

## **From the Corner – *Put it on, Take it off!***

*A zany, wacky, eccentric, and unconventional thought*

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Oh, get your mind out of the gutter. I'm talking about facemasks.

For over a year we have been told to wash our hands often, wipe down surfaces and doorknobs, along with putting our facemasks on and cover both our mouth and nose.

Some said they are refusing to put a mask on because it jeopardized their freedoms but continued to buckle their seatbelts. I can't figure out the logic of such a debate while both requirements are for the purpose of saving lives.

Many of us have trained ourselves during COVID19 to be like a Scout; to be prepared. We stocked up on toilet paper and made our own doubled-fabric facemasks, and stashed them in multiple locations in the house, office, and in the trunk of the car next to the canvas grocery bags.

Part of my family believed the "experts". Others listened to politicians. I don't know about you but when I go in for surgery, I want a Doctor of Medical Science. Political agendas and heart surgery only offer a high risk of creating a bad scenario for anyone's healthcare.

Truth be told, it has been difficult to know who to listen to. We're just trying our best to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our neighbors; hoping that an elastic-strap and a supple wire attached to some cloth would keep us out of the ER, ICU, or grave.

I never thought I would see people fighting over elastic straps. But I did; and it seems as though we will continue to do so for some time.

Everyone has a right to their opinion on these things. But, in the end, finding ways to be neighborly is the best solution, and worth it for everyone. Being kind, praying for our enemies, and turning our cheek may not be the American way, but it is The Way to love ourselves and our fellow citizen.

So, take it off or put it on, and be a good neighbor!

Journey well,

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