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## **The Patriot's Duty of Lifelong Learning**

Education is easily one of the most important issues facing America today. I hope every mother and father realizes that the responsibility of overseeing the education of their children rests squarely on their shoulders. However, what many Americans fail to consider is the fact that your education is just beginning when you don the gown and square hat. Forgive me for sounding like a trite graduation card, but learning is a lifelong process.

Lifelong learning is an important part of becoming a “full man” as Benjamin Franklin put it, but it is also about being effective as a grassroots patriot. In a letter to George Thomson in June 1825, James Madison wrote that “The advancement and diffusion of knowledge... is the only guardian of true liberty.” Becoming an informed citizen the night before Election Day is not good enough. Faithful guardians of liberty must pursue knowledge constantly to be effective.

What was the last non-fiction book you read and when did you read it? If you can't answer that question or are ashamed to do so, you are not alone. Data from the Pew Research Center in 2019 showed that roughly one in four American adults had not read a single book in the last twelve months. However, don't use those numbers as an excuse. Now is your opportunity to change course.

If you are looking for a good book to get started with, I recommend *The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates* by Pastor Matthew J. Trewhella. It's a short read at only 108 pages, but its pages are packed with valuable insight for any patriot who wishes to understand the duty of elected officials.

Don't let a diploma mark the end of your education. America needs your might, but she also needs your mind. Pick up a book and commit to embracing learning as a way of life.

Sincerely,

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