

# *MM — Thanksgiving Season in Corvallis — November 12, 2017*

## CONSERVATIVES UNITE!

It's way past time for me to write something. Actually I've written a pile of pages. It's time for me to actually pull the trigger and send something.

Procrastination? Or ... ?

I have two major accomplishments since last spring. First was the completion of a yacht-tender with Max. It is sometimes called a dinghy. Looks good.

Second was completion of a well-pump house on Veteran's Day. Max helped me finish that project as well. There was more heavy work involved than I expected. It was just one of a number "remember that you're not 85 anymore" projects.

You can do a lot of thinking while working with your hands — and back. I merely list a few of my thoughts to leave room for readers to fill in the missing parts.

**I am surprised to announce that I am a conservative.** Color me on the side of caution.

**For instance I think we ought to agree** that perhaps the 98% of scientists might actually be right about climate change and that humans are a part of the problem. Better be safe than sorry.

**I agree that it would be better to prevent** unwanted pregnancies than to make abortion illegal. So I send a check to Planned Parenthood to continue their many contributions to reproductive health. Just my conservative view.

**I propose that before anyone is allowed** to participate in a public demonstration for or against any cause they should produce proof that they voted or are registered to vote. I asked, How many people actually voted in 2016?

*“As a percentage of eligible voters, Clinton received 28.43% (65,845,063) of all votes compared to Trump's 27.20% (62,980,160) and Did Not Vote's 44.37% (102,731,399).”*

My conservative idea is that if you don't vote you can't demonstrate.

**Also, if having everyone armed** with weapons is actually necessary for safety and protection what right does anyone have to tell an unstable dictator in North Korea he can't have a nuclear weapon too? On the other hand my conservative position is that the NRA mentality should not set the standard for our domestic policy or our foreign policy.

**Finally I think we should re-affirm our** Founder's position on the separation of church and state. Too many appointments in national office are dominated by conservative Christians. I do not think an Islamic State is good. I do not think a Christian State is good either. I'm conservative.

Maybe I should go back to building a boat...or a well-pump house.

For the Moment...