

Grace
Dee May

MUSEUM &
LIBRARY

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JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2024



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In 2004, Audrey Marie Stein established the Grace Dee May Museum. Audrey believed that she had been richly blessed by the **Grace** of God.

Audrey's nickname was **Dee** and she had been born in the month of **May**. So, as Director of the Foundation, she named the Museum the **Grace Dee May**.



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"Don't wait for the right opportunity: create it." – George Bernard Shaw

Most of us, as we turn the page from the end of one year to a new year, make resolutions to improve ourselves and fulfill our potential. Oftentimes, our resolutions are to lose a few pounds, lead a healthier life, and to take advantage of new opportunities.

As we begin 2024, I'd like to encourage you to expand your opportunities by exploring the rich history of Freemasonry throughout the decades of the Western Movement. Here at the Grace Dee May Museum, we're dedicated to sharing the art and history of the American West along with the contributions of the Masons who helped to build the foundations of countless communities.

From the epic journey of Lewis and Clark, both of whom were Freemasons, to the artists, politicians, writers, businessmen, civic leaders, and inventors – Freemasons have seized opportunities to not only better their own lives but have built the structures and systems which have propelled our society into the future.

Whether your interest lies in exploring the work of artisans who have created beautiful objects, the writers who have expanded literary boundaries, the legends of the silver screen, the heroism of military leaders, or understanding the giants of industry – the GDM's mission is to share the exciting stories that will challenge your imagination.

Our exhibits and library are here for you to explore during a V.I.P. tour throughout 2024. The Grace Dee May also has fascinating lecturers who can be booked as guest speakers for your Blue Lodge or for a community organization. In addition, we have created videos, PowerPoints and multi-media presentations which you can share with the Family of Freemasonry or as part of a community outreach event to increase your membership opportunities.

Take a look at your 2024 calendar and book your tour of the Grace Dee May Museum or contact us at info@gracedeemay.org. We are looking forward to expanding your knowledge and helping you to create a year of opportunities.

Sean Foran
Curator & Board President



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A Bright Idea for 2024:
Let the Grace Dee May Museum
help you plan your
2024 Calendar of Events
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First Responders' Night
History of Firefighters in Southern California

2024

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Teachers Recognition
"Masonic Educators" Program

Salute to Law Enforcement

"Masons in the Movies"
Video Presentation

Museum Traveling
Collections

Oktoberfest
Display and Program

Masonic Information Night

Hiram Award Program

Holiday Programs

Masonic Youth Recognition
Development of Youth Groups

Sweethearts Dinner
Entertainment

Information Night
Speakers

Table Lodge Programs

History of Freemasonry

Layman's Night
Power Point

This is Your Life
Bro. George Washington

"Getting Ready for Grand Lodge"
Video Presentation

Thanksgiving Program

Book the Museum's Guest Speakers for your upcoming event.



Speakers with stories that will engage your guests.

Little known facts about famous Masons in the movies, Development of the first city block of downtown Los Angeles, the "Godmother of Santa Monica" and the first Santa Monica Hotel, California's first vintners, the first lawman killed in Los Angeles, the apprehension of Tiburcio Vásquez, the story behind Forest Lawn, the saga of the Workman-Rowland party, the first fire-proof building in Los Angeles, first firefighters, the Masonic banker who created Cedars Hospital and the City of Hope, the Masons who developed the San Fernando Valley, the adventurous life of Don Benito Wilson, Restaurants of early Los Angeles, the Mason who brought opera to Los Angeles, and hundreds of other stories are ready to be shared with you members and guests.

In addition, we have display materials to help tell the story of Masons who made the West.

**Contact us and we will help with suggestions for your event:
info@gracedeemay.org**

Videos for your Masonic Programs



Grand Lodge 2023

All videos can be previewed at the Grace Dee May Museum's YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdloEGRXEz2PdTjtVYH3nJQ>



Masons on the Move



All Aboard for Grand Lodge



This is Your Life



Freemasons of Early Los Angeles



Masons in the Movies



Grand Opening



Cheers to Grand Lodge



Grand Lodge 2019



Salute to America's Veterans



Raise a Glass to Masonry



Discover GDM Museum



OktoberSteinFest



Grand Re-opening 2022

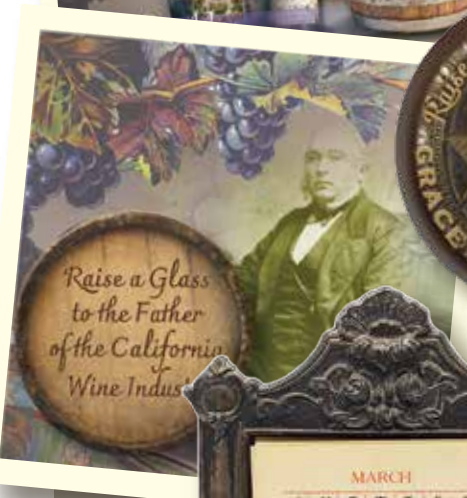


The Knights of Early Los Angeles



Untold Treasures

Let us help with your Table Lodge / Festive Board



**Ready!...
Aim!...
Fire!**

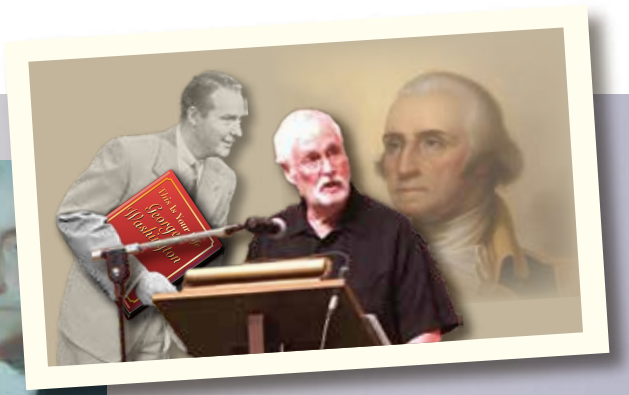
Table Lodges or Festive Boards have become a popular part of an annual calendar of events.

The Grace Dee May Museum and Library has developed a brief presentation on the history of wine production in early California. Our tale has many twists and surprises that will captivate your members and guest.

Additionally, we have a short video and many display items that will bring history to life.

Contact the Museum at: info@gracedeemay.org or call our Curator, Sean Foran at: 818-222-6796

Short Historical Plays with a live cast



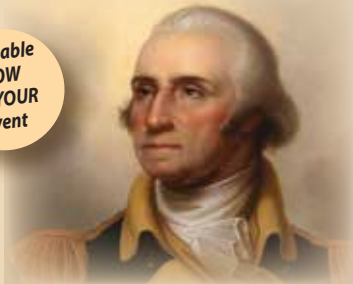
The Grace Dee May Museum is ready to perform a play for your next event. The Father of our country, and Masonic Brother George Washington is in the spotlight, along with a cast of famous patriots including Paul Revere, Benjamin Franklin, Betsy Ross, John Hancock and others.

Reserve now to put Masonic History on your calendar!

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Invite Bro. George Washington to your next event.

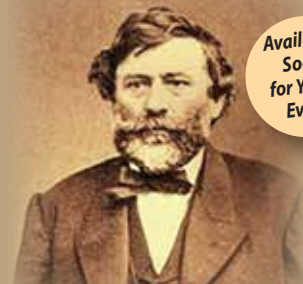
Available NOW for YOUR Event



"This is your life...Brother George Washington" is a short patriotic drama about our Founding Fathers. The GDM Museum is ready to bring this performance "to life" for your members.

Invite Count Agoston Haraszthy to your next event.

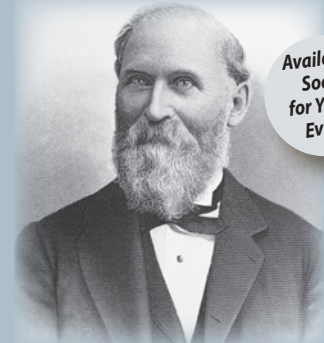
Available Soon for YOUR Event



"This is your life...Brother Agoston Haraszthy" is a short historic drama about the "Father of California Wine."

Invite Dr. Henry S. Orme to your next event.

Available Soon for YOUR Event



"This is your life...Bro. Henry S. Orme" is a short historic drama about York Rite Freemasonry and early medical treatment in Los Angeles.



We're here as a resource for you!

The Grace Dee May Museum is ready to help you with your 2024 events. Guest Speakers, Power Point Presentations, Video Programs, Masonic History Plays with a live cast, Programs on the History of California Wine for your Table Lodge or Festive Board, Masonic programs tailored for Layman's Nights. Degrees, Sweetheart Dinners and much more. Contact us for ideas.



- ✓ Guest Speakers
- ✓ Power Point Programs
- ✓ Videos (Low Rez, and High Rez)
- ✓ History Plays with cast
- ✓ Programs for Masonic Table Lodges
- ✓ Layman's Night Programs
- ✓ Degree Dinner Presentations
- ✓ Valentine's Day Sweetheart Programs
- ✓ Stated Meeting Dinner Presentations
- ✓ Youth Orders Recognition Programs
- ✓ Eastern Star Programs
- ✓ York Rite Presentations
- ✓ Scottish Rite Programs
- ✓ Events for Amaranth and White Shrine
- ✓ Shrine Club Programs
- ✓ Museum Display Items
- ✓ Posters, Buttons, Bookmarks, and other give-away items

Please Note:

Presentations in the Southern California area are **without charge**.

Low Resolution videos are **free**.

High Resolution videos are **\$25**. (includes flash drive and shipping)

Please contact us for details: info@gracedeemay.org

Our Vision:

The Grace Dee May Museum will seek to present a thematic look at the American West by utilizing its extensive collection of Western Art, and incorporate California history to broaden and deepen the public knowledge and appreciation of the men and women that settled the western part of the United States.

Our Mission:

The Grace Dee May Museum is committed to advancing the public knowledge and understanding of the American West and the contributions that Freemasonry has played in its development.

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