

Grand Lodge Month Program Big Success

The Grand Lodge Month Program was an incredible success this year, bringing hundreds of Masons from across the nation to be honored at the Memorial. Highlights included visits from Missouri, Michigan, Florida, Minnesota, Oregon, Kansas and West Virginia.

July was *The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Month*. August was *The Grand Lodge of California Month*. The Grand Lodge sent an excellent display featuring historic artifacts, photographs, and regalia. In addition, the Grand Lodge sent a portrait of Chief Justice Earl Warren that was placed in Assembly Hall. September was *The Grand Lodge of Minnesota Month*. Under the direction of Charles Nelson and Brother Doug Vezner of the Minnesota Masonic Historical Society and Museum, a very impressive and informative display was created and displayed in Assembly Hall. Most Worshipful and Reverend Brother Terry L. Tilton, Grand Master, with Right Worshipful Brother Neil E. Neddermeyer, Deputy Grand Master, presented the Memorial with the painting, *"The Great Lights of Masonry"* and a very generous donation. 2003 will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The Grand Lodge commissioned artist Robert White to create the painting, which represents the history and activities of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The painting is now displayed in the Board Room of the Memorial. Following the presentation, the Grand Master and a large delegation of Masonic Brethren and their families from Minnesota toured the Memorial. October was *The Grand Lodge of Oregon Month*. Grand Master Lawrence O. Weaver led a delegation of 28 visitors, including, M.W. Aaron W. Harvey, a member of our Board of Directors, Grand Lodge Officers, Brethren and spouses. An outstanding exhibit featuring the history of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was installed in Assembly Hall. The Grand Master opened an Emergent Session of the Grand Lodge of Oregon in the Memorial, which was followed by a tour of the Memorial, the raising of the Oregon State Flag in front of the Memorial and lunch at historic Gadsby's Tavern near the Memorial. This year, the Brethren of Oregon voted to support the Memorial with a \$.50 per capita annual contribution.



Grand Master Lawrence O. Weaver and the Oregon Delegation

November was *The Grand Lodge of Kansas Month*. The Grand Lodge installed a well-done and informative exhibit in Assembly Hall. A delegation, led by Grand Master Glenn E. Kohr, consisting of almost the entire Grand Line, inaugurated *Kansas Month* by raising the Kansas state flag in front of the Memorial and holding an Emergent Session of the Grand Lodge in the Memorial. The Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren joined Most Worshipful Warren D. Lichty, President of the Memorial, and the Secretary-Treasurer in attending a joint meeting of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 and Alexandria-Washington Lodge No.22 in Fredericksburg, VA. The joint meeting was a part of the events commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Initiation of George Washington. The meeting was the last official visit of Clifford Alan Parker, the Grand Master of Virginia, which is traditionally to Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. Right Worshipful Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., the Grand Master of Pennsylvania also attended the meeting.



December was The Grand Lodge of West Virginia Month.

The West Virginia Brethren, spouses and guests comprised the largest Grand Lodge visit of 2002. Forty-eight members and guests attended the inauguration for the West Virginia display in Assembly Hall. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Harry F. Robinson, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge opened an Emergent Session of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia in the Memorial. The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers participated in the raising of two Fellow Crafts to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the South Lodge Room of the Memorial.



Grand Master Glenn E. Kohr and the Kansas Delegation



Each month, the Memorial recognizes and honors the Grand Lodges that support and sustain the Memorial. The schedule of Grand Lodge Months for 2003 is: January-Nevada, February-Nebraska, March-Colorado, April-North Dakota, May-South Dakota, June-Montana, July-Washington, August-Idaho, September-Wyoming, October-Utah, November-Oklahoma and December-New Mexico.



Grand Master Harry F. Robinson and the West Virginia Delegation

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

Memorial Announces New Membership Programs



In an effort to bring a Masonic association to our Memberships, the Memorial is pleased to offer the following levels of Memberships. A gift of any size would be truly appreciated and would help sustain the Memorial. However, if you can give \$100.00, you will become a Silver Craftsman; for a gift of \$250.00, you will become a Gold Master; for a gift of \$500.00, you will become a Platinum Presidential Member. A gift of \$1,000.00 distinguishes you as a 21st Century Member. All Membership contributors will receive a personalized certificate and Gold, Platinum and 21st Century Members will receive a Memorial lapel pin. In addition, the names of 21st Century Members will be cast in bronze and displayed on the 21st Century plaque in the main entrance to Memorial Hall. All memberships are gratefully acknowledged, their names published in our Newsletter, and permanently displayed in the Memorial.

From the President – By Warren D. Lichty

The year 2002 was a most notable year for The George Washington Masonic Memorial and for the memory of George Washington. The records of the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia recite: “November 4th, 1752. This evening Mr. George Washington was initiated as an Entered Apprentice.”

November 4, 2002 was the 250th anniversary of that initiation. It was my privilege to attend the celebrations commemorating that event held under the auspices of two Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska, with Hastings Lodge No. 50 hosting, held a Friday evening reception and then, on Saturday, October 26th, held a Master Masons Degree with all officers in colonial costume followed by a banquet where we were visited by the young George Washington who talked about rules of proper conduct and the days of his youth. Worshipful Master Monte Bloyd and the Masons of Hastings, Nebraska did themselves proud. The Officers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska all attended.



On November 2, 2002, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 and Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 of Virginia held a joint meeting in Fredericksburg. An Entered Apprentice degree was conferred in the morning. At an afternoon reception, visiting dignitaries were received and introduced. In attendance were delegations from the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Kansas and Pennsylvania. After the evening banquet, the program was: “Why George Washington became a Mason,” and was presented by Washington scholar and author Jack D. Warren, Jr.

A significant event to occur at the memorial this year, is the renovation of the George Washington Museum on the fourth floor. Originally, it was furnished by the joint action of the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction. During this last year, both Supreme Councils agreed to a joint effort renovation of the museum, a commitment of approximately \$100,000 a piece. Plans and specifications are presently being drafted and we hope to have the bid opening about April 25th and to have the work completed by the first week in August.

We are also very pleased that more and more Grand Lodges are increasing their support of the Memorial by enacting annual per-capita contributions. As of now, one-fourth of our Grand Lodge Active Members have passed per-capita. This is becoming the thing to do. The old \$5 one-time fee is no longer enough to provide the necessary income for operations and upkeep of the Memorial. If it has not already done so, your Grand Lodge should pass an annual per-capita contribution of at least \$.50 in support of the Memorial.

From the Secretary



2002 has been a historic and very special year for the Memorial and for the Masonic Fraternity. This year marked the 250th anniversary of the initiation of George Washington into the Masonic Fraternity. Now more than ever, it is imperative that we remember and honor that great man who's life, vision and character are the reason for the Memorial. Of the many contributions Washington made to our nation, perhaps the most important was the example he set. Alexander Hamilton described him as a "kind and unchanging friend." Thomas Jefferson said that he was "a wise, a good, and a great man." As our first Commander in Chief and as our First President, Washington stood alone as a symbol of Democracy in a world ruled by dictators, monarchs and emperors. Following the success of the Revolution, Washington was the most powerful and the most popular man in the country. He could do anything he chose to do, yet there is not a single charge of injustice or tyrannical oppression against him. Alone, among the revolutionaries of the

modern era, he returned his power to the people. His character explains his achievement; he had the will and the charisma to win a war and found a nation, with the moral and ideological guidance and principles that held him to his proper role. His life is an ongoing example of citizenship and statesmanship and an example of the heights that a human can achieve. In his *Funeral Oration on the Death of General Washington*, Henry (Light Horse Harry) Lee said that Washington was, "*First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of his Countrymen, he was second to none in the humble and endearing scenes of private life. Pious, just, humane, temperate, and sincere; uniform, dignified, and commanding, his example was edifying to all around him, as were the effects of that example lasting.*" He never drifted from a strict adherence to the principle of justice to all mankind. It was his character and his example that shaped the office of the President and shaped the character of our country. In his address to the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1789 Washington wrote: "*The virtue, moderation, and patriotism which marked the steps of the American People in framing, adopting, and thus carrying into effect our present system of Government, has excited the admiration of Nations; and it only remains for us to act up to those principles, which should characterize a free and enlightened People, that we may gain respect abroad and ensure happiness and safety to ourselves and to our posterity.*" As a nation we attempt to do what is right and just. We attempt to alleviate suffering and injustice. We are not always successful, but it is in our national character to try. This is our national character, a national character that was formed and shaped by that greatest of all citizens, George Washington.

“Wish List – 2002”

The following maintenance projects have been deferred due to a lack of funding. If you would like to contribute to any of these projects please contact George Seghers at 703-683-2007 or Email: gseghers@gwmemorial.org

Install Aircraft Warning Lights on the Memorial	15,000
Purchase three AED* units	12,000
Install Second Phase of Surveillance System	35,000
Install Emergency Lighting in the tower	5,000
Install Emergency Generators	125,000
Install Security Lighting on the North Parking Lot	8,000
Replace and extend sidewalks on the North side of the Front Driveway	10,000
Structural Engineer Survey of the Memorial	30,000
Install Dampers on the 12 th Level	42,000
Install Room Dividers in the Dining Room	7,200
Refinish Stage Flooring in the Theater	2,500
Replace Shrubbery on the North Side of the Grounds	6,000
Remove and Reset the Front Steps	250,000
Replace Sidewalks at the Square and Compasses	5,000

*Automated External Defibrillator – The Memorial Staff has been trained for CPR and AED.

Are You “Branded” by Masonry?

In an article appearing in the October 1998 issue of Hemispheres, a publication of United Airlines, Diana Bentley astutely observed that “a brand is much, much more than just a name.” “In a complex and cluttered global marketplace,” she said, a brand is also an expression of an organization’s “character and personality-and essentially, a guarantee of consistency, quality, and value.”

Ms. Bentley recognized that the meaning of the word brand originally evolved out of a process whereby owners marked their livestock for the purpose of identification. But more recently, she noted, the word has acquired a more general meaning whereby it alludes to a variety of names, symbols, terms, signs, and designs, or combination thereof, all of which permit “owners and providers” to identify and distinguish their goods and services from those of others.

In her article Ms. Bently, in an upbeat manner, reviews how a number of commercial and managerial authorities have developed, used and preserved their special brands. The process is complicated, she notes, as she recognizes that brands which endure are those that project fresh and current images; remain relevant over time; reflect sponsor and product integrity; and enjoy intra-organizational support, loyalty and affection.

Ms. Bentley’s views, I think, have particular application to the Freemasons of the world, all of whom have been branded, or should have been, in one way or another, at one time or another,

by the square and compasses of the Craft. These implements of Freemasonry, encircling as they do, the letter "G," explicitly speak to what the members of our fraternity have been, are, and hopefully, will be "until time shall be no more."

Our Masonic "brand," developed over the ages, distinguishes men who defer to the square and compasses. Men who display it, by wearing a ring or pin, are certain to be counted among those who believe in and support the Supreme Architect of Heaven and Earth; who look upon the Lodge as a sacred retreat of friendship and virtue, who have empathy for the needy, the distressed, and for all who may be poor in spirit; and who recognize that the family of God includes men of every race, country, sect and opinion.

Let us then wear our "brand" proudly, mindful always that the square and compasses speak both to what we are and what we strive to be. Let us resolve to ceaselessly project Masonry as an eternally fresh and current movement that is relevant to this hour and as an organization whose future is guaranteed by the commitment of those who wear the Masonic brand proudly, loyally, and with affection.

As Ms. Bently puts it, "stand by your brand!" it speaks to you, for you, and about you! Your brand, my brother, is nothing less than a badge of service and honor. Treat it as such.

Stewart W. Miner, PGM, Virginia

Grand Secretary, District of Columbia



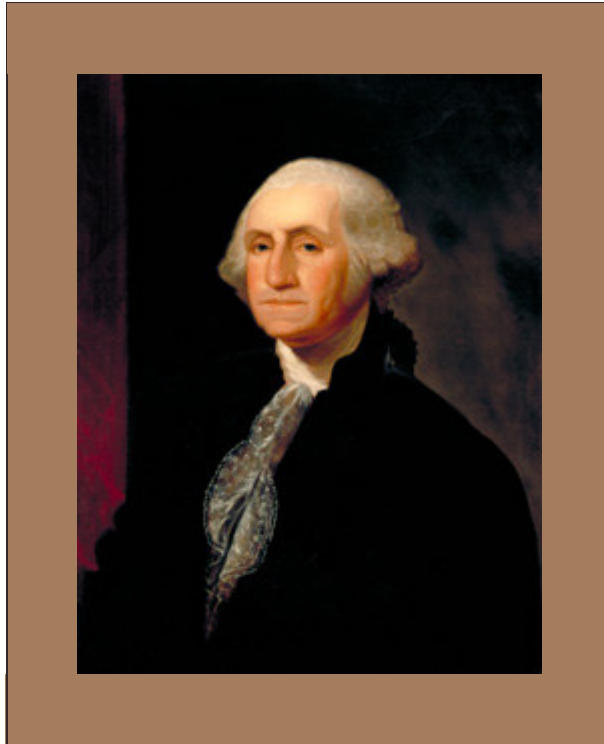
Memorial Issues Collector's Edition for 2002



To mark the 250th anniversary of the Initiation of George Washington in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, the Memorial issued a Commemorate Masonic 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 or the [Memorial Website](#)



THE FOUR PILLARS OF INDEPENDENCE



There are four things, which I humbly conceive, are essential to the well being. I may even venture to say, to the existence of the United States as an Independent Power:

1st. An indissoluble Union of the States under one Federal Head.

2dly. A Sacred regard to Public Justice.

3dly. The adoption of a proper Peace Establishment, and

4thly. The prevalence of that pacific and friendly Disposition, among the People of the United States, which will induce them to forget their local prejudices and policies, to make those mutual concessions which are requisite to the general prosperity, and in some instances, to sacrifice their individual advantages to the interest of the Community. These are the Pillars on which the glorious Fabrick of our Independency and National Character must be supported; Liberty is the Basis, and whoever would dare to sap the foundation, or overturn the Structure, under whatever specious pretexts may he attempt it, will merit the bitterest execration, and the severest punishment which can be inflicted by his injured Country.

George Washington

Circular to the States, June 8, 1783

Memorial Attracts 7000 to Annual First Night Event



Once again this year, the Memorial was pleased to be a star venue of Alexandria, Virginia's Annual First Night program, a community celebration of New Year's Eve showcasing the area's best singers, dancers, actors, magicians and visual artists. The event exists to provide a family-oriented, non-alcoholic celebration that is fun, safe and affordable for all.

First Night brings thousands of area residents together for a variety of performances held at participating businesses throughout historic Old Town, Alexandria. The Memorial, by far, hosted the largest number of performers for a single venue with a total of nine ranging from one-person entertainers to a four-piece band to a full chorale ensemble. Official estimates put the number of visitors to the memorial at 7,000. In addition, the Memorial is honored to be the official "logo" of the event, with a graphic depiction of the

Memorial appearing on the promotional brochure, promotional items and on the entrance badge.

The festivities culminated at midnight with a spectacular fireworks display on the grounds of the Memorial.

Contributions to the Memorial

21st Century Members

Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots	CA
Riley Joe Evans	WV
Gerald E. Harris	KS
*Roy A. Hoffman by Doris E. Hoffman	MI
James Leggate	CA
*Robert Wertheim By The Lodge of Saint Andrew	MA
South Pasadena Lodge No. 290	CA
**Mr. & Mrs. Chris Wordlow by Tony & Marilyn Wordlow	CA

*In memory of **In honor of

Tree Dedications

*Alyce Gilbert Nichols	by James S. Nichols
**Angel City, Florida	by Rodger S. Fowler
**Supreme Council Order of the Amaranth	by Barbara F. Lott & Gail G. Allen
**Ladies' & Sir Knights of the Order of the Amarnath	by Barbara F. Lott & Gail G. Allen
** S.K. Gail G. Allen, Supreme Royal Patron & Ann Allen	by Barbara F. Lott
*Elizabeth S. Downs	by Walter S. Downs
*Robert E. Radeke	by Joan Klock & Don Radeke
David H. & Ann R. Fluke	
*Thomas H. Desmond	by James S. Desmond
*Thomas Otto Bothwell	by Dale & Helen Benjamin & Family
*Leo J. Jennings	by Marcella Jennings
*Mildred G. Eshleman	by Trinity Conclave – Red Cross of Constantine
**The Brethren of Rubicon Lodge #237	by Joseph R. Bublick & the Officers of Rubicon Lodge
**Perry A. Lester, Grand Master 1980	by The Grand Lodge F.A.A.M of the District of Columbia
*William T. Jenkins, Grand Master 1994	by The Grand Lodge F.A.A.M of the District of Columbia
*Dan L. Frederick, Grand Master 1999	by The Grand Lodge F.A.A.M of the District of Columbia
*Theola Jay	by Kevin Jay, Rollin & Doris Murr
*Huber Reid	by Sally Reid Garrett

*Ray D. & Ellanor L. Lenau

by Ray & Jan Lenau

** Our Friends

by Tony & Marilyn Wordlow

*In memory of **In honor of

Life Members

Arthur W. Bloxham	NC
James A. Castell	VA
Donald E. Fairley	MO
Lester A. Foster, Jr.	MD
Houghton Lake Lodge #579	MI
Kenneth Palen	OR
Andrew J. McVeigh, III	TX
Nick Ortiz	DC
Pasadena Lodge #272	CA
Joseph C. Reed	DE
Luiz R. Silva	WI
**Starr King Lodge #344 by Tony Wordlow	CA
Robert L. Tomlinson, Jr.	KS
**Ellis P. Updegraff, Jr. By The Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America	

*In memory of **In honor of

Sustaining Members

**Jeanell Born by Tony Wordlow	CA
Montgomery Berrien, Jr.	NJ
Ralph G. Maines, Sr.	NJ
Arnold E. Pond	MA
Ray W. Burgess	LA
Raymond L. Collins	VA
Nydia Fuentes	NC
Michael F. Lintner	NV
Keith A. McIntosh	CA
Keith Murray	FL
Robert N. & Isamay E. Osborne	MI
**Louis Vincent Parell by Tony Wordlow	CA
Russellville Lodge #371	AL
Guy T. Smith Lodge #883	AL
Raymond D. Steele	VA

Towerpoint Square & Compass Club
David J. Ulvin

AZ
MN

*In memory of **In honor of



For information about Planned Giving contact: W. Scott Stoner at 717-898-2185

Yes! I would like to help with the Perpetual Maintenance of The George Washington Masonic Memorial.

21st Century Membership - \$1,000 Donation – You will receive a 21st Century Membership Certificate, a Memorial lapel pin, and your name will be cast in bronze and displayed in the main entrance to Memorial Hall.

Platinum Presidential Membership - \$500 Donation – You will receive a Membership Certificate and a Memorial lapel pin.

Gold Master Membership - \$250 Donation – You will receive a membership Certificate and a memorial lapel pin.

Silver Craftsman Membership - \$100 Donation - You will receive a Membership Certificate.

Planned Giving Information
Other Amount
All donations are sincerely appreciated.

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Board Members

The Memorial is pleased to welcome the following new members of our Board of Directors.

M.W. Charles E. Corbin	Grand Master of Alaska
M.W. Theodore G. Corsones	Grand Master of Vermont
M.W. John W. Hein	Grand Master of Wisconsin
M.W. Alfred L. Jensen	Grand Master of Iowa
M.W. Roger A. Simmons	Grand Master of Alabama
M.W. Robert H. Starr	Grand Master of the District of Columbia

We look forward to the active participation of these brethren in managing the affairs of the Memorial.

Association Officers

Elected February 18, 2002
Warren D. Lichty, President
W. Scott Stoner, First Vice President
Michael D. Brumback, Second Vice President
Anthony P. Wordlow, Third Vice President
George D. Seghers, Exec. Sec.-Treasurer
Donald M. Robey, Sec.-Treasurer Emeritus

Board of Directors

*Members of Executive Committee

Term expires February 22, 2003

David H. Flucke, Ann Arbor, MI
Aaron W. Harvey, Portland, OR
Billy B. Millhollin, Forsyth, MT
Charles H. Penn III, Keithville, LA
Joe Edd Wiggs, Lake Village, AR
W. Scott Stoner*, Lancaster, PA

Term expires February 22, 2004

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Term expires February 22, 2005

Charles E. Corbin, Wassila, AK
Theodore G. Corsones, Rutland, VT
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Warren D. Lichty*, Lincoln, NE
Roger A. Simmons, Newton, AL
Robert H. Starr, Rockville, MD