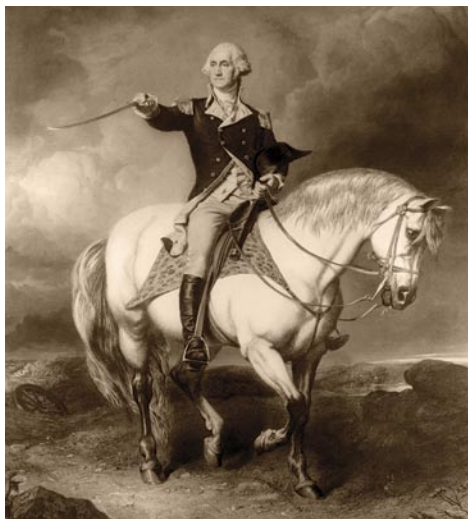


Annual Meeting held on Washington's Birthday

President W. Scott Stoner and the Officers of the Association were elected at the Annual Meeting of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on George Washington's Birthday, February 22, 2005. The By-Laws of the Memorial Association stipulate that *"the Association shall meet annually at Alexandria, Virginia, on the 22nd day of February at the Memorial Temple."* Holding the Annual Meeting on Washington's Birthday at



"Washington Receiving a Salute on the Field of Trenton," an 1865 engraving by William Holl, is part of the Memorial's historic collection.

the Memorial was a way to honor and remember the great man and Mason to whom the Memorial is dedicated. The last time the Annual Meeting was held on Washington's Birthday was in 1999 in Hawaii. Currently, the Annual Meeting is held as part of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and the location, date and time are determined by the Conference.

The Association Officers for the ensuing year are: R.W. W. Scott Stoner, President; M.W. Michael D. Brumback, First Vice President; M.W. Anthony P. Wordlow, Second Vice President; M.W. Roger A. Simmons, Third Vice President and W. George D. Seghers, Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

The following Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters were elected to the Board of Directors: M.W. David E. Carter, Kentucky; M.W. Bradford L. Barco, Rhode Island; M.W. Albert F. Garner, Jr., Georgia; M.W. Ridgley H. Gilmour, Utah; M.W. John R. Quinley, Virginia and M.W. Ronald S. Coppedge, Oklahoma. The Board of Directors meets twice annually, during the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in February and at the Memorial in August. The Board of Directors, representing the Active Members, who are the 52 Grand Masters of the United States, is responsible for the operation and finances of the Memorial Association and the Memorial Temple.

The following Members of the Board of Directors were appointed to the Executive Committee by President Stoner: M.W. Michael D. Brumback; M.W. Anthony P. Wordlow; M.W. Roger A. Simmons, M.W. Donald G. Hicks, Jr.; W. Frank R. Dunaway, Jr., and W. George D. Seghers, Secretary. The Executive Committee is charged with the responsibility for the Memorial during the time when the Board of Directors is not in session. We look forward to working with the new Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the betterment of the Association and the Memorial.

Greetings From The President

By W. Scott Stoner



It is an honor to have been elected President of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee since 1991. For many of those years I also served, and continue to serve, as Chairman of the Planned Giving Committee.

This time period is short when compared to the first Past Grand Master to serve, also from Pennsylvania. Brother Louis A. Watres served as Right Worshipful Grand Master during the years 1916-1917. He was elected President of the Memorial Association in 1918 and continued in office through 1932. During his tenure he presided at the Ground Breaking on June 11, 1922, at the Cornerstone Laying on November 21, 1923 and finally, at the Dedication of the Memorial on May 12, 1932. While I will not be serving for 19 years, it is a privilege to follow Past Grand Master and Past President Watres in his footsteps.

I would like to express sincere appreciation of not only myself but also that of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, both present and past to retiring President Warren D. Lichty, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. "Duke," as we fondly know

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him, was an excellent leader. His expertise as a lawyer was very helpful on many occasions. Also, Duke needs to be thanked for getting the Per Member Contribution program started in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. He and other members of the Executive Committee worked tirelessly in encouraging so many other Jurisdictions to adopt a similar program.

It would be my pleasure along with other members of the Board to visit in your Jurisdictions to express our appreciation for the support of your Grand Lodge – whether it be the \$5 per initiate, per member contribution or outright gifts, which so many Jurisdictions and Appendant Bodies have done. I would also like to express sincere appreciation to the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite for their generous support of the Museum renovation. And I would like to thank the Imperial Shrine of North America for the renovation to the Shrine Rooms. If you have not seen the Museum and Shrine Rooms, I encourage you to visit the Memorial when you are in the Washington, D.C. or Virginia area.

It has proven very beneficial for a member of the Board to attend the respective Regional Conferences and present a brief program about the Memorial. If the conference host would notify our office regarding the date and location of the conference, I will do my best to have a representative present. After all, this is your Memorial, and everyone needs to know about it.

Again, thank you for your vote of confidence. I look forward to working with each of the Jurisdictions who comprise The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The Society of Washington Lodges

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial founded *The Society of Washington Lodges* on July 4, 2004 to honor Lodges named after George Washington or Mount Vernon, or that have a direct historical connection to Washington. The enrollment fee is \$2,500 and will be used for the preservation and upkeep of the Alexandria-Washington Replica Lodge Room and the Memorial.

The Member's Lodge name will be cast in bronze and displayed in the anteroom of the Replica Lodge Room and published in *The Messenger* and in the Memorial's *Annual Report*.

For information and to hear about additional benefits, please contact George D. Seghers, Executive Secretary-Treasurer at 703-683-2007 or gseghers@gwmemorial.org.

NEW MEMBERS

Washington Lodge No. 70
Windsor, Connecticut

Memorial Celebrates 273rd Birthday of George Washington

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial participated in three events in February to celebrate the 273rd birthday of our First President and Foremost Freemason. On Saturday, February 12, the Memorial hosted the George Washington Symposium, an annual event sponsored by the city of Alexandria that addresses early Alexandria and the parallel life of its most famous hometown hero. This year's Symposium covered the post-Revolutionary War period from 1781-1788. A featured speaker was Jack D. Warren, Executive Director of the Society of Cincinnati and author of *The Washington Presidency*.



Distinguished guests at the wreath laying ceremony in Memorial Hall. Left to right: Leonard Proden, GM of the District of Columbia; Ronald G. Belanger, GM of Maryland; John R. Quinley, GM of Virginia; The Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor of the City of Alexandria; W. Scott Stoner, President of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; James C. Rees, Executive Director of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens.

The celebration continued on February 26 with a wreath laying ceremony held at Mount Vernon at Washington's tomb organized by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. The tradition began at Washington's death and has continued ever since. Executive Committee Member and A.W. No. 22 representative Frank R. Dunaway, Jr. spoke on behalf of the Memorial. Brother Dunaway's remarks reminded attendees of the important mission that both Mount Vernon and the Memorial share to keep "the light of truth focused on George Washington and on his rightful place in our Country's history."

The final event took place on February 27 with another wreath laying ceremony. This one was held at the Memorial at the base of the mammoth 17ft. bronze statue of Washington in Memorial Hall. Distinguished guests and speakers included the Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor of the City of Alexandria; Del Pepper, the Vice Mayor of Alexandria; Joseph S. Shumard, Chairman of the George Washington Birthday Committee; James C. Rees, Executive Director of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens; W. Scott Stoner, President of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Grand Master of Masons from D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

And of special note this year, the Memorial Association's Annual Meeting was held on Washington's actual birthday, February 22. This has not occurred since 1999. (See story, page 1.)

Message From Alexandria



George D. Seghers

At the Annual Meeting of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, President Warren D. "Duke" Lichty completed his final year as President of the Memorial Association and Chairman of the Board of Directors. During his years of service on the Board of Directors, as a member of the Executive Committee and finally as President, Duke made countless contributions of time, effort and ideas to the Memorial. It has truly been a pleasure and an honor for me to have worked with him for the last six years.

There are two things that are especially important to the Memorial and that will have a long-term effect on the organization that President Lichty championed and instituted. One is the implementation of term limits on the President. There is a vast pool of talent and ability available in the Masonic fraternity and the three-year term limit provides the opportunity for more individuals to not only serve as President but also to serve as members of the Executive Committee. This system also allows better planning for the future of the Memorial since it provides a progressive line of Vice Presidents and Officers. The other program implemented by President Lichty is the Per Member Contribution program. The membership of the Memorial is the Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodges are made up of individual Masons, who are also members and owners of the Memorial. The membership conceived, financed and constructed the Memorial and is ultimately responsible for the continuation of the only National Masonic Memorial to George Washington in our country.

I am pleased to report that member support for this program is increasing every year. Developed three years ago under the leadership of President Lichty, this long-term financial plan centers upon and focuses on per member contributions from the Grand Lodges. Currently there are four Grand Lodges that contribute \$1 per member. Three of the four also contribute \$5 per initiate. Six Grand Lodges contribute \$.50 per member. Four of the six also contribute \$5 per initiate. Five Grand Lodges contribute \$.25 per member. Four of the five also contribute \$5 per initiate. A per member contribution in support of the Memorial is the fairest and most logical means of providing the required funds to not only operate, but to perpetuate the Memorial. We are making great strides toward the financial stability of the Memorial and we are truly thankful for the support that we receive.

We are now beginning the Presidency of W. Scott Stoner, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania. President Stoner has served the Memorial with honor and distinction for several years and has provided sound and insightful advice to the Board concerning the operation and finances of the Association. We are looking forward to working with President Stoner, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the Active Members to secure the financial future of the Memorial so that it can be appreciated and enjoyed by the future generations of Masons and Americans.

George D. Seghers is the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Appendant Body Month Program

The Order of the Eastern Star provided an outstanding display for March, the Order of the Eastern Star Month at the Memorial. The exhibit featured the history, activities, charities and community activities of the largest female Masonic organization in the world.



The Appendant Body Month Program was created to recognize and honor the Appendant Bodies of the Masonic family. The schedule of Appendant Body Months for 2005 is: January - Daughters of the Nile, February - Order of DeMolay, March - Order of the Eastern Star, April - Knights Templar USA, May - Ancient Order of Sciots, June - International Order of Job's Daughters, July - Grottoes of North America, August - High Twelve International, September - Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, October - Knight Masons, November - Knights of the York Cross of Honor, December - Ladies of the Oriental Shrine.

WISH LIST - 2005

The following maintenance and improvement projects have been deferred due to a lack of funding. If you, your Lodge, Grand Lodge or Masonic Organization would like to contribute to any of these projects please contact George Seghers at 703-683-2007 or gseghears@gwmemorial.org

Install Aircraft Warning Lights	\$15,000
Install Second Phase of Surveillance System	\$35,000
Install Emergency Generators	\$125,000
Install Security Lighting on North Parking Lot	\$9,000
Structural Survey of the Memorial	\$35,000
Install Room Dividers in Dining Rooms	\$8,000
Install Air Conditioning and Glass	
Windows/Doors in Assembly Hall	\$200,000
Remove and Reset Front Steps	\$250,000

*Our thanks and appreciation to **Union Lodge No. 7 in Denver, Colorado** for funding the retaining walls on the north and south sides of the Square and Compasses.*

PA DeMolay Attend Presidential Inauguration and Stop at Memorial to Honor

W. Scott Stoner

By David Berry

On Thursday, January 20, 2005, over 220 Pennsylvania DeMolays, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and their family and friends traveled in four chartered buses to Washington D.C. to attend the Presidential Inauguration of President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney.



(l to r): David Labagh, State Scribe; Zachary Kahley, State Treasurer; Justin Killian, State Master Councilor; and Seth Anthony, State Senior Councilor present a check for \$1,000 to Executive Secretary-Treasurer, George D. Seghers, in honor of W.Scott Stoner.

Organized by Pennsylvania DeMolay, the trip afforded participants the opportunity to be a part of Democracy in action as tremendous crowds of Bush supporters and detractors alike descended on the city for the day.

Starting in 1993 with the first inauguration of President William J. Clinton, Pennsylvania DeMolay has offered this trip to the members of the three youth groups, their advisors, families and friends.

As a part of the Inaugural Trip, the entire group made a special stop at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial where Pennsylvania DeMolay State

Officers presented \$1,000 in honor of R.W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and long-time advisor



PA DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and their family and friends gather on the front steps of the Memorial before heading downtown for the Presidential Inaugural.

for DeMolay, W. Scott Stoner, who became President of the Memorial Association in February. President Stoner is an Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

David Berry is the Executive Secretary of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Photos by Thomas Labagh.

Memorials as Charitable Deductions

“Memorials” are yet another means for providing for a charity such as The George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Your memorial contribution to our future needs is a wonderful way to let us remember you or a person you loved and respected. Your gift becomes a lasting tribute to an important relationship. It can establish a permanent link with the past and may encourage others to participate in your vision for the future. The gift could be restricted permanently in an Endowment Fund, or it could be temporarily restricted for a particular purpose. You as the donor would have the benefit of making the decision. Also, you would receive an immediate income tax deduction to the extent allowed by law.

- Please send me Planned Giving information
- I have already included the Memorial in my estate plans via
 - my will a trust other arrangements
- I am considering including the Memorial in my estate plans

Comments:

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For additional giving opportunities, please see reverse side

We Invite You to Join the GWMNMA Today!

Yes! I agree that The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is a very important part of our shared Masonic heritage. Together we can ensure that this magnificent Memorial continues to perpetuate the memory of our First President and Foremost Freemason. Enclosed is my GWMNMA membership contribution of:

- 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.
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- Silver Craftsman Membership** - \$100 Donation - You will receive a Membership Certificate and a Memorial lapel pin.

Already a Supporter? Great! Since Membership is cumulative, an additional contribution may upgrade your status to the next category.

Other Amount \$ _____

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Please charge my: American Express Discover
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Colorado Donates a Tree to Memorial in lieu of Banquet Gifts

In a generous gesture of support for the Memorial, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Colorado Edward L. Zorn and his wife Mary opted to make a contribution to the Memorial's Tree Program instead of providing individual gifts for guests who attended the Grand Master's Banquet during the Annual Communication in January.

The Memorial is extremely grateful and extends its sincere appreciation to Brother Zorn and Mary for their thoughtful consideration of the Memorial. This was a wonderful idea and unique way to involve the Grand Lodge in this worthwhile program. We encourage all Grand Lodges to follow Colorado's lead and adopt the same or similar program to help generate support for the Memorial. The Annual Communication is a great time to adopt such a program where all members throughout the state, as well as visiting guests, would have the opportunity to learn more about the Memorial and to be part of a special effort to help preserve this magnificent tribute to George Washington for all time.

"First Night" Attracts Thousands to Memorial on New Year's Eve

Great weather and a great line-up of performers brought thousands of visitors to The George Washington Masonic National Memorial for the 10th anniversary of Alexandria, Virginia's First Night program, a community celebration of New Year's Eve showcasing the area's best singers, dancers, actors, musicians, and visual artists at participating businesses throughout Old Town Alexandria.



Once again, there was standing room only at the Memorial for several of the performances. The Memorial hosted the largest number of performance groups for a single venue with a total of 10, including a world-renowned Scottish fiddler, a country and western band, a puppet performance, magic show, Zydeco dance band, and a 50s doo whop "a cappella" group.

In addition, the Memorial is honored to be part of 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.

First Night provides a family-oriented, non-alcoholic celebration that is fun, safe and affordable for all. The festivities culminate at midnight with a spectacular fireworks display on the grounds of the Memorial.



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