

## From the President

At ceremonies on June 9, 2001, a marker given by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire will be dedicated, reminding us that the stone used in the construction of the exterior of the Memorial is granite from quarries in New Hampshire. This is appropriate since New Hampshire is known as "The Granite State". In reviewing the proceedings at the time of construction of the Memorial, I found that the consulting architects selected Conway Pink Granite from the quarries of the Maine & New Hampshire Granite Corporation in New Hampshire for two reasons: it was a material which would last through the centuries and the tone of which would express the warmth and sunshine of him to whom the building is dedicated.



The proceedings covering the early days of construction of the Memorial further reveal some interesting accounts, which I will share with you. Much like the construction of King Solomon's Temple, the stones used in the Memorial were cut in the quarries, numbered, and transported by rail to Union Station below the Memorial. The stone was unloaded and placed on flatbed trucks. It was a challenge to transport the stone to the construction site at the top of a hill one hundred feet high. This was 1923, there were no diesel engines or tractors. Steam powered vehicles, winches, mules and human labor were used to transport the stone to the top of the hill.

The greatest challenge was transporting the sixteen green granite columns now in Assembly and Memorial Halls. Each of the columns weighed sixty tons and was in three sections of twenty tons each. To place the columns, special derricks were constructed from Oregon fir trees. One section of a column was damaged and had to be discarded. It was given to the Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W. who erected it in front of Union Station as a memorial to the men of Alexandria killed in World War I. It is interesting to know that the two colors of granite, the dark green granite of the columns in Memorial Hall and the pink Conway granite of the exterior, came from the same quarry. A narrow fissure of less than ten feet separates the two colors of stone. Further accounts of the construction may be found in William Adrian Brown's *"History of The George Washington Masonic Memorial"*.

The Association is grateful for the gift of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. It causes us to reflect on the early days of the Association and reminds us of the tremendous undertaking by our brethren nearly a century ago. It constitutes a challenge for us to continue their work.



## Memorial to Unveil Dedicatory Marker

On Saturday, June 9, 2001 at 1:30 p.m., the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful James Dean Cole and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia will unveil and dedicate a granite marker acknowledging the contributors to the Square and Compasses which was dedicated June 26, 1999. The marker will list those Grand Lodges, Appendant Bodies, Lodges, Individuals and Organizations that were major contributors.

Previous to the dedication ceremony, another ceremony will take place on the northeast corner of the Memorial terrace. A granite marker identifying New Hampshire as the source of the granite used in the construction of the Memorial will be unveiled by Most Worshipful Jeremy J. Sawyer, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Light refreshments will be served in the Memorial following these public ceremonies.

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## Executive Administrator Achieves 20 Years of Service

Our Executive Administrator, Jo-Ann Guthrie, celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association in May. She has worked with many Presidents, Committees, Boards and Secretaries.

Jo-Ann began her 20-year career with the Memorial on May 18, 1981, on a temporary basis working for Marvin Fowler, who at the time was the Secretary-Treasurer. "I had no intention of keeping the job, but Marvin and the piles of paperwork on the floor convinced me to stay. I remember thinking that they really needed some help, and now one month has turned into 20 years." Jo-Ann said with a laugh.



The members of the Masonic Fraternity are people of strong principal and, throughout the years, Jo-Ann has come to appreciate the contributions that the Masonic Fraternity has made to our society. "I am very proud to have served The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, and to have been a part of its worthy mission to maintain this beautiful temple, which honors the life and memory of George Washington, the mason," she said.

In addition to her busy job at the Memorial, Jo-Ann is also active in civic affairs, church and family. She and her husband and soul mate of 39 years, Lucian, a member of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 (which meets in the Memorial) have raised two sons, David and Bryan, in Alexandria, Virginia, which has been their home for 29 years.

Among Jo-Ann's fondest memories of her career at the Memorial are: The Commemoration of the Bicentennial of George Washington's death held in 1999 and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dedication of the Memorial in 1982 which included that issuance of a special postage stamp. The most rewarding aspect of her time with the Memorial Association has been the working relationships she has had with the various Presidents and Secretaries, including Marvin Fowler, Stanley Maxwell, Don Robey, Edgar Pepler, George Seghers and Paul Ellis.

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## Memorial Introduces Tree Program



This year the Memorial is introducing a Dedicatory Tree Program. For a donation of \$500.00 a tree will be planted on the Memorial grounds in honor or memory of an individual or organization. A granite marker will be installed near each tree identify the donor and honoree. For more information or to participate in this program contact [George Seghers](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org) at 703-683-2007 or Email: [gseghers@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org)

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## A Message from the Executive Secretary-Treasurer

While researching the construction and dedication of the Memorial I came upon the following:

### *A CORNERSTONE OF HISTORY*

*By Joseph Fort Newton, Litt. D.*

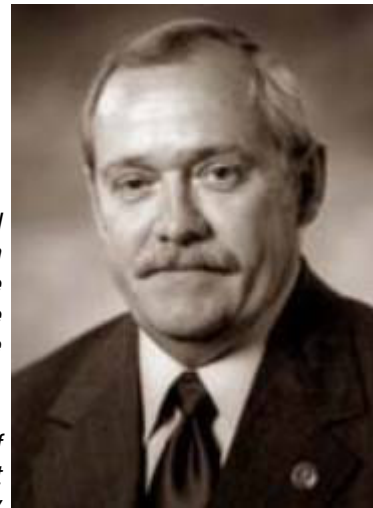
*On a day of November magic, under a sky crisp and crystalline, when the Virginia hills stood clothed in mellow autumn colors, like the trailing robes of God, in the presence of one of the greatest assemblies of Freemasons in the history of the world, the cornerstone of the Washington Masonic Memorial was laid in the city of Alexandria, in the 147<sup>th</sup> year of the Republic.*

*The President of the United States and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, using the tiny silver trowel with which the first President himself laid the cornerstone of the Capitol, reverently spread the cement of an imperishable monument to an imperishable fame. No one ever saw such a scene before, and no one may ever hope to see its like again.*

*Yet somehow, in the midst of the pomp and pageantry of the picture, my thoughts lived in the long ago with that great and simple man—modest, quiet, gentle, wise—in whom patriotism was a passion and a prophecy, Freemasonry a fragrance, a fellowship, and a philosophy; great enough to refuse a crown and live a life of private nobility and public service; picking his difficult way where no path was, amid wild passions and perils; leading his people to victory, peace and ordered honor; leaving his labor as a legacy of inspiration to mankind, and his character as a consecration to his country.*

*No separate faculty, or federation of faculties stood out in Washington, shining with that strange splendor which amazes us in Alexander and dazzles us in Napoleon. His genius, like that of Alfred, was moral, and his greatness lay in the noble symmetry of those simple, dependable qualities which make nations great—an uncommon man with common principles, uniting purity of personality with majesty of character—more precious and more useful than the glittering gifts of other men; a mountain man, against whom the storms of time beat in vain—a Brother and Fellow of the mighty spirits of the ancient world.*

*When at last, the work of the Builders is done, and the Memorial stands stately in the sunlight, white and magnificent in the night, it will be at once a perpetual Shrine and a prophetic Symbol; a Shrine where men who despair of the present may rekindle their Masonic faith and patriotic hope; a symbol of the unity and power of Freemasonry, in whose fellowship our first*



*President lived and wrought—led by its light, taught by its truth, hallowed by its spirit—the Republic itself at once its monument and his Memorial.*

Truer words have not been written about the character of George Washington. We have a tremendous responsibility to keep and maintain this wonderful Memorial. A responsibility not only to George Washington but also to the memory and honor of our Brethren who labored so long and so diligently to erect this Memorial to Washington the Mason. We have many projects that require funding before we can complete them. If you would like to assist in the maintenance of your Memorial please contact us.

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## Capital City Opera Presents Mozart's

### Cosi fan tutte

The George Washington Masonic Memorial hosted Capital City Opera's production of *Cosi fan tutte* on June 1-3. Mozart's comedic masterpiece (written while Mozart was a Mason) is the tale of two pairs of young lovers drawn into a web of temptation and deceit. This innovative, new production, sung in English, was set in an Italian restaurant in Brooklyn during World War II instead of in Naples, Italy during the 1700;s. And the orchestra was set right on the stage, performing as the "restaurant entertainment," bringing the incomparable musical score even that much closer to the audience. This was the second Capital City Opera production hosted by the Memorial.(Article #7)



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## Projects That Need Funding - 2001

The following projects need funding before they can be accomplished. The Memorial does not have the funds to complete these projects. If you would like to sponsor one or more of the following please contact the [George Seghers](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org) at 703-683-2007 or Email: [gseghers@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org)

Re-tube one Boiler in the Heating Plant	\$12,000
Install Sidewalk in front of the Square and Compasses	\$1,200
Replace Sidewalks on each side of the Square and Compasses	\$5,000
Structural Engineer Survey of the Building	\$30,000
Install Dampers on the 12 <sup>th</sup> Level of the Tower	\$42,000
Install Emergency Lighting in the Building	\$35,000
Install Emergency Generators for the Elevators and the Building	\$125,000
Install Security Cameras and Monitors	\$35,000
Install Security Lights, North Parking Lot and Driveway	\$7,000
Install Room Dividers in the Dining Room	\$7,200
Replace Stage Flooring in the Auditorium	\$7,000

Remove, Reset and Replace Front Steps	\$250,000
Replace Sheers in the Auditorium	\$24,500
Replace Shrubbery on north side of the Memorial Grounds	\$6,000
Sponsor one edition of the Newsletter	\$9,750

## President Ellis Presents Awards of Appreciation



Paul E. Ellis, President of The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, accompanied by Most Worshipful James Dean Cole, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, presented Brother Lauris M. Eek, III and Brother Arthur W. Pierson awards of appreciation as part of the George Washington Birthday Celebration held at the Memorial. Brother Eek was presented with the award for his assistance during the Commemoration Day activities. Brother Pierson was presented with the award for the many hours he contributes coordinating the Memorial Website and for the photographic work he has done for the Memorial. Pictured left to right are Lauris M. Eek, III, Paul E. Ellis, James Dean Cole and Arthur W. Pierson.



## Hay Market Lodge Continues Tradition of Supporting The Memorial



Hay Market Lodge #313, A.F. & A.M., Haymarket, Virginia through the Hay Market Lodge Charitable Foundation presented what has become an annual donation to the Memorial. Most Worshipful Edgar N. Pepler, President of The George Washington Masonic Memorial 1995-1999, was invited to address the Lodge and receive the donation. For several years Hay Market Lodge has made an annual contribution to the maintenance and operation of the Memorial. The Memorial truly appreciates the generosity and support from the Brethren of Hay Market Lodge. Pictured left to right are Donald J. Kerr, Ed Pepler, Charles Darley.



## Grand Lodge Month Program

The Grand Lodge Month Program has been successful in drawing attention to and participation in the Memorial. The Grand Lodges being recognized this year are: January - Rhode Island, February - the District of Columbia, March - Vermont, April - Kentucky, May - Tennessee, June - Ohio, July - Louisiana, August - Indiana, September - Mississippi, October - Illinois, November - Alabama, December - Maine.

Under the direction Past Grand Master Robert F. Dreschler, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia installed a truly magnificent exhibit in two display cases in Assembly Hall as part of the *Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia Month* program at the Memorial. The display included the many cornerstone laying ceremonies and re-enactments that the Grand Lodge participated in, including the United States Capitol and the White House. In a ceremony held in conjunction with a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M, held in The George Washington Masonic Memorial on Wednesday, February 28, 2001, Grand Master Grant R. Berning honored two of the District of Columbia's most distinguished Masons and Past Grand Masters. Two windows in The George Washington Masonic Memorial were dedicated by the Grand Lodge, one in honor of PGM Charles Soren Iversen, and the second in honor of PGM Stewart Wilson Miner, Grand Secretary.

To commemorate the *Grand Lodge of Vermont Month* at the Memorial, Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, F. & A.M. and Executive Director of The Masonic Service Association, presented the Memorial with a framed display with examples and explanations of the Philip C. Tucker and John Barney Medals. The Grand Lodge of Vermont annually awards these medals for outstanding achievement and service.

April 2001 was the *Grand Lodge of Kentucky Month*. An exhibit covering the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and Freemasonry in Kentucky is on display in Assembly Hall and the Kentucky State flag was flown at the Memorial all month. The flag was presented to the Grand Lodge with certificate stating that it had been flown at the Memorial as part of the program to recognize April 2001 as the *Grand Lodge of Kentucky Month* at the Memorial.

## Memorial Windows Available for Dedication



To dedicate a window in honor of an individual or an organization requires a donation of \$7,500. The Memorial will install a dedicatory plaque at, or near, the designated window stating for whom the window is dedicated and by whom it was presented. This is an excellent way to support the Memorial and perpetuate the memory of an individual or organization. For more information contact the [George Seghers](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org) at 703-683-2007 or Email: [gseghers@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org)



## Memorial Introduces Collector's Edition for 2001



The Tall Cedars of Lebanon are sponsoring the 2001 Holiday Ornament. Each ornament is crafted in America and comes with a beautiful 24kt. gold finish. A booklet with historical and educational information is enclosed in each gift box. The ornament is available through the Memorial Gift Shop at 703-549-9234.



<b>CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEMORIAL</b>	
<b>21st Century Members</b>	<b>Life Members</b>
Aubrey Lewis      GA	Robert A. Jeffery      MA
	Robert H. Maxson      OH
	Myrtle Lodge No. 89      MI
	Walter F. Rosso      GA
<b>Window Dedications</b>	<b>Bequests</b>
Oklahoma Masonic Foundation, OK	Estate of Charles Edgington Fruin \$1,000
Stewart W. Miner By The Grand Lodge of DC	
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<b>For information about Planned Giving contact: W. Scott Stoner at 717-898-2185</b>	

<b>Association Officers</b>	
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