

## Redress of Grievances

John Owen, George Little, and that Morgan/Black wing of the Moore County Republicans have pulled a trick on other Republicans that they learned from liberal Democrats (probably from Jim Black himself).

You have all seen it in use and it goes something like this:

1. Accuse the other side of whatever misconduct you plan on doing. It will appear to be trumped up retaliation when they discover and report your own misconduct.
2. Throw as much filth as you can on the other side by lying accusation and implication. The truth never helps the cause anyway.
3. It doesn't matter how you play the game, it only matters that you win in spite of those stupid church folks and the idiots that listen to them.
4. Tell everyone that the church folks are prohibited from politics. Most people will believe you and especially so when you complete step #5.
5. Get the media to help you by publishing supporting propaganda, and make sure that all opposing views never see the light of day. The managing editor is best for this (Steve Bouser at The Pilot has thus far refused to print numerous letters to the editor from many different individuals for no other reason than they are in opposition to either the actions or the propaganda of the Owens/Little/Morgan faction. How is it that Steve Bouser, a liberal Democrat, supports and defends the Owens/Little/Morgan faction?).

John Owen visited the North Southern Pines precinct meeting in February of this year. In that meeting he insisted that my daughter was ineligible to be a delegate at the upcoming County Convention. He said this was so because she was not registered to vote on January 1, 2007. I responded that the only requirement in our Plan of Organization was that she be registered to vote by January 31, 2007, which she was. John Owen insisted that was not the case and that we must follow what the Board of Elections tells us; however, John was not able to tell any of us exactly what the Board of Election tells us. He declared that if she was not on the list of voters they had obtained on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month then she was ineligible. Having the County Plan of Organization in hand which stated otherwise, I said that she should be voted upon and the issue resolved by the credentials committee. John became adamant and told our precinct Chairman not to allow a vote on her nomination. She, being a member of the Owen/Little/Morgan faction was more than happy to oblige him.

Since the precinct meeting I have carefully investigated this matter with our County Board of Elections, the North Carolina Statutes, and our State and County Plans of Organization. The County Board of Elections issued my daughter a voter registration card having January 17, 2007 as the date of registration. The State Statutes make every provision for persons who will be 18 on the day of a general election to be registered in advance and able to vote (even voting in a primary while they are still 17). My daughter was registered to vote as a 17 year old and was 18 on the day our precinct meeting was held. The Board of Elections says nothing regarding party precinct elections. Our Plan

of Organization clearly states the qualifications for voting and participation in all matters of business taken up in precinct meetings. My daughter met the qualifications to participate in all precinct business, to vote, and to be voted upon to become a delegate and John Owen knew or should have known that. John Owen, a visitor, not a resident of our precinct, was not qualified to participate in any precinct business including the nomination and election of delegates. John Owen illegally and deliberately interfered with our precinct business and personally deprived my daughter, his own appointee, of her right and opportunity to be a delegate in the upcoming County, District, State, and National Republican Conventions, an opportunity she will not have again for at least four years.

John Owen appointed my daughter to head the Moore County Teenage Republicans for his last term. He has never had anything but good to say about her for this entire term. He let his desire to win reelection cause him to abandon the rule of law and the dictates of conscience to help guarantee that he would achieve his own self-serving ends. I have come to know that this is just the way he is.

John Owen ought to be ashamed of his actions while he visited our North Southern Pines precinct meeting and forced his way upon the members there, but he is not. George Little ought to be ashamed of his anger, threats, and other antics in his own Pinedene precinct meeting as he tried to force his own way there (as independently reported to me by my son-in-law, a member of the Pinedene precinct), but he is not. Richard Morgan ought to be ashamed of his associations and actions in and out of our state legislature as he sought and seeks to reward himself and his friends and punish his adversaries, but he is not. If you support what John Owen did in our precinct meeting, shame on you too. If you support what George Little did in his precinct meeting and in our County Convention, shame on you too. If you support what Richard Morgan and Jim Black and their cohorts did in, to, and outside of our legislature, shame, shame, shame on you too!

I am a Christian and I am offended by godless liberals who attack and try to muzzle Christians, and it seems they do it every day; but, I expect that kind of behavior from them. What I never expected is to be so greatly offended by our fellow Republicans in this County who either name the name of Christ or who are anticipating the first advent of the promised Christ and who see nothing wrong with eviscerating a particular local Christian church (not their own) simply because many of its members are active in Republican politics and opposed to immoral and unethical behavior like that which I have enumerated. Such behavior and the approval of it (and perhaps even the directing of it) by our elected party leaders goes well beyond the pale. This sort of behavior and the condoning of it is an utter disgrace. It dishonors all that is Republican and it is ignominy to all those having participated in it. Clearly they have forsaken the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you", in favor of their new rules. Shame, shame, shame on them all.

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