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Subj: Donation & Traditions

As a young person I did not appreciate the value of personal donations such as time, energy and yes money and property. Given for a greater purpose than self. Over the years I began to understand why certain traditions exist, and what it means when some traditions are stripped away. In accepting certain truths, I started a few minor traditions that I'm "Proud," to say are followed many years after I moved on. At Lafayette City Police Dept. I rallied a few other officers to get the Administration thru the Police Chief to institute public acknowledgement when officers make rank thereby taking on more responsibility. Turned out to be a good moral booster & the public liked it too! As a young police officer I began a simple 3x5 card file for myself. It grew into a small file cabinet of intel information that assisted many other agencies to include FBI, ATF, DEA & US Customs. I passed it on to a worthy young Detective who converted it to computers & is using it today. When I retired from LPD I presented worthy officers with Samurai Swords (sign of a worthy warrior) with the provision that when they closed out their law enforcement careers, they pass the swords to a worthy warrior. This brings me to the present. Mine & My Wife's flag collection that we've proudly put up to commemorate certain events for the last (7) yrs or so. My wife and I would like to donate the flags, rebar, pvc poles & connectors to the county hoping to continue another tradition that benefits the masses.

Respectfully

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