



HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

July 2020

President's Letter

First of all, let me start by wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Summer. We are at the half way point in the year and it's hard to believe the HBA continues to survive in these confusing, convoluted, and sometimes we all feel like we are being "con'ed". We were very successful with the 2020 Tour of Homes, considering the many obstacles and challenges walking into the event. There was great traffic and people were ready to see new homes.

Your staff and board members have worked hard to keep each of you informed of the changes our industry faces. The new building codes, energy codes, as well as tighter restrictions on storm water regulations are a just a few issues we must deal with collectively. Many of you attended the June General Membership Meeting and thanks go out to City of Florence employees Jerry Dudley, Planning Director and Eddie Weaver, Engineer who shared current projects in the City. And then listened to concerns regarding Water Department issues.

The national, state and local statistics show that new residential home sales have increased significantly in the past few months. This trend is a welcome sign that housing seems to be strong. We have a very desirable market here in the Pee Dee region that offers affordable housing in all priced markets. The summer buying market is in full swing right now.

Have a great summer...

One Vision.....One Voice

Eric Blackburn 2020 President of HBA of the Greater Pee Dee

General Membership Meeting

There will Not be a Meeting in July



2020 Calendar of Events

HBA Greater Pee Dee

July



4th

- 14 HBA Board of Directors
The Palmetto Room @ 12 Noon
- 22 HBA Scholarship Interviews

August

- 11 HBA Board of Directors
The Palmetto Room @ 12 Noon
- 20 General Membership Meeting
12 Noon @ The Palmetto Room

September

- 8 HBA Board of Directors
The Palmetto Room @ 12 Noon
- 17 Tentative Golf Tournament
- 20 General Membership Meeting
12 Noon @ The Palmetto Room

October

- 13 HBA Board of Directors
HBA Office @ 12 Noon
- 29 Clay Shoot

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS THOUGHTS AND NOTES:

Excerpts from President Calvin Coolidge: As we meet to

celebrate the birthday of America. It is to pay our tribute of reverence and respect to those who participated in such a mighty event that we annually observe the fourth day of July. At the end of **244 years** we unite in coming to an acknowledgement of a service so great, which a few inspired men here rendered to humanity, that it is still the important support of free government throughout the world. It is not so much then for the purpose of undertaking to proclaim new theories and principles that this annual celebration is maintained, but rather to reaffirm and reestablish those old theories and principles which time and the unerring logic of events have demonstrated to be sound.

We are obliged to conclude that the **Declaration of Independence** represented the movement of a people. It was in no sense a rising of the oppressed and downtrodden. It brought no scum to the surface, for the reason that colonial society had developed no scum. The great body of the people were accustomed to privations, but they were free from depravity. If they had poverty, it was not of the hopeless kind that afflicts great cities, but the inspiring kind that marks the spirit of the pioneer. The American Revolution represented the informed and mature convictions of a great mass of independent, liberty-loving, God-fearing people who knew their rights, and possessed the courage to dare to maintain them.

The Declaration of Independence was the result of the seasoned and deliberate thought of the dominant portion of the people of the Colonies. It was in no sense a radical movement but took on the dignity of a resistance to illegal usurpations. It was conservative and represented the action of the colonists to maintain their constitutional rights which from time immemorial had been guaranteed to them under the law of the land.

It was not because it was proposed to establish a new nation, but because it was proposed to establish a nation on new principles, that July 4, 1776, has come to be regarded as one of the greatest days in history. Great ideas do not burst upon the world unannounced. They are reached by a gradual development over a length of time usually proportionate to their importance.

No one can examine this record and escape the conclusion that in the great outline of its principles the Declaration was the result of the religious teachings of the preceding period. They are found in the texts, the sermons, and the writings of the early colonial clergy who were earnestly undertaking to instruct their congregations in the great mystery of how to live. They preached equality because they believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. They justified freedom by the text that we are all created in the divine image, all partakers of the divine spirit. This was the purpose which the fathers cherished. In order that they might have freedom to express these thoughts and opportunity to put them into action, whole congregations with their pastors had migrated to the colonies. These great truths were in the air that our people breathed. Whatever else we may say of it, the Declaration of Independence was profoundly American.

In its main features the Declaration of Independence is a great spiritual document. It is a declaration not of material but of spiritual conceptions. Equality, liberty, popular sovereignty, the rights of man these are not elements which we can see and touch. They are ideals. They have their source and their roots in the religious convictions. They belong to the unseen world. Unless the faith of the American people in these religious convictions is to endure, the principles of our Declaration will perish.

Governments do not make ideals, but ideals make governments. The people have to bear their own responsibilities. There is no method by which that burden can be shifted to the government. It is not the enactment, but the observance of laws, that creates the character of a nation.

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