

New President Elected at Annual Meeting

Board Makes Changes to Shape Future Mission of Memorial

Michael D. Brumback, Past Grand Master of Indiana, was elected President of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at the Annual Meeting held February 19th in Nashville, Tennessee. President Brumback has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1994 and was elected Third Vice President in 2000.

Other officers elected for the ensuing year are: Anthony P. Wordlow, First Vice President; Roger A. Simmons, Second Vice President; Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Third Vice President and George D. Seghers, Executive Director.



The Executive Committee in front of the Memorial's exhibit at the Conference of Grand Masters in Nashville. From left: Frank R. Dunaway, Jr., Roger A. Simmons, Anthony P. Wordlow, Michael D. Brumback, George D. Seghers, and Donald G. Hicks, Jr.

The following Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters were elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors: David J. Lamprey - New Hampshire, John F. Kavanaugh - Florida, Alvin W. Jorgensen - Washington, Lawrence J. Mersberg - Kansas, Darwin D. Lloyd - Arkansas, and Donald G. Hicks, Jr. - Massachusetts.

The Board of Directors agreed to hold a special meeting in April to begin the process of more actively involving the Directors in determining the future of the Memorial Association. Several standing committees will be created, including, but not limited to: Long Term Planning, Finance/Investment, Fund Raising/Development, and Memorial Property/Temple. The creation of a new logo and message/mission for the Association will also be discussed at the April meeting.

Greetings From The President



Michael D. Brumback

The Board of Directors and the Officers of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association (GWMNMA) were elected by the Grand Masters of North America at the Conference of Grand Masters in Nashville, Tennessee on February 19th. They are duly noted in this issue of *The Messenger*. We are honored to be elected and look forward to serving you.

Our Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters, and in fact, the Conference rose out of the initial meetings organized by the Association for the purpose of building the National Masonic Memorial to the memory of our Brother, George Washington.

At our Board Meeting on February 18th, we agreed to better utilize the talents of the Board members, and to begin a reorganization of the Association's scope and purpose. We will hold our first meetings to implement this new strategy on April 28th and 29th at the Memorial.

Our mission is clear. We are the **only National Masonic Memorial** supported by the Grand Lodges in the United States. We are the repository of many relics pertaining to George Washington, and display them to tell the story of the importance Masonry

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held for Washington, and in the formation of the United States. It serves to renew every Freemason's faith in the principles of our Fraternity, and to remind him of the part the Craft played in forming the greatest democracy on earth. And of course, we honor the memory of our Foremost Freemason and Father of our Country, George Washington.

It is now our duty to preserve this marvelous edifice and maintain the grandeur of the architect's design for future generations. To this end, the Board of Directors is dedicated to our mission. We are committed to assuring that this Masonic Memorial remains a visible landmark for our nation; that it continues to represent our Fraternity in a majestic manner. And, most importantly, that it tell our children and grandchildren the story our Founding Brothers played in the formation of our government, under the leadership of George Washington.

In four short years we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the formation of the GWMNMA which put forth the audacious proposal to build this beautiful monument to George Washington, the Freemason. We plan to celebrate this anniversary in style at the Conference of Grand Masters to be held in Virginia in 2010.

If you would like to personally make a commitment to our mission, please become a Member of the GWMNMA today. You will find information concerning the various membership levels on page 5 of this issue. No matter at what level you can assist, be assured that **YOU can make a difference.**

Happy Birthday Brother Washington

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial participated in three events in February to celebrate the 274th birthday of our First President and Foremost Freemason. On Saturday, February 11th, 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.



Distinguished speakers each placed a wreath at the base of the 17th ft. bronze statue of Washington in Memorial Hall. From left: Glover Hunter Jones, III, GM of Virginia; Ronald G. Belanger, GM of Maryland; Albert M. Smith, GM of the District of Columbia; William F. Shultz, Supreme Tall Cedar of North America; James C. Rees, Executive Director of Mount Vernon; Michael D. Brumback, President of the Memorial Association; The Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, and Joseph S. Shumard, Chairman of the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee.

DeMolay Celebrates Patriot's Day

The Alexandria-Washington Chapter of DeMolay celebrated DeMolay Patriot's Day on the day before President's Day this year by having a distinguished U.S. Army Artillery Officer speak on leadership lessons learned from early American Patriots. Lt. Col. Jeff Springman related the Seven Army Values



Master Councilor P. Jay Shuey and the officers of Alexandria-Washington Chapter, Order of DeMolay, present a Certificate of Appreciation to Lt. Col. Jeff Springman for his DeMolay Patriot's Day talk.

of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage to the Seven Cardinal Virtues of a DeMolay which are filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness, and patriotism. The Alexandria-Washington Chapter meets in the North Lodge Room of the Memorial. For more information contact Jim Schimmel at 703-971-0442 or james.schimmel@cox.net.

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The celebration continued on February 25th with a wreath laying ceremony held at Mount Vernon at Washington's tomb. The annual wreath laying ceremony is organized by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 which meets at the Memorial. President Michael D. Brumback spoke on behalf of the Memorial.

The final event took place on February 26th with the annual wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial.



The Heroes of '76, National Sojourners, presented the colors at the wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial.

Message From Alexandria



George D. Seghers

W. Scott Stoner served as President of the Memorial Association from February 22, 2005 to February 22, 2006. Scott was a tireless worker for the Memorial, devoting countless hours to the financial affairs of the association and to the Planned Giving Program which he developed and chaired for many years. Scott passed to the Celestial Lodge on March 1st following a courageous and dignified battle against a major illness. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with Scott for the last seven years. The Memorial staff will miss his visits, his friendship and his great sense of humor.

The membership of the Memorial is the Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodges are made up of individual Masons. The individual Masons are ultimately the owners of the Memorial. One of the major functions of the Memorial Association should be and is, providing services to these Members. With that function in mind, the Memorial has been fortunate to hire Mark A. Tabbert as Director of Collections. Mark has the knowledge and expertise required to provide historic, academic and artistic consulting services to our Members. (See article, back page.)

Member support for the Per Member Contribution program continues to grow. We now have five Grand Lodges that contribute \$1 per member. Three of the five also contribute \$5 per initiate. Seven Grand Lodges contribute \$.50 per member. Five of the seven also contribute \$5 per initiate. Four Grand Lodges contribute \$.25 per member.

All four also contribute \$5 per initiate. A per member contribution is the most logical and certainly the fairest means of providing funds to operate and perpetuate the Memorial. Each year our level of support grows and each year we are closer to achieving financial stability for the Memorial. We are truly thankful for the support that our Members provide.

We are on the threshold of the Presidency of Michael D. Brumback, Past Grand Master of Indiana. President Brumback has served the Memorial for many years as a member of the Board of Directors and as an officer of the Association. He brings new ideas, energy and a vision that will be the guiding force for the future of Memorial. He ran a very successful and enthusiastic Board of Directors meeting in Nashville on February 18th. The Board Members are excited, ready and willing to define, shape and develop the Association under his leadership. The next Board Meeting will be a two-day workshop which will decide the future course of the Memorial.

The Memorial staff is looking forward to working with President Brumback, the Officers of the Association and the Board of Directors as they embark on the challenging task of defining and securing the future of the Memorial so that it may continue to be a source of pride, enlightenment and enjoyment for future generations of Masons, Americans and all of humanity.

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

Memorial Association will Celebrate 100th Anniversary at 2010 Conference

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is gearing up for a grand celebration to commemorate its 100th anniversary at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in 2010. The Grand Lodge of Virginia will host the Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, Virginia, conveniently located near the Memorial, Washington, D.C., and Mount Vernon. The news was announced at the 2006 Conference recently held in Nashville, Tennessee. "We are thrilled that Virginia will be hosting the conference in 2010," said George D. Seghers, Executive Director of the Memorial Association. "We look forward to welcoming Conference attendees to this beautiful Memorial and to celebrating the vision our founders had for forever perpetuating the memory and legacy of our Foremost Freemason, Brother George Washington."



1910 - 2010
100 Years of Service

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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 gseghers@gwmemorial.org

Install Emergency Generators	\$125,000
Sponsor one issue of <i>The Messenger</i>	\$20,000
Install Second Phase of Surveillance System	\$35,000
Structural Survey of the Memorial	\$40,000
Install Room Dividers in the Dining Room(s)	\$9,000
Install Air Conditioning and Glass	
Windows/Doors in Assembly Hall	\$200,000
Remove and Reset the Front Steps	\$300,000

Our thanks and appreciation to Brother Alvin I. Singer for funding the installation of Security Lighting on the Main Parking Lot and the Aircraft Warning Lights. Both of these projects will be completed this summer.

IN MEMORIAM



W. Scott Stoner, Immediate Past President of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, passed away on March 1st. He served as President in 2005. He had been a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee since 1991.

A life-long resident of Pennsylvania, Brother Stoner was born and grew up in Lancaster. He graduated with a B.S. degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1961. He received his C.P.A. degree and began his accounting career with Dorwart, Andrew & Company in 1966, becoming a partner in 1973. After retiring in 1997, he became a consultant with the firm. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lancaster having served two terms as President, a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member and Past President of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, South Central Chapter.

Brother Stoner began his Masonic career in 1966 by joining Casiphia Lodge No. 551 in Mount Joy where he served as Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Representative in Grand Lodge. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for five years before proceeding through the Grand Lodge. He served as Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1990 and 1991. He was active in numerous Masonic organizations including the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine of North America, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania and Order of DeMolay. He is the recipient of several Masonic distinguished service awards including the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's highest honor, the Benjamin Franklin Medal.

Brother Stoner is survived by his wife Phyllis of 41 years, two daughters, one son-in-law, three grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.

The Memorial is deeply grateful for Brother Stoner's commitment to serving the Memorial for 15 years. His financial experience was invaluable in overseeing the audits and in helping to make sound investment decisions. He created the Memorial's Planned Giving Program and served as its Chairman for many of the years he served on the Board. Brother Stoner will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A Lifetime of Giving

Charitable Planning Strategies

A sound approach to charitable gift planning is to match your intended contribution with your stage of life, finances and tax considerations. You might be interested in some examples based on various age groups:

Any Age: Consider a gift of cash, securities or real estate and receive an income tax deduction.

Still Employed: If you're a high earner in your 40's and 50's planning your retirement but restricted in the amounts you can contribute to qualified retirement plans, a deferred charitable gift annuity may act as a supplemental retirement plan for you.

These are just two examples. To choose the right giving method, you must consider your unique financial circumstances and charitable objectives.

- 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**

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

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To respond, please fill in your information, tear along perforated line and mail to:

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For additional giving opportunities, please see reverse side

Join the GWMNMA Today!

Yes! Count on me to support our Memorial.

Enclosed is my membership contribution of:

- \$100 - Silver Craftsman:** You will receive a Membership Certificate and a Memorial lapel pin.
- \$250 - Gold Master:** You will receive a Membership Certificate and a Memorial lapel pin.
- \$500 - Platinum Presidential:** You will receive a Membership Certificate, a Memorial lapel pin, and a replica of the George Washington Penknife.
- \$1000 - 21st Century:** You will receive a Membership Certificate, a Memorial lapel pin, a replica of the George Washington Penknife, and your name will be cast in bronze and displayed in the main entrance to Memorial Hall.

MILLENNIUM MEMBERSHIPS

- \$5,000 - Millennium Architect**
- \$10,000 - Millennium Master Architect**
- \$25,000 - Millennium Builder**
- \$50,000 - Millennium Master Builder**
- \$100,000 - Millennium Grand Master Builder**

In addition to the above benefits, all Millennium Members will receive a Membership Plaque and your name will be permanently displayed on a Millennium Wall of Honor recognizing major benefactors prominently located in the Memorial.

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

- Other Amount \$ _____
- Check enclosed made payable to *GWMNMA*
Please charge my: American Express Discover
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To respond, please fill in your information, tear along perforated line and mail to:

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Mark A. Tabbert Heads Memorial Library and Museum



Mark A. Tabbert

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is pleased to announce that Mark A. Tabbert joined the staff on January 9th as the new Director of Collections. Previously, he was Curator of Masonic and Fraternal Collections at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts.

A native of Iowa, he graduated from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania with a B.A. in European History. He received his M.A. in American History and Museum Studies at Duquesne University while working at the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh. Between 1997 and 1998, he worked for the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis, Missouri. During this time he became a Mason in Malta Lodge No. 318 in Burlington, Iowa.

He is the presiding Master of Mystic Valley Lodge in Arlington, Massachusetts, member of the three York Rite Bodies, the Society of Blue Friars and is elected to receive the Scottish Rite, NMJ, 33rd Degree in 2006.

Mark has written and published many historical research papers, articles and essays. He has curated several exhibitions and is an experienced and sought after speaker. In 2005, the National Heritage Museum and the New York University Press jointly published his acclaimed book, *American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities*. We look forward to working with Mark to define and refine the mission of the Memorial Library and Museum.

Appendant Body/Grand Lodge Month Program



March was The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Month. Photography by Michael C. Seay.

This year both the National Sojourners and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls provided outstanding exhibits for their respective months featuring the history, activities and charities of their organizations. The program continues with the following schedule: April - Red Cross of Constantine, May - Royal Arch Masons International, June - Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, July - Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, August - White Shrine of Jerusalem,

September - York Rite Sovereign College of North America, October - Grand Lodge of Delaware, November - Royal Order of Scotland, December - Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

The Appendant Body/Grand Lodge Month Program was created to recognize and honor the Appendant Bodies and Grand Lodges of the Masonic family.



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Elected February 19, 2006

Michael D. Brumback	President
Anthony P. Wordlow	First Vice President
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George D. Seghers	Executive Secretary

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Term expires February 22, 2007

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