excited about his work. Not only will he never be satisfied, but he will never achieve anything worthwhile.

Walter Chrysler

Well done is better than well said.

Benjamin Franklin

Action

Words may show a man's wit but actions his meaning.

Benjamin Franklin

We must reinforce argument with results.

Booker T. Washington

Be always sure you are right—then go ahead.

Davy Crockett

The best luck of all is the luck you make for yourself.

Douglas MacArthur

It isn't sufficient just to want—you've got to ask yourself what you are going to do to get the things you want.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Don't fight the problem, decide it.

George C. Marshall

Don't find fault, find a remedy.

Henry Ford

The Sons of Liberty

“Taxation without Representation is Tyranny.”

~James Otis, St. Johns Lodge, Massachusetts

The underground organization the Sons of Liberty has long fired the imagination of Americans. Many of the organization's most prominent leaders were Founding Fathers such as Paul Revere, Dr. Joseph Warren, Patrick Henry, John Hancock, James Otis, Marinus Willett, John Adams, Samuel Adams, and Israel Putnam. The group has long been linked to the Freemasons.



Their most famous protest was the Boston Tea Party on December 16, 1773, when disguised as Indians, they boarded the ship *Dartmouth* and dumped several tons of tea into Boston Harbor. However, the group had begun as early as 1766. It is often said that the first shot of the Revolutionary war was fired at Lexington, but many believe it happened years prior in 1773 when a group of the Sons of Liberty seized, plundered, and then burned the British schooner *HMS Gaspee*. A British officer was shot and wounded during the raid.

And it was the Sons of Liberty that Paul Revere rode to warn of the approach of the British on April 18, 1775. The colonials were ready for the British, and the Revolutionary War began at Lexington the following morning.

The time is near at hand which must determine whether Americans are to be free men or slaves.

George Washington

Time is everything; five minutes make the difference between victory and defeat.

Lord Admiral Horatio Nelson

Gardens are not made by singing “Oh, how beautiful,” and sitting in the shade.

Rudyard Kipling

Rhetoric is a poor substitute for action, and we have trusted only to rhetoric. If we are really to be a great nation, we must not merely talk; we must act big.

Theodore Roosevelt

Remember, a dead fish can float downstream, but it takes a live one to swim upstream.

W. C. Fields

Chaotic action is preferable to orderly inaction.

Will Rogers

If you're going through hell, keep going.

Sir Winston Churchill

Advice

A man should live with his superiors as he does with his fire: not too near, lest he burn; nor too far off, lest he freeze.

Albert Pike

I think every good Christian ought to kick Falwell right in the ass.

Barry Goldwater

No man should advocate a course in private that he's ashamed to admit in public.

George McGovern

A government is like fire, a handy servant, but a dangerous master

George Washington

Tell the truth, work hard, and come to dinner on time.

Gerald R. Ford

Talk low, talk slow and don't say too much.

John Wayne

Dragons is so stupid!

Mel Blanc (as Yosemite Sam)

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.

Mark Twain

The way to win an atomic war is to make certain it never starts.

Omar N. Bradley

The secret to a happy marriage? My wife and I sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California, and mine is in Texas.

Red Skelton

Don't be a blueprint. Be an original.

Roy Acuff

Borrow trouble for yourself, if that's your nature, but don't lend it to your neighbors.

Rudyard Kipling

A trusty comrade is always of use; and a chronicler still more so.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

When you play, play hard; when you work, don't play at all.

Theodore Roosevelt

Always carry a flagon of whiskey in case of
snakebite and furthermore always carry a small snake.
W. C. Fields

Broadly speaking, the short words are the best,
and the old words best of all.
Sir Winston Churchill

Age

It is a rare and difficult attainment to grow old
gracefully and happily.
Arnold Palmer

Many people die at twenty five and aren't buried
until they are seventy-five.
Benjamin Franklin

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at
twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays
young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind
young.
Henry Ford

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't
mind, it doesn't matter.
Mark Twain

Don't worry about your heart, it will last you as long as you live.

W. C. Fields

There is still no cure for the common birthday.

John Glenn

As long as a woman can look ten years younger than her own daughter, she is perfectly satisfied.

Oscar Wilde

The only time you really live fully is from thirty to sixty. The young are slaves to dreams; the old servants of regrets. Only the middle-aged have all their five senses in the keeping of their wits.

Theodore Roosevelt

America

America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.

Harry S. Truman

Americans are not a perfect people, but we are called to a perfect mission.

Andrew Jackson

Don't fire till you see the whites of their eyes.

Israel Putnam

Something is wrong with America. I wonder sometimes what people are thinking about or if they're thinking at all.

Bob Dole

Americans never quit.

Douglas MacArthur

The nation that destroys its soil destroys itself.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Some day, following the example of the United States of America, there will be a United States of Europe.

George Washington

What's right about America is that although we have a mess of problems, we have great capacity—intellect and resources—to do something about them.

Henry Ford

Foreign powers do not seem to appreciate the true character of our government.

James K. Polk

The office of President is a great one; to every true American it seems the greatest on earth. And to me, as I was engaged in weaving a background of music for the pageantry of it, there came a deeper realization of the effect of that office on the man.

John Philip Sousa

It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world.

George Washington

I am goddamned tired of listening to all this babble for reform. America is a hell of a success.

Joseph "Uncle Joe" Cannon

Every immigrant who comes here should be required within five years to learn English or leave the country.

Theodore Roosevelt

I bet after seeing us, George Washington would sue us for calling him "father."

Will Rogers

There can be no fifty-fifty Americanism in this country. There is room here for only hundred percent Americanism.

Theodore Roosevelt

B

Brotherhood

Above all things let us never forget that mankind constitutes one great brotherhood; all born to encounter suffering and sorrow, and therefore bound to sympathize with each other.

Albert Pike

Time and money spent in helping men to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving.

Henry Ford

No man, who continues to add something to the material, intellectual and moral well-being of the place in which he lives, is left long without proper reward.

Booker T. Washington

You look out there and there's people that, their day is changed because of your contribution to it.

Brad Paisley

If you treat people right they will treat you right . . . ninety percent of the time.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Alamo

“We will rather die in these ditches than give them up.”

~Jim Bowie, Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19, Louisiana

The Battle of the Alamo is the most famous battle of the Texas Revolution. After a revolutionary army of Texian settlers drove Mexican troops out of the Mexican territory of Texas, Mexican President Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna led an invasion to regain control of the area. Santa Anna, arriving with a force of 2,000, found a small Texian force of around two hundred, led by Freemasons William Travis, Davey Crockett, and Jim Bowie, occupying the Alamo Mission. Santa Anna ordered their surrender and was promptly answered by the defenders, who fired a cannon at the Mexican army. After a two-week bombardment of the Alamo, Santa Anna's cannons finally fell silent, and the Mexican army, which had grown to over 5,000, swarmed the Alamo. After a fierce battle, in which 400-600 Mexican soldiers were killed, the Alamo fell. Those few who survived were immediately executed.



But the Texians weren't finished with Santa Anna yet. Six weeks later, he would meet another Freemason—Samuel Houston. Houston's army wiped out Santa Anna in fifteen minutes, shouting the legendary battle cry, “Remember the Alamo!”

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations.
Cultivate peace and harmony with all.
George Washington

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear
and the blind can see.
Mark Twain

I may be helping to bring harmony between
people through my music.
Nat King Cole

We make a living by what we get, but we make a
life by what we give.
Sir Winston Churchill

Business

No nation was ever ruined by trade.
Benjamin Franklin

A business absolutely devoted to service will have
only one worry about profits. They will be embarrass-
ingly large.
Henry Ford

C

Character

Any man worth his salt will stick up for what he believes right, but it takes a slightly better man to acknowledge instantly and without reservation that he is in error.

Andrew Jackson

Your net worth to the world is usually determined by what remains after your bad habits are subtracted from your good ones.

Benjamin Franklin

If something happened along the route and you had to leave your children with Bob Dole or Bill Clinton, I think you would probably leave them with Bob Dole.

Bob Dole

Character, not circumstances, makes the man.

Booker T. Washington

You are remembered for the rules you break.

Douglas MacArthur

The four cornerstones of character on which the structure of this nation was built are: Initiative, Imagination, Individuality and Independence.

Eddie Rickenbacker

In all my public and private acts as your president, I expect to follow my instincts of openness and candor with full confidence that honesty is always the best policy in the end.

Gerald R. Ford

I won't be wronged, I won't be insulted and I won't be laid a hand on. I don't do these things to other people and I require the same from them.

John Wayne

Study men, not historians.

Harry S. Truman

I am looking for a lot of men who have an infinite capacity to *not* know what can't be done.

Henry Ford

I mean to make myself a man, and if I succeed in that, I shall succeed in everything else.

James A. Garfield

As a rule, there is no surer way to the dislike of men than to behave well where they have behaved badly.

Lew Wallace

My character and good name are in my own keeping. Life with disgrace is dreadful. A glorious death is to be envied.

Lord Admiral Horatio Nelson

Recommend virtue to your children; it alone, not money, can make them happy. I speak from experience.

Ludwig van Beethoven

Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain

One's past is what one is. It is the only way by which people should be judged.

Oscar Wilde

Remember that whatever may be said by a lady or her friends, it is not part of conduct of a gallant or generous man to take up arms against a woman.

Sam Houston

No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his well-being, to risk his body, to risk his life, in a great cause.

Theodore Roosevelt

The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything.

Theodore Roosevelt

Never try to impress a woman, because if you do she'll expect you to keep up the standard for the rest of your life.

W. C. Fields

That's all a man can hope for during his lifetime—to set an example—and when he is dead, to be an inspiration for history.

William McKinley

We shall show mercy, but we shall not ask for it.
Sir Winston Churchill

Civil Rights

You don't have to be straight to be in the military; you just have to be able to shoot straight.

Barry Goldwater

Every Indian outbreak that I have ever known has resulted from broken promises and broken treaties by the government.

William "Buffalo Bill" Cody

The sin of slavery is one of which it may be said that without the shedding of blood there is no remission.

James A. Garfield

Minorities have a right to appeal to the Constitution as a shield against such oppression.

James K. Polk

I am aware that in presenting myself as the advocate of the Indians and their rights, I shall stand very much alone.

Sam Houston

A little less complaint and whining, and a little more dogged work and manly striving, would do us more credit than a thousand civil rights bills.

W. E. B. DuBois

Common Sense

In the last analysis, sound judgment will prevail.

Joseph "Uncle Joe" Cannon

Common sense is not so common.

Voltaire

Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people.

W. C. Fields

Communication

Don't write so that you can be understood, write so that you can't be misunderstood.

William Taft

Competition

Baseball is a red-blooded sport for red-blooded men. It's no pink tea, and mollycoddles had better stay out. It's a struggle for supremacy, a survival of the fittest.

Ty Cobb

Confidence

I have never been lost, but I will admit to being confused for several weeks.

Daniel Boone

Damn the torpedoes. Full speed ahead!

Admiral David Farragut

I never guess. It is a shocking habit destructive to the logical faculty.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far.

Theodore Roosevelt

Stand upright, speak thy thoughts, declare the truth thou hast, that all may share; Be bold, proclaim it everywhere: They only live who dare.

Voltaire

The best way out of a difficulty is through it.

Will Rogers

I have never been in doubt since I was old enough to think intelligently that I would someday be made president.

William McKinley

History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.

Sir Winston Churchill

The bullet that will kill me is not yet cast.

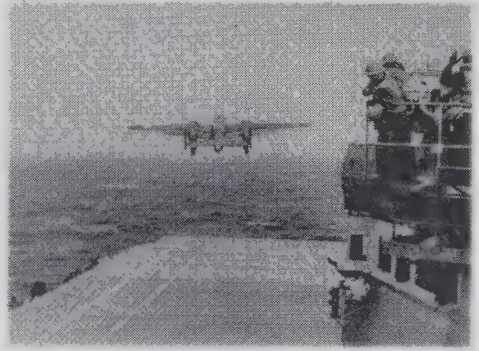
Napoleon Bonaparte

The Doolittle Raid

“The first lesson is that you can't lose a war if you have command of the air, and you can't win a war if you haven't.”

~Jimmy Doolittle, Hollenbeck Lodge No. 319, California

The Doolittle Raid was America's answer to the unprovoked Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. On April 18, 1942, just four months after the Pearl Harbor attack, sixteen B-25 bombers were launched from the deck of the *USS Hornet*—the first time heavy bombers had ever been launched from an aircraft carrier.



The attack was a total surprise to the Japanese. Although it did little damage and all sixteen aircraft were lost, it was a victory for the United States because it provided a much needed boost to American morale. It also caused chaos and confusion among the Japanese, who had no idea where the attack had come from. Fearing the attack might have come from secret bases within China, the Japanese pulled back much of their force in the Pacific in order to protect Japan from additional attacks.

Conflict

The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"

Red Skelton

Someone called all the newspapers in New York and told them I'd died. I've been told by almost everyone it was an ex-wife—I've had a few so it's hard to pinpoint which one—but who knows for sure?

Richard Pryor

The unforgivable crime is soft hitting. Do not hit at all if it can be avoided; but never hit softly.

Theodore Roosevelt

Marry an outdoors woman. Then if you throw her out into the yard on a cold night, she can still survive.

W. C. Fields

Congress

There is more selfishness and less principle among members of Congress than I had any conception of, before I became President of the U.S.

James K. Polk

It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native criminal class except Congress.

Mark Twain

It's easy being a humorist when you've got the whole government working for you.

Will Rogers

Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress; but I repeat myself.

Mark Twain

The Constitution

The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.

Benjamin Franklin

Firearms are second only to the Constitution in importance; they are the peoples' liberty teeth.

George Washington

Our constitution works. Our great republic is a government of laws, not of men.

Gerald R. Ford

The challenge is always before us. Whenever we lose sight of the principles that mattered to our founders we run into trouble.

Jesse Helms

Our whole constitutional heritage rebels at the thought of giving government the power to control men's minds.

Thurgood Marshall

Corruption

I weep for the liberty of my country when I see at this early day of its successful experiment that corruption has been imputed to many members of the House of Representatives, and the rights of the people have been bartered for promises of office.

Andrew Jackson

Those who cultivate moral confusion for profit should understand this: we will name their names and shame them as they deserve to be shamed.

Bob Dole

There are no necessary evils in government. Its evils exist only in its abuses.

Andrew Jackson

Courage

One man with courage makes a majority.

Andrew Jackson

Is he alone who has courage on his right hand
and faith on his left hand?

Charles Lindbergh

Courage is doing what you are afraid to do. There
can be no courage unless you are scared.

Eddie Rickenbacker

A brave man is a man who dares to look the Devil
in the face and tell him he is a Devil.

James A. Garfield

We will rather die in these ditches than give them
up.

Jim Bowie (at the Alamo)

It seems to be a law of nature, inflexible and inexorable,
that those who will not risk cannot win.

John Paul Jones

Courage is being scared to death . . . and saddling
up anyway.

John Wayne

Desperate affairs require desperate measures.

Lord Admiral Horatio Nelson

Bravery is the capacity to perform properly even when scared half to death.

Omar N. Bradley

Texas has yet to learn submission to any oppression, come from what source it may.

Sam Houston

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Sir Winston Churchill

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not absence of fear.

Mark Twain

Creativity

Creation is a drug that I can't do without.

Cecil B. DeMille

Creative things have to sell to get acknowledged as such.

Steve Wozniak

The difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter—'tis the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning.

Mark Twain

Criticism

I won't say that the papers misquote me, but I sometimes wonder where Christianity would be today if some of those reporters had been Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Barry Goldwater

Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain and most fools do.

Benjamin Franklin

I will permit no man to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him.

Booker T. Washington

You may all go to Hell, and I will go to Texas.

Davy Crockett

Everything I did in my life that was worthwhile, I caught hell for.

Chief Justice Earl Warren

I don't care what you say about me, as long as you say something about me, and as long as you spell my name right.

George M. Cohan

To hell with them. When history is written they will be the sons of bitches—not I.

Harry S. Truman

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.

Henry Ford

Pay no attention to what the critics say; no statue has ever been put up to a critic.

Jean Sibelius

You're *desthpicable!*

Mel Blanc (as Daffy Duck)

The people who know nothing about music are the ones always talking about it.

Nat King Cole

You work your butt off and somebody says you can't have your record played because it offends them. Tyrants are made of such stuff.

Richard Pryor

It ain't what they call you, it's what you answer to.

W. C. Fields

I think I might as well give up being a candidate. There are so many people in the country who don't like me.

William Taft

The worst wheel of the cart makes the most noise.

Benjamin Franklin

I may be drunk, Miss, but in the morning I will be sober and you will still be ugly.

Sir Winston Churchill

I pay no attention whatever to anybody's praise or blame. I simply follow my own feelings.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Crime

It's a wicked world, and when a clever man turns his brains to crime, it is the worst of all.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

D

Decisions

All my life, whenever it comes time to make a decision, I make it and forget about it.

Harry S. Truman

I think everything I have done in my life, my reasons at the time were right no matter how things worked out.

Steve Wozniak

In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing.

Theodore Roosevelt

Democracy

Democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.

Winston Churchill

Diplomacy

Diplomacy is the art of saying “Nice doggie” until you can find a rock.

Will Rogers

Dreams

When you’ve set goals and dreams, you don’t feel old.

Burl Ives

From childhood I was passionately fond of music and wanted to be a musician. I have no recollection of any real desire ever to be anything else.

John Philip Sousa

Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground.

Theodore Roosevelt

Duty

I feel in the depths of my soul that it is the highest, most sacred, and most irreversible part of my obligation to preserve the union of these states, although it may cost me my life.

Andrew Jackson

Pickett's Charge

“Up men to your posts! Don't forget today that you are from old Virginia!”

~General George Pickett, CSA, Dove Lodge No. 51, Virginia

Perhaps one of the most tragic events in the history of the United States was the Battle of Gettysburg, and the bloodiest day of that battle was the last day—Pickett's Charge.

On July 3, 1863, after tremendous Confederate cannon bombardment of Union lines lasting one hour and forty-five minutes, General George Pickett led a charge of nearly 12,500 Confederate soldiers to attack what General Lee believed was a weak point in the Union line. But the cannon bombardment didn't have the expected result. The Confederate Army was fully exposed to the Union Army, and the battle quickly turned into a bloodbath. Nearly half the Confederate force fell crossing the field.



As the Union Army unleashed its artillery with devastating effect, the Confederate forces, including General Pickett, fell into disarray and retreated. When General Lee ordered Pickett to organize his division for an expected Union counter-attack, Pickett replied, “General Lee, I have no division now.”

The enemy fought with savage fury, and met death with all its horrors, without shrinking or complaining: not one asked to be spared, but fought as long as they could stand or sit.

Davy Crockett

Only those are fit to live who are not afraid to die.

Douglas MacArthur

There is a mysterious cycle in human events. To some generations much is given. Of other generations much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Constitution is the guide which I never will abandon.

George Washington

Washington is a very easy city for you to forget where you came from and why you got there in the first place.

Harry S. Truman

Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.

Sir Winston Churchill

We are a fact-gathering organization only. We don't clear anybody. We don't condemn anybody.

J. Edgar Hoover

The chief duty of government is to keep the peace and stand out of the sunshine of the people.

James A. Garfield

I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harm's way.

John Paul Jones

England expects that every man will do his duty.

Lord Admiral Horatio Nelson

There is one reward that nothing can deprive me of, and that is the consciousness of having done my duty with the strictest rectitude and most scrupulous exactness.

George Washington

In the name of the constitution of Texas, which has been trampled upon, I refuse to take this oath. I love Texas too well to bring civil strife and bloodshed upon her.

Sam Houston (when asked as Governor of Texas to pledge allegiance to the Confederate States of America)

E

Economy

We are beginning a new era in our government. I cannot too strongly urge the necessity of a rigid economy and an inflexible determination not to enlarge the income beyond the real necessities of the government.
Andrew Jackson

Rather go to bed without dinner than to rise in debt.
Benjamin Franklin

Not only our future economic soundness but the very soundness of our democratic institutions depends on the determination of our government to give employment to idle men.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose yours.
Harry S. Truman

Competition is the keen cutting edge of business, always shaving away at costs.
Henry Ford

Whoever controls the volume of money in any country is absolute master of all industry and commerce.

James A. Garfield

The cost of living has gone up another dollar a quart.

W. C. Fields

Alexander Hamilton started the U.S. Treasury with nothing, and that was the closest our country has ever been to being even.

Will Rogers

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

Sir Winston Churchill

Education

Being ignorant is not so much a shame, as being unwilling to learn.

Benjamin Franklin

If you can't read, it's going to be hard to realize dreams.

Booker T. Washington

The school is the last expenditure upon which America should be willing to economize.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Well, I wouldn't say that I was in the great class, but I had a great time while I was trying to be great.
Harry S. Truman

You can't learn in school what the world is going to do next year.
Henry Ford

I never let schooling interfere with my education.
Mark Twain

Only time, education and plenty of good schooling will make anti-segregation work.
Nat King Cole

Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.
Oscar Wilde

The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government.
Sam Houston

A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad.

Theodore Roosevelt

Education is that whole system of human training within and without the school house walls, which molds and develops men.

W. E. B. DuBois

Why don't they pass a constitutional amendment prohibiting anybody from learning anything? If it works as well as prohibition did, in five years Americans would be the smartest race of people on Earth.

Will Rogers

Emotions

Anger is never without a reason, but seldom with a good one.

Benjamin Franklin

Enemies

I ask you to judge me by the enemies I have made.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Mount Rushmore

“America will march across that skyline.”

~Gutzon Borglum, Howard Lodge No. 25, New York

Between 1927, and 1941, Gutzon Borglum and 400 workers sculpted one of the greatest memorials in America. It is amazing to note, considering the danger of working on a project of that scale, that not one single worker was killed during its creation. The massive 60-foot carvings depict four United States Presidents, each representing an aspect of America's first 150 years of history.



George Washington represents the Revolution and the founding of the nation. Thomas Jefferson represents American growth, having doubled the size of America during his Presidency with the Louisiana Purchase. Abraham Lincoln represents the preservation of the Union. At great cost, including his own life, Lincoln had saved what Washington and Jefferson had worked so hard to create. Theodore Roosevelt represents America's modern development into a world power, having built much of the infrastructure that made that possible, including the Panama Canal.

Gutzon Borglum died before his monument was finished. His son, Lincoln Borglum, completed the memorial to its present state. Carved in granite that erodes at a rate of an inch per 100,000 years, our great Presidents may easily be recognizable for millennia to come.

I have no trouble with my enemies. I can take care of my enemies in a fight. But my friends, my god-damned friends, they're the ones who keep me walking the floor at nights!

Warren G. Harding

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.

Sir Winston Churchill

Entertainment

You ain't heard nothin' yet!

Al Jolson

It really doesn't matter whether it's the villain or the hero. Sometimes the villain is the most colorful. But I prefer a part where you don't know what he is until the end.

Glenn Ford

There's no business like show business.

Irving Berlin

I'm not playing for other musicians. We're trying to reach the guy who works all day and wants to spend a buck at night. We'll keep him happy.

Nat King Cole

I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being.

Oscar Wilde

I'm not a real movie star. I've still got the same wife I started out with twenty-eight years ago.

Will Rogers

Experience

Putting is like wisdom—partly a natural gift and partly the accumulation of experience.

Arnold Palmer

Experience teaches us that it is much easier to prevent an enemy from posting themselves than it is to dislodge them after they have got possession.

George Washington

If wrinkles must be written on our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should never grow old.

James A. Garfield

Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes.

Oscar Wilde

F

Failure

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.
Benjamin Franklin

No greater injury can be done to any youth than to let him feel that because he belongs to this or that race he will be advanced in life regardless of his own merits or efforts.
Booker T. Washington

Take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly, and try another. But by all means, try something.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.
Henry Ford

Faith

Faith begins where Reason sinks exhausted.
Albert Pike

Any composer who is gloriously conscious that he is a composer must believe that he receives his inspiration from a source higher than himself.

John Philip Sousa

Put your trust in the Lord and go ahead. Worry gets you no place.

Roy Acuff

Family

There are no adequate substitutes for father, mother, and children bound together in a loving commitment to nurture and protect. No government, no matter how well-intentioned, can take the place of the family in the scheme of things.

Gerald R. Ford

The cure for crime is not the electric chair, but the high chair.

J. Edgar Hoover

I left home because I was hungry.

Red Skelton

Your children need your presence more than your presents.

Reverend Jesse Jackson

An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.

Rudyard Kipling

I have frequently gained my first real insight into the character of parents by studying their children.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Fear

Never take counsel of your fears.

Andrew Jackson

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Every great batter works on the theory that the pitcher is more afraid of him than he is of the pitcher.

Ty Cobb

Fine Living

I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food.

W. C. Fields

Freedom

They were singing in French, but the melody was freedom and any American could understand that.
Audie Murphy

The man who trades freedom for security does not deserve nor will he ever receive either.
Benjamin Franklin

At the bottom of education, at the bottom of politics, even at the bottom of religion, there must be for our race economic independence.
Booker T. Washington

The censor's sword pierces deeply into the heart of free expression.
Chief Justice Earl Warren

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.
George Washington

When even one American—who has done nothing wrong—is forced by fear to shut his mind and close his mouth—then all Americans are in peril.

Harry S. Truman

The ballot box is the surest arbiter of disputes among free men.

James Buchanan

I am an American citizen and feel I am entitled to the same rights as any other citizen.

Nat King Cole

I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it.

Voltaire

The free man cannot be long an ignorant man.

William McKinley

Friendship

I would rather have a million friends than a million dollars.

Eddie Rickenbacker

His death was the first time that Ed Wynn ever made anyone sad.

Red Skelton

True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity, before it is entitled to the appellation.

George Washington

You want a friend in Washington? Get a dog.
Harry S. Truman

My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me.

Henry Ford

When people are lonely they stoop to any companionship.

Lew Wallace

When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old.

Mark Twain

Friendship is the marriage of the soul, and this marriage is liable to divorce.

Voltaire

Only solitary men know the full joys of friendship. Others have their family; but to a solitary and an exile his friends are everything.

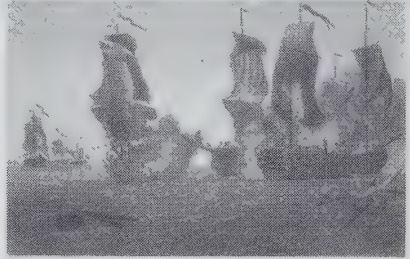
Warren G. Harding

John Paul Jones

“I have not yet begun to fight!”

~John Paul Jones, St. Bernard's Lodge No. 122, Scotland

In 1779, aboard the rebuilt merchant ship *USS Bonhomme Richard*, Captain John Paul Jones encountered the Baltic Fleet while patrolling for prizes along the British shore—forty-four merchant ships that were supplying the British Army during the Revolutionary War. It was a prize he couldn't pass up. But the Baltic Fleet was well protected by the 44-gun ship the *HMS Serapis* and the 22-gun ship the *HMS Countess of Scarborough*. Although outgunned, Jones fearlessly attacked the British fleet.



Twice the massive British ship raked the *Bonhomme Richard* with devastating effect. During the fighting, the *Bonhomme Richard's* ensign was shot away. The captain of the *Serapis*, believing that Jones was giving up, called to him for his surrender. Jones shouted back, “I have not yet begun to fight!”

With his ship burning as fast as it was sinking, Jones turned and rammed the *Serapis*. From the rigging above, his crew rained down rifle fire and explosive charges onto the British crew. Jones' crew flooded the decks and captured her.

It was one of the most daring victories in American history and forever sealed John Paul Jones' place in history as a great American hero.

Meeting Franklin Roosevelt was like opening your first bottle of champagne; knowing him was like drinking it.

Sir Winston Churchill

Future

A better world shall emerge based on faith and understanding.

Douglas MacArthur

I think humans will reach Mars, and I would like to see it happen in my lifetime.

Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin

I do not look upon these United States as a finished product. We are still in the making.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

We don't want tradition. We want to live in the present and the only history that is worth a tinker's dam is the history we make today.

Henry Ford

The most important thing we can do is inspire young minds and to advance the kind of science, math and technology education that will help youngsters take us to the next phase of space travel.

John Glenn

The power of noble deeds is to be preserved and passed on to the future.

Joshua Chamberlain

Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday.

John Wayne

Even though this is late in an election year, there is no way we can go forward except together and no way anybody can win except by serving the people's urgent needs. We cannot stand still or slip backwards. We must go forward now together.

Gerald R. Ford

I like dreams of the future better than the history of the past.

Thomas Jefferson

It is said that the present is pregnant with the future.

Voltaire

This is no time for ease and comfort. It is time to dare and endure.

Sir Winston Churchill

G

God

If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him.

Voltaire

Government

As long as our government is administered for the good of the people, and is regulated by their will; as long as it secures to us the rights of persons and of property, liberty of conscience and of the press, it will be worth defending.

Andrew Jackson

Government is not reason; it is not eloquent; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.

George Washington

The basis of our political system is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government.

George Washington

A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have.

Gerald R. Ford

A politician is a man who understands government. A statesman is a politician who's been dead for 15 years.

Harry S. Truman

The natural process of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground.

Thomas Jefferson

I like the noise of democracy.

James Buchanan

The best form of government is that which is most likely to prevent the greatest sum of evil.

James Monroe

Democracy means simply the bludgeoning of the people by the people for the people.

Oscar Wilde

The whole art of government consists in being honest.

Thomas Jefferson

All new states are invested, more or less, by a class of noisy, second-rate men who are always in favor of rash and extreme measures, but Texas was absolutely overrun by such men.

Sam Houston

Governments need to have both shepherds and butchers.

Voltaire

The ideal form of government is democracy tempered with assassination.

Voltaire

Things in our country run in spite of government, not by aid of it.

Will Rogers

Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.

Sir Winston Churchill

Greatness

Four things greater than all things are—Women and Horses and Power and War

Rudyard Kipling

Great Words in History

Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be.

Douglas MacArthur

Yesterday, December seventh, 1941, a date which will live in infamy, the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over.

Gerald R. Ford

The buck stops here!

Harry S. Truman

I have not yet begun to fight!

John Paul Jones

Give me liberty or give me death.

Patrick Henry

The regulars are out!

Paul Revere

I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Reverend Francis Bellamy

I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.

George Washington

We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender.

Sir Winston Churchill

Remember the Alamo!

Sam Houston

Greed

I have not observed men's honesty to increase with their riches.

Thomas Jefferson

Selfishness is the only real atheism; aspiration, unselfishness, the only real religion.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

H

Health

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

Mark Twain

Giving up smoking is the easiest thing in the world. I know because I've done it thousands of times.

Mark Twain

The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not.

Mark Twain

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it.

W. C. Fields

Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.

Benjamin Franklin (from *Poor Richard's Almanac*)

Politics makes me sick.

William Taft

Sherlock Holmes

“When you have eliminated the impossible,
whatever remains, however improbable,
must be the truth.”

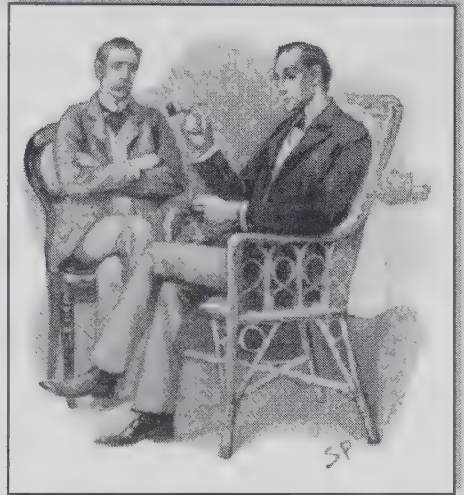
~Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Phoenix Lodge No. 257, England

With his distinctive features, the pipe and the deerstalker cap, the fictional “consulting detective” Sherlock Holmes has one of the best-known profiles in the world.

The brainchild of Scottish-born physician and Freemason, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the cases of Sherlock Holmes

are chronicled in four novels and fifty-six short stories. The stories have never been out of print and have continued to remain popular generation after generation.

Many of the techniques of observation employed by Sherlock Holmes for solving crimes during Victorian time—techniques that so amazed and confounded Dr. Watson—have become a reality today. The use of fingerprints for identification and the collection and interpretation of trace evidence have become standard tools used by modern criminalists to solve crimes.



History

It takes a long time to bring the past up to the present.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The marvel of all history is the patience with which men and women submit to burdens unnecessarily laid upon them by their governments.

George Washington

History and experience tell us that moral progress comes not in comfortable and complacent times, but out of trial and confusion.

Gerald R. Ford

There is nothing new in the world except the history you do not know.

Harry S. Truman

History is more or less bunk.

Henry Ford

I know no way of judging the future but by the past.

Patrick Henry

If we look to the history of other nations, ancient or modern, we find no example of a growth so rapid, so gigantic, of a people so prosperous and happy.

James Monroe

The monuments of the nations are all protests against nothingness after death; so are statues and inscriptions; so is history.

Lew Wallace

George Washington, as a boy, was ignorant of the commonest accomplishments of youth. He could not even lie.

Mark Twain

If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten.

Rudyard Kipling

Sometimes history takes things into its own hands.

Thurgood Marshall

History should be written as philosophy.

Voltaire

Once, during Prohibition, I was forced to live for days on nothing but food and water.

W. C. Fields

We should not look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dearly bought experience.

George Washington

The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you can see.

Sir Winston Churchill

Honesty

Let your tongue speak what your heart thinks.

Davy Crockett

It's the quality of the ordinary, the straight, the square, that accounts for the great stability and success of our nation. It's a quality to be proud of. But it's a quality that many people seem to have neglected.

Gerald R. Ford

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Mark Twain

When I was younger I could remember anything, whether it happened or not.

Mark Twain

Above all, I would teach him to tell the truth. Truth-telling, I have found, is the key to responsible citizenship. The thousands of criminals I have seen in 40 years of law enforcement have had one thing in common: Every single one was a liar.

J. Edgar Hoover

Honors

Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.

Voltaire

Humility

The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance.

Benjamin Franklin

I'm just a lucky slob from Ohio who happened to be in the right place at the right time.

Clark Gable

Fate is being kind to me. Fate doesn't want me to be too famous too young.

Duke Ellington

The longer the title, the less important the job.
George McGovern

I am a Ford, not a Lincoln.
Gerald R. Ford

The only things worth learning are the things you
learn after you know it all.
Harry S. Truman

I am one of the great army of mediocrity which
constitutes the majority.
Joseph "Uncle Joe" Cannon

We fought no better, perhaps, than they. We ex-
hibited, perhaps, no higher individual qualities.
Joshua Chamberlain

Nothing is more intolerable than to have to admit
to yourself your own errors.
Ludwig van Beethoven

I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied
with the best.
Oscar Wilde

I did pretty good for a guy who never finished
high school and used to yodel at square dances.
Roy Rogers

I have been complimented many times and they always embarrass me; I always feel that they have not said enough.

Mark Twain

I am a part of everything that I have read.

Theodore Roosevelt

Humor

I have a tip that can take 5 strokes off anyone's golf game. It's called an eraser.

Arnold Palmer

It's a great country, where anybody can grow up to be president . . . except me.

Barry Goldwater

We don't just borrow words; on occasion, English has pursued other languages down alleyways to beat them unconscious and rifle their pockets for new vocabulary.

Booker T. Washington

By and large, jazz has always been like the kind of a man you wouldn't want your daughter to associate with.

Duke Ellington

I had pro offers from the Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers, who were pretty hard up for linemen in those days. If I had gone into professional football the name Jerry Ford might have been a household word today.

Gerald R. Ford

Always be sincere, even if you don't mean it.

Harry S. Truman

A bore is a person who opens his mouth and puts his feats in it.

Henry Ford

I regret to say that we of the FBI are powerless to act in cases of oral-genital intimacy, unless it has in some way obstructed interstate commerce.

J. Edgar Hoover

A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck.

James A. Garfield

Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits.

Mark Twain

I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying.

Oscar Wilde

My wife ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"

Red Skelton

I never met anybody who said when they were a kid, I wanna grow up and be a critic.

Richard Pryor

Never trust a computer you can't throw out a window.

Steve Wozniak

Ah, the patter of little feet around the house. There's nothing like having a midget for a butler.

W. C. Fields

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

Will Rogers

Ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put.

Sir Winston Churchill

Everything is funny as long as it happens to somebody else.

Will Rogers

I

Ignorance

A learned blockhead is a greater blockhead than an ignorant one.

Benjamin Franklin

Wise men don't need advice. Fools won't take it.

Benjamin Franklin

Life is tough, but it's tougher when you're stupid.

John Wayne

Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative.

Oscar Wilde

Some men can live up to their loftiest ideals without ever going higher than a basement.

Theodore Roosevelt

The human body has two ends on it: one to create with and one to sit on. Sometimes people get their ends reversed. When this happens they need a kick in the seat of the pants.

Theodore Roosevelt

It is difficult to free fools from the chains they revere.

Voltaire

Never give a sucker an even break.

W. C. Fields

There is nothing so stupid as the educated man if you get him off the thing he was educated in.

Will Rogers

Ingenuity

Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs.

Henry Ford

Inspirational

Isn't it strange that we talk least about the things we think about most?

Charles Lindbergh

I don't know what you could say about a day in which you have seen four beautiful sunsets.

John Glenn

Transcontinental Flight

“Is he alone who has courage on his right hand and faith on his left hand?”

~Charles Lindbergh, Keystone Lodge No. 243, Missouri

The \$25,000 Orteig Prize was offered in 1919 by New York hotel owner Raymond Orteig to the first pilot to fly non-stop between New York City and Paris. Several famous aviators made unsuccessful attempts at transatlantic flights before a Midwest airmail carrier, Charles Lindbergh, won the prize in 1927 in his airplane *Spirit of St. Louis*.



The *Spirit of St. Louis* was a modified Ryan aircraft powered by a 223-horsepower air-cooled Wright Whirlwind engine. In order to make the 3,600 mile journey, the plane required 445 gallons of fuel.

The Orteig Prize drew great public interest in aviation technology, but it came at a high cost. In their attempts to win the prize, 27 men died, and many more were injured.

But Lindbergh's success launched modern aviation. During 1927 alone, there were several more new aviation records. However, no record or accomplishment attracted the kind of fame that Lindbergh did for winning the Orteig Prize.

Like the old soldier of the ballad, I now close my military career and just fade away, an old soldier who tried to do his duty as God gave him the light to see that duty. Goodbye.

Douglas MacArthur

There is no man living that can not do more than he thinks he can.

Henry Ford

If there is not the war, you don't get the great general; if there is not a great occasion, you don't get a great statesman; if Lincoln had lived in a time of peace, no one would have known his name.

Theodore Roosevelt

The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life.

Theodore Roosevelt

Integrity

A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal

Oscar Wilde (from *The Picture of Dorian Grey*)

I would rather be beaten and be a man than to be elected and be a little puppy dog.

Davy Crockett

There is nothing I love as much as a good fight.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

'Tis hard (but glorious) to be poor and honest. An empty sack can hardly stand upright; but if it does, 'tis a stout one.

Benjamin Franklin

I hold the maxim no less applicable to public than to private affairs, that honesty is always the best policy.

George Washington

Men are disposed to live honestly, if the means of doing so are open to them.

Thomas Jefferson

Whatever you have, you must either use or lose.

Henry Ford

It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them.

Mark Twain

J

Judges

We must never forget that the only real source of power that we as judges can tap is the respect of the people

Thurgood Marshall

Justice

Laws too gentle are seldom obeyed; too severe, seldom executed.

Benjamin Franklin

It is impossible for us to break the law. We can only break ourselves against the law.

Cecil B. DeMille

The administration of justice is the firmest pillar of government.

George Washington

Capital punishment is as fundamentally wrong as a cure for crime as charity is wrong as a cure for poverty.

Henry Ford

Just the minute the FBI begins making recommendations on what should be done with its information, it becomes a Gestapo.

J. Edgar Hoover

When you go into court you are putting your fate into the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Norm Crosby

Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same.

Oscar Wilde

No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it.

Theodore Roosevelt

It is better to risk saving a guilty man than to condemn an innocent one.

Voltaire

K

Knowledge

Everything has its limit—iron ore cannot be educated into gold.

Mark Twain

Illuminate, as far as practicable, the minds of the people at large, and more especially to give them knowledge of those facts, which history exhibiteth, that, possessed thereby of the experience of other ages and countries, they may be enabled to know ambition under all its shapes, and prompt to exert their natural powers to defeat its purposes.

Thomas Jefferson

Quotation is a serviceable substitute for wit.

Oscar Wilde

People's minds are changed through observation and not through argument.

Will Rogers

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Labor

Dignify and glorify common labor. It is at the bottom of life that we must begin, not at the top.

Booker T. Washington

If the power to do hard work is not a skill, it's the best possible substitute for it.

James A. Garfield

Laughter

My choice early in life was either to be a pianoplayer in a whorehouse or a politician. And to tell the truth, there's hardly any difference.

Harry S. Truman

I'd like to make you laugh for about ten minutes though I'm gonna be on for an hour.

Richard Pryor

The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter.

Mark Twain

The White House is the finest prison in the world.

Harry S. Truman

I think we consider too much the good luck of the early bird and not enough the bad luck of the early worm.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is far the best ending for one.

Oscar Wilde

I'm nuts and I know it. But so long as I make 'em laugh, they ain't going to lock me up.

Red Skelton

When I began playing the game, baseball was about as gentlemanly as a kick in the crotch.

Ty Cobb

Ice-cream is exquisite—what a pity it isn't illegal.

Voltaire

A woman drove me to drink and I didn't even have the decency to thank her.

W. C. Fields

So live that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

Will Rogers

If Hitler invaded hell I would make at least a favorable reference to the devil in the House of Commons.

Sir Winston Churchill

Leadership

It was settled by the Constitution, the laws, and the whole practice of the government that the entire executive power is vested in the President of the United States.

Andrew Jackson

Lead from the front.

Audie Murphy

I will offer a choice, not an echo.

Barry Goldwater

Never give an order that can't be obeyed.

Douglas MacArthur

I'm not the smartest fellow in the world, but I can sure pick smart colleagues.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Corps of Exploration

“An intelligence officer, with ten or twelve chosen men . . . might explore the whole line, even to the Western Ocean . . .”

~Thomas Jefferson

In 1803, Thomas Jefferson commissioned Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore what is now the Northwestern United States. The party of nearly thirty men—including Lewis and Clark, three sergeants, twenty-two enlisted men, volunteers, and interpreters—departed St. Louis in May 1804.



Following the Missouri River, they wintered at the present site of Bismarck, North Dakota, where they were joined by a guide and translator—a Shoshone woman named Sacagawea. In spring 1805, they continued their journey to the source of the Missouri River, struggled across the Continental Divide, and headed west along several rivers until they finally reached their destination—the Pacific Ocean. They returned to St. Louis the following year.

Their exploration provided a wealth of information, including maps, detailed descriptions of Plains Indian culture, and many samples of the flora and fauna of the Pacific Northwest. It also proved there wasn't a Northwest passage—a single navigable water route from the Continental Divide to the Pacific Ocean.

When you see a rattlesnake poised to strike, you do not wait until he has struck to crush him.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

When a thing is done, it's done. Don't look back. Look forward to your next objective.

George C. Marshall

I am acutely aware that you have not elected me as your President by your ballots, so I ask you to confirm me with your prayers.

Gerald R. Ford

A leader in the Democratic Party is a boss, in the Republican Party he is a leader.

Harry S. Truman

All the president is, is a glorified public relations man who spends his time flattering, kissing, and kicking people to get them to do what they are supposed to do anyway.

Harry S. Truman

The test of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, for the greatness is already there.

James Buchanan

Gentlemen, when the enemy is committed to a mistake we must not interrupt him too soon.

Lord Admiral Horatio Nelson

Leadership is intangible, and therefore no weapon ever designed can replace it.

Omar N. Bradley

Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together.

Reverend Jesse Jackson

A leader is someone who helps improve the lives of other people or improve the system they live under.

Sam Houston

The best executive is one who has sense enough to pick good people to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.

Theodore Roosevelt

Although prepared for martyrdom, I preferred that it be postponed.

Sir Winston Churchill

Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result.

Sir Winston Churchill

Liberty

The sovereignty of one's self is called Liberty.

Albert Pike

The duty of government is to leave commerce to its own capital and credit as well as all other branches of business, protecting all in their legal pursuits, granting exclusive privileges to none.

Andrew Jackson

And freedom is what America means to the world.

Audie Murphy

Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. And moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue.

Barry Goldwater

We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately.

Benjamin Franklin

Whether in chains or in laurels, liberty knows nothing but victories.

Douglas MacArthur

Our enemies are numerous and powerful; but we have many friends, determining to be free, and heaven and earth will aid the resolution.

Dr. Joseph Warren

Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.

George Washington

One great object of the Constitution was to restrain majorities from oppressing minorities or encroaching upon their just rights.

James K. Polk

Our country may be likened to a new house. We lack many things, but we possess the most precious of all—liberty!

James Monroe

Humanity has won its battle. Liberty now has a country.

Marquis de La Fayette

When the American spirit was in its youth, the language of America was different: Liberty, sir, was the primary object.

Patrick Henry

Order without liberty and liberty without order
are equally destructive.
Theodore Roosevelt

Life

Do not squander time for that is the stuff life is
made of.
Benjamin Franklin

There is no power on earth that can neutralize
the influence of a high, simple and useful life.
Booker T. Washington

Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the
thrill of creative effort.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

It is better to be alone than in bad company.
George Washington

The best way to give advice to your children is to
find out what they want and then advise them to do it.
Harry S. Truman

I do not believe a man can ever leave his busi-
ness. He ought to think of it by day and dream of it by
night.
Henry Ford

Life is 10 percent what you make it, and 90 percent how you take it.

Irving Berlin

Familiarity breeds contempt—and children.

Mark Twain

There are two kinds of worries—those you can do something about and those you can't. Don't spend any time on the latter.

Duke Ellington

Life is never fair, and perhaps it is a good thing for most of us that it is not.

Oscar Wilde

No matter what your heartache may be, laughing helps you forget it for a few seconds.

Red Skelton

Hurried and worried until we're buried, and there's no curtain call, life's a very funny proposition after all.

George M. Cohan

Froth at the top, dregs at bottom, but the middle excellent.

Voltaire

God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well.

Voltaire

For strange effects and extraordinary combinations we must go to life itself, which is always far more daring than any effort of the imagination.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

If I had to live my life over, I'd live over a saloon.

W. C. Fields

Do the best you can, and don't take life too serious.

Will Rogers

Solitary trees, if they grow at all, grow strong.

Sir Winston Churchill

Literature

No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem.

Booker T. Washington

'Classic.' A book which people praise and don't read.

Mark Twain

The difference between literature and journalism is that journalism is unreadable and literature is not read.

Oscar Wilde

I know many books which have bored their readers, but I know of none which has done real evil.

Voltaire

A classic is a book that doesn't have to be written again.

W. E. B. DuBois

Logic

Why does the Air Force need expensive new bombers? Have the people we've been bombing over the years been complaining?

George C. Wallace

When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Love

Heaven grant us patience with a man in love.

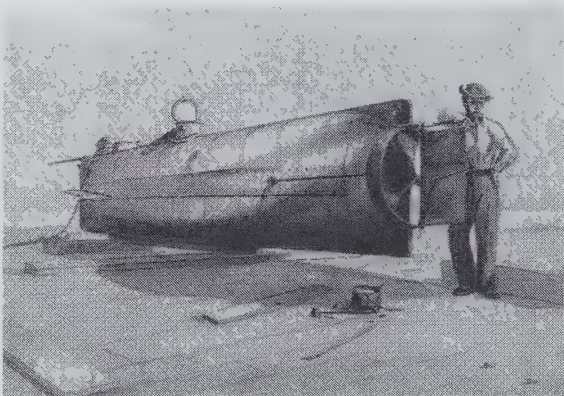
Rudyard Kipling

The Secret Weapon

“I have got a splendid crew of men the best I think I ever seen. The government has been very kind to me, they have given me every thing I have ask for.”

~George E. Dixon, Mobile Lodge No. 40, Alabama

On February 17, 1864, the Union blockade ship *Housatonic* was anchored in Charleston Harbor—part of President Abraham Lincoln’s *Anaconda Plan*, designed to cut off supplies to the Confederate Army. At shortly before 9 P.M., the *Housatonic* was attacked by one of the most cunning secret weapons ever devised and one that proved to be devastatingly effective. The *Housatonic* was lost within minutes of the attack—the first ship in history to be sunk by a submarine.



The Confederate submarine *H. L. Hunley*, which was about forty feet long, was powered by a hand-cranked shaft. The crew of eight was commanded by Lieutenant George E. Dixon. It was designed to approach a ship submerged, and using a long spar, it attached a mine loaded with ninety pounds of gunpowder to the ship’s hull. While successful in its first mission, the *H. L. Hunley* sank with all hands on the return home. The submarine, which was lost for more than 130 years, was finally discovered in 1995. In 2004, the crew of the *H. L. Hunley* were finally laid to rest—the last funeral of the American Civil War.

To a person in love, the value of the individual is intuitively known. Love needs no logic for its mission.
Charles Lindbergh

It is an extra dividend when you like the girl you've fallen in love with.
Clark Gable

If you are not too long, I will wait here for you all my life.
Oscar Wilde

Two times a week, my wife and I go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays.
Red Skelton

Of all ghosts the ghosts of our old loves are the worst.
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination.
Voltaire

My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me.
Sir Winston Churchill

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Marriage

Woman begins by resisting a man's advances and ends by blocking his retreat.

Oscar Wilde

I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months I don't like to interrupt her.

Red Skelton

Where there is marriage without love, there will be love without marriage.

Benjamin Franklin

I believe in the institution of marriage, and I intend to keep trying till I get it right

Richard Pryor

Divorce is probably of nearly the same date as marriage. I believe, however, that marriage is some weeks the more ancient.

Voltaire

Military

Get off your butt and join the Marines!

John Wayne

I've been to a number of places and seen for myself the caliber of people who are in the Navy today—in all the services for that matter. This is an altogether different bunch. These people of today are really bright, young, good people.

Ernest Borgnine

Mistakes

A bachelor is a man who never makes the same mistake once.

Ed Wynn

All men make mistakes, but married men find out about them sooner.

Red Skelton

Modern Life

I cannot discover that anyone knows enough to say definitely what is and what is not possible.

Henry Ford

It is only the modern that ever becomes old-fashioned.

Oscar Wilde

Today they're making pictures that I wouldn't want Trigger to see.

Roy Rogers

I never expected to see the day when girls would get sunburned in the places they now do.

Will Rogers

Substantial progress toward better things can rarely be taken without developing new evils requiring new remedies.

William Taft

Money

A business that makes nothing but money is a poor business.

Henry Ford

The great trouble with baseball today is that most of the players are in the game for the money and that's it, not for the love of it, the excitement of it, the thrill of it.

Ty Cobb

It's a good thing we don't get all the government we pay for.

Will Rogers

There are two ways of being happy: We must either diminish our wants or augment our means—either may do—the result is the same and it is for each man to decide for himself and to do that which happens to be easier.

Benjamin Franklin

I have a scheme for stopping war. It's this—no nation is allowed to enter a war till they have paid for the last one.

Will Rogers

Morality

Our national determination to keep free of foreign wars and foreign entanglements cannot prevent us from feeling deep concern when ideals and principles that we have cherished are challenged.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Morality is simply the attitude we adopt towards people whom we personally dislike.

Oscar Wilde

To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.

Theodore Roosevelt

No tendency is quite so strong in human nature as the desire to lay down rules of conduct for other people.

William Taft

Mortality

Drown in a cold vat of whiskey? Death, where is thy sting?

W. C. Fields

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

Albert Pike

Heaven will be no heaven to me if I do not meet my wife there.

Andrew Jackson

When I'm not a politician, I'll be dead.

Barry Goldwater

If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth writing.

Benjamin Franklin

There's no reason to be the richest man in the cemetery. You can't do any business from there.

Colonel Harlan Sanders

I've looked that old scoundrel death in the eye many times but this time I think he has me on the ropes.

Douglas MacArthur

I've found a formula for avoiding these exaggerated fears of age; you take care of every day—let the calendar take care of the years.

Ed Wynn

I am heartily rejoiced that my term is so near its close. I will soon cease to be a servant and will become a sovereign.

James K. Polk

I long to be in the Field again, doing my part to keep the old flag up, with all its stars.

Joshua Chamberlain

I personally believe we were put here to build
and not to destroy.

Red Skelton

Just skin me out, and put me up there on ol'
Trigger where I can greet the folks.

Roy Rogers

I would give no thought of what the world might
say of me, if I could only transmit to posterity the repu-
tation of an honest man.

Sam Houston

In the end, I hope there's a little note somewhere
that says I designed a good computer.

Steve Wozniak

The one thing I want to leave my children is an
honorable name.

Theodore Roosevelt

Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.

Douglas MacArthur

The world is getting to be such a dangerous
place, a man is lucky to get out of it alive.

W. C. Fields

Rocket Man

“I don't know what you could say about a day in which you have seen four beautiful sunsets.”

~John Glenn, Concord Lodge No. 688, Ohio

On February 20, 1962, at 9:47 A.M., the roar of a 125-ton Atlas rocket broke the silence of Cape Canaveral and signaled the launch of a mission that would demonstrate to the world that America was still in the space race. Aboard the *Friendship 7*, John Glenn became the first American astronaut to orbit the Earth.



In 1959, after service as a fighter pilot in both World War II and the Korean War, John Glenn was selected as one of the first Mercury astronauts by the newly formed National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). His successful mission made him an American hero. His hero status, and President Kennedy's reluctance to risk the life of such an important American, may have blocked Glenn from flying future missions—most notably the Gemini and Apollo missions.

Glenn went on to serve twenty-four years as an Ohio Senator. In 1984, he ran for President. When he retired in 1998, he was able to fulfill a life-long dream. Thirty-six years later, at the age of seventy-seven, John Glenn returned to space aboard the space shuttle *Discovery* for a nine-day mission.

Music

Well, if you find a note tonight that sounds good,
play the same damn note every night!

Count Basie

It's like an act of murder; you play with intent to
commit something.

Duke Ellington

Tones sound, and roar and storm about me until
I have set them down in notes.

Ludwig van Beethoven

Composers are the only people who can hear
good music above bad sounds.

John Philip Sousa

When I am traveling in a carriage, or walking af-
ter a good meal, or during the night when I cannot
sleep; it is on such occasions that ideas flow best and
most abundantly.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and
philosophy.

Ludwig van Beethoven



Optimism

Optimism is the madness of insisting that all is well when we are miserable.

Voltaire

The farmer has to be an optimist or he wouldn't still be a farmer.

Will Rogers

Don't be against things so much as for things.

Colonel Harlan Sanders

I always turn to the sports pages first, which records people's accomplishments. The front page has nothing but man's failures.

Chief Justice Earl Warren

To me every hour of the day and night is an unspeakably perfect miracle.

Walter Chrysler

We are not retreating—we are advancing in another direction.

Douglas MacArthur

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Pacifism

The pacifist is as surely a traitor to his country and to humanity as is the most brutal wrongdoer.

Theodore Roosevelt

Patriotism

Many a bum show has been saved by the flag.

George M. Cohan

Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism.

George Washington

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.

Mark Twain

The man who loves other countries as much as his own stands on a level with the man who loves other women as much as he loves his own wife.

Theodore Roosevelt

Peace

The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.

Douglas MacArthur

To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace.

George Washington

Perserverance

When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

A President cannot always be popular.

Harry S. Truman

If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right.

Henry Ford

Never, never, never give up.

Sir Winston Churchill

The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done.

Arnold Palmer

I didn't fail the test, I just found 100 ways to do it wrong.

Benjamin Franklin

I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has had to overcome while trying to succeed.

Booker T. Washington

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.

Henry Ford

There are no big problems, there are just a lot of little problems.

Henry Ford

The toughest thing about success is that you've got to keep on being a success.

Irving Berlin

The barriers are not erected which can say to aspiring talents and industry, "Thus far and no farther."

Ludwig van Beethoven

I had to fight all my life to survive. They were all against me . . . but I beat the bastards and left them in the ditch.

Ty Cobb

Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than what people do or say. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill.

W. C. Fields

I think the harder you work, the more luck you have.

Dave Thomas

Pessimism

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.

Harry S. Truman

Pessimist: One who, when he has the choice of two evils, chooses both.

Oscar Wilde

Philosophy

Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated.

Arnold Palmer

My religion lies in my composition.

John Philip Sousa

We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living.

Omar N. Bradley

The world is a stage, but the play is badly cast.

Oscar Wilde

God's children and their happiness are my reasons for being.

Red Skelton

If there were no God, it would be necessary to invent him.

Voltaire

I have always supported measures and principles and not men.

Davy Crockett

Brother President

“The buck stops here!”

~Harry S Truman, Belton Lodge No. 450, Missouri

While there have been fourteen Presidents of United States confirmed as Freemasons, there were only two that served as Grand Master. Andrew Jackson served as the Grand Master of Tennessee, and Harry S Truman served as the Grand Master of Missouri.



Harry Truman was elected Grand Master of Masons in Missouri a few weeks prior to being elected a Missouri senator. Truman went out of his way to fulfill his responsibilities by visiting Missouri Lodges and Grand Lodges in various states. While President, he was also serving as the first Master of the newly formed Missouri Lodge of Research. He made records in the Library of Congress available to them. Many of the record were compiled in William Denslow's 1957 book *10,000 Famous Freemasons*, for which Truman wrote the introduction.

During his years as President, Truman participated in raising more than 30 Masons, always with the stipulation that no publicity about his participation would be made known. While President, he was honored with the 33° by the Scottish Rite in Washington, D.C., in 1945. He was also active in the York Rite and a Knights Templar.

If you can't dazzle them with brilliance, baffle them with bull.

W. C. Fields

Political Parties

Whenever a fellow tells me he's bipartisan, I know he's going to vote against me.

Harry S. Truman

I never could be a partisan leader—a man of one idea.

Joshua Chamberlain

The greatest thing the Democrats have ever done for me was to defeat me for the governor of Tennessee.

Roy Acuff

The 1928 Republican Convention opened with a prayer. If the Lord can see His way clear to bless the Republican Party the way it's been carrying on, then the rest of us ought to get it without even asking.

Will Rogers

Politics

Congress: Bingo with billions.

Red Skelton

You know, a better man for a better America.
That's sort of our slogan.
Bob Dole

Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

No man's life, liberty or property is safe while the legislature is in session.
Mark Twain

I remember when I first came to Washington. For the first six months you wonder how the hell you ever got here. For the next six months you wonder how the hell the rest of them ever got here.
Harry S. Truman

Sometimes in politics one must duel with skunks, but no one should be fool enough to allow skunks to choose the weapons.
Joseph "Uncle Joe" Cannon

Hell, I never vote for anybody, I always vote against.
W. C. Fields

I don't know much about Americanism, but it's a damn good word with which to carry an election.

Warren G. Harding

A fool and his money are soon elected.

Will Rogers

We live in a stage of politics, where legislators seem to regard the passage of laws as much more important than the results of their enforcement.

William Taft

An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last.

Sir Winston Churchill

Politics is the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month and next year. And to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen.

Sir Winston Churchill

Power

There are two ways of exerting one's strength: one is pushing down, the other is pulling up.

Booker T. Washington

The party in power, like Jonah's gourd, grew up quickly, and will quickly fall.

Davy Crockett

The constitution vests the power of declaring war in Congress; therefore no offensive expedition of importance can be undertaken until after they shall have deliberated upon the subject and authorized such a measure.

George Washington

The Holy Roman Empire is neither Holy, nor Roman, nor an Empire.

Voltaire

Prejudice

We are all alike, on the inside.

Mark Twain

I'm free of all prejudices. I hate everyone equally.

W. C. Fields

The individual who can do something that the world wants done will, in the end, make his way regardless of his race.

Booker T. Washington

I often wonder whether Negroes like myself who are pretty well known help out at all in breaking down barriers.

Nat King Cole

If there is anybody in this land who thoroughly believes that the meek shall inherit the earth they have not often let their presence be known.

W. E. B. DuBois

Anti-Semitism is a noxious weed that should be cut out. It has no place in America.

William Taft

I *hate* rabbits.

Mel Blanc (as Yosemite Sam)

President

I would sincerely regret, and which never shall happen whilst I am in office, a military guard around the President.

Andrew Jackson

Are you laboring under the impression that I read these memoranda of yours? I can't even lift them.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Few men in our history have ever obtained the Presidency by planning to obtain it.

James A. Garfield

If you are as happy in entering the White House as I shall feel on returning to Wheatland, you are a happy man indeed.

James Buchanan

The man with the best job in the country is the vice-president. All he has to do is get up every morning and say, "How is the president?"

Will Rogers

I have come to the conclusion that the major part of the work of a President is to increase the gate receipts of expositions and fairs and bring tourists to town.

William Taft

Pride

Pride is said to be the last vice the good man gets clear of.

Benjamin Franklin

I have nothing to declare except my genius

Oscar Wilde

Principles

Rules are not necessarily sacred, principles are.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

These days man knows the price of everything,
but the value of nothing.
Oscar Wilde

Our differences are policies; our agreements,
principles.
William McKinley

Problem Solving

Most people spend more time and energy going
around problems than in trying to solve them.
Henry Ford

God helps them that help themselves.
Benjamin Franklin (from *Poor Richard's Almanac*)

No problem can withstand the assault of sus-
tained thinking.
Voltaire

Q

Quality

What I have crossed out I didn't like. What I haven't crossed out I'm dissatisfied with.

Cecil B. DeMille

A market is never saturated with a good product, but it is very quickly saturated with a bad one.

Henry Ford

Quality means doing it right when no one is looking.

Henry Ford

The way I did it, every job was A+.

Steve Wozniak

If advertisers spent the same amount of money on improving their products as they do on advertising then they wouldn't have to advertise them.

Will Rogers

R

Reason

Man is a rational animal who always loses his temper when he is called upon to act in accordance with the dictates of reason.

Oscar Wilde

Rebellion

Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God.
Benjamin Franklin

Religion

The Bible is the rock on which this Republic rests.

Andrew Jackson

To Follow by faith alone is to follow blindly.
Benjamin Franklin

Whoever seeks to set one religion against another seeks to destroy all religion.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.

George Washington

I believe God is managing affairs and that He doesn't need any advice from me. With God in charge, I believe everything will work out for the best in the end. So what is there to worry about.

Henry Ford

I don't like to commit myself about heaven and hell—you see, I have friends in both places.

Mark Twain

I think that God, in creating man, somewhat overestimated his ability.

Oscar Wilde

A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.

Theodore Roosevelt

I am prepared to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter.

Sir Winston Churchill

God is a comedian, playing to an audience too afraid to laugh.

Voltaire

Reputation

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

Henry Ford

Responsibility

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

Benjamin Franklin

Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him.

Booker T. Washington

We have the right as individuals to give away as much of our own money as we please in charity; but as members of Congress we have no right to appropriate a dollar of the public money.

Davy Crockett

The Duke

“A man’s got to have a code, a creed to live by.”

~John Wayne, Marion McDaniel Lodge No. 56, Arizona

At the top of a hill on a tall horse sits an enormous, broad-shouldered, thin-waisted rider wearing a ten-gallon hat, a red bandana, a denim shirt, and a leather vest. The sun, setting over the painted desert below him, glints off the tin star pinned on his vest. He sits quietly, rolling a cigarette. John Wayne has become as much a part of the American fabric as the Fourth of July and apple pie.



After a surfing injury off Balboa Pier at Newport Beach ended his college football scholarship at the University of Southern California, John Wayne, who was working in the props department at a local studio, began acting in films with the help of his friend, legendary Western star and Freemason, Tom Mix. Soon after, Wayne’s life-long friendship with director John Ford began. Over a career that lasted more than five decades, John Wayne appeared in more than 170 films. In 1969, he was awarded an Oscar for Best Actor for his role as Rooster Cogburn in the movie *True Grit*.

Shortly before his death in 1979, John Wayne was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his contributions to America. On one side of the medal was John Wayne on horseback. On the other side was his portrait and these simple words: John Wayne, American.

Wars can be prevented just as surely as they can be provoked, and we who fail to prevent them, must share the guilt for the dead.

Omar N. Bradley

Both tears and sweat are salty, but they render a different result. Tears will get you sympathy; sweat will get you change.

Reverend Jesse Jackson

The black groups that boycott certain films would do better to get the money together to make the films they want to see, or stay in church and leave us to our work.

Richard Pryor

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.

Theodore Roosevelt

No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible.

Voltaire

Action for which I become responsible, or for which my administration becomes responsible, shall be within the law.

William Taft

Rights

If all printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed.

Benjamin Franklin

Laws made by common consent must not be trampled on by individuals.

George Washington

The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference—they deserve a place of honor with all that's good.

George Washington

We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*

Thomas Jefferson (*The Declaration of Independence*.)

*Thomas Jefferson originally wrote, “We hold these truths to be sacred and undeniable.” Benjamin Franklin substituted the word “self-evident.” His one small change turned the statement from one based on religious beliefs, to one of pure rationality and logic.

S

Sanity

No doubt exists that all women are crazy; it's only a question of degree.

W. C. Fields

Science

I have been trying to point out that in our lives chance may have an astonishing influence and, if I may offer advice to the young laboratory worker, it would be this—never to neglect an extraordinary appearance or happening.

Sir Alexander Fleming

The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance.

Benjamin Franklin

I have seen the science I worshiped, and the aircraft I loved, destroying the civilization I expected them to serve.

Charles Lindbergh

I am an expert of electricity. My father occupied the chair of applied electricity at the state prison.
W. C. Fields

Self-Discipline

In reading the lives of great men, I found that the first victory they won was over themselves . . . self-discipline with all of them came first.
Harry S. Truman

With self-discipline most anything is possible.
Theodore Roosevelt

Self-Sufficiency

If you would have a faithful servant, and one that you like, serve yourself.
Benjamin Franklin

Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work.
Booker T. Washington

The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight.
Theodore Roosevelt

We can continue to try and clean up the gutters all over the world and spend all of our resources looking at just the dirty spots and trying to make them clean. Or we can lift our eyes up and look into the skies and move forward in an evolutionary way.

Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin

All my children have spoken for themselves since they first learned to speak, and not always with my advance approval, and I expect that to continue in the future.

Gerald R. Ford

Those who want the Government to regulate matters of the mind and spirit are like men who are so afraid of being murdered that they commit suicide to avoid assassination.

Harry S. Truman

Poverty is uncomfortable; but nine times out of ten the best thing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim.

James A. Garfield

Do well and you will have no need for ancestors.

Voltaire

The March King

“My religion lies in my composition.”

~John Philip Sousa, Hiram Lodge No. 10, Washington, D. C.

John Philip Sousa was surrounded by music from the time he was born. He was passionate about it from the beginning. As a boy, he accompanied his father, who was a member of the U.S. Marine band, to Gettysburg. There he saw President Abraham Lincoln deliver the famous “Gettysburg Address.”



Sousa apprenticed in the U.S. Marine band. During the seven years he served his apprenticeship, he learned to play all the wind instruments. He also received advanced musical training.

He was far more interested in composing music than playing it. Remembered today as the man who wrote the soundtrack for American culture, John Philip Sousa wrote an incredible 136 marches, as well as 15 operettas and 70 popular songs.

Sousa would return to the the U.S. Marine band. As director, he performed at many White House functions and official events. He became close friends with five Presidents, the closest being President Garfield, who was a member of the same Masonic Lodge as Sousa.

To this day, Sousa’s music is still a part of many parades and Fourth of July celebrations. In 1987, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill making his most enduring march, “Stars and Stripes Forever,” the national march.

Senate

If you're hanging around with nothing to do and the zoo is closed, come over to the Senate. You'll get the same kind of feeling and you won't have to pay.

Bob Dole

When they call the roll in the Senate, the Senators do not know whether to answer "Present" or "Not guilty."

Theodore Roosevelt

Sex

Hell, if I'd jumped on all the dames I'm supposed to have jumped on, I'd have had no time to go fishing.

Clark Gable

Love is three quarters curiosity.

Giacomo Casanova

It is one of the superstitions of the human mind to have imagined that virginity could be a virtue.

Voltaire

Some things are better than sex, and some are worse, but there's nothing exactly like it.

W. C. Fields

Sincerity

Any emotion, if it is sincere, is involuntary.

Mark Twain

Speaking

As we must account for every idle word, so must we account for every idle silence.

Benjamin Franklin

Be sincere; be brief; be seated.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

When a man is asked to make a speech, the first thing he has to decide is what to say.

Gerald R. Ford

It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech.

Mark Twain

There are two things that are more difficult than making an after-dinner speech: climbing a wall which is leaning toward you and kissing a girl who is leaning away from you.

Sir Winston Churchill

Sports

What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive.

Arnold Palmer

I know I am getting better at golf because I am hitting fewer spectators.

Gerald R. Ford

I have observed that baseball is not unlike a war, and when you come right down to it, we batters are the heavy artillery.

Ty Cobb

The income tax has made liars out of more Americans than golf.

Will Rogers

Success

Applause waits on success.

Benjamin Franklin

If you've got talent and perseverance, and fate is willing to lend an occasional hand, the rest will take care of itself.

Ernest Borgnine

Success in life is founded upon attention to the small things rather than to the large things; to the every day things nearest to us rather than to the things that are remote and uncommon.

Booker T. Washington

The person who makes a success of living is the one who sees his goal steadily and aims for it unswervingly. That is dedication.

Cecil B. DeMille

The only reason they come to see me is that I know that life is great, and they know I know it.

Clark Gable

All of us are born for a reason, but all of us don't discover why. Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others.

Danny Thomas

There's no one to stop you but yourself.

Dave Thomas

Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak, and esteem to all.

George Washington

My father was not a failure. After all, he was the father of a president of the United States.

Harry S. Truman

Before everything else, getting ready is the secret of success.

Henry Ford

It has been my observation that most people get ahead during the time that others waste.

Henry Ford

After you get what you want you don't want it.

Irving Berlin

There are basically two types of people. People who accomplish things, and people who claim to have accomplished things. The first group is less crowded.

Mark Twain

There are only two tragedies in life: one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it.

Oscar Wilde

If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it, I know I can achieve it.

Reverend Jesse Jackson

Every dream I've ever had in life has come true ten times over.

Steve Wozniak

The most successful politician is he who says what the people are thinking most often in the loudest voice.

Theodore Roosevelt

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then quit. There's no point in being a damn fool about it.

W. C. Fields

If there's a will, prosperity can't be far behind.

W. C. Fields

The real secret of success is enthusiasm.

Walter Chrysler

If you want to be successful, it's just this simple. Know what you are doing. Love what you are doing. And believe in what you are doing.

Will Rogers

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

Sir Winston Churchill

T

Talent

Anytime you do something from the heart,
people just know it.

Brad Paisley

An actor should be ready to play any role within
reason. For example, I think the most ridiculous thing
for me to do would be to try and play Shakespeare.

Glenn Ford

Talent is only the starting point.

Irving Berlin

Anybody can write music of a sort. But touching
the public heart is quite another thing.

John Philip Sousa

Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself, but
talent instantly recognizes genius.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Neither a lofty degree of intelligence nor imagination nor both together go to the making of genius. Love, love, love, that is the soul of genius.
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Taxes

The wisdom of man never yet contrived a system of taxation that would operate with perfect equality.
Andrew Jackson

There's just one thing I can't figure out. My income tax!
Nat King Cole

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.
Voltaire

Taxation without representation is tyranny.
James Otis

The only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.
Will Rogers

Truth

Philosophy is a kind of journey, ever learning yet never arriving at the ideal perfection of truth.

Albert Pike

The truth is found when men are free to pursue it.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains to bring it to light.

George Washington

We are masters of the unsaid words, but slaves of those we let slip out.

Sir Winston Churchill

Truth is the glue that holds government together.

Gerald R. Ford

I never did give anybody hell. I just told the truth and they thought it was hell.

Harry S. Truman

The truth will set you free, but first it will make you miserable.

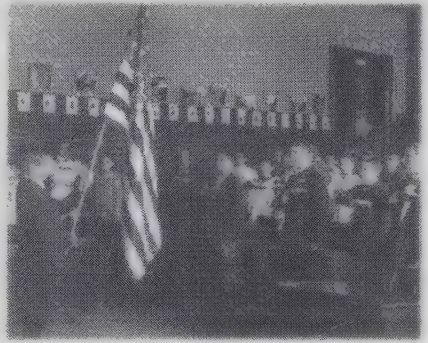
James A. Garfield

The Pledge

“I Pledge Allegiance to my Flag
and the Republic for which it stands,
one nation indivisible with liberty
and justice for all.”

~Francis Bellamy, Little Falls Lodge No. 181, New York

In 1892, Reverend Francis Bellamy wrote the original Pledge of Allegiance. It was published in a youth magazine to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. He wrote it so it could be recited in fifteen seconds. Its purpose was to promote American nationalism in public schools. It was immediately embraced by the nation as a show of national solidarity. Generations of school children have started their school day reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Pledge has undergone four small changes over the years. The last change in 1952 added the words “under God.” Because of those two words, the Pledge has come under fire in recent years as part of the debate over prayer in public schools.

The future of the Pledge of Allegiance is uncertain. In a case in Florida in 2006, a federal district court found that a law requiring school children to stand and recite the pledge violated the Constitution. There may soon be a day when this proud American tradition becomes obsolete in schools.

Any truth is better than indefinite doubt.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.

Sir Winston Churchill

Violence does, in truth, recoil upon the violent, and the schemer falls into the pit which he digs for another.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

There are truths which are not for all men, nor for all times.

Voltaire

A remark generally hurts in proportion to its truth.

Will Rogers

Tyranny

When a nation has allowed itself to fall under a tyrannical regime, it cannot be absolved from the faults due to the guilt of that regime

Winston Churchill

V

Vice

Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

Benjamin Franklin

The more things are forbidden, the more popular they become.

Mark Twain

I can resist everything except temptation.

Oscar Wilde

Moderation is a fatal thing. Nothing succeeds like excess.

Oscar Wilde

Use, do not abuse; neither abstinence nor excess ever renders man happy.

Voltaire

Now don't say you can't swear off drinking; it's easy. I've done it a thousand times.

W. C. Fields

I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me.

Sir Winston Churchill

Victory

War is a series of catastrophes which result in victory.

Albert Pike

You must play boldly to win.

Arnold Palmer

First gain the victory and then make the best use of it you can.

Lord Admiral Horatio Nelson

I never could stand losing. Second place didn't interest me. I had a fire in my belly.

Ty Cobb

In the time of darkest defeat, victory may be nearest.

William McKinley

Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory, there is no survival.

Sir Winston Churchill

Virtue

The virtues are lost in self-interest as rivers are lost in the sea.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.

George Washington

Virtue, study, and gaiety are three sisters who should not be separated.

Voltaire

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.

Mark Twain

Visionaries

The fellow that can only see a week ahead is always the popular fellow, for he is looking with the crowd. But the one that can see years ahead, he has a telescope but he can't make anybody believe that he has it.

Will Rogers

W

War

A war for a great principle ennobles a nation.

Albert Pike

Wars are not paid for in wartime, the bill comes later.

Benjamin Franklin

I've seen American soldiers bring hope and leave graves in every corner of the world. I've seen this nation overcome Depression and segregation and communism, turning back mortal threats to human freedom."

Bob Dole

In war, you win or lose, live or die—and the difference is just an eyelash.

Douglas MacArthur

Up men to your posts! Don't forget today that you are from old Virginia.

General George Pickett CSA

My first wish is to see this plague of mankind,
war, banished from the earth.

George Washington

Carry the battle to them. Don't let them bring it
to you. Put them on the defensive and don't ever apolo-
gize for anything.

Harry S. Truman

The first lesson is that you can't lose a war if you
have command of the air, and you can't win a war if
you haven't.

Jimmy Doolittle

An honorable Peace is and always was my first
wish! I can take no delight in the effusion of human
Blood; but, if this War should continue, I wish to have
the most active part in it.

John Paul Jones

We have to go in places no body would ever think
of going into were it not for the necessities of war.

Joshua Chamberlain

War should never be entered upon until every
agency of peace has failed.

William McKinley

Diplomats are just as essential to starting a war as soldiers are for finishing it . . . You take diplomacy out of war, and the thing would fall flat in a week.

Will Rogers

War is a contagion.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

To build may have to be the slow and laborious task of years. To destroy can be the thoughtless act of a single day.

Sir Winston Churchill

Wisdom

We have all the light we need, we just need to put it in practice.

Albert Pike

One sometimes finds what one is not looking for.

Sir Alexander Fleming

It is a damn poor mind indeed which can't think of at least two ways to spell any word.

Andrew Jackson

You must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessing.

Andrew Jackson

I never rooted against an opponent, but I never rooted for him either.

Arnold Palmer

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

Benjamin Franklin

I love any and all situations where you celebrate creativity.

Brad Paisley

If you play a tune and a person don't tap their feet, don't play the tune.

Count Basie

All you need for happiness is a good gun, a good horse, and a good wife.

Daniel Boone

If there are things you don't like in the world you grew up in, make your own life different.

Dave Thomas

The wise musicians are those who play what they can master.

Duke Ellington

The Friendship

“If Hitler invaded hell I would make at least a favorable reference to the devil in the House of Commons.”

~Sir Winston Churchill, Studholme Lodge No. 1591, England

Just a few days after Adolph Hitler invaded Poland in 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote a brief message to Winston Churchill. These two men recognized the ominous threat Hitler represented, and that formed the basis for one of the most important friendships in history.



FDR had his own problems—as strongly as he felt about the German threat, Americans strongly believed they should stay out of the war. As Hitler turned his attention to England, FDR was forced to make some difficult choices—stand by and watch as the *Luftwaffe* bombed the island nation as it struggled to defend itself or give the British at least a fighting chance, regardless of the consequences. Roosevelt openly violated the 1935 Neutrality Act by providing the British with 50 destroyers. It was FDR’s policy to offer “all aid short of war.” But that would soon change. After Pearl Harbor, the American sentiment changed overnight, and America prepared to go to war.

FDR and Churchill, along with Joseph Stalin, joined forces against Hitler, and the tide began to turn. D-Day marked the beginning of Hitler’s end. But sadly, Franklin D. Roosevelt died shortly before the end of the war, and he was unable to celebrate the Allied victory with his friend and brother Mason, Winston Churchill.

Ben Franklin may have discovered electricity—
but it is the man who invented the meter who made the
money.

Chief Justice Earl Warren

Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners
of their own minds.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Remember you are just an extra in everyone
else's play.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let
those few be well tried before you give them your con-
fidence.

George Washington

It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.

George Washington

My brain is the key that sets my mind free.

Harry Houdini

You can never get all the facts from just one
newspaper, and unless you have all the facts, you can-
not make proper judgments about what is going on.

Harry S. Truman

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason why so few engage in it.

Henry Ford

Ideas control the world.

James A. Garfield

A little flattery will support a man through great fatigue.

James Monroe

If we should have to fight, we should be prepared to do so from the neck up instead of from the neck down.

Jimmy Doolittle

If you've got them by the balls their hearts and minds will follow.

John Wayne

One is never more on trial than in the moment of excessive good fortune.

Lew Wallace

A great poet is the most precious jewel of a nation.

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hey, wait a minute . . . I think that was the wabbit!

Mel Blanc (as Elmer Fudd)

Whenever people agree with me I always feel I must be wrong.

Oscar Wilde

Any kid will run any errand for you, if you ask at bedtime.

Red Skelton

Never look backwards or you'll fall down the stairs.

Rudyard Kipling

There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young.

Theodore Roosevelt

Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers.

Voltaire

Set up another case bartender! The best thing for a case of nerves is a case of Scotch.

W. C. Fields

We can't all be heroes, because somebody has to sit on the curb and applaud when they go by.

Will Rogers

Never hold discussions with the monkey when the organ grinder is in the room.

Sir Winston Churchill

Women

Men always want to be a woman's first love—women like to be a man's last romance.

Oscar Wilde

My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."

Red Skelton

A woman's guess is much more accurate than a man's certainty.

Rudyard Kipling

I hate women because they always know where things are.

Voltaire

Women are like elephants. I like to look at 'em, but I wouldn't want to own one.

W. C. Fields

Money and women are the most sought after and the least known about of any two things we have.

Will Rogers

XYZ

Zeal

Enthusiasm for a cause sometimes warps judgment.

William Taft

That's all folks !!!

~Mel Blanc (as Porky Pig)

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Buchanan, James	Lancaster Lodge No. 43, Pennsylvania
Cannon, Joseph "Uncle Joe"	Raised a Master Mason in Shelbyville Lodge, Illinois. Later a member of Olive Branch Lodge No. 38, Danville, Illinois
Casanova, Giacomo	Believed to have entered Freemasonry in Lyons, France in 1750
Chamberlain, Joshua	United Lodge No. 8, Brunswick, Maine
Chrysler, Walter	unknown
Churchill, Winston	Studholme Lodge No 1591, England
Cobb, Ty	Royston Lodge No. 426, Detroit, Michigan
Cody, William "Buffalo Bill"	Platte Valley Lodge No. 15, Nebraska
Cohan, George M.	Pacific Lodge No. 223, California
Cole, Nat King	Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49, PHA Los Angeles, California.
Crockett, Davy	Made a Master Mason in Weakly County, Tennessee.
Crosby, Norm	Euclid Lodge, Massachusetts
DeMille, Cecil B.	Prince of Orange Lodge No. 16, New York
Dixon, George E.	Mobile Lodge No. 40, Mobile, Alabama
Dole, Bob	Russell Lodge No. 177, Russell, Kansas

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Doolittle, Jimmy	Hollenbeck Lodge No. 319, Los Angeles, California
Doyle, Arthur Conan	Phoenix Lodge No. 257, England
Dubois, W.E.B.	Widow's Son Lodge No. 1, PHA, Connecticut
Ellington, Duke	Social Lodge No. 1, PHA, Washington, D.C.
Farragut, Duke	Lodge unknown, but believed to have been made a Mason on the Island of Malta in 1818
Fields, W. C.	E. Coppee Mitchell Lodge No. 936, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Fleming, Alexander	Grand Officer, England
Ford, Gerald R.	Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Ford, Glenn	Palisades Lodge #637 & Riviera Lodge #780, California
Ford, Henry	Palestine Lodge No. 357, Detroit, Michigan
Franklin, Benjamin	St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Gable, Clark	Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528, Beverly Hills, California
Garfield, James	Columbus Lodge No. 246, Ohio
Glenn, John	Concord Lodge No. 688, Concord, Ohio
Goldwater, Barry	Arizona Lodge No. 2, Arizona
Harding, Warren G.	Marion Lodge No. 70, Ohio
Helms, Jesse	Grand Lodge of North Carolina
Henry, Patrick	Believed to be a member of Tappahannock Lodge, Virginia
Hoover, J. Edgar	Federal Lodge No. 1, Washington, D.C.
Houdini, Harry	St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, New York, New York
Houston, Sam	Holland Lodge No. 36, Louisiana
Ives, Burl	Magnolia Lodge No. 242, California.
Jackson, Andrew	Harmony Lodge No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee. Past Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee.
Jackson, Jesse	Harmony Lodge No. 8, PHA, Illinois
Jefferson, Thomas	Controversial where he was made a Mason, or if he was a Mason at all, but known to have attended meeting at the Lodge of the Nine Sisters in Paris, France.
Jolson, Al	St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, New York, New York
Jones, John Paul	St. Bernards Lodge No. 122, Kirkudbright, Scotland
Kipling, Rudyard	Hope and Esperance Lodge No. 782, India
LaFayette, Marquis de	unknown, believed to have been raised a Master Mason in a military lodge at Valley Forge
Lindbergh, Charles	Keystone Lodge No. 243, St. Louis, Missouri
MacArthur, Douglas	Manila Lodge No. 1, Philippines.
Marshall, George C.	Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia

Marshall, Thurgood	Coal Creek Lodge No. 88, PHA, Oklahoma
McGovern, George	Resugam Lodge No. 31, South Dakota
McKinley, William	Hiram Lodge No. 10, Winchester, West Virginia or possibly Hiram Lodge No. 21 Winchester, West Virginia
Monroe, James	Raised in St. John's Regimental Lodge, and later a member of Williamsburg Lodge No. 6, Williamsburg, Virginia
Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus	Lodge Zur Wohltatigkeit, Austria
Murphy, Audie	North Hollywood Lodge No. 542, Hollywood, California
Nelson, Horatio	Unknown
Otis, James	St. John's Lodge, Boston Massachusetts
Paisley, Brad	Hiram Lodge No. 4, Franklin, Tennessee
Palmer, Arnold	Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, Pennsylvania
Pickett, George	Dove Lodge No. 51, Virginia
Pike, Albert	Western Star Lodge No. 2, Little Rock, Arkansas
Polk, James K.	Columbia Lodge No. 31, Columbia, Tennessee
Pryor, Richard	Henry Brown Lodge No. 22, PHA, Illinois
Putman, Israel	Made a Master Mason in a British Military Lodge. Later a member of Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Connecticut
Revere, Paul	St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts
Rickenbacker, Eddie	Kilwinning Lodge No. 297, Detroit, Michigan
Rogers, Will	Claremore Lodge No. 53, Claremore, Oklahoma
Rogers, Roy	Hollywood Lodge No. 355, Hollywood, California
Roosevelt, Franklin D.	Holland Lodge No. 8, New York, New York
Roosevelt, Theodore	Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay, New York
Sanders, Harlan	Henryville, Lodge No. 651, Henryville, Indiana
Sibelius, Jean	Suomi Lodge No. 1, Finland
Skelton, Red	Vincennes Lodge NO. 1, Vincennes, Indiana
Sousa, John Philip	Hiram Lodge No. 10, Washington, D. C.
Taft, William	Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, Ohio
Thomas, Danny	Grand Lodge of New Jersey
Thomas, Dave	Sol D. Bayliss Lodge No. 359, Indiana
Truman, Harry S.	Belton Lodge No. 450, Belton, Missouri. Past Grand Master of Masons in Missouri.
Twain, Mark	Polar Star Lodge No. 79, St. Louis, Missouri
Voltaire	Lodge of the Nine Sisters, France
Wallace, George C.	Grand Lodge of Alabama

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Wallace, Lew	Fountain Head Lodge No. 60, Covington, Indiana
Warren, Earl	Grand Lodge of California
Warren, Joseph	St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts
Washington, Booker T.	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, PHA
Washington, George	Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia (now known as Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4)
Wayne, John	Marion McDaniel Lodge No. 56, Tucson, Arizona
Wilde, Oscar	Apollo University Lodge #357, Oxford, England
Wozniak, Steve	Charity Lodge No. 362, Campbell, California
Wynn, Ed	Philadelphia Lodge No. 9, Pennsylvania

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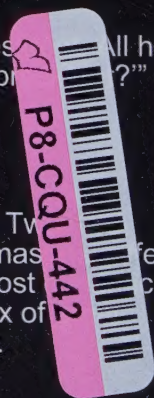
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