

## THE FEDERALIST PAPERS & ELECTIONS

### TIMING IS EVERYTHING

On the 10th, Columbus Day is both celebrated and despised. Perhaps before we do either, we should understand some history, then you can decide. First, archeology is clear, as numerous individuals had migrated to the Americas before Columbus and over a period of centuries. However, what set the Columbus voyage apart from the rest, **was the timing**, the people of Europe were ready for expanded opportunities. Second, was the personal inspiration that Columbus felt God had given him, a commission by God if you will. *"I have seen and put in study to look into all the Scriptures which the Lord has opened to my understanding. It was the Lord who put into my mind (I could feel his hand upon me) the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who hear of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because he comforted me with rays of marvelous inspiration from the Holy Scriptures"* You decide, directed by God, or not.

On the 11th, we are 28 days out from the midterms. John Jay, a founding father, suggests that a strong Federal government can help to discourage war among nations. That like a strong family, united, *"they will be much more disposed to cultivate our friendship than provoke our resentment."* **How will your voice and vote, contribute to a stronger community and nation?**



### THE FIRST WHITEHOUSE

On the 13th, in 1792, George Washington begins the construction of the **first Whitehouse**. Some might argue that the year was 1791. An Irish influence can be found in this design as the architect James Hoban, modeled this construction after the Leinster House in Dublin, Ireland. Washington never occupied the home, John & Abigail Adams were to only occupy this home for a few months, as Thomas Jefferson was to take occupancy upon his inauguration a few months later.

In 1814, the British burned this home to the ground.

With resilient spirit, lawmakers chose to rebuild, and by 1817 James & Dolly Madison took occupancy. John Quincy Adams added a modification in 1824 and 1829, by adding the South and North Porticoes along with the first flower garden. Today the Whitehouse has 55,000 square feet, with 132 rooms, over six floors.

Cut into the marble facing of the State Dining room fireplace, we read the following from John Adams, the first President to occupy the newly built Whitehouse: *"I pray Heaven to Bestow the Best of Blessings on THIS HOUSE and on All that shall hereafter Inhabit it. May none but Honest and Wise Men ever rule under this Roof."*