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Lessons From Our Forbearers

Surviving The Hard Times

November 8, 2016 is a day that we may never forget in this country. It is a day when through some very suspect events Donald J. Trump was elected as the 45th President of the United States of America. I have heard many people discuss how that day made them sick or how they simply were paralyzed by the outcome of the election. After seven weeks Mr. Trump has not disappointed. During his short term in office the President has managed to send the country into a tailspin over a poorly executed Executive order limiting immigration, his continued affinity for Vladimir Putin, his mishandling of discussions with the Prime Minister of Australia, a bazaar meeting with the Chancellor of Germany, his disastrous raid on Yemen, false accusations regarding the former President surveilling his offices, his campaign under investigation

by the FBI and his ongoing twitter rants. This doesn't even take into account his constant and incessant lying. To say that the Trump "White House – literally" is dysfunctional is being far too kind. Mr. Trump has the people that he is supposed to represent and serve vacillating between feelings of hatred and downright terror.

As I continue to watch this country go up in flames I have one message for all of my brothers and sisters: Fear not because we have been in a place far worse than this. We need only look back on our history and those unforgettable lessons that our forbearers left for us. We are a people of strength, spirit, fortitude and faith. How else could we have survived the ["Middle Passage"](#). How else could we have endured the hardships that we encountered once we set foot on this land called the United States of



America? How else could we have survived lynching and mass genocide? How else could we have survived Rosewood and Black Wall Street? How else could we have survived the miseducation of the black race?

Yes Donald J. Trump represents all of the cheating, lying, stealing and hatred that we have seen throughout our history in the United States of America. To that I say look back on your history (not their His-story). Stand on those lessons that our forbearers left. Recognize that we are

survivors and that we will come out of the wilderness one day very soon. We have seen this movie before.

narrative that supports their beliefs in the "isms".

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