



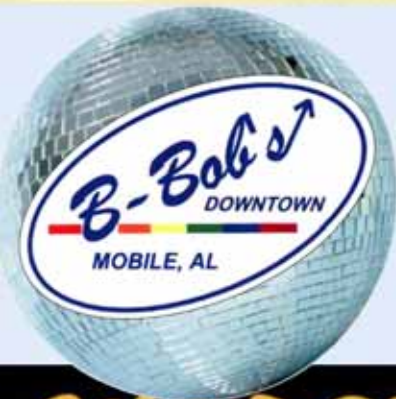
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Coming out of the Tomb

PRIDE is on the horizon and with it a parade and day of celebration. PRIDE - coming out of the tomb. Not too long ago I married two women. Both had been previously married. They tried to fit into a preconceived idea of marriage. A month or so ago they came out of the tomb. Tombs take different forms and manifestations. They can be our own making and usually are. But sometimes tombs are created by societies and social structures. Tombs are dark places where we lay and ultimately rot away. Gruesome by any standard. HB1523 in the State of Mississippi is the rock that encloses a tomb. In this case the tomb is a supremely sonorous law formally called *Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act*. It is quite simply an abomination. I have no problem with a free exercise of conscience. That is well and good. But the reality is that such a law will be used to bar people from free access within the "free markets" and worse. I further deplore this legislation because it reinforces the idea within The Community that such laws

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Donovan made sure I got home in one piece. He was even not mad at me for biting his carrot. But I have to say the most interesting thing was waking up the next morning and seeing the bar still set up in the bedroom. So what is a good gay to do, I fixed myself a Bloody Mary and started cleaning the house.

During the week, I was focused on work and recovering from the crazy Easter weekend, the only evening I ventured out was Wednesday when I attended the Hobknobber's event at LMNO at the Le Meridien Hotel. Hobknobber's is a monthly networking gathering that is at a different location. Le Meridien was an excellent choice for this event, serving delicious light bites and specialty cocktails. Their champagne bar is to die for.

Friday was all about one of New Orleans favorite sons, Tennessee Williams. Even though I was unable to attend the festival over the weekend, I did get a chance to see one of the plays offered entitled Tennessee Williams: *Weird Tales* put on by the Tennessee Williams Theatre Company. And did this play live up to its moniker. These were some screwed up stories. I am not sure when Mr. Williams wrote these three one act plays, but he definitely was heavily medicated or cocktailed, which made for an extremely wild ride for the audience. I especially love the Darth Vader-esque character in one of the acts. Leave it to Tennessee to bring in contemporary themes to his work.

Saturday was a pretty laid back evening. My friends Laura, Donna and I went to the Julia Street Gallery Walk. It was a gorgeous night and the weather was simply divine so there was a large crowd of people appreciating the art. In case you do

not know, the Julia Street Art District opens their doors and serves free wine (great date night). Great opportunity to peruse the galleries, see new artists and meet some fabulous people. After the gallery, we went for quick drinks at two of the hottest new places in the Warehouse District, Rebellion Bar and Urban Kitchen and the Ace Hotel. Rebellion is a funky new craft cocktail venue and restaurant located on Camp Street in the Warehouse District. The exposed brick and lofty feel mixed with great bites make this an excellent choice for dinner and drinks. And the Ace Hotel is just a sexy place, from the people to the décor. It is trendy without being pretentious. And their new music club, Three notes is a quaint, intimate space to see some of the top acts in the city.

I ended my two weeks on Sunday by attending one of the most fascinating seminars about Gay Mardi Gras hosted by the Louisiana State Museum. *Pioneers of Gay Carnival: A Conversation with the Legends* took place at the U.S. Mint on Esplanade Avenue in their fabulous remodeled event space on the third floor. The panel discussion featured a dozen people who were the catalyst of the gay Mardi Gras krewe's as we see them today. Albert Carey, Mike Moreau, Michael Hickerson, Don Bury and Bill Woolley were just a few of the amazing people who shared their insights, wit and struggles with starting the gay carnival krewes. The event was informative, entertaining and heart-warming. And to top it off the museum announced that they will be doing an exhibit on Gay Carnival at the Presbytere in 2019, which the way time is flying is just around the corner. After the event, I went home and reflected on how lucky I am to be a part of a city that embraces our community. Go Gay Mardi Gras!

are crafted by "Christian" men and women.

My first challenge to this law, apart from the obvious, is the biological criteria that at birth sexual identity is fixed because of specific genitalia. That simply does not square with science, nor with the experience of the dozens or more of gay folk I have shared life-stories with. Gender identity is genetic in a broad sense but it is not necessarily biological! Further, the entire text of the excuses used to justify this outrage is a farce. This farce, I am certain, will and must be challenged in the courts as soon as possible.

I sometimes wonder of late if such a law could have been passed in the absence of the poison and vitriol that we are all witnessing on the political stage. I suspect it would not have. North Carolina and Georgia also seemed to move in a direction of gross discrimination this year. Only by virtue, I believe, of economic forces and the Super Bowl did the Governor of Georgia decide not to sign their law. I mean what is going on here? Yea I know it's the same old stuff. And Mississippi, North Carolina, and at least the Georgia Legislature reside in a tomb. It is a dark rotting festering place where only the dead belong.

I cannot say this enough: much of Christianity has come out of the tomb and is now in the light of truth, honesty, and charity. Not all but many support the LGBT community as we should. I am devoted to my faith, my parish, and my commission as a priest. I cannot say enough that these laws stand against the Gospel and person of Jesus Christ. These spurious efforts, characterized by a friend as, "the Gay Jim Crow" laws have the same ranking as those laws before the Gospels. They are an abomination. Now settle down and have a cocktail.

Not only will PRIDE be a coming into the light and a profession of identity will also be a profession of faith in the higher power of truth, love, and dignity. I cannot think of any three virtues that my Lord espoused more than truth, love, and dignity with the one other focal point to love the Lord our God. At no point did Jesus say, "hate the sin love the sinner." Rather when faced with a sinner he said, "...then I do not judge you. Go and sin no more." What is more, being gay is simply not a sin. It is no more a sin than a person's skin pigment, hair color, or IQ. The point is that Jesus judged some and others he did not. Those that he did judge were the care takers of The Law that focused on the The Law and not the heart of the Law which is God and God's creative love for all of God's creation.

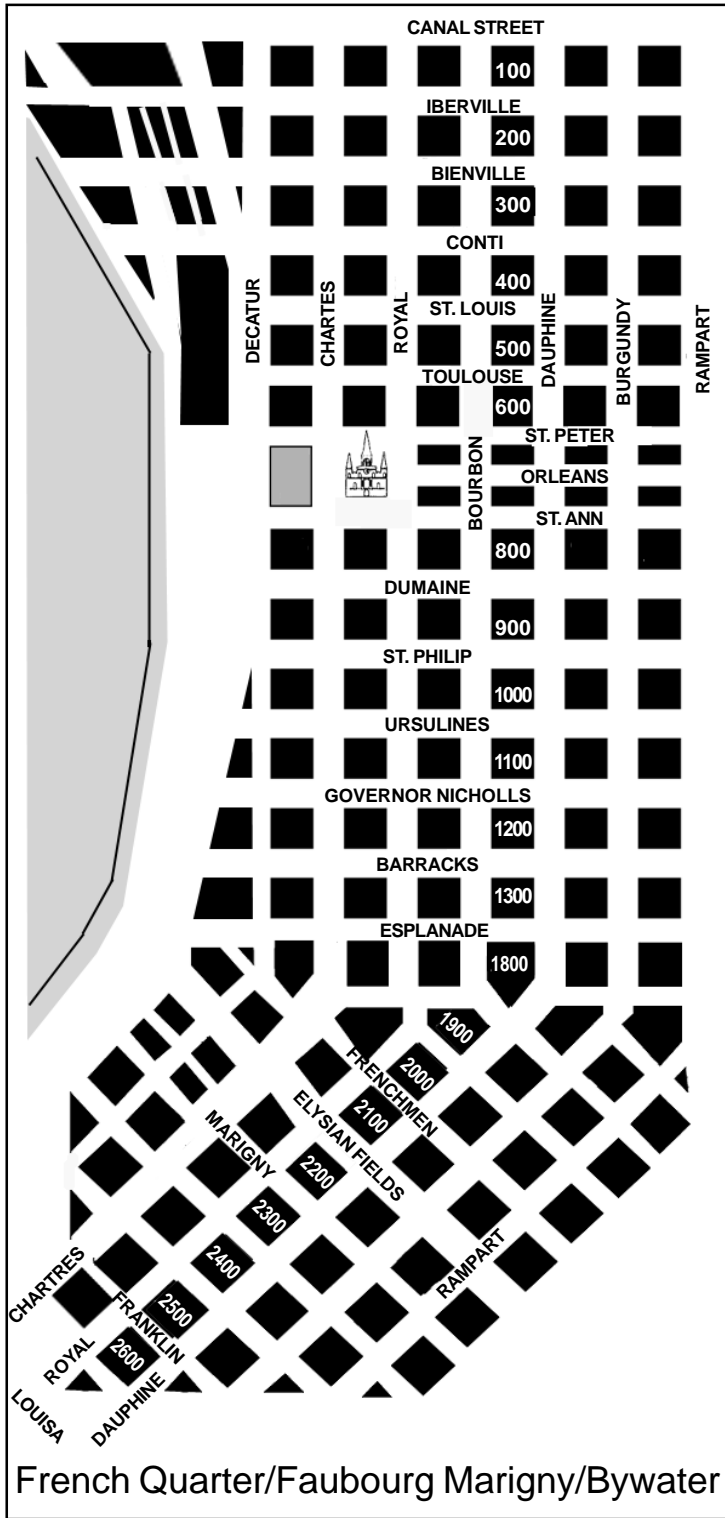
Yet there are some who still feel deep down inside that being gay is somehow wrong though they are quick to say otherwise. Regrettably, some of these folks are gay. That tomb I was talking about can be a dark place way back in the spirit. Cover it up with laughter and denial and all is well right? No it is not. These asinine laws keep trying to shove this errant thinking back at us; time to come out of the tomb and stand in the light.

I suppose one might wonder about this "tomb" theme. It has been on my mind since Easter morning. Jesus was in the tomb, dead and buried. Yet, he rose, and found his fulfillment in the promise of LIFE. Lazarus was dead and was raised again, as was a Centurion's servant, and a wealthy man's son raised from the dead to the living. But this Jesus guy is chief among all resurrection stories because his resurrection is shared by the faithful who seek to instill love as his holy doctrine not hate nor bigotry and in following that doctrine are raised from the tomb.

Some great day, not too far off, in this country we will look back upon these episodes of bigotry toward LGBT HUMAN BEINGS and wonder how could we ever have thought and taught such revolting garbage? When we do and when this country is finally there ... we will walk a little closer to another who also knew hatred, betrayal, and violence and we shall then know that Rabbi from Galilee. Until that time take PRIDE in who and what we are and who our friends are.

Finally, if you have a chance come on down to our shindig the Dodwell Extravaganza. We will celebrate The Queens Birthday, offer drinks on the house, and take one more step toward eradicating violence, ignorance, hunger, and sadness for the children of The Treme. It is April 16th at 7pm. sharp...the Queens party enters at 7:30pm, go to www.dodwellhouse.org for tickets and information. BE PROUD.





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