

LIGHT

*of the George Washington
Masonic National Memorial*



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The 2013 Washington's Birthday Celebration

On February 22, Freemasons and other supporters once more gathered at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial to celebrate the birthday of George Washington. The festivities began on the evening prior, when Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 held a special communication in honor of their illustrious Charter Master. A major component of this February 21 meeting was the Lodge's performance of the Washington's Birthday Lodge Ceremony created by Memorial staff.

On the morning of the 22nd, Alexandria-Washington Lodge and Memorial Association officers and staff participated in the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association's wreath was laid by newly installed President Donald G. Hicks, Jr.

In the afternoon, the annual George Washington Symposium was held in the Theater of the Memorial in Alexandria. Several stimulating talks were given on the Washington's life and legacy. (See page 7 for more information.)

As evening fell, our Gala in honor Washington's 281st birthday began with a reception in Memorial Hall. The famous Mt. Nebo Lodge Apron, recently authenticated as belonging to Washington, was on display as beautiful harp music entertained the attendees. After a concert in the Theater, guests enjoyed a formal banquet in Grand Masonic Hall. The George Washington Memorial Award was given to Mary V. Thompson, staff historian at Mount Vernon. She made an informative presentation about the religion of Brother Washington.

The Memorial is proud to exemplify and encourage Freemasonry's prominent role in this important national observance. Preparations are moving forward for next year's observance.



The reception in Memorial Hall provided attendees with a cordial beginning to the evening's festivities.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

An Unending Inspiration

by Donald G. Hicks, Jr.



Since I first visited the Memorial as a young man, I have known how powerful its message of inspiration

can be. Nancy and I were on the way back home after our honeymoon in Florida. I was new to the Craft—in fact, I was still in the process of going through my degrees.

Experiencing the Memorial at that stage of my Masonic life was profound and it left an indelible impression upon me. I understood how important Washington's legacy was, and the critical nature of the role that Freemasonry and its values played as our nation was born.

As the new President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, I still remember what that first visit was like, and no matter how often Nancy and I return to the Memorial, it never fails to impress and inspire us. And it's striking to realize that, every day, visitors to our Memorial have a similar experience.

That's possible because, a century ago, our great Fraternity began to raise this Memorial to Washington, demonstrating to all mankind the gratitude that they felt toward the foremost American Freemason.

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Today, we are privileged to be able to continue the labors these brethren began by supporting the Memorial, either at the personal or the jurisdictional level.

Some years ago, we initiated a program to seek commitments from our member jurisdictions of \$1 Per Member Per Year. We celebrate today because, since the last edition of *LIGHT*, the Grand Lodges of Idaho, Nevada, Delaware and Connecticut have all voted to join us in this effort. This has brought the number of participating grand jurisdictions to 24. This progress is an impressive sign that the Fraternity realizes the unique role that the Memorial fulfills.

It is a tremendous honor to serve as the President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at this important time. Looking to the future, I am confident that the number of grand jurisdictions that support this important program to contribute \$1 Per Member Per Year will continue to grow.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the Memorial and its important message of inspiration.

OUR MISSION

*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.*



Introduced by Executive Director George D. Seghers (left), the Association's new President, Donald G. Hicks, Jr., prepares to address supporters at the 2013 Washington's Birthday Gala.

New President Elected

Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, was elected President of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at the Annual Meeting held in Kansas City, Missouri, in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. President Hicks has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2003 and was elected Third Vice President in 2006.

Other officers elected for the ensuing year are: Ridgely H. Gilmour, First Vice President; Robert P. Conley, Second Vice President; J. F. "Jeff" Webb, Third Vice President and George D. Seghers, Executive Director.

The following Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters were elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors: Robert P. Conley—Michigan, John V. Egan—Colorado, Stephen J. Ponzillo—Maryland, Gail S. Turner—Missouri and Claire V. Tusch—Maine.

A Record of Service

President Hicks and his wife, Nancy, have lived in Leominster, Massachusetts, for the past forty years. They have two children and three grandchildren. Born in Lowell, Massachusetts, M.W. Bro. Hicks was educated in the Lowell Public School system. He attended Lowell State College and Lowell Commercial College, receiving a certificate in accounting. In 1959, while still in college, he began his banking career at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lowell. He continued his education, attending the American Savings and Loan Institute where he earned a graduate diploma.

In 1969, he accepted the position of Controller at the Worcester North Savings Bank in Fitchburg, where he progressed to Executive Vice President and eventually Director. Following the merger of Worcester North Savings and Leominster Savings in 1986, Hicks became Executive

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MESSAGE FROM ALEXANDRIA

Actions, Not Words

by George D. Seghers



In a letter dated December 15, 1779, George Washington shared some hard-won wisdom with Major General John Sullivan: *“A slender acquaintance with the world must convince every man that actions, not words are the true criterion of the attachment of his friends, and that the most liberal professions of good-will are very far from being the surest mark of it. I should be happy that my own experience had afforded fewer examples of the little dependence to be placed on them.”*

How very true. Words are spoken and then are gone. All that is left is an uncertain and brief memory. It is our actions alone that have a lasting effect. There were many words spoken—over many years—about building a Masonic Memorial to George Washington. Although stirring and eloquent, they did not last. It was only when our Masonic forefathers took action and created the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association that a tangible and enduring Memorial resulted.

George Washington spent a major portion of life winning and securing liberty for the people of the United States. His words and his writings are clear, thought-provoking and inspiring. Still, it was his actions that were the driving and sustaining force in creating a society that offers its citizens the most personal liberty, security and opportunity that has ever been provided by any nation.

The guidance, inspiration and support of the Board of Directors of the Memorial Association has resulted in the many programs, projects and exhibits here at the Memorial. They have taken action, and the Memorial Association is an active, growing, achieving and inspiring organization that is continually striving to accomplish our mission which is *“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.”*

Our achievements and our successes are the direct result of the action taken, not only by our Board of Directors, but also by our members, the Freemasons of the United States. Under the guidance and direction of our recently departed Past President, Warren D. “Duke” Lichty, the \$1 Per Member Campaign was created. We now have 24 Grand Jurisdiction that support their Memorial with an annual contribution of \$1 Per Member. This program has generated the much needed income to accomplish the extensive and ongoing repair and restoration of Memorial building. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was conceived, constructed and is supported and maintained by the Freemasons of the United States, who are the owners of the Memorial. The Memorial was created as an everlasting reminder and a suitable Memorial Temple which exemplifies the esteem, veneration and love of the Masonic Fraternity for this First Citizen and greatest of Americans.

We must continue to take action, to continue to perpetuate this everlasting tribute to the memory of Brother George Washington. Thank you for your continuing support of your Memorial.

\$1 Per Member Campaign

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is pleased to announce that the Grand Lodges of Idaho, Nevada, Delaware and Connecticut have adopted a \$1 Per Member Annual Contribution to the Memorial. Our sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to Jim Kelley, our Memorial Ambassador and Past Member the Board of Directors of the Memorial Association, for his efforts to secure this much needed support from the Brethren of Nevada. The Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Idaho are to be thanked for their commitment of support for the Memorial. Board Member Richard W. Aydelotte did an outstanding job in securing the annual contribution from the Brethren of Delaware. We also thank the Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for their pledge of support for their Memorial.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska—the jurisdiction of our recently departed Past President, Warren D. “Duke” Lichty—increased their annual contribution to the Memorial from \$1 Per Member to \$1.50 Per Member. This is very appropriate, since it was President Lichty who not only initiated the \$1 Per Member Annual Contribution Campaign,

but who also secured the first \$.50 Per Member Annual Contribution from a Grand Jurisdiction, which was from the Brethren of Nebraska. This is a fitting tribute to the memory of our beloved Brother and friend, Duke Lichty.

The number of Grand Lodges participating in the Memorial’s \$1 Per Member Campaign is now 24 (including Nebraska). The participating Grand Jurisdictions 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, Indiana, Idaho, Nevada, Delaware and Connecticut.

More than one hundred years ago, the founding members of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association had a vision: to build a magnificent, durable Memorial to forever honor the memory and legacy of the Father of our Country, Brother George Washington. Now it is up to us to ensure the unified support from all of America’s Freemasons to perpetuate this symbol of veneration for our first and greatest President. Thank you for your continued support.



Recent Additions to the Collection

Every year, interesting items are newly donated to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association's collection of historical artifacts. Recently, these fascinating additions were curated, for which the Association is very grateful.

An Eighteenth-Century Survey Scale

Robert A. Martens (1928–2011) was born in Wyoming and grew up loving God, his family, Freemasonry and George Washington. He followed his father, Charles Martens, into Freemasonry, being initiated in Newcastle Lodge N° 13, and later serving as Master. He served as the Grand Master of Wyoming in 1976.

In 1985, M.W. Bro. Martens had an opportunity to own a piece of history. An auction house was offering a surveyor's scale attributed to George Washington. The scale's provenance traced it from William Lanier Washington (1865–1933) to James Barroll Washington (1839–1900), the great-great grandnephew of President George Washington. Bro. Martens acquired the scale, pictured above.

In accordance with Robert's wishes, his widow Ann donated the scale (2012.04) to the Memorial Association last year. As we researched the history of this item, we learned that the item had not actually belonged to Washington.

It seems that William Lanier Washington was the "black sheep" of the family. In the early 1900s he began making a tidy sum by selling off proven George Washington artifacts. By the 1920s he had sold off his authentic collection, but continued to produce rare items. Mount Vernon's curatorial files contain several memos listing those suspect objects—including this very scale.

Mrs. Martens is certain that, given her husband's appreciation of pranks, he would have been happy to know the true story of his find and pleased that it has found a home at the George Washing-

ton Masonic National Memorial. While the scale did not belong to Washington, it dates to the 1700s and serves to illustrate the kind of equipment used when young George Washington surveyed Culpepper County and elsewhere in Virginia.

A Beautiful Knights Templar Pin

This magnificent Knights Templar pin (2013.04), depicted below, was donated in April by Bro. Robert Staib. It is gold-plated with enamel and small diamonds and was made circa 1890. It incorporates Royal Arch symbolism on the front. The back depicts the working tools of the Craft and a Mark Master emblem. The piece was originally a watch chain fob and later converted into a pin. Markings on the pin indicate that it originally belonged to the donor's ancestor, Bro. Christopher Staib of William C. Hamilton Lodge N° 500 in Philadelphia.



Thomas Jacob Shryock

Part Two: Shryock's Masonic Career

by Mark A. Tabbert

In his day, Thomas J. Shryock (1851–1918) ranked highly among inventors, philanthropists, industrialists, and financial tycoons. But among American Freemasons of that period, he stands alone. As in the case of George Washington, Shryock's peers in turn recognized him as an individual without equal. Washington founded a great nation. Shryock helped to found a Memorial to the greatest American Freemason.

Shryock's Masonic biography begins when his maternal grandfather, Thomas Shields, joined Brooks Lodge N° 3 in the 1820s. This lodge was situated in what is now Alexandria, Virginia—but at that time was within the District of Columbia. Thomas' father Henry was a member of Baltimore's Landmark Lodge N° 127. Thomas was just twenty-three years old when he joined Waverley Lodge N° 152 in Baltimore, and two years later he was its Worshipful Master. After his term in the East, he immediately served as a district Grand Inspector. In 1879 he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

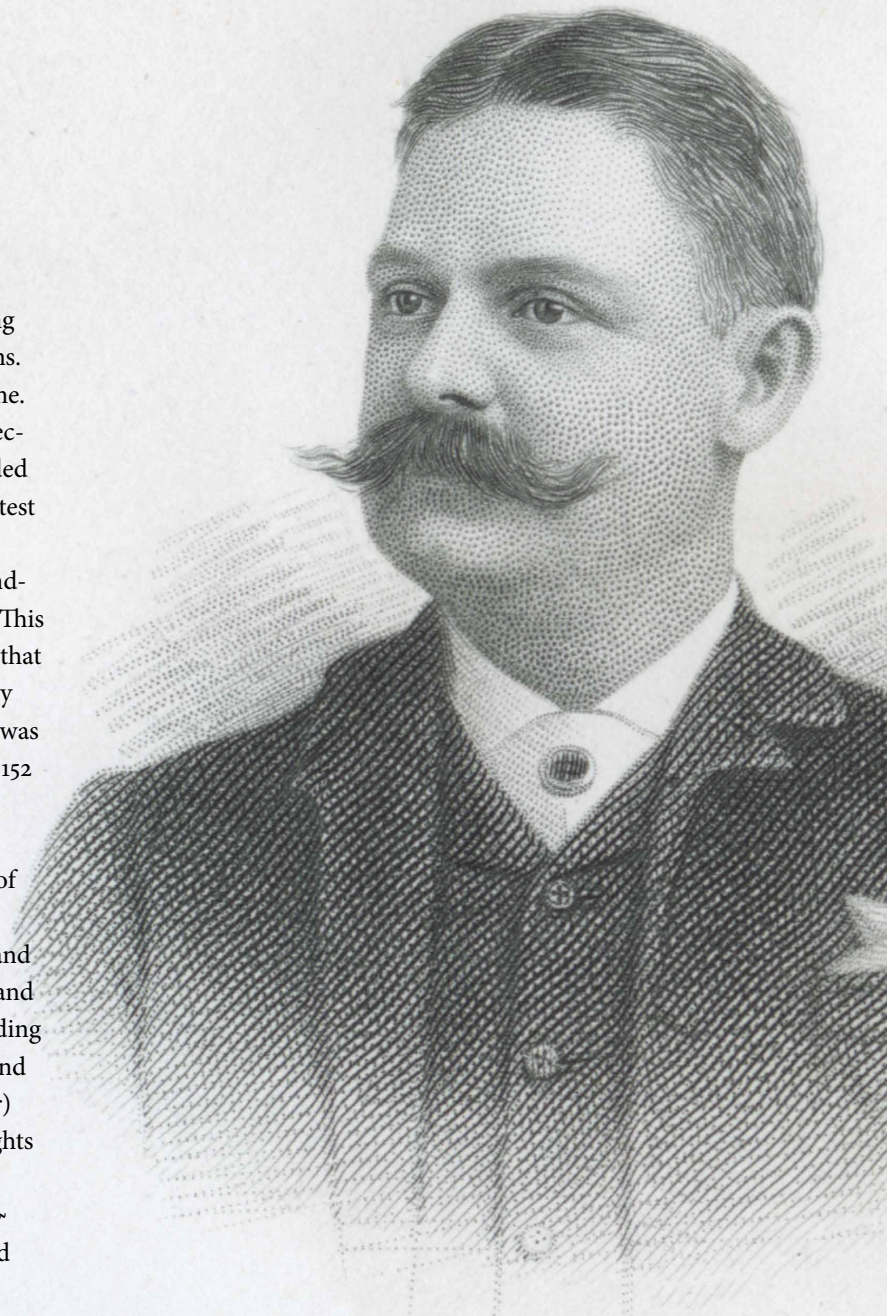
When Thomas turned 30 in 1881, he was not only Senior Grand Warden, but also a Past High Priest of his Royal Arch Chapter and a Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter. He was the presiding Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Maryland Cryptic Masons (after having served a term as Grand Treasurer) and a Past Eminent Commander of Baltimore's Beauseant Knights Templar Commandery N° 8.

Between 1882 and 1884, he also participated in the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite. He would be coroneted a 33° in 1886 and become head of the Scottish Rite in Maryland in 1911.

Having served a year as Deputy Grand Master, Thomas Shryock, was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in 1885—at the age of 34. He would be re-elected every year for the rest of his life.

His first priority was to place the Grand Lodge on a firm financial foundation. Working with his older brother, Grand Treasurer William H. Shryock (1835–1902), they loaned the Grand Lodge money to consolidate all its debt at a reduced interest rate. These far-sighted actions allowed the Grand Lodge to build two new temples. The first was built in 1890. As it unfortunately burned down in 1908, a second was built in 1909.

Not simply a financier or businessman, Grand Master Shryock was equally dedicated to strong ritual. He reorganized the Grand Inspectors and Lodges of Instructions to bring a greater uniformity and higher quality of ritual throughout Maryland. He also strengthened the requirements for Wardens to become installed Masters.



Through his countless programs and inexhaustible energy, Maryland's Craft membership rose from 3,500 members in 1884 to 18,500 in 1918. As Grand Master, Shryock signed 32 new lodge charters.

During his later years as Grand Master, Shryock became an honorary member of the Imperial Council of the A.A.O. Mystic Shrine, Grand Treasurer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, an honorary Grand Master of Egypt and of several European grand jurisdictions. He served three terms as Knights Templar Eminent Commander before becoming Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment of Maryland in 1897. Having served as Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander, he was at last installed Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in 1914.

Most of Shryock's early Masonic accomplishments were confined within "The Old Line State." In his later years, however, he would be called to organize Freemasons on a national scale.



Bronze of George Washington wearing a Past Master's Jewel (1990.03), sculpted by Edward Virginius Valentine (1838–1930). Donated by Thomas J. Shryock.

The Shryock family had members who served in a Maryland regiment during the Revolutionary War and the Maryland State Assembly who voted to ratify the U.S. Constitution. As a small girl, Thomas' mother had even welcomed Marquis de Lafayette to Alexandria in 1825. Thomas was a member of the Sons of the Revolution and other patriotic organizations, and he represented Maryland at the 1899 commemoration of George Washington's Masonic funeral at Mount Vernon. Three years later he was a speaker at the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania banquet celebrating the 150th anniversary of Washington's initiation.

In 1910, Alexandria-Washington Lodge N^o 22 invited Grand Master William McChesney of Virginia to preside over a meeting of Masonic leaders from around the country, in order to discuss building a national memorial to George Washington. As Grand Master of Maryland, Shryock attended this meeting and helped draft the resolution forming the association.

After a year of gathering endorsements from grand lodges across the county, the committee met again in 1911 to formally organize the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The committee adopted a basic constitution in order to elect officers and conduct business. Thomas Shryock was unani-

mously elected President for a two-year term.

Indeed, Shryock was an obvious choice to be the Association's first President. His Alexandria family connections and his many years in business, politics and even military affairs were important factors. But perhaps it was necessary that the head of a national Masonic organization located in Alexandria needed to be *near* Virginia, while not actually being a Virginian himself. Maryland was an eastern border state that bridged the divide between North and South. Moreover, Maryland was not a large grand jurisdiction like New York, Texas, Illinois or California—which would run the risk of overshadowing the project. Although a great twentieth-century industrialist, Shryock nevertheless lived by nineteenth-century values and sentiments. Finally, as a superb organizer who had guided the construction of two Masonic temples in Baltimore, he knew every contractor and supplier on the Eastern seaboard.

Although President Shryock's tenure was short, the Association he helped create remains essentially the same a century later. In 1911 he joined Association with its idealism and noble mission, and by 1918 the organization had accrued over \$119,000 in cash and pledges (\$1.8 million in 2013 dollars).

Thomas J. Shryock died in 1918 at age 66. He never saw the Memorial, or even the architect's designs for it, but he died knowing that it would be built—largely due to his formidable influence. His last gift to the Craft was a bronze bust of George Washington as Freemason (shown at left). It was unveiled on Washington's 186th birthday, at the close the Memorial Association's 1918 meeting. As a message to Bro. Shryock's family in honor of his life of service, the Association passed a resolution that read in part:

In keeping with all his conceptions of Masonry and Masonic endeavors, his ideals of the scope of the Association and the character of the memorial were on an exalted plane, worthy of the greatness of him whom we seek to memorialize, and he gave ungrudgingly of his time and his rare abilities toward the realization of those ideals.

Let us be content to say that to him every Mason was friend and brother, every worthy Masonic project a matter of personal interest for which no effort and no sacrifice were too great. To him Masonry was something to be lived and right well he lived it.

Most Worshipful Brother Shryock's deep love of the Craft inspired him to do extraordinary things that have had enduring effects. As President of the Memorial Association, he employed his great talents 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.

Scholars Speak at Symposium

The George Washington Symposium, held annually at the Memorial as part of our observation of Washington's Birthday, featured three lecturers this year. The theme for the Symposium, held February 22, 2013, in the Memorial's Theater, was "George Washington and Religion: Private Man and Public Issues."

Dr. Jeffrey H. Morrison, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Government at Regent University and a faculty member at the federal government's James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, presented his fascinating study of "Biblical Influences on Washington's Intellectual Development."

Dr. John Fea, Associate Professor of American History and Chair of the History Department at Messiah College, offered his perspective on "Washington and Religion in the American Revolution."

Mary V. Thompson, staff historian at Mount Vernon and author of *In the Hands of a Good Providence: Religion in the Life of George Washington*, spoke on "President Washington and Church & State Issues." Her research convincingly demonstrates that Washington was not, as some have argued, a Deist. In recognition of her contributions to our understanding of Brother Washington Ms.



The 2013 George Washington Symposium speakers: Jeffrey H. Morrison (left), Mary V. Thompson (center) and John Fea (right).

Thompson was presented with the George Washington Memorial Award at the Washington's Birthday Gala later that evening.

Special thanks to these outstanding scholars for sharing their insightful research.

Museum Collections Intern Helps Catalog Artifacts

In January the Memorial was pleased to welcome undergraduate student Tyler Vanice as a museum intern. Mr. Vanice is a sophomore at Daemen College in Buffalo, New York, and came to the Memorial through the Washington Internship Institute.

The Association's museum collection contains over a thousand artifacts. Its first item is the Memorial Association's 1911 meeting sign-in book. Our collection has grown through major gifts (such as the impressive Anne and Patty Washington collection, donated in the 1960s) as well as through incremental acquisitions (for example, the numerous prints, paintings and busts of George Washington, to many commemorative stamps and souvenirs from the Memorial's 1932 dedication). The Memorial Association does not refuse donations, so the collection continues to grow by donations of pins, aprons, coins, fezzenes and other items from Freemasons, their widows, children and grandchildren.

Tyler inventoried and reorganized objects accessioned by previous curators William Adrian Brown, Stephen Patrick and Dustin Smith. He also cataloged recent donations and worked with Director of Collections Mark Tabbert to find items and artifacts located throughout the Memorial's many storage areas. More than 1,400 artifacts were carefully measured, photographed and recorded.



Museum Collections Intern Tyler Vanice, a student at Daemen College, cataloged and organized over a thousand items in the Memorial Association's collections.

A comprehensive inventory had not been completed for over seven years. Among the artifacts located in storage were account ledger books from the 1920s, old Masonic regalia and even copper plate etchings from early Association publications. The 6th floor Library was also cleaned and the vast collection of Grand Lodge, Grand York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine and other Masonic proceedings was reorganized.

Mr. Vanice's internship was completed in early May. The Memorial Association is grateful for his industriousness.

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SHINING LIGHTS

What the Memorial Means to Me



As the sun rises in the East, so does our Memorial to the memory of Brother George Washington rise near our eastern shore and our nation's capital. It stands as a bright light standing on a shimmering hill for all who are weary from their labors, an enduring reminder of the love, peace and joy that Masonry

has brought to millions from time immemorial.

It is a striking symbol of the never-ending hope for a brighter future that Brother Washington brought forth to a new nation. May it inspire us all as we strive to emulate Washington's example of steady and unblemished character and his willingness to sacrifice all that is needed in order to fully apply the pure principles of Freemasonry in our lives.

L. Todd Eastham

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

*In Memory of **In Honor of



This limited-edition lapel pin is reserved exclusively for the Regular and Charter Members of the George Washington Memorial Society.

George Washington Memorial Society Membership

At the annual meeting of the Memorial Association, the Board of Directors voted to approve extending the opportunity to become a Charter Member of the George Washington Memorial Society. The Society comprises a select group of members dedicated to supporting the Memorial and its mission.

CHARTER MEMBERS are those who donate \$1,000 or more to the Memorial with their original membership application, 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 8 of this edition of *LIGHT*.

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.

Applications for both types of membership are available on the Memorial's website, gwmemorial.org. For more information about the George Washington Memorial Society, contact the Memorial's Executive Director George D. Seghers at 703.683.2007 or gseghers@gwmemorial.org.

Support the GWMNM Today!

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

- ☐ **\$100 Silver Craftsman:** Your gift will be acknowledged and you will receive a Membership Certificate.
- ☐ **\$250 Gold Master:** Your gift will be acknowledged and you will receive a Membership Certificate.
- ☐ **\$500 Platinum Presidential:** Your gift will be acknowledged and you will receive a Membership Certificate.
- ☐ **\$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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A view of the 83rd Annual Easter Sunrise Service, performed on March 31, 2013, under the auspices of the Grand Encampment of the Masonic Knights Templar, U.S.A. Hundreds of people were present on the steps of the Memorial for the observance of this beautiful and long-running tradition. This photograph was taken during the ceremony from a point one mile northeast of the Memorial by Shawn Eyer, our Director of Communications.

New President Elected

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Vice President of Fitchburg Savings Bank. In 1993, he was elected to the position of President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Reading Co-operative Bank in Reading, Massachusetts. He retired from that position in 2002.

Between 2002 and 2004, Hicks served as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. As Grand Master, he presided over 45,000 Masons and 250 lodges in the jurisdiction.

President Hicks has had a decorated Masonic career over the years. He joined Wamesit Lodge in Tewksbury in May of 1962, and served as its Worshipful Master from 1969 to 1971. Bro. Hicks was appointed as Deputy Grand Master in 1987, serving as the second highest-ranking Mason in Massachusetts for that year. Today, Hicks serves as the Grand Treasurer for the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, a Trustee for Wamesit Lodge, and as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

He is a 33° Scottish Rite Freemason, and currently represents Massachusetts as an Active Member of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. He also belongs to several York Rite organizations.

M.W. Bro. Hicks plans to promote several of the Memorial's existing programs during his presidential term. These include the

Grand Lodge of the Month program, the Memorial Tree program and the \$1 Per Member Per Year campaign.

During his term, President Hicks would like to see the Memorial improve its displays about the Masonic Fraternity beyond Washington and other famous Masonic Presidents. One project in development is *The Family of Freemasonry* exhibit, presenting the appendant Masonic bodies for the Memorial's patrons to enjoy. He plans to see *The Family of Freemasonry* completed by 2015.

A Note of Thanks

The Memorial Association extends its appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Immediate Past President Roger A. Simmons, Past Grand Master of Alabama, who served two years as President and 11 years on the Board of Directors. His calm, carefully thought out and consistently stable leadership strengthened the Memorial Association and expanded awareness of and support for the Memorial throughout the Masonic and public communities. He is continuing to serve the Memorial as Memorial Ambassador in Alabama and the Southeast Conference and we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

The Memorial would also like to thank the following members who served admirably and completed their terms of service on the Board of Directors: Jack D. Anderson—Montana, Joe R. Manning, Jr.—Oklahoma and Russell G. Reno—Nebraska.

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A Masonic ballot box displayed at the Memorial during January, on loan from the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Grand Lodge of the Month

Since October, *The Form & Function of Freemasonry* exhibition has featured displays from the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri and Arkansas. Indiana celebrated the history of its Masonic Home opened in 1916, while the Grand Lodge of Missouri featured the success of its Child Identification Program (ChIP). The Grand Lodge of Alabama sent several interesting artifacts, including a set of working tools, a very early ballot box and a Masonic membership certificate for a brother serving in Europe during World War One.

Grand Lodges are normally featured in the order of its state joining the Union. The Schedule for the next twelve months is: May—Florida, June—Texas, July—Iowa, August—Wisconsin, September—California, October—Minnesota, November—Oregon, December—Kansas, January 2014—West Virginia, February—Alaska, March—Nebraska, & April—Colorado. For more information about the program, contact Director of Collections Mark Tabbert at 703.683.2007 x 2012, or mtabbert@gwmemorial.org.

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