

State Of The Struggle

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It's Thursday June 3rd, Rabbi Paul visited me cellfront for the first time in a year, "due to COVID-19", He said.

He said our group should meet Tuesday the 8th, and Lt. Sam Robinson's last communication is there has been a gradual rollout of General Population Programs restart, and the SQ Media Center team is working on adding captions to SMS Content.

Before Stonewall, Twentieth Origins and our Revised Version of AZANDE Press program for our PRIDE 2021 observation. We are still looking for more transcription help. Reynard, also submitted the SMS Launch SQ News report, along with our SMS Trademark Image for the forthcoming SQ News paper issue, so Rabbi Paul is emailing it over to Lt. Robinson to be added to the PRIDE edition of SQ News.

We lost Johnny Boy to COVID-19, Charlie C to overdose, as was told the Crawford family, and Chris survived an attempt to transcend into the next realm of existence, and we fight on.

This has been a pretty tough Journey, and now we deal with the chatter of a statewide Gay Inmate exodus from all prison religious services due to the obvious, so, as soon as the information got to me, I chose to simply ask for my name to be removed from All religious Chapel Services and Diets, felt pretty good.

We will continue to focus on providing a safe place to land for Gay inmates, and not focus on The Vatican's recent announcement, The Saddam & Garmah rhetoric, Abomination language, and those Verses of Hate Leviticus, Deuteronomy and Jude 7, yes, The New Testament. CDCR said they have a Freedom of Religion, and Freedom of Speech, so, I'll exercise My Freedom to simply leave all of that, and agree with the Family and create our own safe spaces to engage spirituality, and each other

Catholic Chaplain "Manny" at cellfront also stated he felt sorry and disappointed at how The Vatican's announcement about Gay Unions not being Blessed by God, because "GOD Cant Bless SIN", affected Gay people.

I said, "Well tell them to knock it off", He said "That would be a tall order". The irony is, when he was walking away, He turned to me and said "God Bless You". I yelled out "I thought we just talked about that right now!"

We will deflect all of that false Empathy, with inviting USC professor Channing Joseph, and co-Ceo of Oakland LGBT Community Center Joe Hawkins to speak to our group, We are in the works with that now, We are now preparing to ask Media Center Specialist Skyler Brown to record the sessions, so that will be great, as we move to work on a visit from BAAIT's American Indian Dancers for our Two Spirit Community.

That's the State of The Struggle for Now.
IN ATTITUDE MODE.

In 1998, a hater on the yard told me that Gay people was trying to force the Gay agenda on people in the hood, and it's not going down in prison.

Through small chats in "The Closet", I realized that it's not Gays that have the agenda, it's the lack of equal treatment by our own Families, Churches, Communities and control freaks that have the agenda.

Pulse Night Club shooting was my tipping point, the inner prison spitting, assaults, dousing of water, urine and feces, and being forced into lock up units needed to stop. COVID-19 helped, but now the virus seems to be moving on, I'm required to continue to be more aggressive towards making SMS a safe place to land for those that require equality at all custody levels.

For clarity, outside of the growing small pockets of inmate self-created LGBTQIA+ perspective programs, there are ZERO CDCR created programs.

NONE at The Mental Health level of care,
NONE at The Religious Department's,
NONE at The Education Department's,
now, we mention this because there is over 30 CDCR prisons, some are even designated for the housing and programming of Transgender family, and 17 facilities are designated for the housing and programming of Youthful Offender Residents, in fact, there are also zero programs at The County Jail level, Fire Camp level, and Juvenile Detention Center level of custody, clearing over 150 years?

It seems impossible for anyone to argue with these numbers in 2021, and our program has been fighting to change it since 1998, and will not stop until Bullshit excuses are replaced with action.