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Patriots and Freedom Fighters: Rosa Parks and Marie Kolasinski

The Piecemakers Store's Marie Kolasinski's ongoing battle to run her kitchen and tea room to satisfy her customers, instead of the regulators, is reminiscent of Rosa Park's battle with unjust laws. Marie is a true American and deserves her status as a genuine hero for Freedom.

Marie's moral courage may exceed that of Rosa Parks — world famous for standing up against unjust laws and triggering the Civil Rights revolution. Not to denigrate Rosa Parks, but the courage of one's convictions can also be measured by how much one is willing to lose. Rosa Parks was one, lone, cleaning lady with "little" to lose. On the other hand, Marie and her 26-people crew, has built a 7-figure business on crafts and apple pies with their Country Store, so she has a lot to lose. As do her 26 workers. Yet they *all stand up in unison* for their Constitutional rights against the onslaught and smears of the Orange County government's propaganda machine and violent raids of their store.

With no M.B.A. or business experience, Marie and her people have built the Piecemakers Store into a success that boasts a worldwide clientele. This is why she gives God the credit for her store's success. She feels she isn't "qualified" to manage such a substantial enterprise, yet it is succeeding. But the government propaganda machine twists her humility into arrogance, saying she thinks she's above the rest of us because of her willingness to give God the credit.

Government violence against Marie isn't just punishing Marie, but her 26 employees, as well, and *all the customers*, and even the suppliers, of her store.

I am one of those customers. And I resent it to high heaven that an arrogant bureauRat in the County Government, can deprive me of the simple freedom to enjoy Marie's kitchen. I like dining in her tea room. It's like going home to Grandma's for Thanksgiving. Her food is all home-made, including the bread, and especially the pies. And I WANT IT BACK! Yet the Government has arrogated to itself the power to interfere with this peaceful behavior, and it has committed personal violence against her by locking her in jail for refusing to configure her kitchen to the tastes of the code enforcers.

Speaking for *hundreds* of customers of the Piecemakers Store and Tea Room, my message to DA Rackauckas and the OCHCA thugs is, "LET MARIE OUT OF JAIL IMMEDIATELY. STOP VIOLATING HER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS to live and work peacefully. She is no threat to anyone."

A Supreme Court Justice once said, "There *is* a Constitutional right to be let alone." In the name of the Constitution, and all that is moral, I say to the regulatory nazis, "LEAVE THESE PEACEFUL PEOPLE ALONE!! And get the hell out of *all* of our lives. Take your 'swarms of officers who harass our people and eat out their substance,' and go to hell!"

An eminence no less than Thomas Jefferson said, "Rebellion to tyrants, is obedience to God." Marie thinks that Thomas Jefferson is a far better role model than the thugs in the OC Health Agency, the CMPD, or the DA's office, who think she should worship *them* instead of God. I agree!

Don Hull

The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in a period of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality." Dante

Editor's Note: *The Piecemakers are a quiet, introverted Christian group, mostly older, who make their livings through a communal effort. They have a large, retail quilting and craft store in Costa Mesa, Orange County. They served soup, sandwiches and desserts. All were prepared in their on-site kitchen, which, like the "restaurant" area, were spotlessly clean.*

The leader of the group grew frustrated with the Orange County Health Department's unmerited harassment. After the health department wrote them up over and over again the the most picayune things, she posted a sign on the front door that "Government Agents" were not welcome.

Really, who could blame her?

This started a blood feud with the team of the OCHD and the DA, who made it their mission to make this group of quilting grannies submit to the power of the state.

The Orange County Register newspaper chronicled the abuses, while the Libertarian Party of Orange County offered support, and attended many of their court appearances.