

## **Outstanding Speakers Address the Constitution Party of Utah State Convention**

The 2006 state convention of the Constitution Party of Utah was an overwhelming success. This year's convention was held on Saturday, 20 May 2006, at the American Heritage School in South Jordan, Utah. There were over 500 registered delegates to the convention, of which well over 300 were in attendance, making it not only the largest convention in the state party's history but, perhaps the largest third-party convention ever held in the state of Utah. In addition, this was the largest state convention in the history of the national Constitution Party.

During the convention, 52 candidates were nominated to vie against the candidates of the other major parties for numerous county commission posts, state house and state senate seats, as well as for three seats in the United States House of Representatives and one seat in the United States Senate. This is the largest field of Constitution Party candidates in any state in America.

After the nominations were ratified by the delegates, time was given to each of the candidates for federal office to make acceptance speeches. Following the speeches by the four Congressional candidates, keynote speaker Rick Jore addressed the convention. Rick was the first Constitution Party Candidate ever to serve in a state legislature. It was also Rick who came to Utah in August of 2001 to officially help organize the Constitution Party here in the state. At that first meeting there were less than 40 people in attendance, so Rick was most impressed by the progress the party has made. He is running for election to the Montana State Legislature again this year and is considered the favorite to win the race. Frank Fluckiger, state chairman of the Constitution Party of Utah, gave the closing remarks for the morning session of the convention.

### **Mark Hudson, Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District**

Mr. Hudson opened his remarks by saying "What do you say to sending Constitution Party representatives to Congress? The media will not be able to ignore us. We can do it!"

Commenting on the growth of the Constitution Party of Utah, Mr. Hudson noted, "Last year we had 125 people at the state convention. This year we have over 300. What great progress the principles of freedom have made!"

He then spoke about the issues that will be a major factor in his campaign. To begin with, he identified the security of our borders as an issue on which to capitalize. He explained that the Founding Fathers established a Constitutional Republic, not a

democracy. Our rights are granted by God, not the government. Many people in the government, including Utah politicians, believe that our God-given rights include entitlements, such as full employment, guaranteed health care, free education, and so forth. Such luxuries are benefits of freedom and of the system of capitalism. They are not inherent rights. Departure from the Constitution is the source of every ill we now experience as a society.

Speaking of the current rhetoric surrounding democratic government and America's current campaign to spread democracy throughout the world, Mr. Hudson cited historical authority, which states that a true democracy cannot long survive. Democracy always collapses from weak fiscal principles. Democratic governments eventually devolve into funding themselves by taking from one man by force that which he has worked to earn. As soon as the people realize that they can vote themselves a largess from the public coffers, their democracy is doomed.

Mr. Hudson further explained that U.S. involvement in alliances is central to our problems. The United Nations, NAFTA, CAFTA, and other outside organizations are trying to remove our sovereignty. He said that for the "globalist" agenda to succeed, they must get rid of nationalist borders. Only when our national borders are erased can the New World Order take full control. Free trade pacts, such as NAFTA and CAFTA, benefit corporations in other countries. They do not benefit the U.S. economy, nor do they benefit the farmers in other countries. In fact, over a million small farmers in Mexico have lost their farms since NAFTA was instituted.

It was Utah's own Rob Bishop, Mr. Hudson noted, who cast the deciding vote in the House of Representatives for CAFTA. Originally, Mr. Bishop had vowed to vote against CAFTA. However, at the last minute, he changed his vote and broke the tie, which has entangled the United States in yet another alliance. Mr. Bishop is reported to have said that there was great pressure on him to vote with his party, rather than for his principles. "Party over principle" is the ever-present watch word by which too many of our elected officials live.

Mr. Hudson then enumerated the actions that he plans to take when elected to Congress. He said his first order of business will be to get the United States out of the U.N.

Regarding the currently hot topic of immigration reform, Mr. Hudson stated that existing laws are sufficient to secure our borders if they were enforced. He said the Constitution Party is the only party that believes illegal immigration is illegal.

According to Mr. Hudson's research, the U.S. takes in over one million illegal immigrants a year, more than all other countries combined. Our taking in illegal immigrants will not solve the world's poverty. Illegals should go back to their homes and petition their own governments for redress, not petition the U.S. government.

The U.S. Constitution requires the federal government to protect the sovereign states from invasion. Mr. Hudson noted that "the equivalent of four military divisions of illegal

aliens come across our borders every week and plant their flag on our soil. That is an invasion.”

Commenting on the political agility of the current president, Mr. Hudson pointed out that President Bush promised that he would not support amnesty for illegal aliens. But now he supports it. The Republican president has pushed for lower spending on border security, and he has not spent all that has been budgeted for border security. Mr. Hudson outlined the Senate plan for immigration “reform”: Amnesty for twelve million illegal aliens, an increase in legal immigration from one million to two million a year, and the start of a “guest worker” program that will allow 400,000 more immigrants to enter this country the first year with twenty percent increases every year thereafter.

We must stop the invasion immediately, Mr. Hudson said, or we will lose everything.

We are a nation of legal immigrants, he pointed out, but the number of immigrants we now allow is not sustainable. We must reduce legal immigration to 300,000 a year. We spend \$5 billion a week to keep ourselves “safe”, yet we leave our borders unprotected. Mr. Hudson demands that we pull our troops out of other countries to protect our own country.

He further commented that English is the language of our nation. Immigrants must have a working knowledge of English. We must not allow immigrants to bring diseases into our country that we have spent generations eliminating. Someone other than the government must be financially responsible for immigrants.

Regarding taxation and fiscal responsibility, Mr. Hudson will work to repeal the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which has been interpreted to authorize the federal income tax and the IRS, and will work to restore the principle of tariffs to fund government spending. We must stop the fiscal insanity or the Republic will be gone. But we cannot change the tax structure if the spending structure does not change. Congress does not need \$2.7 trillion to fund *constitutionally authorized* needs. It is the spending on unconstitutional programs that is bankrupting our nation and its economy. According to Mr. Hudson, every elected representative from Utah is a deficit spender. They are voting today to increase our taxes in the future.

Congress must return to constitutional principles. Neither major political party is willing to do this, decried Mr. Hudson. Our officials believe that government is the “provider of all good things.”

We must stop voting for the lesser of two evils, Mr. Hudson demanded. We will never have hope for a change until we vote “principles over politics”. Help us to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, he pleaded.

## **W. David Perry, Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District**

David Perry opened his remarks by commenting on the spirit of freedom and enthusiasm that had been present in the many county conventions that he had attended, leading up to today's state convention. He wondered if the same spirit would be present in the much larger state convention. Indeed it is, he said.

"The Founding Fathers' jobs are not finished. We are getting help from the other side," Mr. Perry stated.

He said the Founding Fathers established the Constitution for one purpose – to ensure individual freedom. The Constitution Party supports the original intent of the Constitution. Government does not need to legislate and fund lifestyles, sinful or otherwise. Its sole purpose is to protect rights of citizens.

Mr. Perry introduced the theme for his campaign: "knowledge is power".

America was founded as a Christian nation, according to Mr. Perry. Thirty-four percent of recorded statements by the Founding Fathers in discussing the formation of the United States and the establishment of the Constitution came from the Bible. They quoted the Bible more than any other source as they framed the Constitution.

"But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren" (Luke 22:32) quoted Mr. Perry, saying that this is what we need to be about. When we are converted to the cause of liberty and the Constitution, we must convert and strengthen those around us.

Speaking of what is happening in our government today, Mr. Perry defined government control and ownership of the economy as forms of socialism, fascism, and communism. It may not be popular to use these terms regarding our government, but that is exactly where we are headed.

He taught the delegates that there are two ends of the political spectrum:

- Tyranny, either by oppressive laws or an oppressive ruler.
- Anarchy, which is the complete absence of law and rule.

The Constitution was designed to take the middle ground to protect us from both extremes, he said. However, our leaders and the courts today are pushing the Constitution dangerously close the tyrannical extreme. Too many facets of our private lives are being regulated by legislation, and too much power is being vested in the government and in certain individuals in the government.

Mr. Perry also spoke of the "vertical separation of powers." He described the vertical hierarchy of power as defined by the Constitution as a pyramid. The strongest, most potent power resides in the base of the pyramid. The farther up the period one moves, the

less powerful the agency. He defined the entities of the pyramid from top to bottom as follows:

Federal Government  
State Government  
City Government  
Family  
Individual

In this natural pyramid, the individual, as the base of the pyramid, is first and foremost. It is the individual's primary responsibility to take care of and provide for himself. Individuals form a family that works together for the protection and betterment of the family unit. When families live near each other, they form a city. To the city government is delegated powers to handle situations where individuals and families working alone would be less effective. Cities come together to form states, to which powers are granted to handle problems that the cities alone cannot handle. And finally, states combine to form a federation, where power is granted to cover situations that go beyond the capabilities of the states.

In this hierarchy, then, the majority of power and responsibility rests at the base, that is, with the individual and the family. The higher up the pyramid one goes, the more restricted the power and responsibility. The federal government at the apex should be the least powerful of all the entities in the hierarchy.

Today, however, our country is upside down in the vertical separation of powers, according to Mr. Perry. The federal government is not the least powerful, but rather the most powerful, organization in our society.

How do we get the knowledge we need to be empowered? Mr. Perry made two suggestions:

- Attend an Institute on the Constitution (IOTC) class. Classes are being sponsored in many communities in the state of Utah.
- Spread the word. Once we understand the principles of Constitutional government, we must share what we know with others.

Mr. Perry said that he recently talked to a woman who lost her job because of NAFTA. He told her: "I'm your man." And so he says to all voters in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of Utah who want the United States out of the trade alliances that are costing this country thousands of jobs every year: "I'm your man."

It is not easy, said Mr. Perry, to keep the Constitution in the middle ground between tyranny and anarchy, where it belongs. Thomas Jefferson expressed to George Washington his concern that there were people already in his day, almost before the ink was wet on the paper, who were trying to overthrow the Constitution with a more powerful form of federal government, which would lead the country ultimately to the very tyranny for which they had fought the Revolutionary War to throw off. Washington

responded that we would be fine as long as we stuck to the republican principles of the Constitution.

Speaking of the Democrats and Republicans against whom the Constitution Party candidates are running, Mr. Perry said, “Our opponents are good people, but they are under the pressure of their party. The political machine is the problem.” The Constitution Party candidates are not under such party pressure, noted Mr. Perry. The Constitution Party can bring the Constitution back into balance and keep it from tipping one way or the other.

He then quoted Thomas Jefferson, who said “A nation that expects to be ignorant and free, expects what never was and never will be.”

Returning again to the Bible, Mr. Perry quoted 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

“I humbly and earnestly pray for wisdom and knowledge to uphold the Constitution and its principles,” Mr. Perry said. We must take our knowledge and use it to vote wisely.

His concluding statement was, “American is awesome, and it is worth saving.”

### **Jim Noorlander, Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District**

Jim Noorlander opened his remarks by taking the audience back over two hundred years to the time when the United States was in its pre-natal state. On June 7, 1776, Mr. Noorlander reminded the delegates, Richard Henry Lee put a resolution before the Continental Congress to issue a declaration that America should be a free nation. After heated debate, the vote on Lee’s proposal for a “Declaration of Independence” was postponed until July 1. A special committee was appointed to draft a formal declaration. The greatest minds and pens of the age bent to the task. On July 1, the Declaration of Independence was presented to Congress, and the delegates debated the cause of freedom. As the time for debate drew to a close, John Adams rose to speak in favor of the Declaration. His eloquent words swayed the delegates.

By way of context for the bold actions being considered by Adams and his cohorts, Mr. Noorlander reminded the audience that 130 war ships lay at anchor in Boston harbor. Tens of thousands of British Regulars were ready at arms. A third of the citizens of the oppressed colonies was loyal to Britain and would fight against independence.

Knowing the overwhelming odds against success, John Adams spoke powerful, eloquent words:

“If it be the pleasure of Heaven that my country shall require the poor offering of my life, the victim shall be ready. But while I do live, let me have a country, or at least the hope of a country — and that a free country. But whatever may be our fate, be assured ... this declaration will stand. It may cost treasure, and it may cost blood; but it will stand, and it will richly compensate for both ... And live or die, survive or perish, I am for the declaration. It is my living sentiment, and, by the blessing of God, it shall be my dying sentiment: independence now, and independence forever!”

Immediately following the speech, reported Mr. Noorlander, the Congress accepted the Declaration of Independence.

Having reminded us of the great men who forged the United States out of thirteen enslaved colonies, Mr. Noorlander posed the question, Why did early American patriots remain true to the cause of freedom? Why did George Washington’s exhausted army stay together in Valley Forge during that bitter winter? The answer, according to Mr. Noorlander, was the character of Washington and the other Founding Fathers. There have never been better men on the face of the earth.

The Founding Fathers were men of high moral character, stated Mr. Noorlander. Many recent publications have accused them of being immoral and dishonest. But research of original documents show that this is not true. We have no reason to be ashamed of those whom God raised up to establish our government.

In the years that followed the establishment of America and the signing of the Constitution, this country became the “promised land” of all mankind, said Mr. Noorlander. Forty million Europeans came to the U.S. before 1920. On the surface, America had more social, political, and economic problems than the countries the immigrants left behind. But they came anyway. Were they looking for utopia? No, said Mr. Noorlander. They were looking for an opportunity to use their abilities in an atmosphere of freedom and self-reliance.

By contrast, Mr. Noorlander pointed out, many who come to our shores today are looking for socialistic principles of entitlement. There was no social safety net in the early days. People had the right to succeed, and they also the right to fail. They readily accepted the responsibility for the outcome. They came, not to change America, but to be changed by it. The demonstrators in our city streets today demand equality and security, not freedom. If we capitulate, Mr. Noorlander said, eventually we will lose equality, security, *and* freedom.

One of the greatest dangers in the US today, noted Mr. Noorlander, is the confusion between socialism (democracy) and freedom. The leaders of this nation like to use the word “democracy” to characterize our government and our society. Democracy, according to Mr. Noorlander’s definition, is where the people vote for rulers who use their absolute power to give the majority what they want. Those who complain against these rulers are considered disloyal. “Will the yoke of slavery sit more lightly on our

shoulders because it was held out by a million well-meaning men instead of one evil man?” Mr. Noorlander asked rhetorically.

The Founding Fathers feared democracy more than any other form of government, stated Mr. Noorlander. James Madison warned us against a government that would take the property of one man and sell it to another to fund the government.

Nowhere in our founding documents will we find the word “democracy”. We pledge allegiance to the *Republic* and its flag, Mr. Noorlander reminded the delegates.

The Constitution is a binding contract, he said. Just because the citizens of the independent states cannot or will not do something does not give the federal government the right to do it if the Constitution does not specifically grant the power.

Mr. Noorlander then explained why he joined the Constitution Party. If we are to expose the enemies of Christ, we must expose socialism as evil and wicked. It will destroy individuals and the nation. Both major parties have embraced socialism. Our society’s ills are the symptoms of a disease – socialism and communism. The more we embrace socialism, the more Godless we become. Every problem in the country today, Mr. Noorlander claimed, can be attributed to the Democratic and Republican parties. The politicians promise great things at the people’s own expense, and they become comfortable in their positions.

Is any man so weak as to hope they can reform the Democratic and Republican parties? Mr. Noorlander asked.

He characterized both parties as fast moving trains on a single track.

We need a restoration of the principles of the Founding Fathers, Mr. Noorlander believes. The Constitution Party stands for this restoration, he said. One cannot restore something unless he accepts the premise that it has been lost.

According to Mr. Noorlander, the crisis is not coming soon or even commencing. It is being decided right now. This election will make or break America.

There are men who want to expand our borders to create a North American Community. This will destroy everything the Founding Fathers created. The Constitution is truly hanging by a thread, said Mr. Noorlander.

Speaking of campaign tactics and the typical spirit of politics, Mr. Noorlander reminded everyone that God’s spirit does not abide where there is contention. He quoted President Gordon B. Hinckley as saying, “God will overrule. He is at the helm.”

We do not need to worry about the future as we work in the political arena, Mr. Noorlander reminded the delegates. We are in the hands of God. He is on schedule. Every promise he has made will be abundantly fulfilled. That is not to suggest that we will not

learn lessons we did not think we would have to learn. It is time to unite in the principles of liberty. The call is now.

He concluded with these words: "I believe the United States is a great nation, and it is worth saving."

## **Scott Bradley, Candidate for U.S. Senate**

"It is a great pleasure", Scott Bradley began, "to be here with great patriots who love this country." He warmly thanked the delegates for being in attendance and for supporting him.

In explaining what he was going to speak about, Mr. Bradley commented that his original plan to speak on the topic of the Patriot Act seemed too academic for the spirit of the meeting that had prevailed to that point. He noted that he is one of the few Americans who have read the entire Patriot Act. It shreds the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment, he said, and violates many other principles of freedom that are fundamental to the American way of life. But rather than dwell on the excesses of the Patriot Act, he said he wanted to speak about something a little less formal. He wanted to speak from the heart.

What brought me to this point? Mr. Bradley asked rhetorically. I never conceived of myself as a candidate. I always wanted to worship God and serve in his kingdom and provide for my family.

But we are led today, he said, by people who raise their arm to the square and take an oath to defend the Constitution but who put their oath aside as they conduct the affairs of this nation. I am appalled by the irresponsibility of our spending policies, Mr. Bradley said. Those who lead the nation are unwilling to limit themselves to the bounds of the Constitution on which the nation was founded.

Speaking briefly of abortion, he said that he sorrowed for the most helpless among us who are allowed to be killed because of "settled law". He decried the hypocrisy of the leaders and judges of the land who say they are personally against abortion, but they vote to keep it legal.

I am sorrowed, he continued, by the systematic removal of God from our nation in favor of an abominable civil religion.

The Constitution says Congress shall have power to declare war. Our legislators do not have the power to delegate that power to the president. Nevertheless, our Congress has done just that. The blood of our soldiers is shed on battlefields where we have no reason and no constitutional right to send them.

No one has the authority to violate the Constitution, Mr. Bradley reiterated. Our leaders have taken an oath. They should be held accountable for their honoring of that oath.

Turning his attention to trade alliances, Mr. Bradley stated that our nation's sovereignty is being eroded as we delegate our power over commerce to other countries through trade alliances such as NAFTA and CAFTA. Our delegates from Utah have led the charge in that effort to create alliances. Our leadership has been asleep at the wheel.

Commenting next on the issue of immigration, Mr. Bradley noted that Article 4, Section 4 of the Constitution requires the federal government to protect states from invasion. However, the government has abdicated its responsibility.

Mr. Bradley told the delegates that his studies of liberty have uncovered several core values. These values, he said, will drive his behavior in office. He enumerated his beliefs regarding government as follows:

- I believe that mankind receives our rights from God.
- I believe that mankind existed before mortal government and laws.
- I believe that God ordained proper government to protect the rights He established.
- I believe that law must be kept within the bounds God has set if mankind is to be free.
- I believe that under the inspiration of God, the framework of proper government was defined as this great Republic was founded.
- I believe that in a Republic, we must be righteous and virtuous if we are to be worthy of self-government.
- I believe that John Adams was right when he said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."
- I believe that proper government is duty-bound to frame and uphold law which will secure to each individual the free exercise of conscience, the right and control of property, and the protection of life.
- I believe that precious things have been lost from this nation, at least in common practice, and restoration is desperately needed.
- I believe that the nation may be brought back to greatness, where liberty may abound in peace and prosperity, by returning to, restoring, and abiding by the original intent of those who framed the United States Constitution.
- I believe that Americanism can be defined as: "The political doctrine that holds our creator as the supreme right-giver in society, and supports a very limited role for government power in the affairs of the people. It expects a high sense of duty, loyalty, and honor to God, family and country (and in that order)."

Mr. Bradley said, "I never sought for office. But I love this nation. I look at my grandchildren and see the trust in their eyes. They do not know what they can lose. Someone must step forward and protect them."

If this nation is to be saved, averred Mr. Bradley, many must step forward . We are not many, but we are a beginning. If not us, who? If not now, when? We must work to restore our liberty that the Founding Fathers paid for with treasure and blood.

Mr. Bradley concluded with this call to action: “If you like this kind of thinking, I ask for your sustaining vote on behalf of these principles, and I commit to you that these ‘Americanist’ principles will be my guiding light in this assignment. Please join with me and become a part of the growing vanguard in this glorious quest to reinstall in this nation a devotion to the cause of liberty which is embodied in both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.”

### **Rick Jore, Keynote Speaker, Candidate for the Legislature of Montana**

Following the acceptance speeches of the Utah candidates from the Constitution Party, invited guest speaker Rick Jore took the podium. He opened his remarks by saying, after having listened to the presentations by the preceding speakers, “We finally have federal candidates who are actually qualified to hold those offices. If you think I am implying that those who currently hold those offices are not qualified, you are correct.”

Mr. Jore spoke of his previous experience as a Republican legislator in his home state of Montana and how that experience led him to join the Constitution Party. He was first elected in 1994 as a Republican to the Montana legislature. After three terms, he said that he found that the Republican party does not live up to its principles.

Democracy, Mr. Jore explained, was never intended to be the form of government in this country. Our enemies hate absolutes, such as absolute right and wrong. The Constitution represents an absolute. Democracy, on the other hand, allows the people to change their minds. Everything is relative in a democracy. He commented that both parties expend great energy to prove that the other party is unfit to rule, and both parties are usually right.

Mr. Jore cited Edmond Burke, a member of the British Parliament under King George during the time when America was declaring its independence, as saying that the essence of freedom relies on self-government. “Men are qualified for civil liberty to the degree that they will place chains on their appetites. Men of intemperate minds can never be free.”

Speaking of the qualifications for leadership, Mr. Jore quoted an adage that says that a man cannot rule a nation until he can rule a province. He cannot rule a province until he can rule a city. He cannot rule a city until he can rule a village. He cannot rule a village until he can rule a family. And he cannot rule a family he can rule himself. That is the self-government that our Founders understood.

Referring to the coming political races ahead of the Utah candidates, Mr. Jore stated emphatically: We can win. We have a core of people that are looking for answers. But we have to run like we know we can win.

He returned to the reasons why he became involved in politics in Montana when he said that he never wanted to run for office. But there were too many bureaucrats in his pocketbook and controlling his property, he complained. He described himself as a radical, and taking the definition of “radical” literally, it means, he said, that he is getting to the root of the problem.

Mr. Jore then recounted the controversy surrounding his campaign on the Constitution Party ticket to retain his seat in the Montana legislature. When the votes were first counted on election night, he won the race by a single vote over his Democratic opponent, the Republican candidate finishing a distant third. Because of the closeness of the balloting, a recount was initiated. At the end of the recount, the ballots were in a dead tie between Mr. Jore and the Democrat. The election judges who conducted the recount, in the presence of all of the candidates, were unanimous in their decision. According to Montana law, in the case of a tie vote, the governor of the state appoints the winner. The governor appointed Mr. Jore to fill the seat. Not satisfied with the outcome, the Democratic party appealed the decision to the state supreme court, doing an end-run around the district court, which actually had jurisdiction. The state supreme court reviewed the ballots, which had been recounted and unanimously approved by the bipartisan election judges. The court decided to overturn a handful of votes for Mr. Jore, thus throwing the election to the Democrat and stripping Mr. Jore of his seat in the legislature. Then to add insult to injury, the court ordered Mr. Jore to pay the \$16,000 in attorneys’ fees that the Democratic party incurred in pursuing their suit. Mr. Jore has refused to pay the fees on principle, and he has refused all offers from others to help him pay.

Undaunted, Mr. Jore has filed to run again.

Referring to the pressure that political parties bring to bear on the politicians who are elected from their parties, he told of an experience that he had with such pressure from the Republican party. While he was filling one of his terms as a Republican in the Montana legislature, an important vote on a bill was coming up. The party leaders wanted solidarity from all party members on the vote. Mr. Jore, however, felt the measure under consideration was improper, inappropriate, and unconstitutional. After sitting through a barrage of criticism and brow beating by his fellow Republicans in a caucus meeting, Mr. Jore finally told them, “I did not take an oath to the Republican party. I took an oath to the constitution of the state of Montana and to the Constitution of the United States. If I break my oath, I am a perjurer, and I cannot sleep.”

The Republican party criticized Mr. Jore for not being a team player, he said. But the team he is supposed to be playing for, he concluded, is the people whom he represents.

## **Frank Fluckiger, State Chairman of the Constitution Party of Utah**

The concluding speaker of the morning session of the convention was Frank Fluckiger, the Utah state chairman of the Constitution Party.

He began his remarks with a question to the delegates: How have we gotten to this point in our nation? Answering his own question, he said that our country's ills are due to apathy and indifference. We cannot remain uninvolved in our government, he stated, and expect to remain a free people.

Mr. Fluckiger said that he believes God has touched the hearts of some key people in our country. Those people, in turn, have pricked our hearts, and now more of us are stepping forward.

According to Mr. Fluckiger, the Constitution Party is more than a party. It is a revolution.

He said, "I marvel at our growth. I know there are good people who need to hear our message. I am convinced that many good people have been held back to come forth today when we need them."

Describing how the Constitution Party has grown in the past four years in Utah, Mr. Fluckiger commented that doors have opened for us. People with Constitutional beliefs have moved to Utah. Many of our party leaders are transplants, he noted. Our candidates are the best that have run in decades. They did not volunteer, but the party asked them to run. They have prepared all their lives. It is humbling and gratifying to be associated with them, he said.

Calling the delegates to action, Mr. Fluckiger urged, "After all we can do, after we go to our knees, God will help, and more people will come forward. The constitution must be saved."

He then listed several things party members can do in support of the cause of the Constitution Party:

- 1) Donate generously to the candidates
- 2) Share the "Meet the Candidate" DVDs generously with friends and neighbors
- 3) Get the Constitution Party t-shirts and wear them
- 4) Get the Constitution Party car window stickers and display them
- 5) Educate ourselves on the principles and platform of the Constitution Party

We must rely on our members to get the word out, he said. The media will not help us.

Finally, as chairman of the state party organization, Mr. Fluckiger expressed deep gratitude to so many for their support in making the convention possible.

Following Mr. Fluckiger's remarks, additional convention business was concluded, after which the delegates broke for lunch. Following the lunch break, a training session was held for candidates and party members about how to run a successful campaign.