

Winter 2002

### **President Lichty accepting contribution from Sovereign Grand Commander Ralston at the Annual Meeting**



M.W. Warren D. "Duke" Lichty was elected President of The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association at the annual meeting held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 18, 2002.

President Lichty, of Lincoln, Nebraska, replaces outgoing President M.W. Paul E. Ellis who served for two years as President and as a member of the Board of Directors since 1988. Brother Lichty was elected to the Board of Directors in 1988 and was elected First Vice President two years ago.

"Being elected President of The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association is a great honor for me," said Brother Lichty. "What makes it even more special is the fact that this year is one of the most important Washington anniversaries. Two hundred and fifty years ago, on November 4, 1752, George Washington was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, in Fredericksburg, Virginia." He also said that the officers of the Memorial Association expect to attend the special ceremonies being held by Fredericksburg Lodge on November 4th and that it would be appropriate if every Grand Lodge did something to celebrate this special anniversary.

Brother Lichty graduated from The College of Law at the University of Nebraska with the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Law and Doctor of Jurisprudence. He then attended and graduated from the U.S. Army Intelligence School and served as a Special Agent for the Counter Intelligence Corps. Following his military service, Brother Lichty returned to his hometown, Chaldron, Nebraska where he was elected and served as Dawes County Judge. He joined the staff of the Attorney General of Nebraska where he continued to serve until he retired as Assistant Attorney General of the Department of Justice and Chief Counsel for the Nebraska Department of Roads.

M.W. Lichty served as the 114th Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska in 1979-1980. He was initiated, passed and raised in Samaritan Lodge No.158 in Chaldron, Nebraska in 1953. He is now a member of Craftsmen

Lodge No. 314, in Lincoln, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1972. He is active in several branches of Freemasonry. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1959 where he served in many positions including Director of Work and Class Conductor for the Valley of Lincoln from 1974 to 1990. In 1990 he was appointed a Deputy of the Supreme Council and in 1991 he was crowned an Active Member of Supreme Council, A.& A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska. In the Supreme Council, he presently holds the office of First Equerry and serves as Chairman of the Supreme Council Publications Committee. He is also the Founding President Emeritus of the Scottish Rite Research Society. He is active in most of the York Rite Bodies and is currently serving as Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine.

Referring to his tenure as President Brother Lichty said, "The officers of the Association are pleased and gratified to have been invited to give a break out session at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in February of 2003. This is part of a new beginning of working with the Conference. The Association will start to make more use of the Board of Directors, and is going to form committees to give more order to the operation of the Memorial Association. I look forward to working with all of the Grand Lodges."

Brother Lichty and his wife Margaret currently live in Lincoln, Nebraska

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## **Air Force Band Performs at The Memorial**

The United States Air Force Band Chamber Players are performing a series of five concerts at the Memorial. The Chamber Players Series concerts feature instrumentalists and vocalists from every performing ensemble of The United States Air Force Band. Performances have already been held by the Silver Wings and The USAF Brass Quintet. On April 2nd the USAF Woodwind Quintet will perform and on May 7th Top Brass will complete the series of performances. The concerts are held in the Memorial Theater at 8:00 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

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## **Grand Lodge Month Program Results in Visits and Exemplary Grand Lodge Displays**

The Grand Lodge of Missouri, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons held an emergent Grand Lodge Communication at the Memorial to inaugurate January 2002 as The Grand Lodge of Missouri Month. Pictured below are the officers of the Grand Lodge who participated in the meeting and the visit to the Memorial. The Memorial was pleased to welcome M.W. Glenn E. Means, Grand Master, Jimmie D. Lee, Deputy Grand Master, Rocky Weaver, Senior Grand Marshal and John Hess, Grand Orator. Also present for the meeting were Stephen G. Means, the Grand Master's son and special guest R.W. Godfrey P. Runaldue, PDDGM and the Senior Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. Accompanying the Brethren were Mary Jane Means, Jeri Lee, Ina Winfrey and the MHM Public Relations Coordinator, Sara Wilson. The delegation installed an outstanding display in two exhibit cases located in Assembly Hall. Following the Grand Lodge Communication the delegation toured the Memorial, visited Gadsby's Tavern and toured the historical and Masonic sites in Alexandria and the Capital area.

## Grand Lodge of Missouri Officers



February 2002 was The Grand Lodge of Arkansas Month at the Memorial. The Brethren from Arkansas sent an outstanding, informative display for exhibition in Assembly Hall. Brochures and other literature about the Grand Lodge of Arkansas and Freemasonry were distributed to our visitors during the month. The Arkansas State Flag was flown at the Memorial for the entire month and sent to the Grand Lodge with a certificate stating that it had been flown at the Memorial for Arkansas Month.

## The Grand Lodge of Arkansas Display



March was inaugurated The Grand Lodge of Michigan Month with a visit and Board meeting. The Memorial was pleased to welcome Paul N. Cross, Grand Master of The Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Michigan, David R. Bedwell, Deputy Grand, Master, Thomas F. Hamlin, Grand Treasurer, W. Don Baugher, Grand Secretary and James A. Schad, Grand Tiler and State Chairman Emeritus for the Memorial. The delegation from Michigan attended Naval Lodge No. 4 in the District of

Columbia, a Called Communication of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and the Andrew Jackson Birthday Celebration and reception of the Grand Master of Virginia, Clifford Alan Parker, by Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120. The delegates toured the monuments, memorials and historic sites in our Nation's Capital and in Alexandria. The Grand Lodge of Michigan provided an excellent display for both exhibit cases in Assembly Hall featuring the Beacon Project, and the other activities of the Grand Lodge.

Each month the Memorial recognizes and honors the Grand Lodges that support and sustain the Memorial. The schedule of Grand Lodge Months for 2002 is: January-Missouri, February-Arkansas, March-Michigan, April-Florida, May-Texas, June-Iowa, July-Wisconsin, August-California, September-Minnesota, October-Oregon, November-Kansas, and December-West Virginia.

### **Officers of the Grand Lodge of Michigan**



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### **LIBRARY OPEN ON WEDNESDAY**

The Memorial Library is open Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with Harry B. Lyon Assistant Librarian on duty. The Library is open to the public for research on Masonry, Colonial America and George Washington.

## **A Message from the Executive Secretary-Treasurer George D. Seghers**

We begin a new year with a new President and a new direction for the Memorial. Our new President, Most Worshipful Brother Warren D. "Duke" Lichty, is taking the necessary steps to bring greater involvement and participation with our members. We know that without participation we will not have support. This wonderful Memorial to George Washington, the Father of our country, is held in trust by the Grand Lodges. The Board of Directors are the stewards of that trust and the Memorial itself belongs to America's Freemasons.



Six months before the Declaration of Independence, Levi Allen wrote to Washington and addressed him as "our political Father." The first reference to him as "Father of his Country" was in an almanac in 1778. Fatherhood is the result of training and an act of will. A father is a man who follows through. Of all the founders of our nation, Washington was, the one above all others, who followed through. Rather than respond to the demands and public deeds thrust upon him, Washington could have simply stayed at home. He did not have to attend the Virginia Legislature, and he did not have to attend the Constitutional Congress. He did not have to make himself available for military service. After one term as President he could have returned to Mount Vernon and spent the rest of his days farming. His strong sense of duty caused him to continue and always he did the next thing, and the next, time after time he followed through. Washington was the most visible and the most important man in America for twenty-four years. Seventeen of those years he was at the center of the action and the center of attention. It is a record unmatched in the history of our Nation.

George Washington was the Father of his Country. Washington could have ruled for life, but he chose not to. He knew his part was completed. He knew that for the country to grow and develop others had to step up and do their part. His choice to step aside was a conscious decision because he saw the likeness between himself and his countrymen. He wrote to Lafayette in 1788, that "the United States should not be left to prove that Mankind was made for a Master." In his first Farewell Address he wrote, "At this auspicious period, the United States came into existence as a Nation, and if their Citizens should not be completely free and happy, that fault will be entirely their own."

It is now our turn to follow the example of our National Father. It is our turn to follow through. It is our responsibility as Freemasons to meet the challenges facing the Memorial and its continued existence. As America's Freemasons it is our sacred duty to insure that this magnificent Memorial, the Nation's only National Masonic Memorial, which was erected and dedicated to honor our Foremost Freemason and the Father of our Country will endure forever.



## Memorial 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 to identify the donor and honoree. For information or to participate in this program, contact George Seghers at 703-683-2007 or Email: [gseghers@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org)



## Projects That Need Funding - 2002

The following projects need funding before they can be accomplished. If you would like to contribute to any of these projects please contact George Seghers at 703-683-2007 or Email: [gseghers@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org).

Replace 210 feet of Water Main	\$65,500.00
Install Room Dividers in the Dining Room	7,200.00
Structural Engineer Survey of the Memorial	30,000.00
Refinish Stage Flooring in the Theater	2,500.00
Install Dampers on the 12th Level	42,000.00
Install Emergency Lighting	35,000.00
Install Emergency Generators	125,000.00
Install Security Lighting on the North Parking Lot	7,000.00
Replace Shrubbery on the North Side of the Grounds	6,000.00
Remove and Reset the Front Steps	250,000.00
Replace Sidewalks at the Square and Compasses	5,000.00

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER**  
**MARVIN EDWARD FOWLER**  
**October 12, 1904 - December 11, 2001**

Most Worshipful Brother Marvin E. Fowler of Alexandria, Virginia, served as Secretary-Treasurer of The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association for 22 years. Prior to which he was employed by the U.S. Forest Service as a plant pathologist for 34 years. He is survived by his wife of 47 years Roberta and two daughters India Bell Davin of Annapolis, Maryland and Terri Almacy of Frederick, Maryland. Another Daughter Marcia Statler predeceased him.



Brother Fowler was raised in Hebron Lodge No. 354 in Mexico, Missouri and subsequently served as Worshipful Master. He was Past Master of LaFayette Lodge No.19 in the District of Columbia. In 1950 he served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F.A.A.M. of the District of Columbia. Activities in the York Rite included Columbia Chapter No. R.A.M., Grand High Priest of D.C., Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, 1963-1983 and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter International. Marvin was Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S.M., of D.C. 1970 and served as Grand Recorder 1975-1983. He was Past Commander of Columbia Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, Past Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of D.C. and served as Chairman of the Committee of the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service 1967-1979. He was Most Eminent Grand of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar 1988-1991. He served as presiding officer in all four Scottish Rite bodies and was coroneted Inspector General Honorary of the 33<sup>o</sup> in 1943. In addition, he was Past Sovereign of St. Simeon Stylites Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; Past Prior, Francis Scott Key Priory No.14, KYCH; Past Grand Master General, Convent General, KYCH; Past Grand Master, A.M.D.; Past Grand Chancellor, Grand College of Rites; Past Grand Preceptor, Grand College, HRAKTP; and Past Great Chief, Knight Masons of America. He was a Senior DeMolay and an active member of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay. In 1953 he was installed as Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland in the US and served for more than 40 years. He held honorary memberships in numerous Masonic bodies.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial benefited greatly and prospered during the many years he served as Secretary-Treasurer. The Freemasons of America owe Brother Fowler a debt of gratitude not only for all he did for the Memorial but for all he did for Freemasonry.

The following Eulogy was presented by Most Worshipful Brother Stewart W. Miner, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M. of the District of Columbia, at the Masonic Services for Past Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler.

William Shakespeare once wrote that some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. At the time he penned those words, Shakespeare must have had in mind someone like Marvin Fowler, a man who by word and deed achieved unusual Masonic greatness; in this achievement, he also made the Fraternity great.

To be born great is an act of providence, and it is clearly providential that Marvin Fowler was endowed by his Creator with unusual intellect, physical stamina, an inquisitive mind, a pleasant personality, and an extraordinary appreciation of his personal obligation to use all of these gifts of God properly. Indisputably, Marvin Fowler was born to be great.

Also it is indisputable that Marvin achieved greatness, not because of his endowment but because of his apt application of his God-given talents, always facing the challenges of life with

confidence and optimism. For almost 75 years he busied himself by serving every major Masonic body, subordinate or Grand, and always with distinction. In the process he took no short cuts; his was a working sojourn through the quarries of Masonry.

It is equally clear that because of his skill and the superior quality of his performance, greatness was thrust upon him from all quarters: Following his service as Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, he was called upon to lead significant sectors of the Craft, nationally and internationally, and under his leadership those sectors of the Craft for which he was responsible thrived.

Marvin was in a class by himself, and his death indeed marks the end of a Masonic era, not only in the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia but throughout the Masonic world. Marvin was not known as "Mr. Mason" for nothing. It was a title he never sought, but one that was bestowed upon him by his fellow Masons as a token of their love and respect. His passing leaves a void that will remain as long as the countless Masons who know him and worked with him have memory.

The affection in which he has been held is indicated, in part, by the honors that have been heaped upon him. He received the Distinguished Service Medal of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the Henry Price Medal of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Henry Johnson Medal of the Grand Lodge of New York, the Joshua Hayden Drummond Award of the Grand Lodge of Maine, the Albert Gallatin Mackey Medal of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, the Daniel Cox Medal of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and the Thomas J. Shryock Medal of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Throughout the years Marvin's greatness was self achieved, the result, in part, of his inability or rather unwillingness to say no to his contemporaries. One task inevitably led to another, and in consequence, Marvin was never without Masonic employment. And through it all Marvin continuously enunciated what he believed were the essentials of life-concerns about the interrelationships of men; concerns about how man uses or misuses his intellectual resources; concerns about how men in the fraternity act; and concerns, particularly, about how people, in general adapt to change.

The enormity of his concerns was established in his report to the Grand Lodge in 1950 when he stated that: "We are not alarmed about the condition of our craft...but we are fearful for the future of the human race. Only a few short years ago we congratulated ourselves that peace had been restored to the world after its most bloody conflict. Men of great vision and lofty ideals sought to discover the means with which to end warfare for all time, and many believed they were successful in their endeavors. Yet warfare never ceased. Today, as we meet, our nation is in a state of emergency, and we are engaged in what may prove to be our most crucial struggle for freedom. As Masons and loyal citizens of a free land, we are obliged to aid in this struggle against tyranny and oppression . . . Let us work and pray for the day when truth and justice will prevail throughout the world"

What Marvin said in 1950 is as apropos today as it was then. He was a man ahead of his time; a giant in the Craft; an organizational genius, and, unfortunately, his equal is at the moment not in sight. But we take solace in the fact that by his labors in hundreds of Masonic bodies, he established a foundation on which his survivors may build in preparation for a new day, a better day, and a day in which greater insight and appreciation of the true meaning of brotherly love and affection may be realized.

Good bye, dear friend, good bye. You have made your mark. It will be remembered. You have satisfied the Chief Overseer and are entitled to your wage. Pass on, Brother, pass on.



## SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Thomas J. Anders - IL  
Otto W. Anderson - MA  
Robert L. Atkins - MN  
Lawrence W. Bachman - MN  
Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215, F. & A.M. - WI  
Samuel S. Blane - IL  
George O. Braatz - OH  
T.C. Braswell - OK  
Bremond Lodge No. 241, A.F. & A.M. - VA  
Eugene S. Brobst - CA  
Larry C. Brown - WA  
Michael D. Brumback - IN  
John M. Buffington - NV  
Carl R. Carlson - IL  
Charles A. Carmack - DE  
Joseph L. Casson - IL  
Concordia Lodge No. 67, F. & A.M. - NJ  
Frank R. Costanzo - AL  
Denver Lodge No. 5, A.F. & A.M. - CO  
William J. Ellenberger - CA  
Russell O. Enoch - WI  
George Washington Finger, III - GA  
Herbert L. Fishpaw - MD  
Leonard B. Fleming - MD  
James W. Freeman - MD  
Mace N. Foxwell - MD  
W. Neil Fussell - TN  
M. Donald Gardner - ME  
Alexander Gaston - HI  
Eldon E. Gearing - NV  
James A. Grannes - IL  
Gerald H. Grosskopf - NJ  
Sharon Lodge No. 327, A.F. & A.M. - VA  
Grove Lodge No. 824, A.F. & A.M. - IL  
Carl R. Hansen - IL  
\*John B. Harry, II - VA  
by Jane W. Harry  
Calvin C. Helmick - MI

Michael J. Hlatke, III - NJ  
Holland Lodge No. 1, A.F. & A.M. - TX  
John Kazarosian - NH  
Clyde Kidd - CA  
Larry Koch - NJ  
Mancos Lodge No.100,A.F. & A.M. - CO  
John A. Mardoian - IL  
Willis E. Miller - MN  
George F. Parker - MA  
Portland Scottish Rite Bodies, A.A.S.R. - OR  
John C. Schleiter - NC  
Allen W. Hayes - CT  
F. William Hershiser - DC  
Norman B. Hodges - VA  
Ralph M. Hoke - VA  
Gordon E. Hopkins - MO  
Carl R. Hult - MI  
O.J. Howell, Jr. - GA  
A. Leslie Johnson, Jr. - VA  
Hollis F. Kane - MA  
John E. Kelly - TX  
Lakeland Lodge No. 190, A.F. & A.M. - VA  
Liberty Council No. 50 - MO  
H.M. Luke - OK  
George S. Martin - NJ  
The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey - NJ  
Mr. & Mrs. Stewart W. Miner - VA  
Melvin C. Monsen - WA  
Mystic Brotherhood Lodge No. 21, F. & A.M. - NJ  
Robert Newbern - IL  
Ben L. O'Brien - CA  
Calvin C. Overlock - MA  
Clifford A. Parker - VA  
George F. Parker - MA  
James D. Peterson - OR  
Thomas J. Rabideau - CT  
Thomas W. Reese - CA  
Ferill J. Rice - WI  
Paul E. Seibert - IL  
Ricky J. Setticase - KS

John E. Shaver - OK  
David H. Smith - VA  
Gail N. Smith - CT  
William B. Stinchfield, Jr. - MA  
Floyd R. Sowers - PA  
Charles H. Sullins - IL  
James B. Stone - VA  
Robert J. Thomas - KY  
Herman B. Trommer - CT  
Robert E. Vaughn - CA  
Arnold H. Watrous - FL  
Harold Y. Weaver - FL  
Mark W. Whiteley - TX  
Bruce Widger - NY  
William H. Young, Jr. - NM  
Burch E. Zehner - OH  
Wallace F. Zetrouer - FL

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## Memorial Windows Available for Dedication

To dedicate a window in honor or memory 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 George Seghers at 703-683-2007 or Email: [gseghers@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org).

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