

America's Leaders

Civility In Politics—What We Can Learn Today

(NAPSA)—Integrity, conscientiousness, dedication—according to a new book, it was these qualities that enabled Calvin Coolidge to set such an impeccable example as a president and public servant.

The book, “Why Coolidge Matters: How Civility In Politics Can Bring a Nation Together,” is published by the National Notary Association. The organization has done so for several reasons. Not only was Coolidge the only president sworn in by a notary—his own father, in the early morning of August 3, 1923, after Warren Harding died—but his humility, his common touch, his love of family, his modesty and his role as a friend to business in the boisterous Jazz Age of the 1920s can be inspiring.

The book is essentially a collection of essays, created with the help of many of the nation's top historians and scholars and a number of other public servants—including Gov. M. Jodi Rell of Connecticut and Gov. James H. Douglas of Vermont, plus former presidential candidates Gov. Michael Dukakis and Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts. They know the pressures and burdens that Coolidge handled with such uncommon grace. Combined, suggests Milt Valera, the association's president, these essays reveal an extensive and captivating picture of Calvin Coolidge.

Teeming with anecdotes, insight and analysis about the life career and character of the nation's 30th chief executive, they



“Silent Cal” can speak volumes about how we run our lives and our nation today.

show a man with a penetrating and highly organized intellect, who was the master of every situation. A man of deep faith, he championed the rights of the vulnerable, including women, blacks and the mentally ill, and answered only to his own conscience and common sense.

One of the more surprising facts to come to light is that “Silent Cal,” as he was called, was one of the most communicative of all American presidents and a maestro of the then-new media of his day—radio and film. He held an unprecedented 520 press conferences—and he wrote his own speeches.

You can learn more about the book and where to get it online at WhyCoolidgeMatters.com or by calling (800) 876-6827. At that website, you can learn more about notaries, too.