

T R E S T L E B O A R D

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

May 2011

To Make Good Men Better

Our 160th Year



From the East

David H. Cameron
Master

My sincerest apologies to the Wives, Widows, and attendees of the Fashion Show and Tea, it would have been nice to greet you at the door. I hope you all had a great time. Patricia Earle sent a very kind thank you card to the Brethren. They do count on us Brothers, I have heard of many local Lodges doing service for their Widows, I ask you now, Ladies please, let us help you in time of need. For it was your Husband who loved and supported us those so many Thursday nights, let us return in kind the same love and support.

Wives, Girlfriends, those in charge, thank you for supporting your men; I hope we have returned them in better condition than they were first found. But, this is not possible without you and your families support. Please consider each Stated Meeting as Family Night, if you reserve; I'll bring games, a movie player or whatever you can think of to keep you and the kids entertained, or bring your favorite book and a snack, find a hideaway in the many different rooms of the Lodge, then let him drive you home.

In April the Craft saw no signs of slowing down. I am pleased to report we entered 4 more Masons to the Fraternity, David Cameron, William Cameron, Joseph Goode, Eric G. Young II. The first two, yea their mine, they'd like a new coach, don't even think about it boys.

My Officers, you continue to impress Visitors and Members alike, the work is at times remarkable, at other time less than, I attribute this to lack of practice. We have had so many degrees that those necessary instructions are being slowly replaced with interpretations of our own about ritual. I blame myself; I have allowed my passions to deviate outside those bounds, those very bounds I solemnly and sincerely promised to uphold. We will therefore, each month, from May forward, have one week set aside for practice. The Ritual, when performed as intended is very beautiful, unique and intriguing. The Brothers and Masons of all Lodges should endeavor to display the best they can, for they meet to please God, and we ask for his help in all our endeavors. So should our work exemplify our own desire to please our God, at home, at work, and in Lodge.



From the West

Michael P. Quinn, Sr. Warden

As I completed the Treatment Phase of my Illness, I was glad to hear from my Doctor that I was free to travel again and visit with my brethren. Hopefully this will put an end to the Cancer I had and I won't need further treatments. I quickly then decided to make the trip down to Arizona to visit my Mom over Easter Week. Needless to say she was relieved to see me in good health again. Hope to see you all at stated meeting in May.



May Schedule

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| May 3 | Officers School of Instruction |
| May 5 | Stated Meeting |
| May 7 | Freeway Cleanup |
| May 12 | First Degree |
| May 19 | Practice |
| May 26 | Visitation or Degree |



Happy Mother's Day

May 8th, 2011



Washington Lodge #20 2011 Officers

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Adopt-A-Freeway Program

Volunteers Needed

May 11th, 2011 at 9:00 AM

***Litter Removal on Freeway 244: On & Off
Ramp I-80 at Auburn Blvd.***

***Meet at Del Paso Park, corner of Park Road
and Auburn Blvd (near the Ramp.)***



From the South

Juan Faranda, Jr. Warden

The month of April has been a very good and busy month for our Lodge. We initiated 3 new brothers: Scott Good and William and David Cameron. We are very happy that the twins Cameron joined the fraternity. We were used to see them at the Banquet room very helpful and courteous, now we will see them as brothers.

On April 28th, we will welcome Mr. Young as a new brother. On a different note, we are very happy that our Senior Warden is doing very well and he is in a good spirit, we hope to see him soon at the lodge at his station as Senior Warden. We are looking forward to seeing you back Brother Michael.

The weekend of April 8th, I had the opportunity to go to the Junior Warden's retreat. It was quite a great leadership and management learning experience. They kept us busy all the way until Sunday when we departed. We had a nice dinner dance Saturday night. We all had the opportunity to meet with many officers from the Grand Lodge, and network with many other Northern California Junior Wardens. The instructors and facilitators kept us very interested in all of the different subjects. The ladies were busy too.

The Junior Warden's retreat was a good and enlightening experience for anyone working his way to the Oriental Chair as Master.



Stated Meeting

Thursday, May 5th, 2011

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

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WE LOOK TO OUR PAST TO SECURE OUR FUTURE

LARRY L. ADAMSON,
GRAND MASTER



"Freemasonry: The world's first and largest fraternal organization." This universally accepted explanation is found scattered throughout reference materials and publications everywhere. But as Masons, do we ever stop to contemplate why?

Why has this fraternity lived and prospered for centuries? Why does it exist today?

What clearly differentiates Freemasonry from other organizations that have attempted to imitate it is a commitment to our heritage – a commitment to understanding our historical beginnings and principles and, with each succeeding generation, to live those values and remember from whence they came.

We in Freemasonry at times struggle to explain what our fraternity is and what it is not. Much of the difficulty stems from the fact that Freemasonry can have a varying significance to each of us. For some, it provides a link to a spiritual inner being, to others it is a sanctuary for social fulfillment, yet for others it inspires intellectual advances and enlightenment. Regardless of the avenue that one travels, the common thread that binds all of us is our understanding of our past – our heritage.

California Freemasons have enjoyed and continue to enjoy an unparalleled commitment by our leadership to understanding our Masonic heritage. From our Institute for Masonic Studies, our renowned Symposiums, and our commitment to Masonic Formation to the work of our respected research lodges, our commitment to truth, understanding, and enlightenment resonates.

Our newly announced partnership for Advancing the Study and Understanding of Freemasonry with the University of California, Los Angeles continues this tradition.

Freemasonry's past is inextricably linked to the societies, governments, and histories of its host countries. Masonic

values, tenets, and ideologies have played a key role in developing constitutional democracies around the world. Preserving our heritage means understanding our past, and this new partnership with UCLA is focused squarely on that goal.

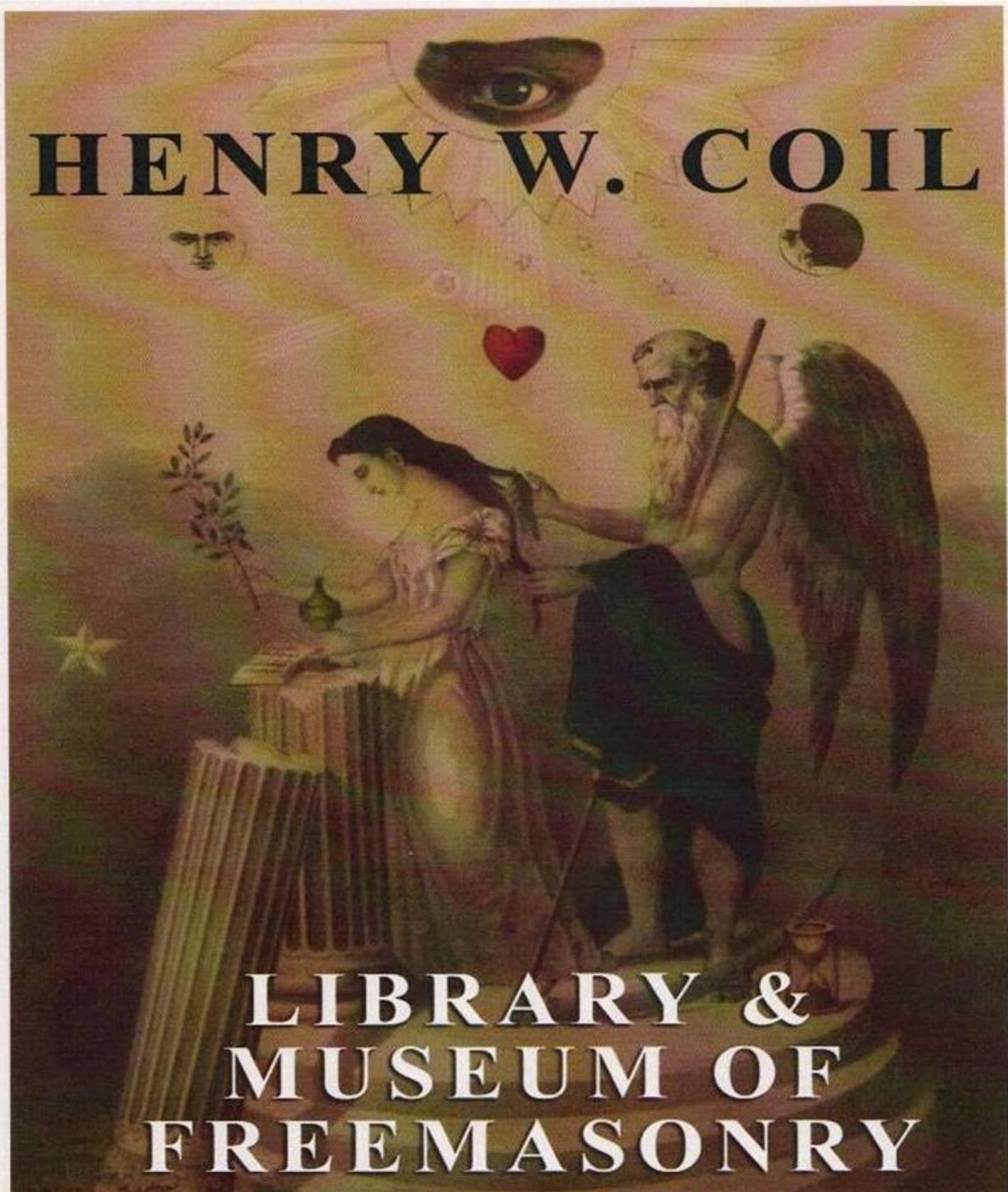
The Grand Master's project, which is California Freemasonry's next major endeavor, focuses on our commitment to understand and preserve the true heritage of our ancient and honorable craft. UCLA's department of history – the largest in the United States – and Dr. Margaret C. Jacob, distinguished professor of history and one of the world's foremost Masonic scholars, play central roles. The partnership's components include:

- Faculty research supported by a Ph.D. student and a postdoctoral fellow
- Two undergraduate courses in the history of Freemasonry and democratic societies, focusing on early European and American influences
- Graduate student studies and work in the history of Freemasonry and civil societies
- Worldwide lecture series on Freemasonry

I believe that the time is upon us to take the lead in defining to the world what Freemasonry is and what it is not! With this partnership, the first of its kind in America, California Freemasonry is leading the way to better understanding our past. Preserving our heritage is essential for the world to understand Freemasonry's relevance and to help us to build a greater tomorrow and a more perfect society.

Shortly, I will write directly to each of you and ask for your support of this effort. I hope you will join with me in endowing this partnership in perpetuity.

Preserving our heritage is ensuring our future. ✦



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