# The Valley Patriot

## Making the 6th District Great Again!

Dear Friends and Fellow Republicans

Earlier today, we lost a great man.  Rush Limbaugh, conservative talk show host and American icon, lost his battle with cancer.  He was 70 years old.

I first listened to Rush shortly after he came on air.  For guys like me who are pugnacious and in your face, Rush was like a breath of fresh air.  He was funny, quick on his feet, and was usually right about what was happening in both Washington DC and with the political situation at the state and federal level.

As some of you may know - probably most of you don't know, many years ago I was a member of the moderate wing of the party.  It was Rush who taught me that there were 2 wings of the Party, and that there was little difference between the Democratic Establishment and the GOP Establishment.  They may have quibbled over a few hot button issues, but at the end of the day, the Establishment wings of both parties were actually very similar.  Having grown up in Arlington/McLean, I refused to listen to this, until I left the bubble and

moved to NW Loudoun County.  It was only then that it became obvious how correct Rush was, and how wrong I was about the inner workings of my own GOP.

This change from Massoud the Moderate to my being a staunch supporter of the Tea Party/Freedom wing of the GOP took a few years.  But it never could have happened without Rush's influence.

But even back then when I disagreed with Limbaugh, I listened to him every day - learned more about what was happening in our country than I ever could have learned watching NBC/ABC/CBS/Washington Post etc.

Rush did great skits - and my favorite bit of his was "Environmentalist Wacko Football Picks".

Rush taught me what conservatism meant, and what was really happening in our Republic.

Rush has left us, but his work continues.

Rush can not be replaced, he can only be succeeded.

For those who call Rush a crank and a lunatic, well Zogby polling had him as the most trusted newsman in America in November 2008.

A personal funny story about Rush.  He was pretending to talk to Bo Snerdley one day, and well actually did Snerdley on mic.   Was driving home at the time.  Rush/Snerdley was talking about something or other pertaining to Jesse Jackson, and I started laughing so hard that I popped the cartilage in my ribs. Couldn't breathe right for two weeks.  (Mark Steyn did the same thing to me a couple of years later).  Note to self - be careful about listening to Rush or Mark Steyn while driving, it could be hazardous to my health.

A few years ago, Rush was inducted into the Radio Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

And he was inducted into the Hall of Famous Missourians in 2012.  Sadly, they need to keep  security cameras on his bust to ensure no vandalism be done.

Rush will be missed.

RIP Rush.  You will be missed. Your duty on Earth is done, and we are both the better for having heard you, and the lesser for losing you.

S John Massoud

6th District Republican Party Chairman

## Upcoming Events:

February 18 - Bath County GOP Committee Meeting - 6 PM - Court House Building across from the 911 Emergency Center.

February 18 - Bedford County GOP Committee Meeting - 7 PM - Bedford County Court House, Main Street Bedford Va - Town Council Hall.

February 22 - Amherst County GOP Committee Meeting.  7 PM - Madison Commuinity Center 424 Woodys Lake Road Madison Heights Amherst Va.

February 27, Noon.  Meet and Greet for Lt.. Governor candidate Tim Hugo.  French's cabin Woodstock Va.  Please RSVP to Craig Orndorff at craig.orndorff@gmail.com

March 1 - 7 PM - Liberty University College Republicans, in conjunction with the Virginia 6th Congressional District Republican Party, will be jointly hosting a Gubernatorial Candidate Forum.  More to follow.

March 29 - 7 PM - Liberty University College Republicans/CD 6 Lt. Governor Forum.

May 1 - RPV 2021 State Convention.  Details to follow!

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