



Spring 1999.

**Commemoration Day - June 26, 1999
All Welcome for Historic Dedication, Soloist, Band, Picnic, Fireworks**



At 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 26, 1999, MW George H. Chapin, the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, and the Grand Lodge Officers will dedicate the new Square and Compasses erected on the grounds of the Memorial.

This historic event continues the tradition of dedicating great buildings and memorials with Masonic Honors. This tradition includes, but is not limited to, the U.S. Capitol, the White House, The Washington Monument, and The George Washington Masonic Memorial.

The dedication ceremony and other events of the day are being held to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington, America's foremost Mason and the Father of Our Country.

Following the dedication ceremony in the afternoon, the attendees will be entertained by recording artist and Masonic Brother Dan Hall. In his repertoire, Brother Hall will include a song written especially for this dedication ceremony. A picnic dinner will be served on the grounds of the Memorial from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. At 7:30, a concert by the US Army Concert Band will be presented for the enjoyment of all present. The festivities will culminate at dusk in front of the Memorial with a fireworks display sponsored by Salomon Smith Barney, Inc. Prior to erecting this symbol, the largest Masonic emblem in the world, there was nothing to identify the Memorial as a Masonic edifice. That oversight has been dramatically rectified. We look forward to having all Grand Lodges in the United States, and many foreign jurisdictions, being represented at this historic event. Please join us in commemorating the memory and celebrating the life and principles of Brother George Washington, Founding Father, First President and truly the Father of Our Country.

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Mail to:
G. W. Memorial
101 Callahan St.,
Alexandria, VA 22301



The Torch of Freemasonry

By Edgar N. Pepler, P.G.M.,
President, G.W.M.N.M.A.



We just returned from the annual meeting of The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association in Honolulu, Hawaii. It was the last annual meeting of the Memorial Association for the Twentieth Century.

During 1999, June 26 will be a proud day in the history of the Memorial when we will be dedicating the beautiful Masonic emblem on the front terrace. The memorable and exciting events planned for the day are detailed in this issue of the Newsletter by our Executive Secretary- Treasurer. We are looking forward to many of the Grand Lodges and coordinate bodies giving their support for this "Dedication Day" and wanting to be an active part of it. If you have not already sent in your contribution toward the Commemoration please do so at your earliest convenience.

The Masonic emblem in Alexandria is our "Torch for the Masonic Fraternity." It shows the world that we have a Masonic building high atop Shooters Hill and we want everyone to be curious about Freemasonry. We want people to ask questions about our Fraternity and the part that Brother George Washington played in it. All of you know that Freemasonry has had a great impact on this country from the very beginning, and men for many centuries have carried a "Torch for Freemasonry." Each one of us as a Master Mason has something to offer for the future of our beautiful Fraternity, and we can "carry our torch" through the lives we live and the way we touch others' lives. It seems that Freemasonry has lost its influence in our communities in recent years. It is up to each and every one of us to re- light that torch and make our lodges and Freemasonry again a viable part of our society.



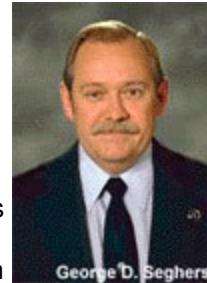
Make your plans now to be at the "Lighting of the Torch of Freemasonry" in Alexandria on June 26 as the Grand Lodge of Virginia formally dedicates that beautiful Masonic emblem, thereby "Lighting a Torch for the Future of Freemasonry."



The Purpose of The Memorial Association

By George D. Seghers, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The purpose of The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association: To erect and maintain...a suitable memorial temple to George Washington, the Mason; which expresses in durability and beauty the un- dying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years.



Hope and inspiration are needed more today than ever before. What surer basis of hope - what greater source of inspiration — could there be than the knowledge of the lives of our great leaders? What leader could be better chosen for this purpose than the “Father of His Country,” George Washington?



When the people of bygone days could not read, they looked to the visual arts — painting, sculpture and architecture for inspiration. With the invention of printing, interest in the visual arts declined, while interest in literary arts increased. With the inventions in communications technology, the speed and amount of information universally available to people became so overwhelming that the greatest works of literature are but tiny dots in a vast expanse of information. Now it is appropriate to follow the example of the Middle Ages, to turn to the visual arts, the great memorials and noble architecture for hope and inspiration. Our Memorial portrays the ideals of Washington and is an inspiration for all to hand down a testament of the love of our Fraternity for him. It is more than a memorial to Washington, the Mason. It is a monument to civil and religious liberty; to a stable and orderly government; and to those principles of Freemasonry of which the “Father of His Country” was an exemplar.

Built of enduring granite quarried from the mountains of New Hampshire, the Memorial was designed to stand throughout the ages and carry the message of human brotherhood, and perpetuate the attributes of self-denial, patriotism, love of country and of fellow men, typified by the master builder of our nation, George Washington.

Join us on June 26 when we dedicate a Masonic Emblem on the Memorial grounds in front of the temple. The universal symbol of Freemasonry, the Square and Compasses, has been erected to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of the great man and great Mason, George Washington.



The George Washington Museum Displays Rich Relics

By John P. Riddell

The George Washington Museum, one of the most spacious rooms in the Tower area, is maintained through the generosity of the Northern and Southern Masonic Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite. The room was completed in 1957; exhibit cases were fitted later, and now display a rich variety of Washington relics, paintings, prints, and historical documents.



Prominently around the balcony area are flags of the thirteen original states. The most intriguing of the relics are Washington's family Bible and two military sabers. The sabers were placed on the coffin of Washington at his funeral and might be used in the funeral re-enactment this December. The sabers were recently returned to the Museum after being on display at both the Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford Presidential Museums. Another important item is the leather field trunk that Washington used throughout the Revolutionary War. There is also a key to the Bastille presented to Alexandria-Washington Lodge by Lafayette during his last visit to America in 1825.

In a commanding position is an impressive bronze statue of Washington, the work of Donald DeLue originally commissioned in 1959 for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The statue was presented to the Memorial by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. There are many other interesting historical items and documents. Include the Museum in your visit.



A Patriotic Event

By JoAnn Guthrie,
Executive Administrator

Old-fashioned patriotism is alive and well. Masons from all areas of the nation will gather on the grounds of The George Washington Masonic Memorial on June 26 to share with the entire country Freemasonry's devotion to the ideals and life of Washington. You and all other patriots are invited to join us as we commemorate Washington's death and celebrate the accomplishments of his life as a Mason and a patriot. We will dedicate the largest Masonic emblem ever created — more than 70 feet long — to commemorate the Bicentennial of George Washington's death. The Masonic emblem is not only the symbol that represents the principles of Freemasonry but it also reminds us of the character and leadership embodied in patriotism.



Masons and friends of the Memorial have responded to appeals for funding special needs. Again, we appeal for funds to cover the cost of this special event. While we are encouraged by the response to date, donations have not equaled real and projected expenses. The Grand Lodge of Colorado has set an excellent example with 39 of their lodges donating \$5,336 to date. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is contributing \$5,000 toward the Commemorative Program.

The Memorial Association thanks all those who have contributed thus far toward making this Masonic and Patriotic event a success. The individuals, lodges, and organizations listed below have contributed \$1,000 or more toward the construction of the Square and Compasses and the Commemoration Day event.

Grand Lodge of Arizona AZ	\$1,000
Paul E. Ellis DE	\$1,000
Grand Lodge of Kansas KS	\$1,200
Grand Lodge of Maine ME	\$5,000
Grand Lodge of New Hampshire NH	\$5,000
Grand Lodge of New Jersey NJ	\$5,000
Grand Lodge of Ohio OH	\$1,000
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania PA	\$5,000
Grand Lodge of Virginia VA	\$2,500
Haymarket Lodge VA	\$2,500
Masonic Veterans & Ancients of PA, PA	\$2,000
Scottish Rite Bodies of New Jersey NJ	\$1,000
Supreme Council, AASR, SJ DC	\$5,000
Sheridan Scottish Rite Bodies WY	\$1,000
Supreme Council, AASR, NMJ MA	\$5,000
Tejon Lodge No. 104 CO	\$2,000
Temple Melita Chapter No. 183 NJ	\$1,000
Vegas Lodge No. 32 NV	\$5,000
Washington Lodge No. 20 CA	\$1,000
Anthony P. Wordlow CA	\$1,000
Smith Barney NY	\$5,000
Memorial Contributions	
John M. Nichols NJ	\$2,000
by James S. & Frederick C. Nichols	
Leslie Ryan & Fred O. Johnson VA	\$5,000



Library Corner

Wealth of Serious Research Sources Available

By Paul M. Bessel, Librarian

In recent months some college professors and doctoral students have used the Library of The George Washington Masonic Memorial for serious Masonic research. Fortunately we have recently obtained a large number of newer books about Freemasonry.

We also have re-cataloged the books that are in foreign languages. For example, the Memorial Library has about 150 rare books in the French language, mostly about Freemasonry. During the 1920's, Rae John Lemert, a prominent Freemason in Montana, bought dozens of French Masonic books. When he passed away, his family contributed his library, including these French Masonic books, to the Memorial. Later, during the 1940's, the Nazi occupation of France resulted in the destruction of most of the Masonic books still in that country. Therefore, French Masons who have visited the Memorial Library have told us we have an excellent collection of French Masonic books, including some that are no longer available in France. Fortunately, local Masons who are fluent in French have volunteered to help summarize these books.

The Memorial Library is involved in a massive project to compile statistics about Freemasonry in the U.S., identifying from "Proceedings" the exact number of total Masons, new Masons and lodges, in each state for each year from 1900 to the present. This information will be very useful for Masonic researchers and can be easily maintained once it is compiled and is available on the Internet [«paulb@cpcug.org»](mailto:paulb@cpcug.org).

There is a great deal of activity and development at the Library, one of which is an effort to start an association of Research Lodges throughout the country and the world. This association could help each research lodge learn from the experience of others, and to coordinate efforts and accomplish together what cannot be accomplished alone. It will also help promote Masonic research in general and thus help all Freemasons.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial Library is staying in the forefront of Masonic research and education throughout the county and the world. Please visit our web site and visit the library and take advantage of the services we provide.



Annual Meeting Held During Conference of Grand Masters

The 89th annual meeting of The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association was held Monday, February 22, in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters meeting in Hawaii. The meeting consisted of the annual reports of the President and Secretary-Treasurer and election of officers and board members. Prior to the closing of the annual meeting, M.W. Edgar N. Peppler, President of the Association, was very pleased to receive donations from many of the organizations present. Four members of the Executive Committee attended the conference: President Peppler (left above); First Vice President Paul E. Ellis (not pictured); Michael D. Brumback (right), and George D. Seghers (center). They presented a display about the Memorial centered around a proof of the Commemorative Poster designed for the June 26 event. The display also included the latest issue of the Memorial Newsletter, brochures and other literature about the Memorial and Commemoration Day, June 26, 1999.

Association Officers

Elected February 22, 1998:

Edgar N. Peppler President
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Please remember the George Washington Masonic Memorial in your will. For information, call the Secretary-Treasurer at (703) 683-2007

Knights Templar, Grotto and Tall Cedars Renovating Areas

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is funding the painting and cleaning of The Knights Templar Chapel on the 8th floor of the Tower. The Chapel suffered water damage several years ago but is ready for the annual Easter Sunrise Service. The Supreme Council of Grottoes has arranged to refurbish the Grotto Room and install new displays. This project will take some time; Memorial staff is now scheduling the first phase of the work. The Supreme Forest of The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is undertaking a complete cleaning and restoration of the 9th floor of the Tower. The Memorial Association thanks these organizations for their continued support and involvement in The George Washington Masonic Memorial.



Projects That Need Funding — 1999

1. Renovate Administrative Offices \$ 37,500
2. Re-wire Computer Network \$ 5,500
3. Install Additional Security Cameras \$ 13,500
4. Install Four Security Lights and Wiring at Heating Plant \$ 2,800
5. Dedicate a Tower Window \$ 7,500
6. Install Dimmer Controls in North Lodge Room \$ 4,700
7. Install Dimmer Controls in Alexandria- Washington Lodge Room \$ 5,300
8. Add Vent Duct Work in Elevator Machine Room \$ 3,500
9. Install New Tubes in One of two Steam Boilers \$10,000
10. Add Dual Boiler Control System to Energy Management System \$ 3,400

There are not sufficient funds to complete most of these projects in our annual budget. Many of the larger projects we have completed in the past have been done through grants from individuals, Grand Lodges, Lodges and Appendant Organizations. If you would like to help fund any of these projects, please contact: George D. Seghers, Executive Secretary-Treasurer at 703-683-2007.



New 21st Century Members

Gary D. Herman IL Horace A. Ingraham ME
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*In Honor

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*In Honor

- **YES! I would like to help with the Perpetual Maintenance of the George Washington Masonic Memorial**
- **21st Century - \$1,000 Donation - You will receive a Life Membership and a bronze lapel pin, plus your name will be cast in bronze and placed on a plaque in the Main Lobby of the Memorial.**
- **Life Membership - \$250 Donation - You will receive a hand-lettered Certificate, sealed with the GWMMA official seal, a color print of the Memorial and a bronze lapel pin.**
- **Sustaining Membership - \$100 Donation - You will receive a hand-lettered Certificate and a bronze lapel pin.**
- **Other Amount - All donations are sincerely appreciated and acknowledged.**

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