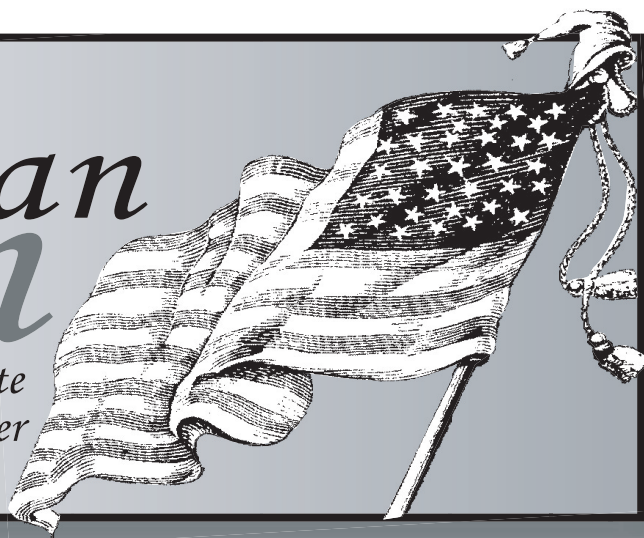


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## GUBERNATORIAL RACE SETS RECORDS, WINS PARTY STATUS

Ken Krawchuk, the 2002 Libertarian candidate for Pennsylvania Governor, declared November's election a "great victory" for the Libertarian Party, citing record gains on all fronts, and the attainment of legal Minor Party status for the Libertarians in Pennsylvania.

"The almost 41,000 Pennsylvanians who voted Libertarian brought us a great victory today", Krawchuk told a crowd of about 70 supporters at Valley Forge on election night. "We reached our most important goal: legal party status. By our attracting so large a vote, voters can now register as Libertarians all across the state, not just in certain counties. A Libertarian column will appear on all voting machines alongside the two old parties' names, even if we don't run a candidate. We also get exclusive rights to the Libertarian name, and can appoint candidates to special elections without having to collect any signatures. We Libertarians are getting the respect we deserve."

State law grants "minor party" status when any political body receives 2% of the winner's vote total in any statewide race. Krawchuk received about 2.14% of Ed Rendell's total. Achieving minor party status was one of the avowed purposes of Krawchuk's campaign.

In addition to achieving the next level of political success in the eyes of the law, numerous Pennsylvania Libertarian party records were broken. The 1.14% percentage of the vote is the highest for any of our Libertarian gubernatorial candidates ever, as is the raw number of 40,923 votes. There were a record-breaking four debates televised statewide, with two of those also broadcast nationally on C-SPAN. Libertarian TV commercials were aired statewide hundreds of times, another first for our gubernatorial candidates. The campaign also received national press on several occasions for the imaginative way the Libertarian message was presented. Everything considered, it was a banner year for the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania.

The 40,923 votes represent an increase of over 7,000 votes from the 1998 gubernatorial race, and a slight increase in percentage to 1.14%, both being new records for the Pennsylvania Libertarian Party. Since we beat the other third-party candidate (a.k.a., "The Green Guy"), the Libertarian Party will occupy the third column on all voting machines in the next governor's race, even if we run no candidate.

The media attention that the gubernatorial campaign received in 2002 was also unprecedented.

Krawchuk's tactic of ripping up a dollar bill to demonstrate wasteful spending received national attention, and even prompted Republican Mike Fisher to call a special press conference to respond. Krawchuk's acerbic one-liners were quoted far and wide, with one of them being singled out by the Associated Press as Pennsylvania's most quotable soundbite of the 2002 campaign. What was the soundbite?

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### GUBERNATORIAL VOTE TOTALS

Democrat Ed Rendell: 1,913,235 (53.4%)  
Republican Mike Fisher: 1,589,408 (44.4%)  
Libertarian Ken Krawchuk: 40,923 (1.14%)  
Green Michael Morrill: 38,423 (1.07%)

The total of 3,581,989 votes cast represents about 38 percent of the 9.4 million Pennsylvanians old enough to vote.

# KRAWCHUK APPOINTED STATE CHAIR

KEN KRAWCHUK, THE 2002 LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR, WAS APPOINTED CHAIR OF THE STATE LIBERTARIAN PARTY BY THE PARTY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THEIR MEETING IN HARRISBURG ON DECEMBER 7TH.

Outgoing Chair John Storey of Lemoyne near Harrisburg reluctantly resigned as Chair when business required him to relocate to Tennessee. Krawchuk was originally nominated in September, but in order to concentrate better on the gubernatorial race, he asked John to stay on as Chair until after the election. In the interim, John ran the Pennsylvania party from Tennessee via the Internet.

Since he took office last year, John Storey has worked to reorganize the state party, and to make sure that we don't become too dependent on any single individual. "I anticipate that the LPP now has a solid organizational foundation on which to grow and strive for greater achievements," John said.

Krawchuk accepted the nomination to become the next chair during his gubernatorial victory speech on election night. "The game is going extra innings, so stay tuned",

Krawchuk said. "We Libertarians grew on all fronts this year, and now we're going to take it even further. And we must, because in politics, tenacity is a virtue. Under Mr. Storey's leadership, 2002 was a record-breaking year for the Pennsylvania Libertarian Party. But it's no time to rest on any laurels. Now we must build upon our successes, gear up for the local elections in 2003, and lay plans for the next round of major races in 2004. We have our work cut out for us."

Krawchuk outlined some additional goals for the state party, including dramatically expanding fundraising activities, joining with other third parties to lobby for ballot access reform, improving party communications via the Internet, and increasing Libertarian influence in the Pennsylvania Primary elections.

## FROM THE CHAIR

Hi, I'm Ken Krawchuk, the new Chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. Thank you for the honor of being the LPP Chair, and thanks also to our departing Chair, John Storey, for a job well done.

Like all incoming chairs, I have a vision for the Libertarian Party. Rather than make long speeches, let me briefly sum up my hopes and goals as Chair. Of course the list starts with...

1. Elect more libertarians! We're the Libertarian Party, remember, not some philosophy club or e-mail debating list. Our number one priority is always to elect libertarians. And to do that, we must...

2. Raise big bucks! But rather than dunning our membership with repeated direct mail pleas, we'll raise funds through entrepreneurial value-added affinity ventures. And to make it easy for people to give us the big bucks, we have to...

3. Professionalize everything we do. And nothing makes you look and act more professional than if you...

4. Join Toastmasters! It doesn't matter how right your message may

be if you can't put it across clearly, concisely, and effectively. Toastmasters made me the public speaker I am today.

Of course I have more goals. But I did promise to keep this short, and these are the four biggest ones. Still, there is one very important part missing - You.

Remember the creed of the grassroots activist; it consists of ten words, two letters each: "If it is to be, it is up to me". So please volunteer to help out, either by becoming a candidate or by helping a candidate. To volunteer, call your county contact or contact the state party at [www.lppa.org](http://www.lppa.org) or 800-R-Rights. It's up to you.

By the way, let me say right up front that I plan to run for re-election as party Chair at our state convention in Wilkes-Barre the first weekend in April. Tenacity is a virtue in politics, and with your help and support, we can continue to break records here in Pennsylvania. I hope to see you all in Wilkes-Barre.

In Liberty, *Ken*



"With Lake Erie in the background, Erie Times photographer Janet Campbell captures an informal moment on the gubernatorial campaign trail with LPP Chair Ken Krawchuk."

## PARTY STATUS

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When voicing his support for gay rights, Krawchuk said, "I think what's good for the goose and the gander is good for the goose and the goose, and the gander and the gander."

Another part of the campaign that intrigued the media was how Ken and his wife Roberta preferred camping out on the campaign trail rather than staying in hotels.

"The campaign was like a second honeymoon", Krawchuk said. "We got to camp out dozens of nights all around the autumn-colored state, in weather ranging from balmy summertime on the shores of Lake Erie, to blizzard conditions in the remote highlands of north-central Pennsylvania, and everything in between. Weeks of vacation during the prettiest time of the year, and stumping for Liberty too. What a deal!"

All in all, the 2002 gubernatorial campaign was unprecedented in its scope and public attention. And one more time, the Libertarian name was out in front of the voters over and over again.

Photos from the gubernatorial campaign trail can be seen at the campaign website, [www.KenK.org](http://www.KenK.org).

### PENNSYLVANIA LIBERTARIAN PARTY STATE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

February 22 ..... 12 - 5 PM  
Saturday, at the Wilkes Barre Ramada

April 6th.....2 PM  
Sunday, at the Wilkes Barre Ramada



# THE INCOME TAX IS IMMORAL, ILLEGAL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL. OR IS IT?

*By Ken Evans*

One of the first lessons I learned as a fledgling sales representative some eight years ago is that perception is reality irrespective of the unchanging truth. If you believe that you owe federal income tax and you declare under penalty of perjury that you owe federal income tax, then your reality is that you owe federal income tax.

However, it can no longer be disputed that over the last nine decades, some of our elected officials, in conjunction with a judiciary of questionable integrity and lawyers and enforcers who don't understand the laws they enforce, have modified the societal perception of the income tax to improve the reality of a very few, while the unchanging truth, well ... has remained unchanged.

Today's common perception is that most Americans owe federal income tax. While, the unchanging truth is that, according to the tax laws themselves, most Americans do not owe federal income tax (that is, until they declare under penalty of perjury that they do).

Back to issue at hand. Is the income tax immoral, illegal and unconstitutional? The immorality is readily apparent to any who do minimum investigation.

Our federal government is supposed to be one of limited powers. Why on earth would such a government be given carte blanche taxing authority? What purpose does it serve to delineate a government with limited authority to act, but unlimited authority to fund these limited acts? These concepts completely contradict each other.

But is it illegal or unconstitutional? The answer is yes and no.

**The text of our tax law, as it is**

**written**, is perfectly legal and entirely Constitutional.

The income tax, as it is enforced is in my opinion, the greatest affront in history to the principles upon which our nation was founded.

I speak entirely from first hand experience. Agents from the Department of Justice and the IRS have provided a paper trail of evidence longer than the last verse of Hey Jude, including my own IRS computer file, showing that not only do I not owe any federal income tax, but that they themselves have committed fraud in their attempt to prove otherwise. Who knows how far they will go? Only time will tell.

Much of my communication with the judicial and executive branches is available for public viewing and listening on the web at [www.reasons2vote.com](http://www.reasons2vote.com). I also strongly recommend viewing the video "Theft By Deception." [www.theft-by-deception.com](http://www.theft-by-deception.com)

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Below: At the Libertarian National Convention 2002 Indianapolis, IN this July; Tom Martin, David Jahn, Julian Hecklin





# DECLARE WAR ON PLUNDER

By TOM MARTIN

We really have missed the boat when it comes to spreading our message. Trying to do things in a polite civil fashion “I believe in leaving you alone if you will leave me alone” is an excellent way to live, but from a marketing viewpoint it is boring and does not sell. War and Conflict sell.

Trying to attack symptoms of legal plunder – asset forfeiture ([www.fear.org](http://www.fear.org)), IRS, “takings for general good”, innumerable controlling regulations.. -- is dealing with any one of the many hydra heads. Fighting these may be necessary but it is time consuming, dangerous and even if successful often two more replacements will appear. The growth point of this immoral Gorgon must be the main point of attack. Solving the cause rather than attacking the symptoms is crucial.

We must declare war on legalized Plunder! That unjust taking of ones property and giving it to another. The perversion of the law from it’s legitimate function of protection of person and property to become exactly contrary and destructive to those ends.

In FREDERIC BASTIAT’s pamphlet “The Law” [www.bastiat.org](http://www.bastiat.org) he identifies the necessity and origins of property:

“Man can live and satisfy his wants only by ceaseless labor; by the ceaseless application of his faculties to natural resources. This process is the origin of property.

But it is also true that a man may live and satisfy his wants by seizing and consuming

the products of the labor of others. This process is the origin of plunder.”

The enforcement of the laws to protect person and property are based upon a just intent of fulfilling that need. Lawful use of government is based upon that premises. The perversion of the law happens when the force of government is twisted to plunder when those who control government use it as the easiest means for their direct and perceived benefit rather than laboring themselves.

People normally try to avoid pain---and labor is pain in itself--- so it’s no surprise that men will plunder when plunder is easier than work.

So what is the big deal if plunder is legalized – as long as I get mine in the end it’s OK, right? Rationalizations to justify theft are endless. Especially when It’s easier to make excuses or laws then it is to make goods. The problem with legalized plunder shows up when evaluating the success of any welfare state. It lasts until the last few producers have quit or are worked to death with no compensation for their efforts. In the former Soviet Union it boiled down to “We pretend to work and they pretend to pay us.”

Why do people get in involved with the Law – Either to stop some people from plundering themselves and others or to become one like them and use the force of law to plunder for their own benefit.

“Sometimes the law defends plunder and participates in it. Thus the beneficiaries are spared the shame, danger, and scruple which

their acts would otherwise involve. Sometimes the law places the whole apparatus of judges, police, prisons, and gendarmes at the service of the plunderers, and treats the victim---when he defends himself---as a criminal. In short, there is a legal plunder”

“For when plunder is abetted by the law, it does not fear your courts, your gendarmes, and your prisons. Rather, it may call upon them for help.”

We must engage the war on plunder. In reality we really have been for decades but have not called it by such a unifying name. It should not be that hard to refocus the debate, even the Republicans and Democrats utter words against government waste and abuse, though they do not care to end it since they exists by it.

How will it be any different if the Libertarians were to get in power – by what standard shall our actions be measured? How can we tell if it is simply another political group pulling the lever of power to their favor rather than ending the power of government to selectively control some class of people over another?

I propose that as long as any administrators/law makers follows the criteria and they support Laws/actions that respect the rights of all people equally and grant special favor to none. If they do this then their actions show that they have entered politics for the right reason – to eliminate legal plunder of any group over another.



At the Libertarian National Convention 2002 Indianapolis, IN this July.  
Left: Tom & Terry Martin, Harold Kyriazi.  
Right: Ken & Roberta Krawchuk.



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**ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL SERVICES:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  National LP membership (includes *LP News* national newsletter via US Mail)

- Full state members only: **\$10/year** (a 60% discount vs. national's price!)

- Associate state members: **\$15/year** (a 40% discount!)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  The state party newsletter, *The Libertarian Penn*, via US Mail: **\$12/year**

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- Full state members only: **\$90/year**

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# LPP ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania has instituted new membership options which will make it easier and less expensive to become a member of the state and national Libertarian Parties while helping county activism.

There are now two classes of LPP membership: Associate Members and Full Members. Both memberships include the Libertarian Penn newsletter delivered free via e-mail, and both require the member to sign the Libertarian Pledge, either electronically or on paper

An Associate Membership is free, renewable annually. All that is required is a valid e-mail address.

A Full Membership costs \$12 per year. With it comes the right to vote at LPP conventions and receive discounts for other LPP offerings.

Current LPP members are automatically upgraded to become Full Members. Current national members are not affected by the changes.

Under the new membership program, all members have the opportunity to receive additional gifts, including:

- a steeply discounted national party membership;
- an e-mail address using the lppa.org domain;
- a paper version of the Libertarian Penn newsletter via US Mail;

Full Members are also entitled to additional discounts on the cost of national memberships and lppa.org e-mail addresses.

"With this new plan, we're out to increase our membership dramatically, especially among the Internet savvy", said LPP Chair Ken Krawchuk. "By combining free memberships with electronic delivery of the Libertarian Penn, we can increase our ranks while saving the LPP money. We'll also have the unprecedented capability to reach a large part of our membership in minutes rather than weeks. And the lower pricing structure should encourage more paid membership, especially

among students and people of limited means."

As a party-building feature of the new membership structure, the state party will forward \$5 of every Full Membership to the member's county committee. "With the state party providing direct support to the county parties, we can expect to see an increase in county activism", Krawchuk predicted. "It'll also encourage the formation of new county committees to take advantage of the seed money available. It's a win-win scenario."

The membership changes take effect immediately and will continue at least through the upcoming state convention in Wilkes Barre on April 4-5-6. The new LPP Board of Directors will then decide how well the new changes have performed and whether they should be made permanent.

For details of the new donation levels and discounts, please refer to the enclosed membership form.

## CHEAP NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP!

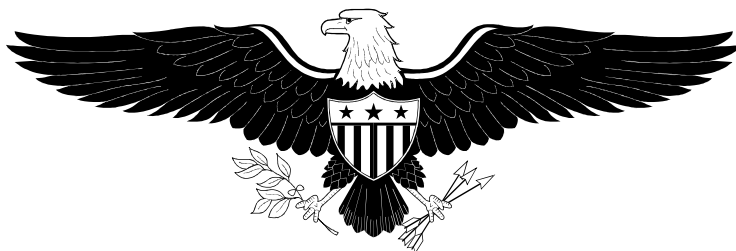
The LPP is now offering steeply-discounted memberships for the national Libertarian Party.

According to LPP Chair Ken Krawchuk, "If you renew your national membership through the national party, it'll cost you \$25. But if you renew it through the state party, it's only \$15. That's a 40% discount! And if you're a Full member of the LPP, the price drops to \$10, a 60% discount."

"Not only does renewing your national membership through the state party get you the same national membership, it has the added benefit of supporting the LPP. It's the best of both worlds."

National party members receive a mailed copy of the LP News monthly and the ability to become a delegate to the national convention.

To become a member, refer to the enclosed membership form. The discounted prices are only guaranteed through April 6th, so act now.



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# BECOME A CANDIDATE



Is your local politico running unopposed? Do they deserve a free ride? Is your freedom important enough to do something about it?

*How to find out who is running in your area:*

**PA Dept. of State Commissions, Elections & Legislation.**

In a game of pure numbers where each toss of the dice rarely wins, yet when the winning hit does occur it is worth many attempts.

Politics is not just a numbers game, It is can also be a playing field of ideas. In the game of competing ideas it is even more important to keep trying even when the chances seem slim because there is a necessary learning ground work that gets laid that makes winning more likely the more often the ideas are heard and digested by people. Additionally it is even possible that those in office will co-op the freedom based ideas and start to implement them.

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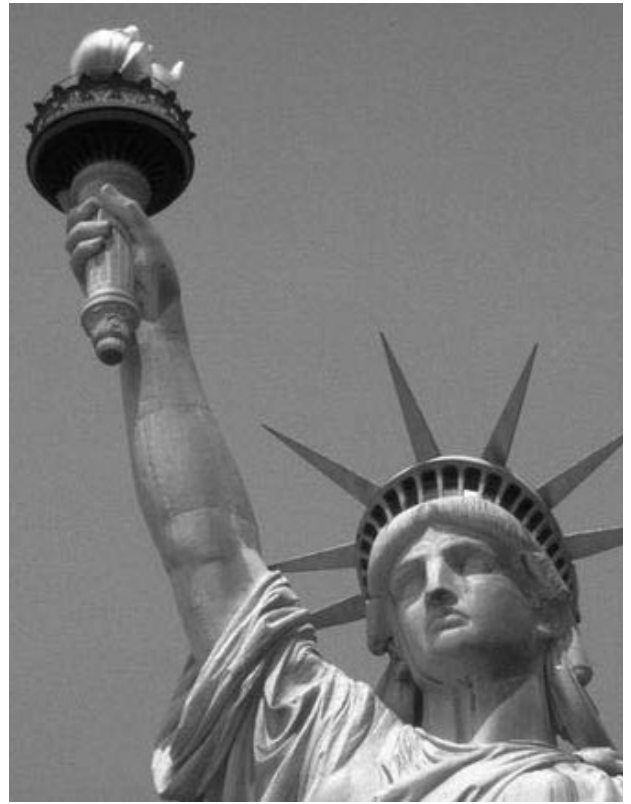
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