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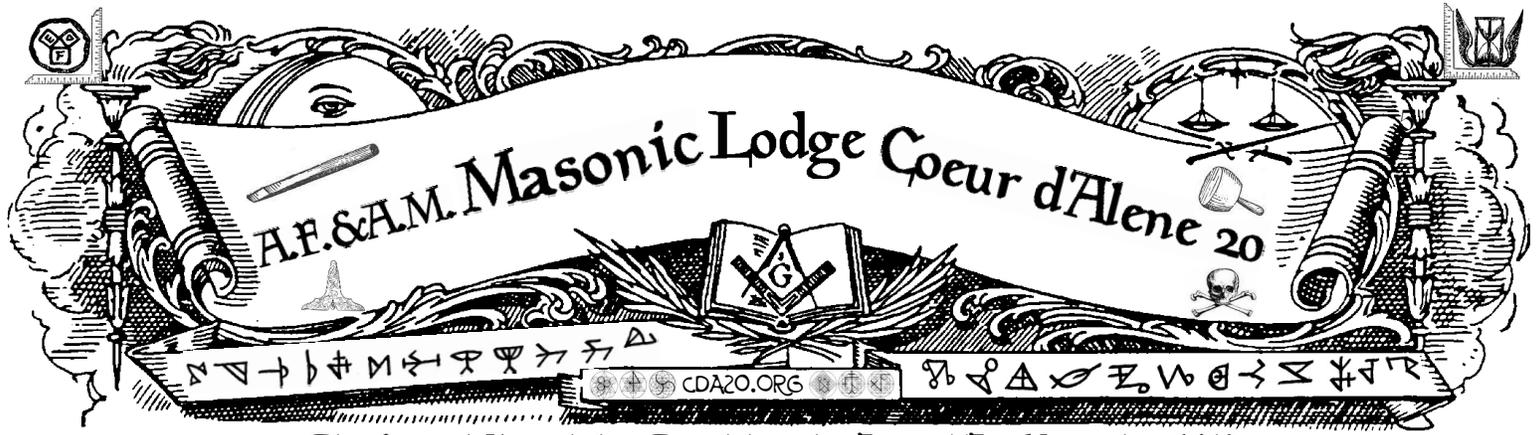
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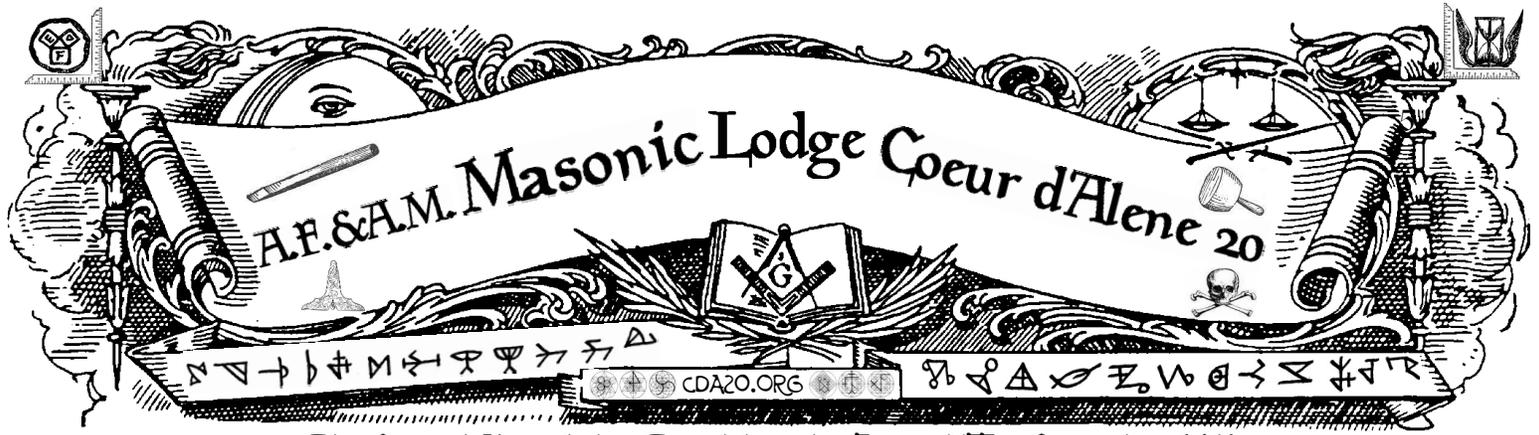
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"In its ritualism and monitorial lessons Masonry teaches nothing in morals, in science, in religion, or in any other department of human knowledge or human interest, not taught elsewhere in current forms of thought, or by the sages of the past. In these directions it has no secrets of any kind. It is in the ancient symbols of Freemasonry that its real secrets lie concealed, and these are as densely veiled to the Mason as to any other, unless he has studied the science of symbol ism in general, and Masonic symbols in particular. THE MOST PROFOUND SECRETS OF MASONRY ARE NOT REVEALED IN THE LODGE AT ALL. THEY BELONG ONLY TO THE FEW." - JD BUCK



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NEWS



17 Jan 2019 Brother R. Mathis receives his Master Masons Diploma from Grand Lodge presented by WM Marlow. Left Bro. B. Needham – Right DB Jordan

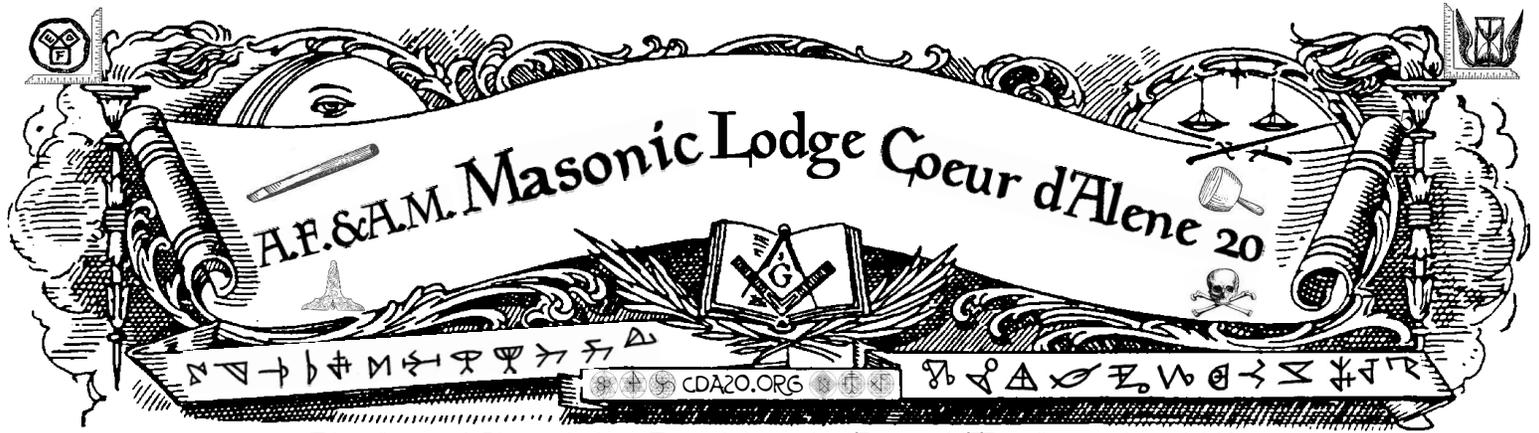
DEC. 19. Installation of new officers for CDA are as follows:

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JW—B. Becker—Treasurer—Bill Needham

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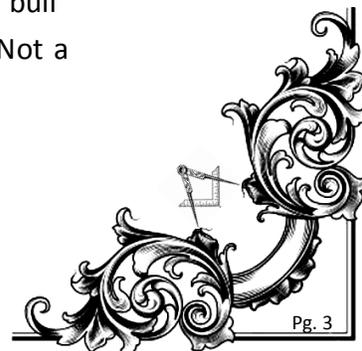
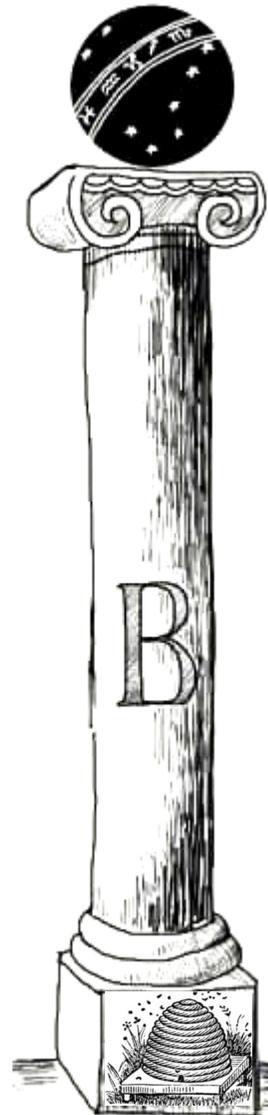
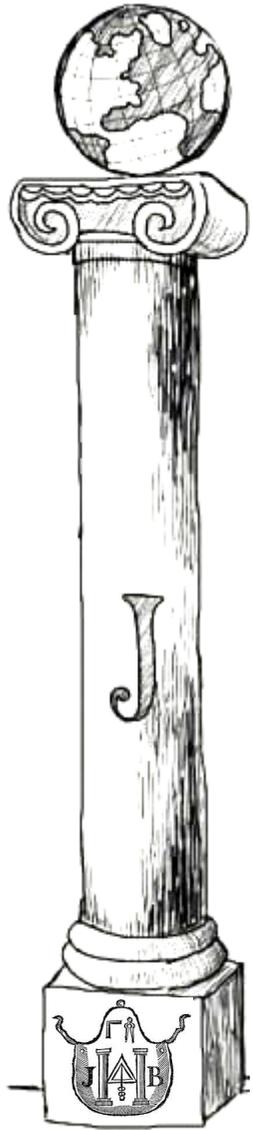




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ROMAN CATHOLICISM AND FREEMASONRY

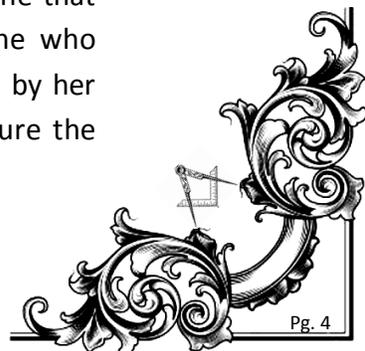
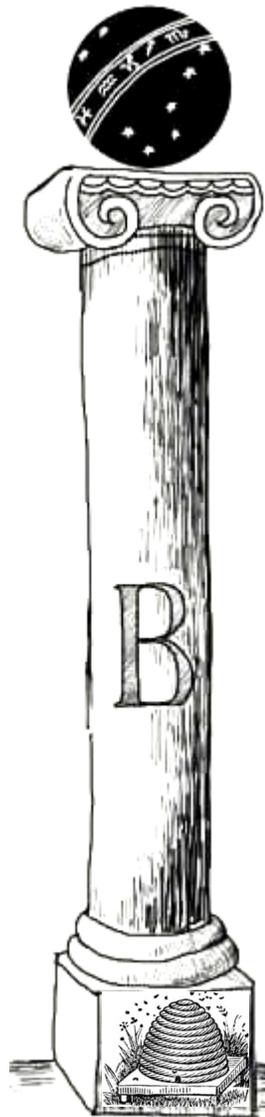
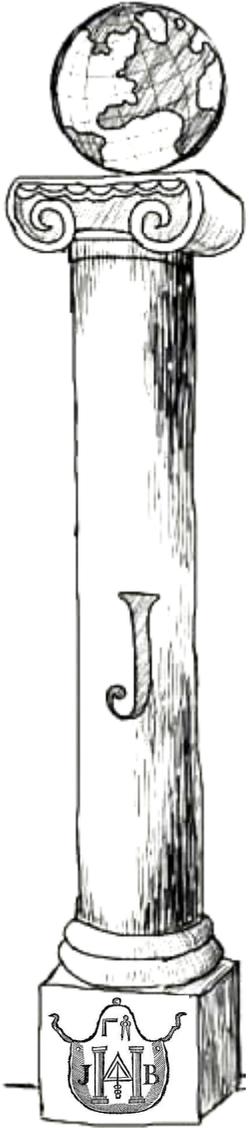
THE persistent hostility of the Roman Catholic Church to Freemasonry is a never-ending source of mystification to the average English Freemason, and usually he lays the blame on the "Atheistic Lodges of the Grand Orient," comforting himself with the belief that the Papacy does not realize the profound difference between Anglo-Saxon and Continental Masonry. But the "average Freemason" is quite wrong. The Papacy is far too well informed to make any such mistake, and those who read Dudley Wright's book will see that English Freemasonry is carefully and deliberately included and referred to by the high Papal officials who have been charged with the duty of promulgating the Papal Bulls and Encyclicals against Freemasonry. For example, the Vicar-Apostolic of Bombay, when promulgating Pope Leo XIII's condemnation, expressly declares that it includes likewise Freemasonry in England and India. Bro. Dudley Wright has collected and set out methodically all the important official documents on the subject, and for that reason the book will henceforth be an invaluable work of reference. Instead of searching in half a dozen places for the text of the various "Bulls," the student will now be able to find them all under one cover, and our thanks are due to him and to Messrs. Rider for publishing the work. But Bro. Dudley Wright's book contains much more than this, for he shows the hollowness of the Papal pretense that its hostility is directed against all secret societies, for he proves conclusively that she has organized and encouraged secret societies of her own, among which one of the most famous is "The Knights of Columbus" — a body moreover which actually does interfere in politics as is shown by the fact that quite recently it gratuitously went out of its way to show its hostility to Great Britain by acknowledging the so-called "Irish Republic"! Did the Pope issue a "bull" against it for such a gross attempt to "undermine the British Throne"? Not a sign or a word!

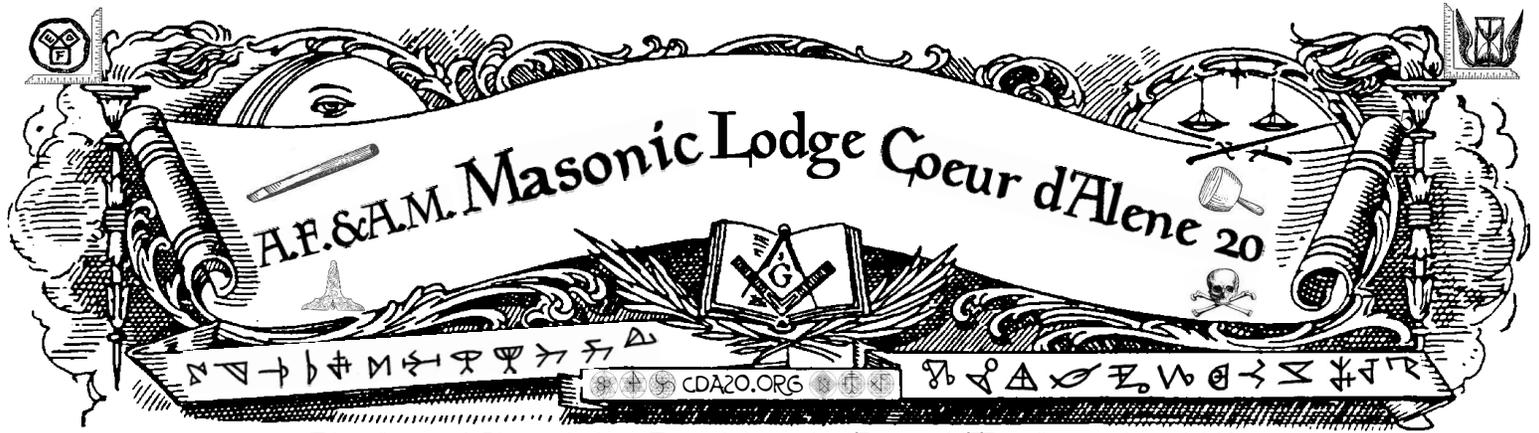




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Bro. Dudley Wright also deserves well of the Masonic Order for another reason — he appears definitely to have proved that Pius IX was a Freemason. Keen students know that this statement has been made repeatedly and denied, but Bro. Wright produces translations of the actual documents which contain Pope Pius IX's signature — then known as Giovanni Ferretti Mastai, showing he was initiated at Palermo in 1839. Furthermore he also produces a translation of the decree expelling him from the Order on March 27, 1874. Moreover, the decree of expulsion was signed by Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy and Grand Master of the Orient of Italy. Finally he shows that this decree was commented on by the Pall Mall Gazette in October, 1874! So the matter is at last definitely settled. Altogether the book is one of great value, and our only regret is that Bro. Dudley seems to be unaware of a most interesting paper read by Wor. Bro. Cart de Lafontaine, before the Masonic Study Society, at Mark Masons Hall on January 10, 1922, on this very theme. A brief summary of it appeared in the Transactions of the Society, which were issued in May. The lecture consisted mainly of actual letters which had come into his hands and showed that the Papacy was every bit as hostile to English as to Continental Masonry. And the reason? Freemasonry is practically undenominationalism, which is anathema to the Papacy, and further, Roman Catholics are forbidden to join in prayers to God with members of other religious bodies. Could intolerance go further? In fact the average Englishman credits Roman Catholicism with some of the tolerant spirit he himself possesses, but therein he is mistaken. A tract entitled Freemasonry by the Rev. Herbert Thurston, S.J., and issued by the "Catholic Truth Society" in 1920, shows that the campaign is being sedulously pressed in this country. It is a moderate and carefully reasoned piece of work, and by its very "reasonableness" liable to mislead those who are not members of the craft, yet it shows the undying hostility of the Papacy to every form of Freemasonry. The Pope always has taken the line that those who are not with the Holy See are against it, and that any one who acknowledges any religious belief other than that authorized and taught by her accredited officials is a heretic and certain to go to hell and likely to lure the "faithful" thither.

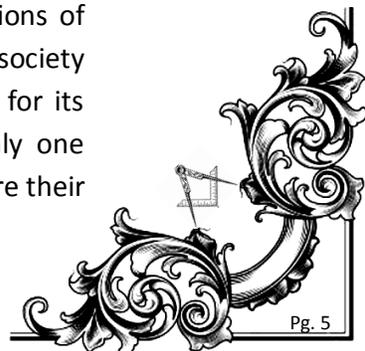
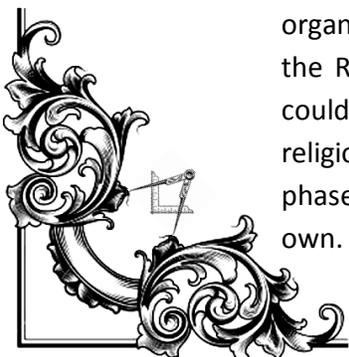
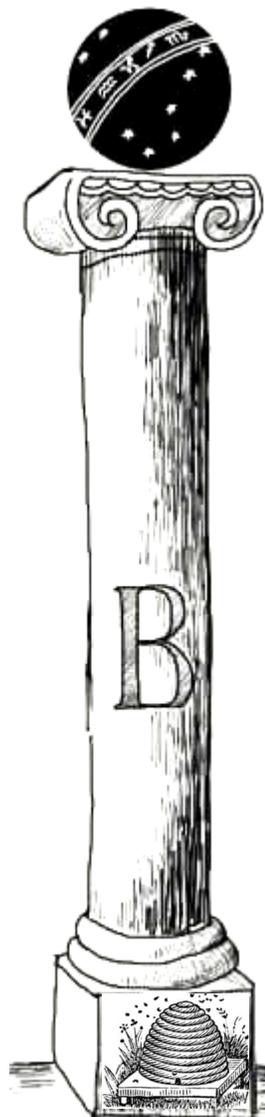
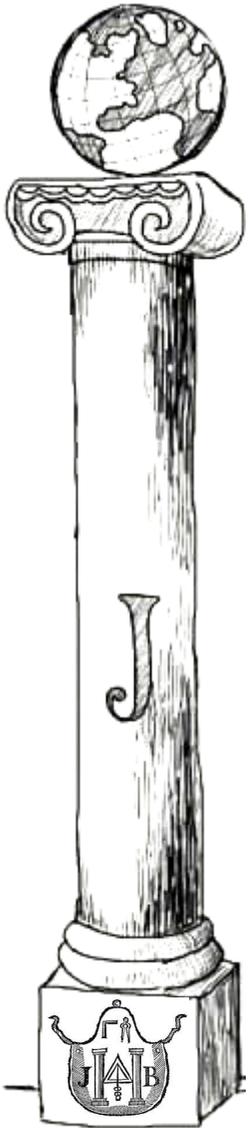




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Thus the Papal attitude is thoroughly logical. No one, according to her, has any right to teach of spiritual matters save the Roman Catholic Church, for Christ gave into her hands the keys.

If Freemasons, as in England, even faintly do so — and the fact that they offer prayers in Lodge shows they do — then they are dangerous heretics. If, on the other hand, they do not demand a belief in God, as in France, that proves they are atheists and working against religion. So the Papal Curia condemns both with equal vigor! One last word for the much abused Grand Orient. It was not till 1876, i.e. after Leo X III's final condemnation, that the French Freemasons deleted the name of God from their rituals. We English Masons regret and condemn the change, but at least let us be just. It is not true to say the Pope condemned Continental Freemasonry because it was atheistic; it is nearer the truth to say it became atheistic in self-defense against the ruthless persecution which it had suffered at the hands of the Papacy for 150 years. In England there are any number of Christians who are not Roman Catholics, and so can become Masons, no matter how the Pope fulminates; but in France a man is either Clerical or anti-Clerical, and since the Church has driven all Roman Catholics out of Freemasonry naturally that magnificent Order fell under the control of the extreme anti-Clericals, who often are atheists. Moreover it was not an atheist who proposed the deletion of the name of God, but one of those *rara avis*, (a rare person or thing; rarity.) a French Calvinist minister. He declared it was a mistake to refuse to admit a good man because he hesitated to make a definite statement that he believed in God. This the Calvinist minister declared was applying a religious test, and like all such tests it only excluded the honest and conscientious. Nor can we ignore the fact that influential American Masons have felt compelled lately to protest very plainly against the insidious propaganda of the Roman Church, and particularly against the methods of the Knights of Columbus. Finally the growth of the Klu Klux Klan, an organization whose avowed object is to counteract the political machinations of the Roman Church, is a most significant, though disturbing, sign. Such a society could not exist without some excuse, particularly in a country so famous for its religious tolerances. Thus condemnation of Freemasonry by Rome is only one phase of the age-old battle waged against those who claim that their souls are their own. - JSM WARD





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