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*of the George Washington
Masonic Memorial*



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Semi-Annual Board Meeting

The Board of Directors held their Semi-Annual Board Meeting at the Memorial on August 18 and 19. The policies that govern the Memorial Association and the Strategic Plan for the Memorial were the focus of the meeting. The Board also approved the creation of a new Society of members and to extend membership in the Society of Washington Lodges. (See article, page 2.)

The Semi-Annual Board Meeting was established to provide the opportunity for our Board Members to hold at least one meeting at the Memorial each year. Per the By-Laws of the Memorial Association, the Annual Meeting of the Association is to be held on Washington's Birthday. Currently our Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, which developed out of the Annual Meeting of the Memorial Association. The Conference usually meets the week of Washington's Birthday at various locations around the country; our Annual Meeting is seldom held at the Memorial. Each year the Memorial welcomes seven new members to the 21-member Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is the ultimate authority responsible for the operation of the Memorial Association and the Memorial building.



The Board of Directors met at the Memorial for the Semi-Annual Board Meeting held in August. They are pictured here in the North Lodge Room.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Time for Thanks and Reflection

by Roger A. Simmons



This issue marks the end of my first year as President of the George Washington

Masonic Memorial. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Memorial Staff, I send our sincere thanks for your continued interest in and support of your Memorial. Our young nation was truly blessed to have Brother George Washington, a man of impeccable character and integrity, as our leader and guiding light at the time of our greatest need. Without his leadership, we would not have succeeded in securing our freedom.

To recognize and perpetuate the memory of Washington's great deeds and sacrifices, our Masonic Forefathers built the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Now it is up to us to continue the work they started. We must restore, conserve and fund the Memorial for all future generations. This can only be done with the support of our entire member Grand Jurisdictions.

The Memorial suffered significant damage from the recent local
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earthquake and the hurricane that closely followed. We must raise significant funds for repairs and to meet other pressing challenges. Two programs already in place will help with these efforts. In my first message this year I presented the 20/2 Program, the goal of which is to raise 20 million dollars in two years. This is something we can achieve if the more than one million Masons in America would contribute \$10 per year during that time.

Our goal is to have every Grand Jurisdiction adopt a \$1 Per Member Annual Contribution as well. These worthy initiatives will help to ensure the future of your Memorial. If the value of a dollar today and the value of a dollar in 1910 are taken into account, our goal is far less than the initial amount raised by our Forefathers to build the Memorial.

Thank you for your continued support and may God bless you and your families.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 4

Washington Initiated—1752

November 14

Thanksgiving Proclaimed
by Washington—1789

December 14

212th Anniversary of
Washington's Passing

February 19–21

Conference of Grand Masters
of North America—Atlanta, GA

February 22

Washington's Birthday Celebration
at the Memorial

Memorial Establishes New Society, Extends Membership in Society of Washington Lodges

The George Washington Memorial Society

At the Semi-Annual Meeting in August, the Memorial Association's Board of Directors approved the creation of a new Society comprising a select group of members dedicated to supporting the Memorial and its mission. The purpose of the new George Washington Memorial Society is to raise funds for and to increase awareness of the Memorial among Masons and in the community. Membership in the Society will consist exclusively of Charter Members and Regular Members. Charter Members are those who donate \$1,000 or more to the Memorial with their membership application from now until February 22, 2013, and \$250 or more per year thereafter. Charter Membership will be closed after February 22, 2013. Charter Members will receive a unique patent signifying their membership in the Society and a high-quality, specially produced medal and lapel pin. The names of Charter Members will be placed on a special plaque in the Memorial and on the Memorial's website. Charter Members will be invited to a private reception at the gala celebration of George Washington's Birthday at the Memorial each year. The Memorial would like to acknowledge the following Charter Members who have joined recently: Jack D. Anderson, Montana; Philip G. Buchholz, Wyoming; L. Todd Eastham, Kentucky; Akram R. Elias, District of Columbia; James T. Feezel, District of Columbia; Ridgely H. Gilmour, Utah; Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Massachusetts; Gale H. Kenney, Washington; J. F. "Jeff" Webb, Louisiana; and Douglas H. Wood, Virginia.

Regular Members are those who make an initial donation of \$500 or more to the Memorial with their membership application and donate \$250 or more per year thereafter. Regular Members will receive a unique patent signifying their membership in the Society, plus a specially produced lapel pin. Membership in the George Washington Memorial Society is available to both Masons and non-Masons. Applications are available on the Memorial's website (www.gwmemorial.org).

The Society of Washington Lodges

The Board of Directors also approved extending membership in the Society of Washington Lodges beyond its Charter Membership to an additional group of Member Lodges. Member Lodges will be those regular Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodges of the United States who are committed to supporting the Memorial and who donate \$2,500 with their membership application and \$500 per year thereafter. Individual Masons in good standing in Lodges that are Members or Charter Members of the Society may purchase a custom-made medal and lapel pin for \$150.

The Society of Washington Lodges will meet in a tiled Lodge meeting to be hosted by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 at the Memorial on the evening before Washington's Birthday. The Charter and Member Lodges of the Society will be listed on the Memorial's website and on a plaque outside the Replica Lodge Room at the Memorial.

For more information about either program, please contact Douglas Wood, Director of Communications and Development, at 703.683.2007, x110 or dwood@gwmemorial.org.

Note: The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent permitted by law.

MESSAGE FROM ALEXANDRIA

Challenges and Opportunities

by George D. Seghers



This is an exciting and challenging time for the Memorial as the first year of our second century of service to the Masonic Fraternity draws to a close. The Memorial Association is focused and committed to our mission to promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington. We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to. In his Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789 Washington wrote: “...that we may unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation...” Thanks to the efforts and sacrifices of George Washington and our Founding Fathers we are privileged to live in the greatest nation on earth—a nation that provides the most security and freedom that individual citizens have ever experienced. A grateful Fraternity conceived and constructed the George Washington Masonic Memorial as an everlasting tribute to the one man who did more and gave more for the creation of our nation than any other. Washington was a man of impeccable morals and is an example for us all.

Interest in and support of the Memorial continue to grow, for which we are truly grateful. However, we are faced with many challenges now and will be so in the future. The recent local

earthquake and effects of Hurricane Irene inflicted severe damage on the Memorial. The earthquake opened several mortar joints, mainly on the top section of the building’s exterior. The hurricane that followed caused extensive and serious water damage. With the Board of Director’s approval, an engineering firm and a water-proofing firm have been contracted to provide recommendations to stabilize and secure the stone work and to seal the Memorial against future water penetration. The Board has consistently affirmed that the Memorial must be maintained and preserved.

Challenges often present fresh opportunities to find solutions and explore new avenues to success. As part of the long-term plan for the Memorial, we have created the new position of Director of Communications and Development to oversee a broad range of education and support initiatives. We are pleased to announce the addition of Douglas H. Wood to our staff to fill this role. Doug brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and will create and refine programs to expand awareness of the Memorial and increase support. (See article, page 7.)

The Memorial is dedicated to the accomplishment of our two intertwined missions—to preserve the Memorial and to inspire humanity through education to promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington. With your continued interest and support we will secure the future of the Memorial for all future generations.

George D. Seghers is the Executive Director of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

2011 HOLIDAY ORNAMENT



The Memorial is pleased to announce that *The Three Great Lights in Masonry* Holiday Ornament has been reissued in color. The Holy Bible, Square and Compasses were selected by the Fraternity in its formative period as the first and most important symbols presented to a new Mason, and are known

as the “Three Great Lights” in Masonry. The Holy Bible represents the rule and guide of a Mason’s faith, the Square symbolizes virtue, and the Compasses allude to the importance of self-mastery in moral and intellectual progress.

To order, please use the form on page 11, contact the Memorial Gift Shop at 703.549.9234 or visit the Memorial’s website (www.gwmemorial.org/shopping).

Memorial Ambassadors Hold Second Meeting

Ambassadors from around the nation convened at the Memorial on August 19 for the second of two meetings this year to refine and expand the Ambassador Program. Ambassadors also crafted a new mission statement: “To raise support for the George Washington Masonic Memorial and its mission by increasing awareness of the Memorial among Masons.” Ambassadors are charged with setting measurable goals for the next year and developing specific steps to achieve them. In addition, Director of Collections Mark Tabbert has developed the first of a series of PowerPoint presentations for Ambassadors to use in Lodge presentations. And new Director of Communications and Development Douglas Wood will be calling all Ambassadors to help them determine appropriate goals and specific steps to take in their jurisdiction.

The Memorial Ambassadors are a vital resource and indispensable link to Lodges and individual Masons, from whom the Memorial depends for financial support. The Memorial could not generate this needed support without an active Ambassadors Program, and the Association is grateful for their efforts.

George Washington's Masonic Memorials and Monuments

by Mark A. Tabbert

The concept of a Masonic memorial to George Washington existed well before the Association's founding in 1910; in fact, it goes back to Washington's lifetime. Only through the efforts of successive generations and many Grand Lodges did a permanent memorial come to fruition. Yet even with the George Washington Masonic Memorial's 1932 dedication, our obligation to the great man will never end.

George Washington has numerous statues, landmarks and countless other honors named for him. But most of these are monuments; few are memorials. A monument is commonly dedicated to the actions of an individual, a people or to a great event, while memorials are dedicated to the memory and character of a single person. Such is the distinction between the George Washington Monument in the District of Columbia and the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. The Monument is dedicated to Washington's great service as citizen, soldier, president and statesman. The Masonic Memorial is dedicated to the character of Washington as Father of our Country and the Masonic virtues he exemplified.

The first small step in commemorating Washington as a Freemason began in 1795 when *The Sentimental and Masonic Magazine* in Dublin, Ireland, published a pictorial tribute to him. The image shows the allegorical figures Freedom, Love and Honor gazing upon his profile. Blindfolded Justice, holding a sword in one hand and scales in the other, wears a Masonic apron. In the foreground an open book displays the letter "G" and the motto "Vide, Aude, Tace" (See, Hear and Be Silent).

Further tributes to Washington followed. In 1797 a small coin was struck with Washington's profile on the obverse. On its reverse are standard Masonic symbols with the motto "AMOR HONOR et JUSTITIA" (Love, Honor and Justice) and the initials: G.W.G.G.M. which presumably represent "George Washington General Grand Master," despite no such Masonic office ever existing.

After Washington's death in 1799 numerous Masonic memorial services were held throughout the nation. Grand Lodges in New York and South Carolina, for example, ordered all Lodge altars to be draped in black and all brethren to wear mourning badges for six months. In a powerful gesture of gratitude for this Masonic commemoration, Martha Washington sent a lock of Washington's hair to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In 1809 the Grand Lodge commissioned silversmith and Past Grand Master Paul Revere to craft a gold urn to safeguard it. The urn holds a special place of honor within the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, and every three years it is ceremonially entrusted to the new Grand Master when he is installed.

Twenty-five years later the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire initiated a national campaign to "erect a monument at Mt. Vernon over the remains and to the memory of our late Brother George Washington." In 1825 and 1826 New Hampshire Freemasons solicited every U.S. Grand Lodge and local Lodges in an effort to raise a total of \$10,000 for its construction. Several Grand Lodges pledged funds, notably New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland. Freemasons agreed to hold a meeting in 1827 at Washington, D.C.'s Masonic Hall to form a monument association, but the story abruptly ends there. Although a long progress report appears in the 1828 Proceedings, there is no further mention of a monument in subsequent years. Perhaps, after further consideration, the Washington family, who still owned Mount Vernon, declined participation in the monument plans, or perhaps pledge money failed to materialize. Perhaps, even more likely, is that the project evaporated with the onset of Anti-Masonic hysteria in 1828. Regardless, in 1831, the family built a new tomb on the site specified in the General's will.



Washington is honored as a Freemason in this pictorial tribute from *The Sentimental and Masonic Magazine* published in Dublin, Ireland in 1795.

Energy for a Washington Monument in the nation's capital began during the centennial celebration of his birth in 1832 when citizens and politicians organized a committee to raise public support for it. Robert Mills was selected as the architect. His original design included a circular colonnade around a massive 555-foot stone obelisk. The plans for the colonnade were later dropped to reduce costs. In 1848 the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, under Grand Master Benjamin B. French, conducted the cornerstone ceremony. Numerous stones were donated later and inscribed by Masonic Lodges, Grand Lodges and other civic and fraternal organizations. Lack of funds however, stopped all construction for 20 years.

While construction on the Washington Monument languished, a plan to build a new Washington Masonic memorial began, but that too was short lived. With the 1853 centennial of Washington being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, his "Mother Lodge," Fredericksburg No. 4, was inspired to undertake a new project. Their first plan included a new Masonic hall with a full-length statue of Washington in Masonic regalia within. But the planners quickly rejected a utilitarian hall and focused on the statue. The Grand Lodge of Virginia endorsed and funded the project and commissioned sculptor Hiram Powers. Originally from Vermont, Powers lived and worked most of his life in Rome. American novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne commented in his diary on seeing the statue when he visited Powers' studio there in 1858. By 1860 the Washington statue was completed and shipped to Virginia. Lodge history states: "[It] reached Fredericksburg by the last steamer that came up the Rappahannock River before it was closed to navigation by the Federal authorities at the beginning of the War Between the States." The statue was displayed for two years before it was moved to Richmond for safekeeping. Sadly, it was destroyed in a fire following the Confederate evacuation in April 1865.

After the Civil War there was renewed energy to complete the Washington Monument in D.C. With newfound support, new workers and the selection of a new quarry, construction was completed in 1884 under the direction of Thomas L. Casey.

Like stepping stones across the course of history, one more anniversary led American Freemasonry to a definitive Washington honor. In 1893, the Grand Master of Colorado, William D. Wright, observed the approach of the 100th anniversary of Washington's death. He sent letters to all U.S. Grand Lodges asking that a committee, under the leadership of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, organize a suitable commemoration at Washington's tomb on December 14, 1899. His letter garnered universal support and over the next six years a solemn, reverent and glorious Masonic service came to pass.

On December 13, 1899, more than 200 delegates from every U.S. Grand Lodge assembled and spent the day in Alexandria. The morning event was a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia held at Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. In the afternoon, the brethren assembled in Christ Episcopal Church for a

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Mark A. Tabbert Elected Museum Association President



Mark A. Tabbert, the Memorial's Director of Collections, was elected President of the Masonic Library and Museum Association (MLMA) at its annual meeting held recently in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He will serve a two-year term. Previously, he had served as Vice Present for four years. The MLMA represents nearly 40 Masonic libraries and museums across the U.S. and Canada. Its mission is "*To assist and support, through education, facilitation of communication, coordination of effort, and other means, those individuals charged with the collection, management, and preservation of the Masonic heritage.*" Membership is open to individual Freemasons, Lodges, Grand Lodges and supporting institutions.

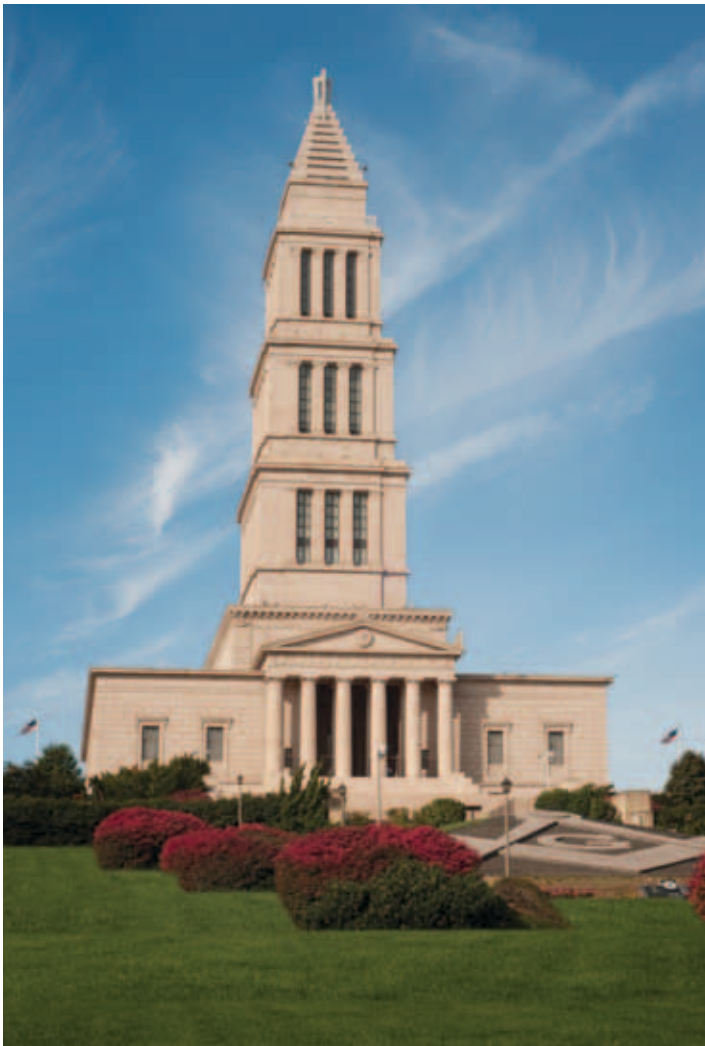


American citizens were first energized to build the Washington Monument during the centennial of Washington's birth. Photo courtesy of the National Park Service.

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sermon and historical address on the life of Washington. The evening's dinner was formally concluded with a further oration on Washington.

December 14th began as the delegates and their families made a journey, considered quite a pilgrimage, by electric train and steamboat to Mount Vernon. R.T. Duke, Grand Master of Virginia, presided over the service at Washington's tomb where he conducted appropriate Masonic funeral rites, a wreath laying and prayers. The assembly then moved to the east lawn of the mansion where they heard the Presidential yacht U.S.S. Sylph and the guns at Fort Washington fire salutes. Overlooking the Potomac River, various Grand Masters spoke to assembled brethren, ladies and guests. President and Freemason William McKinley concluded the occasion with a speech, after which he was reunited with the brethren of his Mother Lodge, Hiram Lodge No. 21 in Winchester, Virginia. A banquet in Alexandria coincided with hundreds of other banquets held in Masonic Lodge halls throughout the nation that evening.



The ultimate Masonic tribute to Washington, the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia was built by America's Freemasons to forever honor his memory and legacy.

Six years of methodical planning had paid Washington's memory a high honor. Although little remained of the gathering but a commemorative book, the spirit, unity and reverence of the occasion inspired at least two Freemasons to build something permanent.

William B. McChesney (1849–1930) served on the Grand Lodge of Virginia Commemoration Committee and Thomas J. Shryock (1851–1918) served for 32 years as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. A third, less assuming, but no less ambitious man linked the other two and prompted them into action. Charles H. Callahan (1858–1944) joined Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in 1904. Commissioner of Revenue for the City of Alexandria, Callahan possessed a deep and abiding reverence for Washington and the talents to write, speak and inspire others.

As he progressed through Alexandria-Washington Lodge's offices, Callahan conceived of a great Masonic memorial to George Washington on top of Shuter's Hill in Alexandria. He knew that the Lodge would have to take action quickly, because a local association had already begun to build a George Washington monument in that location. Indeed, by 1908, that monument's foundation was laid. However, like the national Washington Monument in the 1850s, and despite the best efforts of the local citizens, the monument in Alexandria was not completed because of lack of funds. (In 1922, the monument's foundation and cornerstone were rediscovered and removed during the excavation for the foundation of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.)

As the monument's future wavered, Callahan, now Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, seized an opportunity. Under the authority of Virginia Grand Master Joseph W. Eggleston, he invited every U.S. Grand Lodge to attend a meeting to discuss a national George Washington Masonic Memorial. That meeting was held at Alexandria-Washington Lodge on February 22, 1910, with newly installed Grand Master of Virginia William McChesney presiding. The day concluded with a unanimous resolution to form the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and to construct a "suitable memorial" to George Washington. Grand Master of Maryland Thomas J. Shryock was elected as the Association's first president.

Grand Masters McChesney and Shryock and Worshipful Master Callahan may have congratulated themselves for organizing the new Association, and they may have even felt confident in acquiring Shuter's Hill upon which to build the Memorial, but certainly they knew from history that many difficult labors lay ahead. Conceiving and organizing the construction, supplying the men and materials, and, especially, designing an edifice worthy of George Washington's memory would require wisdom, strength and beauty. Fortunately they had faith that younger and successive generations of Freemasons would meet those challenges.

Mark A. Tabbert is the Director of Collections of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

Douglas H. Wood Hired for New Position



The Memorial is pleased to announce that Douglas H. Wood has been hired as Director of Communications and Development, effective August 15, 2011. Prior to joining the staff of the Memorial, Mr. Wood was an attorney in private practice in Virginia and also worked as a civil litigator in Virginia for the firm of Seaton & Husk, L.P. He was educated at Yale College (B.A.) and Boston College Law School (J.D.). His background also includes work at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., where he was Director of Government Relations, serving as a liaison between think tank scholars and decision-makers in government. He began his career as a commissioned Naval Officer, and served on active duty as a Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Naval Reserve. In that capacity, he represented service members at Courts Martial and provided other legal assistance, such as drafting wills and trusts.

Mr. Wood is a Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, a Past High Priest of Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 14, and author of *Into Masonic Light* (Atlas Books 2010, available at the Memorial Gift Shop, Amazon and other online book retailers). He is presently Master of the Lodge of the Nine Muses No. 1776 in the District of Columbia.

As Director of Communications and Development, Mr. Wood will conduct a sustained campaign of outreach on behalf of the Memorial in order to further our mission of education, to increase the general public's familiarity with the Memorial, broaden our membership base and increase support.

George Washington Birthday Celebration

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association will host a day of special events to commemorate the 280th Birthday of George Washington on February 22, 2012. The celebration will begin with a Special Communication of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 on Tuesday evening, February 21, where we will welcome members of the Society of Washington Lodges.

Festivities on the 22nd will begin in the morning with a wreath laying ceremony at George Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon. The dedication of the opening of the new *Family of Freemasonry* exhibit (see article, page 12) will take place at the Memorial mid-morning followed by lunch in Grand Masonic Hall. A George Washington Symposium will be held in the afternoon.

Planned Giving

The Memorial welcomes support in the form of bequests both large and small. Legacy donors have found that bequests are a meaningful way to perpetuate the Masonic values they share with George Washington. These gifts will help to preserve the legacy of George Washington and Freemasonry for generations to come. Including the Memorial in your estate plans is an ideal opportunity to express your benevolence and dedication to the values of the Fraternity.

To make a bequest, please consider, in consultation with a qualified estate-planning attorney, including the following examples of bequest language in your will:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Inc., a non-profit, non-stock Virginia corporation with its principal office in Alexandria, Virginia, _____ percent (%) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate as an unrestricted gift.

Or the following:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Inc., a non-profit, non-stock Virginia corporation with its principal office in Alexandria, Virginia, the sum of _____ as an unrestricted gift.

Each situation is unique; therefore, these examples include only some of the possible gift opportunities. Our staff is available to discuss in confidence and without obligation how to make a bequest. Please call Director of Communications and Development Douglas Wood at 703.683.2007, x110 for more information.

The Birthday Gala will continue that evening with a Reception in Memorial Hall, followed by a Banquet in Grand Masonic Hall with appropriate toasts and short remarks, when the Memorial Association will present the George Washington Memorial Award. This year's recipient is Peter Henriques, Ph.D., Professor of History, Emeritus, at George Mason University. He specializes in Virginia History with particular emphasis on the American Revolution and the Founding Fathers. Henriques was chosen for his book, *Realistic Visionary: A Portrait of George Washington*, and for his outstanding contributions to the promotion of the virtues, character and vision of George Washington.

There will also be a Private Reception for members of the new George Washington Memorial Society. (See article, page 2.) In addition, the celebration will include birthday cake, entertainment, music and fellowship. Further details of the events will be forthcoming on the Memorial's website.

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The Memorial Tour Guides

A number of new staff members have joined the professional team of tour guides at the Memorial. The Memorial is pleased to welcome the following new tour guides: Caitlin Gillis, graduate student in Museum Studies at The George Washington University; Pamela Findlay, graduate of the United States Air Force Academy; Dawn Coleman, graduate student in Museum Education at The George Washington University; John Hegerle, Dean's List graduate of George Mason University; and Eleesha Blackwell, graduate student in Museum Studies at The George Washington University. This enthusiastic and capable group joins tour guides Sylvia Winterling and Jim Williams in presenting the Memorial to the many individuals and groups who visit here annually.

SHINING LIGHTS

What the Memorial Means to Me



The George Washington Masonic Memorial, designed after the Lighthouse of Alexandria, stands as a powerful reminder of the compact that Freemasonry has made with America and the rest of the world: the Light of *Enlightened Knowledge*

shall never cease to shine in the land of the free. In days of old, the dark forces of ignorance and intolerance caused the destruction of the Library of Alexandria, a repository of great ancient knowledge. Today in America, the Memorial is the affirmation by Freemasons that we stand as the guardians of true knowledge and will not permit a repeat of the past. Indeed, the Fellow Craft Degree urges us to seek knowledge in the liberal arts and sciences, because Freedom cannot be preserved without a vigilant and enlightened citizenry that guards against all forms of tyranny over the mind of man. In other words, key to the Masonic journey is indeed the pursuit of *Enlightened Knowledge*, and the George Washington Masonic Memorial is the symbol of that mission.

Akram R. Elias

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We look forward to spotlighting more Members and Friends in future issues. Thank you to all the "Lights" that shine on behalf of the Memorial.

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*In Memory of **In Honor of

Grand Lodge of the Month Program

This program was created to recognize and honor the 52 Grand Jurisdictions that comprise the membership of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Each month a state flag is flown on the grounds of the Memorial, Grand Lodge publications are available to visitors, information is posted to the Memorial's website, and a special display is featured in *The Form and Function of American Freemasonry* exhibit. This year several Grand Lodges visited the Memorial, held Emergent Communications and/or conferred degrees during their month. For more information please contact Mark Tabbert at 703.683.2007, x112 or mtabbert@gwmemorial.org.



Paul M. Leary, Grand Master of New Hampshire, visited the Memorial in August during New Hampshire's month. He is pictured here next to the Grand Lodge display which included an apron from the 1700s and historic photos.



The Grand Lodge of Maryland celebrated its month in October and sent a colorful and interesting variety of materials for the display.

Join the GWMM Today!

Yes! Count on me to support our Memorial. Enclosed is my membership contribution of:

- \$100 Silver Craftsman:** Your gift will be acknowledged and you will receive a Membership Certificate.
- \$250 Gold Master:** Your gift will be acknowledged and you will receive a Membership Certificate.
- \$500 Platinum Presidential:** Your gift will be acknowledged and you will receive a Membership Certificate.
- \$1000 New Century:** Your gift will be acknowledged, you will receive a Membership Certificate and your name will be cast in bronze and displayed in the main entrance to Memorial Hall.

Patrons

- \$5,000 Millennium Architect
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\$1 Per Member Campaign

The George Washington Masonic Memorial is pleased to announce that the Grand Lodge of Wyoming has adopted a \$1 Per Member Annual Contribution to the Memorial. A special thanks to Philip G. Buchholz, member of our Board of Directors and Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Wyoming, for his efforts in securing this support from the Grand Lodge.

This brings the number of Grand Lodges participating in the Memorial's \$1 Per Member Campaign to 17. The other Grand Jurisdictions participating are: District of Columbia, North Dakota, Michigan, Alaska, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Wisconsin, Utah and Oregon.

The founders of the Memorial Association had a vision to forever honor Washington. That vision was realized by the creation of the George Washington Masonic Memorial through the combined efforts of all the member Grand Jurisdictions. Now it is our turn to continue that vision by unified support of the Memorial through a \$1 Per Member Annual Contribution. We must ensure that the Memorial will be preserved for all future generations.

Memorial Film Receives National Award

Built on Freedom, the film commissioned by the Memorial to commemorate the Association's 100th Anniversary last year, was honored with a CINE Golden Eagle Award. The Award has been recognized as a mark of excellence throughout the film and television industry for over 50 years. It acknowledges innovative writing; strong visuals, sound elements and editing; and creative production techniques.

Since its founding in 1957, CINE has been instrumental in promoting the careers of thousands of filmmakers through juried competitions, educational programs, and networking opportunities.

Built on Freedom was produced by Blue Land Media, a local company in Arlington, Virginia, and underwritten by the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma. Prior Award winners include Ken Burns, Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese.

For a sample preview, visit the Memorial's website (www.gwmemorial.org).

MRF Meeting Held at Memorial

by Andrew U. Hammer

The Masonic Restoration Foundation (MRF) held its Second Annual Symposium at the Memorial in August. The MRF is a national organization of Masons devoted to identifying the most successful Masonic practices currently in place. MRF also promotes a culture of learning and growth within the American Craft by encouraging and demonstrating quality programs, ritual excellence and historical integrity.

Hosted by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, the weekend meeting brought together more than 130 brothers from 60 Lodges in 26 states and four nations. We also enjoyed the participation of five Past Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary of California and the Grand Master of Minnesota. A festive board, seated to capacity in Grand Masonic Hall, kicked off the meeting and featured renowned Masonic author and Past Junior Grand Deacon of the United Grand Lodge of England Julian Rees.

Saturday brought a number of informative panels and presentations from a group of distinguished brothers on a variety of topics, all in the quest for more light and more quality in the Craft. In addition, the Lodge conferred an Entered Apprentice Degree in an overflowing Alexandria-Washington Lodge room to demonstrate the tone and practice of an observant Lodge.

The Symposium was an exemplary effort between Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and the Memorial to bring the most interesting and meaningful Masonic events to our edifice.



Distinguished guests and speakers process into Grand Masonic Hall for the festive board. From left: Shawn Eyer, Cliff Porter, Andrew U. Hammer, Julian Rees, John Olson, Robert G. Davis, Mark A. Tabbert and Pierre G. "Pete" Normand.



MRF members and guests enjoy the festive board in Grand Masonic Hall.

Andrew U. Hammer is the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 Representative to the Memorial's Board of Directors. He is also a Past Master of the Lodge.

MEMORIAL GIFT SHOP FEATURED ITEMS

The Memorial is a great place to shop for all those special people on your holiday list. And don't forget to include yourself! We've selected some best-selling items that are sure to please. An easy and convenient way to give a gift, your purchase is also a great way to show your support for the Memorial. Visit the Memorial's website for many more quality gifts and items.



2011 Holiday Ornament
The Three Great Lights in Masonry. Reissued in color! See page 3 for details and a close-up image. Made in the USA. \$25.00 (No. 561)



2010 Centennial Ornament
The George Washington Masonic Memorial Crest—designed to commemorate our 100th Anniversary. Made in the USA. \$25.00 (No. 387)



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The George Washington Masonic Memorial—reissued due to popular demand. Attractive new colored design. Made in the USA. \$25.00 (No. 12)



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This stunning set features Washington's profile encircled by a laurel wreath and name of the Memorial; Post Fasteners; 3/4" diameter. \$45.00 (No. 431)



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Miniature replica of the one he wore at cornerstone ceremony of the Capitol in 1793. Hand stitched and finely detailed. Approx. 7" x 7 1/2". \$85.00 (No. 502)



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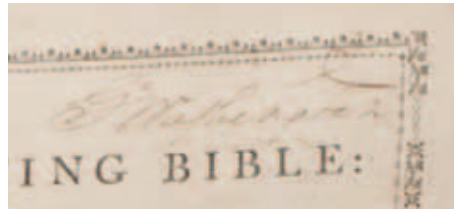
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Washington Family Bible On Loan

The Washington Family Bible, a gift to the Memorial from Anne and Patty Washington, is currently on loan to the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. as part of the Library's new exhibition, *Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible*. It will be on display until January 15, 2012. Washington's signature appears on the Bible's front page and many of the Washington family births, marriages and deaths since the 1700s are written between the Testaments. In 2008 the Bible was loaned to the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas. When not on loan, the Bible is displayed in the George Washington Museum located on the fourth floor of the Memorial.



George Washington's signature appears in the upper right hand corner of the Bible. The dates of significant Washington family events are written between the Testaments.

Family of Freemasonry Exhibit

The new *Family of Freemasonry* exhibit will open on February 22, 2012 as part of the Memorial's celebration of Washington's 280th Birthday. Located on the third floor, it will feature displays on the Grotto, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

The Grotto's five display cases will cover the largest area of the floor on the east end. The Order of the Eastern Star will occupy the southeast corner and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, the northeast corner. Other Masonic Appendant and Affiliated Bodies have been invited to participate and we are hopeful that the entire floor will be filled within the next two years.

The displays highlight the history, symbols, charities and social activities of each organization. A future addition in the center of the room will include life-size mannequins dressed in ceremonial, parade and formal costumes to help connect visitors to an organization's symbols and structure.

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