

TOM ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

Derogatory Uses

Bad Indian Jokes

- tomahawk
- tom tom

Wimpy Drinks

- tom and jerry
- tom collins

Lack of Distinction

- every tom, dick and harry – person taken at random – common names for everyone, everybody

Lack of Intelligence

- tom fool – a buffoon, blockhead, etc.
- tommyrot – rank foolishness
- tomnoddy – fool, dunce

Lack of Size

- tom thumb – a dwarf
- tomtit – small active wren

Lack of Substance

- tommy knocker – the ghost of a man killed in a mine

Although there is some use for us

- thomas meal – basic slag, to be ground for use as fertilizer

Finally, assaults on our character

- peeping Tom
- Uncle Tom
- Doubting Thomas

And the disgusting verb

- Thomasing – which is begging house-to-house on St. Thomas day

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Good Images as Suggested by Members But Always Open to More Suggestions, Nominations, Deletions

Tom Aquinas
Tom Brady
Tom Brokaw
Tom Hanks
Tom Jefferson
Tom Jones (?)
Tom Edison
Tom Wolfe
Tom Sawyer
Tom Selleck (?)
Tom Arnold (?)
Tom Cruise (?)
Tom Smothers
Thomas Dewey (?)
Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson
Thomas Woodrow Wilson (? – a “closet” Tom)
Tom “Tennessee” Williams
Tom Paine

Official Local Conscience and Role Model: Tom Carter

Official Goodwill Ambassador to Anywhere: Tom Slattery

Official Music of the Tom Club: Tom Petty and Tom Dorsey

Official PC: Tom Watson, genius behind IBM

Official GPS System: TomTom

Capturing the essence of Tomism: Thomas “Fats” Waller – when asked by a lady to explain rhythm, he replied; “Lady, if you got to ask, you ain’t got it.”

Jocks: Prothro, Lasorda, Landry, Kite, Watson, Harmon, Lehman, Seaver, Fazio, Brady.

Official Motto: T.S. (Tom) Eliot – “Birth and copulation and death. That’s all the facts when you come to the brass tacks.”

Official Doxology: From Thomas Ken, noted author of the Doxology, “Praise God from whom all blessings flow,” etc.

Official Motto for Humorists: Thomas Shadwell (1642-1692) – “And wit’s the noblest frailty of the mind.” Also his official motto for the self-indulgent: “every man loves what he is good at.”

Official Bean Counter: Thomas Robert Malthus, of Malthusian theory, who said population would increase geometrically while sustenance would go up arithmetically.

Official Legal Slur: Sir Thomas Moore, canonized in 1935, had written about a place where “They have no lawyers among them, for they consider them as a sort of people whose profession is to disguise matters.”

Most Treacly Quote: Thomas Tusser (1524-1580) – Sweet April Showers do spring
May flowers.

Official Hotelier: Tom Bodett (“We’ll leave the light on for you.”).

Official Clothier: Tom Hilfiger

Official Censor: Thomas Bowdler, who became famous when his name was turned into a verb, to Bowdlerize, which means to expurgate by omitting or modifying parts considered vulgar (boy, could he have fun with notes from our meetings!).

Official Envoy to the American Cancer Society: Thomas Riley Marshall, vice president under Woodrow Wilson, who coined the phrase: “what this country needs is a good five-cent cigar.”

Official Conscience: Thomas Paine, author of Common Sense.

Official Map: Thomas Brothers.

Official Meat: Tom’s Meats (including its famous slogan: you can’t beat Tom’s meat).

Official Wine: Jordan (Tom Jordan, owner); also, official winemaker, Tom Ferrell, formerly president of Inglenook.

Official Palace: .Angkor Thom (Great City), Siem Reap, Cambodia (developed 1181-1219)

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