

LIGHT

of the George Washington
Masonic National Memorial



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Semi-Annual Board Meeting

From its founding in 1910 until the mid-1970s, the Annual Meeting of the Memorial's Board of Directors was held on Washington's Birthday at the Memorial. Now it is held in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. However, the Board voted several years ago to hold a Semi-Annual Meeting in August at the Memorial in order to bring the Board Members to the Memorial to experience this great tribute to Washington first hand. Words, photos and video can never do it adequate justice. Visiting and meeting in the Memorial never fails to inspire and to strengthen the commitment of the Board Members to the vision and mission of the Memorial Association.

This year's Semi-Annual Meeting was held on August 9 & 10. The roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors were reviewed and discussed. The Board is the ultimate authority responsible for the finances and operation of the Memorial Association and the Memorial building and grounds. The focus of the meeting was the immediate and long-term future of the Memorial. The continuing repairs, restoration and preservation of the Memorial and the means of funding them were discussed and approved. The Board reiterated its commitment to achieving a \$1 Per Member Annual Contribution to the Memorial from the Active Members of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

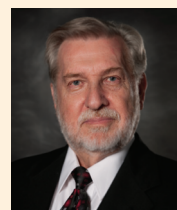


The Board of Directors met at the Memorial for the Semi-Annual Board Meeting in August. They are pictured here in Grand Masonic Hall.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

An Essential Light

by Roger A. Simmons



Serving as the President of the Association has allowed me a wonderful opportunity to see the

work the Memorial is doing every day to fulfill its mission. There is nothing else in the world like our Memorial. Helping to guide it into a new century of service has been a most rewarding way to give back to the fraternity.

The desire to give back drives all of us in Freemasonry. Because of the efforts of so many outstanding brethren, support for the Memorial has been growing, but there is still much to be done. Our goal remains for every Freemason in the United States to contribute one dollar each year through his Grand Lodge to support the Memorial. While my term as President ends soon, I know that—with your help—we will continue to approach that goal and secure the long-term stability of this key institution within American Freemasonry. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the latest grand jurisdiction to pledge \$1 per member per year to the Memorial is the Grand Lodge of Nevada. Thank you, brethren!

Our Memorial is truly a Lighthouse of knowledge. I can tell you that through the Memorial and its
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programs, that light reaches more and more people every day.

Thousands of people who pass through our doorway receive an illuminated perspective on George Washington and the Masonic fraternity. We love our Masonic organizations and the rich heritage of our nation, and it's good to know that for generations, our Memorial has been a real beacon of knowledge to people all over the world.

Through its presence, exhibits and programs, the Memorial provides valuable insight into our foremost Freemason, Brother George Washington, who laid the foundation of our great Nation.

Our job is simple: to support the Memorial and its excellent staff in continuing to spread that light. There are many opportunities for you to join us in this work at the individual, local lodge and Grand Lodge levels.

Thank you very much for your support during my term as President. Finally, allow me to express how great an honor and how true a pleasure it has been to serve the Memorial Association and its enduring mission. May the Great Architect look favorably upon our collective efforts, and may God bless you and your families.

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Memorial Welcomes New Board Members

At our Annual Meeting in Atlanta earlier this year, eight members were elected to the Association's Board of Directors. Six are new members and two were re-elected. These eminent Brethren will serve until February 22, 2015.



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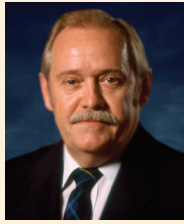
J.F. "Jeff" Webb, re-elected
*Past Grand Master
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OUR MISSION
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MESSAGE FROM ALEXANDRIA

Providence and Our Lasting Mission

by George D. Seghers



In Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation, October 3, 1789, he wrote that *"it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor."* What a timely and true message this is for us today, not only as a nation but as individuals. Washington firmly believed that Divine Providence was guiding and protecting our new nation as it came into being. In a letter to Martha written June 18, 1775, he expressed that *"as it has been a kind of destiny, that has thrown me upon this service, I shall hope that my undertaking it is designed to answer some good purpose . . . I shall rely, therefore, confidently on that Providence, which has heretofore preserved and been bountiful to me."*

The great men who conceived and built this Memorial to honor Washington's noble attributes understood his unwavering trust in God. They also took great risks and relied upon Divine Providence to secure the necessary funding to complete the Memorial. They saw this towering edifice as much more than just a grand commemoration in stone to a great man. In 1927, Louis A. Watres, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania and second President of the Memorial Association wrote, *"It is more—infininitely more—than a Memorial to Washington. It is an outstanding landmark to Freemasonry in its best estate. It is a monument to civil and religious liberty and the stable, orderly and constitutional government that was founded and formed by Washington and the galaxy of patriotic men among whom were included the foremost Masons of his time."*

Indeed we have much to be thankful for. Divine Providence provided us with the right man at the right time. Our nation would not have come into being without George Washington, just as our Memorial would not have come into being without Louis Watres,

Charles Callahan and other great men of that generation and we are truly thankful for them. Now it is up to us. Now it is our turn to carry forward the work begun so long ago. It is up to us to live the just and upright life that was so well exemplified by the Father of our Country.

His life was a journey of self-improvement through honesty, integrity, dignity and courage. He never failed to accept the tremendous burdens that were placed upon him. We too must accept the challenges and responsibilities of carrying forward the task of preserving, maintaining and improving this magnificent Memorial to Brother George Washington. We too must always keep in mind that the efforts of man are only truly successful with the guidance and support of Divine Providence.

That is an essential moral lesson taught universally in our lodges, and we are grateful that America's Freemasons understand the important role the Memorial plays in spreading that light through the promotion of the virtues and character of George Washington. Accordingly, we deeply appreciate the support that we receive from local Masonic bodies. Recently, I received a letter from Lavina-Temple Lodge N^o 101 in Lavina, Montana, whose brethren voted to send us a gift of one dollar for each of their members. Thank you, brethren, for the gift and for the Masonic spirit that inspired it.

We are thankful for George Washington, we are thankful for the great men who conceived and built the Memorial, we are thankful for Freemasonry and its wonderful Tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and we are thankful for the support and involvement of the Freemasons and Friends of the Memorial for all they do for the Memorial and for Freemasonry. Your support allows us *"To inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason and Father of our Country."*

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

Grand Lodge of Nevada Joins \$1 Per Member Campaign

During the 148th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Nevada, held in Reno on November 12–13, 2012, the Brethren of Nevada overwhelmingly approved a \$1 Per Member Annual Contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

"Although Nevada is over 2,000 miles away from the Memorial, this resolution received the widespread support that it deserved," said James G. Kelley, Past Grand Master of Nevada, Past Member of the Board of Directors of the Memorial Association and the Memorial's Ambassador to Nevada. "This demonstrates the pride Nevada Masons have in supporting the Memorial."

Nevada is the 21st Grand Lodge to support the Memorial on an ongoing basis with \$1 Per Member per year. The other participating Grand Lodges are: District of Columbia, North Dakota, Michigan, Alaska, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Wisconsin, Utah, Oregon, Wyoming, Alabama, Rhode Island and Indiana. The Memorial hopes that all Grand Lodges will participate in the \$1 Per Member Campaign to support their Memorial.

"On behalf of the Memorial Association, I recognize with gratitude the generosity and commitment of our Brethren in Nevada," said Executive Director George Seghers.



Washington's Birthday Festivities Coming in February to the George Washington Masonic Memorial

Each year, Freemasons, their friends and families gather at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial to honor the life of Brother Washington on the anniversary date of his birth.

The Program for the 2013 George Washington Birthday Celebration is as follows:

Thursday, February 21

- *Called Communication Honoring Brother George Washington*, Alexandria-Washington Lodge N° 22, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 22

- *Wreath Laying at the Tomb of Brother Washington*, Alexandria-Washington Lodge N° 22 at Mount Vernon, 8:00 a.m.
- *George Washington Symposium*—Memorial Theater, 1:00 p.m.
- *Reception*—Memorial Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- *Concert*—Memorial Theater, 7:00 p.m.
- *Banquet*—Grand Masonic Hall, 7:45 p.m.
- *Presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award*—Grand Masonic Hall, 9:00 p.m.


Tickets for the Friday evening black-tie events are \$100, and may be purchased on our website, <http://gwmemorial.org>. Limited seating available. For more information contact Shawn Eyer, Director of Communications, via e-mail at shawneyer@gwmemorial.org.

Commemorate George Washington's Birthday in Your Lodge with Our Ceremony

Has your lodge been looking for a memorable program? The George Washington Masonic National Memorial has prepared an inspiring ceremony that honors the birthday of our foremost Freemason and the father of the American republic. Washington's Birthday is still a Federal Holiday, however, it has been included in the Presidents Day holiday. Washington was our first and greatest President and his birthday should be celebrated on February 22nd.

The ceremony is suitable for performance—with adjustments as needed—in a tiled lodge of any degree. It may also be offered during a lodge's dinner or festive board. The observance only takes a few minutes, but if done with care it will leave a positive, lasting impression on the brethren. The current version of the script for the ceremony (shown at right) was created by Memorial staff members Mark Tabbert and Shawn Eyer.

To receive a copy of the ritual script, contact Shawn Eyer, Director of Communications, via e-mail at shawneyer@gwmemorial.org.




A Ceremony for the Celebration of the Anniversary of the Birth of Brother George Washington

◆ FEBRUARY 22, 1732

INTRODUCTION
This ceremony is written for the purpose of honoring Bro.: George Washington, and is suitable for performance—with adjustments as needed—in a tiled lodge of any degree. Washington's Birthday is a Federal holiday in the United States, celebrated on the third Monday of February. His actual date of birth is February 22, 1732. This observance should be performed as close as possible to those times.

PREPARATION
If the lodge room includes a painting or bust of Washington, it is appropriate for it to be highlighted in some way prior to the opening of the lodge. For example, a wreath could be added to it for the occasion, or a table placed before it to display flowers, a candelabra or an electric lamp. Contact the George Washington Masonic National Memorial gift store to obtain an appropriate image of Washington for lodge display, if needed.

Note: Regulations vary. This ceremony is a template, which should be adapted to the procedures of your jurisdiction prior to any performance. Please contact your appropriate Grand Lodge representative with questions.



Thomas Jacob Shryock

Part One: Man & Mason

by Mark A. Tabbert

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association reflects American history, and more especially the American Freemasons who built it. This is particularly evident in the life of the Memorial's first President, Thomas Jacob Shryock (1851–1918). He was an ambitious and complex man who served as Grand Master of Maryland for 33 years. He represents America's Gilded Age and the generation of Freemasons who translated Charles Callahan's dream of the Memorial into reality.

The Shryock family emigrated from Prussia in the 1700s and settled in Baltimore. Henry Shryock, Thomas' great-grandfather, served as lieutenant colonel in a Maryland regiment during the War for Independence. In 1788, while a member of the Maryland Assembly, he voted to ratify the U.S. Constitution and bring the "Old Line State" into the Union. His grandson, Thomas' father, Henry Shryock (1808–1881) owned a successful Baltimore lumber company.

Shryock's mother, Ann Ophelia Shields (1814–1882) grew up in Alexandria, Virginia. In 1824, as a young child, she recited a welcoming ode to General Lafayette when he returned to the city. Her father, Thomas Shields, was a member of Alexandria-Brooke Lodge N° 2, which held a welcoming banquet for "The Nation's Guest" jointly with Alexandria-Washington Lodge N° 22. Ann's three sons became Baltimore Freemasons. The elder, William H. Shryock (1835–1902) joined Landmark Lodge N° 127 in 1869, and Thomas joined Waverly Lodge N° 152 in 1871. The youngest, Richard F. Shryock (1856–1921) was initiated, passed and raised in Landmark Lodge while his eldest brother was Worshipful Master.

Educated in Baltimore's public schools and at the Light Street Institute, Thomas began working with his father and brother in the family's lumber business. At the age of 30, after his father's death, he formed Thomas J. Shryock & Co. and expanded by building Baltimore's Shryock Wharf and opening a branch in Washington, D.C. Thirty years later his St. Lawrence Broom & Manufacturing Co., of Ronceverte, West Virginia, owned over 100,000 acres of white pine forest and annually processed more than 25 million feet of lumber. To bring his timber from West Virginia to the Eastern seaboard he organized and served as president of the Iron Mountain and Greenbrier Railroad. The railroad also carried tourists to White Sulphur Springs and to the famous Greenbrier Hotel, which he helped finance. He also served as a director of Baltimore's Second National Bank, the Consolidated Gas & Electric Company and Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania.

Equally energetic in state affairs, Shryock achieved several notable offices. Locally, he was appointed Baltimore's Police Com-



missioner and later a member of the Sewerage Commission. A life-long member of the Republican Party, he was elected Treasurer and then Chairman of his party's state Central Committee. The Maryland Assembly elected him State Treasurer, 1896–1900. Gov. Lloyd Lowndes commissioned him a brigadier general and Chief of Staff of the state militia. Ever afterwards, when not addressed as the Grand Master, he was known as General Shryock.

Shryock married twice. With his first wife, Marie Eliza Heckman Mann, they had five children: Daise, Amelia, Marie, Anna and Thomas (who died in infancy). After Marie died, he married Cassie Belle Miller and together they had three children: Catherine, Thomas J. Jr. and Orpha. His community engagement continued to expand, as he served as Treasurer of the Springfield State Hospital, president of an orphanage for African-American boys and numerous civic committees, associations and clubs.

A simple recounting of Shryock's respected family, successful enterprises and high offices does not fully reveal the man. Like other wealthy men of his day, such as Andrew W. Mellon or John D. Rockefeller, Shryock lived by a simple faith, a strict morality and a deep sentimentality. Just 14 when the Civil War ended, and living in a major railroad and port city, Shryock was enabled to realize

every commercial opportunity Reconstruction and the Gilded Age made available to an enterprising young man.

With his financial success came political influence and civic duties that he readily accepted as his personal responsibility to fulfil. And that he sought admission into a Masonic lodge, and for over 40 years gave his time and talent to the Craft, demonstrated his realization that life was about far more than attaining affluence and wielding influence.

Shryock's last great calling was to serve George Washington. Like every American of his age, he learned of Washington in school and revered him through public celebrations. His membership in the Society of the Cincinnati and the Sons of the American Revolution confirmed his patriotism. As Grand Master of Maryland, Shryock well understood and appreciated Washington's patronage of the Craft.

The 1899 centennial Masonic commemoration of Washington's funeral at Mt. Vernon set in motion the forces that would create the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in 1910. More than 300 Freemasons from around the country attended the ceremony hosted by Alexandria-Washington Lodge Nº 22. Leading his delegation, Shryock responded for Maryland Freemasons during the solemn tomb-side service:

*From the mountains to the Chesapeake his fame dwells
secure. But a river divides his birthplace and his tomb from our
Commonwealth. All the seas could not divide us from our love
and admiration of his memory.*

Three years later, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held a banquet to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Washington's initiation. President Theodore Roosevelt, Pennsylvania Governor and Brother William A. Stone, and numerous other civic, business and Masonic leaders attended. Brother Roosevelt spoke, in part, about the Craft:

One of the things that attracted me so greatly to Masonry, that I hailed the chance of becoming a Mason, was that it really did act up to what we, as a government and as a people, are pledged to,—of treating each man on his merits as a man. When Brother George Washington went into a Lodge of the Fraternity he went into the one place in the United States where he stood below or above his fellows according to their official position in the Lodge. He went into the place where the idea of our government was realized, as far as it is humanly possible for mankind to realize a lofty ideal.

Later, Grand Master Shryock said in response to a toast:

You have often heard it said that "Masonry is the handmaiden of religion." Let me tell you that she is also the right hand of those

who build with Washington, and that she will ever continue to be the bulwark of civil and religious liberty of the great Republic of ours. The work of Washington and the work of Freemasonry is not to cease at the dawn of the twentieth century, but it is to go on and on, until the whole world is brought within the influence of this great giant Republic of ours, and only the Grand Master above knows what the dawn of the twenty-first century will show, as the outgrowth of Washington's beginnings.

Part Two of this article will examine Shryock's deep love of the Craft and how he employed his great talents, as President of the Memorial Association, to give Freemasons living in the twenty-first century a stately and fitting Memorial to perpetuate George Washington's memory "until time shall be no more."

Mark A. Tabbert is the Director of Library & Museum Collections of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.



Brother Shryock in 1880, age 29, wearing Masonic jewels including Past Master, Junior Grand Warden, Past High Priest, Past Illustrious Master, and the Red Cross of Constantine. Image courtesy of the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland.

Masonic Author Shawn Eyer Hired as Director of Communications

The Memorial Association recently hired Shawn Eyer as its Director of Communications. Bro. Eyer is a creative professional whose skills include writing, editing, design, strategy, branding and website development. His previous experience includes nearly two decades of work in educational, corporate, government and nonprofit communications. As Director of Communications, Eyer will foster greater awareness and utilization of the Memorial and further its mission.

“Bro. Eyer’s strong skills in writing, marketing communications and visual design are complemented by his established reputation as a Masonic scholar,” said Executive Director George Seghers. “We look forward to working with him on the Memorial’s upcoming projects.”

Bro. Eyer’s scholarship and editorial work is well known to many Freemasons through two periodicals that he edits which are devoted to

the study of Masonic life and history: *Philaethes*, North America’s oldest independent Masonic magazine, and *Ahiman: A Review of Masonic Culture and Tradition*, a critically-acclaimed research journal. He has presented major research papers at the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry and the California Masonic Symposium.

He received his Masonic degrees at Orinda Lodge N^o 122 in Orinda, California, and is a Past Master (2007, 2009–2011) of Academia Lodge N^o 847 in Oakland, California. He is a 32^o K.C.C.H. member of the Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies. He holds a Master of Arts in Psychology from John F. Kennedy University in California, and a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and Psychology from The Defiance College in Ohio.



New Photography Exhibit Debuts on the Ninth Floor

Recently, guests on the Memorial’s daily guided tours have enjoyed a new exhibit created by Director of Collections Mark Tabbert. Installed on the ninth floor, it comprises a set of 15 beautifully-reproduced historical photographs that depict the construction of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

The ninth floor had previously housed materials pertaining to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. That display was dedicated in 1983, when Supreme Tall Cedar Jacob C. Matthenius, Jr. cut the ribbon. 400 guests came to the Memorial for the event.

Exhibits at the Memorial have been reconfigured so that information relating to appendant and concordant bodies within Masonry is concentrated on the third floor, in a new exhibit called *The Family of Freemasonry*. Beginning in November 2011, the Tall Cedars’ objects on the ninth floor were carefully removed, inventoried, photographed and packed. The Tall Cedars transported all material not reused in *The Family of Freemasonry* display back to their headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Along with the smaller artifacts, the throne, three tall glass display cabinets, long painted mural and a “time capsule” placed within the north wall of the ninth floor were also removed.

In the ninth floor redesign, the wood paneling was retained, and new carpeting and lighting were installed. The room was also repainted and benches were added. The doors to the observation deck and the windows were replaced, allowing more sunlight into the room.

Visitors now often stop to study the framed prints of the historic photographs before concluding their tour. Be sure to visit this new exhibit on your next trip to the Memorial.



The 15 historical photographs now on display on the ninth floor.



Detail from one of the photos, showing the Memorial completed to the sixth floor.

Join the GWMNM Today!

Yes! Count on me to support our Memorial. Enclosed is my membership contribution of:

- ☐ **\$100 Silver Craftsman:** Your gift will be acknowledged and you will receive a Membership Certificate.
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- ☐ **\$1000 New Century:** Your gift will be acknowledged, you will receive a Membership Certificate and your name will be cast in bronze and displayed in the main entrance to Memorial Hall.

Patrons

- ☐ **\$5,000 Millennium Architect**
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- ☐ **\$100,000 Millennium Grand Master Builder**

In addition to the above benefits, all Patrons will receive a Membership Plaque and your name will be permanently displayed on a Patrons 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.

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Support the Memorial by Becoming Part of the George Washington Memorial Society

The Memorial Association's Board of Directors recently created a new Society comprising a select group of members dedicated to supporting the Memorial and its mission. The purpose of the George Washington Memorial Society is to raise funds for and to increase awareness of the Memorial among Masons and in the community. Membership in the Society consists exclusively of Charter Members and Regular Members.

CHARTER MEMBERS are those who donate \$1,000 or more to the Memorial with their membership application from now until February 22, 2013, and \$250 or more per year thereafter. Charter Members will receive a unique patent signifying their membership in the Society and a high-quality medal and lapel pin. Charter Members will be named on a permanent plaque in the Memorial and displayed on our website. Charter Members will also be invited to a reception at the gala celebration of George Washington's Birthday at the Memorial each year. A list of the Charter Members to date may be found on page 9 of this edition of *LIGHT*. The deadline to become a Charter Member is February 22, 2013.

REGULAR MEMBERS are those who make an initial donation of \$500 or more to the Memorial with their membership application and donate \$250 or more per year thereafter. Regular Members will receive a unique patent signifying their membership in the Society, plus a specially produced lapel pin.

Membership in the George Washington Memorial Society is available to both Masons and non-Masons who wish to provide ongoing support to the Memorial and its vital projects and programs. Applications for both types of membership are available on the Memorial's website, gwmemorial.org, and payment can be made directly online for your convenience.

For more information about the George Washington Memorial Society, contact the Memorial's Executive Director George D. Seghers at 703.683.2007 or gsegthers@gwmemorial.org.



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SHINING LIGHTS

What the Memorial Means to Me



My first visit to the George Washington Masonic Memorial was in May of 1962, when Nancy and I were returning home from our wedding trip to Florida. I was a Fellow Craft, soon to become a Master Mason.

The Memorial impressed me as a symbol of America and the impact Freemasonry had in the formation of our country. I knew that I was now a member of a fraternity our founding fathers valued in their lives.

Since that first visit, my journey in Freemasonry has given me the opportunity to travel across our nation and to foreign lands where Brother George Washington is honored as a leader and a Freemason. This Memorial is a reminder to me, as it should be to every Freemason, that we ought to endeavor to emulate the virtues and character of Brother Washington in our daily lives and pass on to the next generation the time-tested principles of Freemasonry.

Donald G. Hicks, Jr.

Charter Member, The George Washington Memorial Society
 Past Grand Master of Massachusetts

MEMORIAL GIFT SHOP FEATURED ITEMS

The Memorial is a great place to shop for all those special people on your holiday list. And don't forget to include yourself! We've selected some best-selling items that are sure to please. An easy and convenient way to give a gift, your purchase is also a great way to show your support for the Memorial. Visit the Memorial's website for many more quality gifts and items.



2007 Holiday Ornament

The George Washington Masonic Memorial—reissued due to popular demand. Attractive new design in color. Made in the USA. \$25. (Nº 12)



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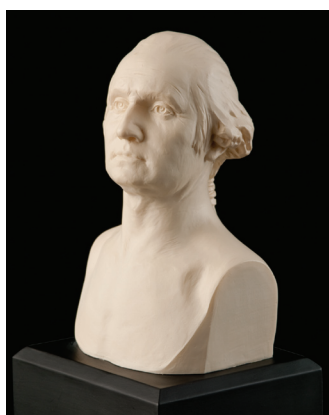
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Based on an original sculpture by renowned artist Bro. Jean-Antoine Houdon. Perfect for any desk or bookshelf. Measures 6½" tall. \$20. (Nº 526)



George Washington's Masonic Apron

Miniature replica of the one he wore at cornerstone ceremony of the Capitol in 1793. Hand stitched. Approximately 7" x 7½". \$85. (Nº 502)



Centennial Cufflinks

This stunning set features Washington's profile encircled by a laurel wreath and name of the Memorial; Post Fasteners; ¾" diameter. \$45. (Nº 431)



Centennial Tie

100% silk tie features Memorial's emblem. Thin red and gold stripes with dark, silk-screened profiles of Washington. \$35. (Nº 416) More ties available at our website.

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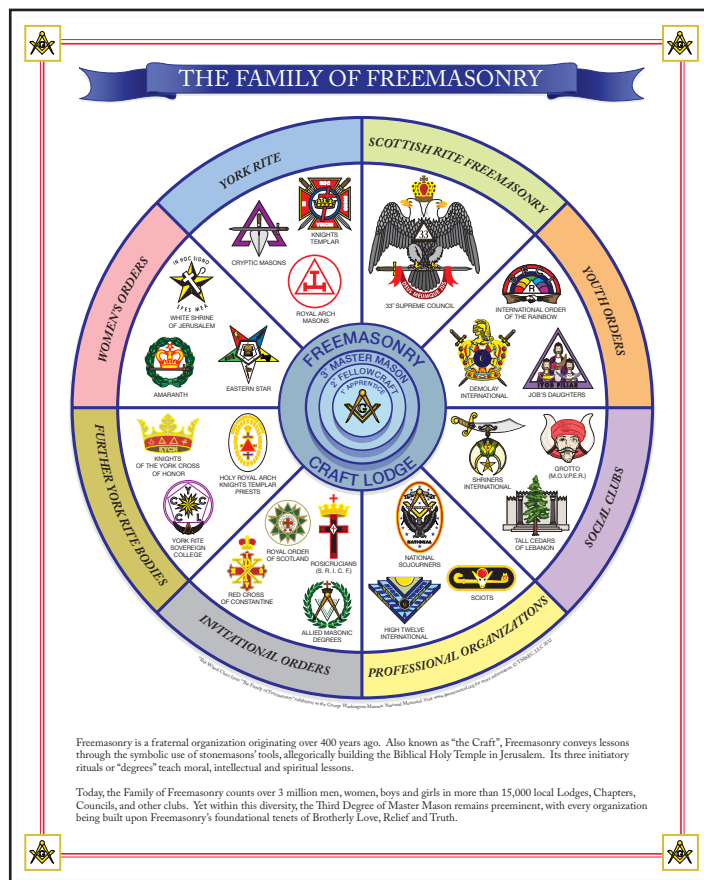
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2012 Holiday Ornament

George Washington In Profile. A commanding presence, instantly recognizable. The visage of George Washington is known around the world. Owing to Brother Washington's valor and accomplishments, it is almost a symbol in itself for those virtues which the Father of our Country embodied so well: constancy, integrity, bravery, vision and faith in Divine Providence. Made in the USA. \$25. (Nº 662)

FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY POSTER



The Family of Freemasonry Wall Poster

Helping to explain the multifaceted world of American Freemasonry, *The Family of Freemasonry* is an interpretive graphic that reveals the central role of Craft Masonry and the diverse world of the appendant and concordant bodies, invitational orders, social clubs, youth and adoptive orders. This excellent tool for Masonic education is based on *The Family of Freemasonry* exhibit. 16"×20". \$12. (Nº 670)

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Grand Lodge of the Month

Over the last several months, brethren from the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio and Indiana all visited the George Washington Masonic National Memorial as part of our Grand Lodge of the Month program.

Featured Grand Lodges also send artifacts and materials for placement in a designated display case within *The Form & Function of American Freemasonry* exhibit on the first floor. Of particular interest, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee sent a painting—reproduced above—depicting the formation of their Grand Lodge in 1813. The artist is Allyn Cox, who also painted the magnificent murals in Memorial Hall. Ohio displayed a piece of rope used by President Harding when initiated into the Shrine, while Indiana highlighted its Masonic orphanage and other charities. For more information about this program, contact Director of Collections Mark Tabbert at 703.683.2007, x 2012, or mtabbert@gwmemorial.org.

The schedule for 2013 is: *January*—Alabama, *February*—Maine, *March*—Missouri, *April*—Arkansas, *May*—Florida, *June*—Texas, *July*—Iowa, *August*—Wisconsin, *September*—California, *October*—Minnesota, *November*—Oregon, *December*—Kansas.

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