

LIGHT

*of the George Washington
Masonic National Memorial*



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Landmark Century Campaign Announced

This fall, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association created the Landmark Century Campaign in order to provide new opportunities to support the ongoing project of restoring and enhancing the Memorial. The name of the campaign is inspired by our recent addition to the United States government's official list of National Historic Landmarks. All funds given as part of the Landmark Century Campaign are dedicated to the restoration and improvement of the Memorial.

"A cornerstone of the Landmark Century Campaign is the new ability to make contributions to the Memorial in monthly increments," said George D. Seghers, Executive Director of the Memorial Association. "By increasing the number of individuals and lodges in our Friends of the Memorial and Patron categories, we will be able to reach our goals in the restoration work much faster."

For the past decade, the Memorial Association has devoted tremendous energy and resources to the renovation of the Memorial. Major exhibits have been added. Interiors have been repaired and repainted. Lighting has been updated. But the most considerable work is the top-to-bottom restoration of the building itself — the first since the Memorial was completed nearly a century ago. Stone by stone, we are re-pointing the mortar and protecting the building from water penetration. When completed, the building will be in better than new condition.

The Landmark Century Campaign accepts one-time gifts, monthly pledges, and bequests. Learn more about the Campaign — and the crucial restoration work that it supports — on pages 8 & 9 of this edition of *LIGHT*.



The Memorial's stonemasons at work removing degraded mortar from the southeast corner of the sixth floor.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sustaining the Vision

by Ridgely H. Gilmour



Utah Scottish Rite Valley just finished up our Fall Reunion, an intense but rewarding weekend of presenting about two dozen of the AASR's degrees. In our small jurisdiction, it seems that everyone does double or triple duty. I usually enter wondering to myself, "Why did I say yes to being in so many degrees?" But at the end of the weekend, I always think, "Man, this was a great weekend! I am sorry it's over." And I look forward to the next one.

While thinking of what to write for this issue of the *LIGHT*, I thought about this phenomenon. How common it is among Masons! I can almost imagine that the men who started the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association sometimes wondered if they had the energy, time, and resources to accomplish the monumental task. Dedicating the Memorial in 1932, two or three years into the Great Depression, those visionaries must have felt an overwhelming sense of accomplishment and satisfaction.

Over a decade ago, the GWMNMA's Board made the decision to

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focus on updating and renovating the over seventy-year-old building. With limited resources, it seemed like a very difficult task. However, with the input of dedicated board members, staff, and Memorial supporters, we are now seeing the positive effects of those efforts. Those of you who have visited the site recently have noticed the scaffolding on the tower. A couple years ago, it was covering the Pyramid level at the very top. Today, it surrounds the middle section, moving ever lower as we finish restoring the various levels. As the original bright color of the granite again starts to shine like a symbolic beacon of light, we can be proud of the collective efforts being spent to preserve this Memorial to Washington.

And while the work goes on to restore the outside, so too does labor continue inside. Shawn Eyer, our Director of Communications, is busy upgrading the Memorial's website, adding many new capabilities and enhancements (see page 3). The new website will allow us to further our primary mission of education, as it allows those who can't get to the Memorial to at least see a glimpse into the magnificent structure and to get an idea of its importance to Freemasonry and to the history of the United States of America. It will also allow for easier online ordering from the Gift Shop.

To the supporters who have helped the Memorial come to its current level of restoration, we are grateful for your help and efforts. While we are many years off from accomplishing our restoration objectives, we see the end goals in sight. The Board has made judicious use of our investment fund to help get us to where we are today. Prudence is cautioning us to utilize it sparingly going forward, and so with your continued help and support of our new Landmark Century Campaign, we will get there. See pages 8 & 9 for further details on our new efforts to finish the restoration of our treasure.

As this is my last *LIGHT* article as president of the Association, I would like to mention that the staff at the Memorial are second to none and are doing a tremendous job.

Our Executive Director, George Seghers joined the organization at a transition point, and it is his leadership and energy that has helped bring the organization and the physical structure to its current strong position. From the focused efforts of Mark Tabbert as our Director of Museum and Library Collections, to Shawn Eyer's work as Director of Communications and Development, our message is becoming clear and secure. Radka Mavrova, Special Events and Administration, does superb work keeping the Memorial running and open for public and private events. With the dedicated efforts of Roger Chambers and Abe Warsame, the huge structure is well maintained and well kept, and with the help of several part-time tour guides, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial is well situated to represent the best in Masonry and in human nature through the character and vision of our Brother George Washington.

The Association Welcomes New Board Members

At the Memorial Association's Annual Meeting held in Madison, Wisconsin, in February, three new Board Members were elected. One board member and two Officers were re-elected. These Brethren will serve until February 22, 2019.



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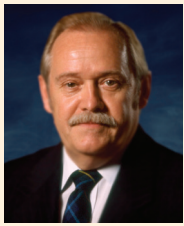


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MESSAGE FROM ALEXANDRIA

A Memorial for All Time

by George D. Seghers



The appearance of the Memorial is changing dramatically. As the restoration work continues from the Pyramid atop the Memorial to the seventh, eighth and ninth levels, eighty-four years of grime and weathering is being removed, returning the Memorial to the shining beacon atop Shuter's Hill that it was when originally dedicated in 1932. It is inspiring to witness the steady restoration of the Memorial to its original splendor.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, honoring and perpetuating the memory and legacy of George Washington is a valid, meaningful, and inspiring contribution to the betterment of mankind. The physical structure of the Memorial is symbolic of the greatness and character of the man it memorializes and it must be preserved. It is designed in the best classical fashion, symbolizing the classical reference and model for the new nation created by Washington and our Founding Fathers.

Built of granite, it symbolizes the strength, courage, and perseverance of Washington. Erected on the highest hill in the area, pointing to the heavens, it symbolizes the Divine Providence that Washington believed was guiding his efforts in creating our nation.

The Memorial was conceived and constructed as a physical representation of the admiration and respect that Freemasons hold for him in whose honor and memory it was erected: our

First Citizen, our First President, and surely our Foremost Freemason, Brother George Washington.

It was his courage, his strength of character, his integrity, his perseverance, and his belief in Divine Providence that were the deciding factors in the success of the American Revolution and the founding of the United States. We must never allow his name, his legacy, or his memory to fade away. We must keep him as our example and model of what a citizen and a Freemason can and should be. The character, virtues, and vision of Washington must be preserved and transmitted to this and future generations. With that in mind, we know that a building like the Memorial cannot operate passively and fulfill its mission without support. We must actively preserve it.

In 2009, we began a complete restoration of the Memorial. To date, we have invested \$4.5 million in this endeavor, and we recently launched The Landmark Century Campaign (see page 8). Our goal is to raise \$6.5 million to complete the restoration of the Memorial by 2023, which is the centennial of the laying of our cornerstone.

The greatest gift that George Washington gave us was our freedom. The Memorial was built by our Masonic Forefathers to acknowledge not only that gift but all that he gave and all that he did for us. Now it is our turn to do our part for the eternal perpetuation of the memory, virtues, character and vision of George Washington.

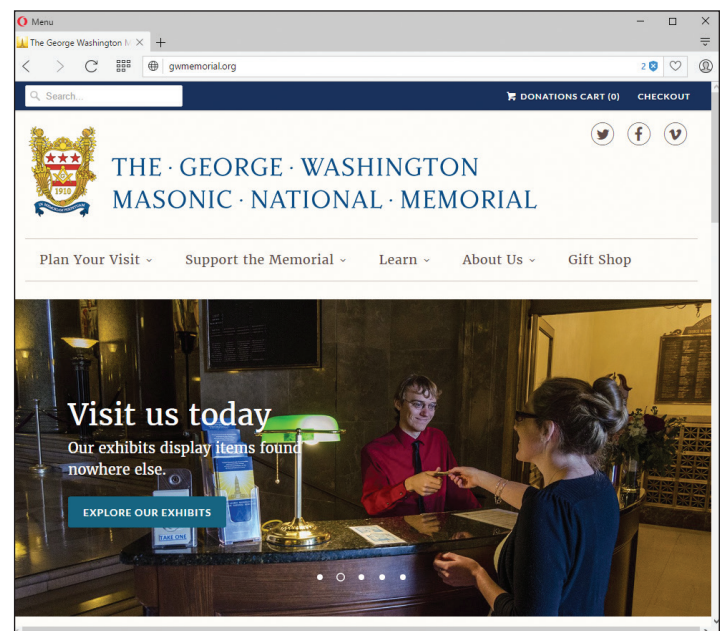
Thank you, and please come and visit your Memorial.

New Memorial Website Created

In mid-November, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial launched a revitalized website, designed to be more effective in representing the Memorial's work online.

"The new gwmemorial.org uses some of the latest web technology," said Shawn Eyer, Director of Communications and Development. "For example, the pages adapt for better display on mobile devices, which now represent half of all visits to our site." The site offers vivid photography, easy exploration of the Memorial's offerings, and many new and exciting features.

Other popular features, such as the ability to view each tree in the Dedicatory Tree Program, are retained on the new site. Additionally, it is fully integrated with the Landmark Century Campaign, allowing for contributors to understand their options and learn more about the Memorial's ongoing restoration work. Visit the new site today at <http://gwmemorial.org>.





Board of Directors Assemble at the Memorial for Semi-Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association met at the Memorial for a Semi-Annual Meeting on August 11–12, 2016. The Board received updates from the Memorial's staff concerning numerous projects, programs, and exhibitions at the Memorial.

The Board received a report from the Memorial's investment managers, along with a report on the operating budget of the Memorial.

The Board affirmed its commitment to the restoration, upgrad-

ing, and continuing maintenance of the Memorial. The Tower Exterior Restoration project has made excellent progress, with the Pyramid and Observation Level now finalized and the Chapel Level nearing completion.

Responding to President Gilmour's desire to secure funding for the restoration work, the Memorial staff presented the Landmark Century Campaign to the Board for its approval and feedback. The Board also heard a report about the revitalized Ambassador program, and previewed the Memorial's new website capabilities.

Washington's Birthday Celebration

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 of his birth. Our next celebration will be held Saturday, February 25, 2017.

- *George Washington Symposium* — North Lodge Room, 1:00 p.m.
- *Reception* — Memorial Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- *Entertainment* — Memorial Theater, 6:45 p.m.
- *Banquet* — Grand Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- *Presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award* — Grand Masonic Hall, 9:00 p.m.

Limited seating is available. Tickets for the Saturday evening white-tie optional events are \$125, and may be purchased on our website, <http://gwmemorial.org>.

2017 Symposium Announced

The theme of next year's George Washington Symposium is *George Washington and the Northern Virginia Frontier, 1732 to 1775*. Three speakers are scheduled: 1) Bruce Ragsdale, Ph.D., author of *A Planters' Republic: The Search for Economic Independence in Revolutionary Virginia*. He will speak about northern Virginia within the greater British military and commercial empire, and why and how the region was developed. 2) Jim McClellan, Ph.D., Dean of Liberal Arts, Northern Virginia Community College. He will speak on the tobacco trade and the economic development of Alexandria. 3) William Ferraro, Ph.D., Managing Editor of *The Papers of George Washington*, The University of Virginia. He will speak about George Washington within the British empire, the northern Virginia economy, and the people and economic classes of the region.

The Symposium will be on Saturday, February 25, 2017, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Please pre-register at <http://gwmemorial.org>.

Shuter's Hill: A Fitting Place for a Memorial to Washington, the Freemason

by Mark A. Tabbert

History documents the convergence of people, places, and things. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is the result of several critical events. Foremost among these, of course, is the extraordinary life of George Washington. But almost as critical is that Washington agreed to serve as the Charter Master of the Alexandria Lodge when it became number 22 under the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1788. The Lodge's dedication to Washington's memory, as demonstrated through the creation of its museum and archives, ultimately brought forth the Memorial Association in 1910.

Throughout the many ebbs and flows, currents, forks and convergences of human history, one spot in the Memorial's story has remained. For thousands of years a single hill of earth and clay sat overlooking the tidal plain of the confluence of the Potomac River and Cameron Run. That hill contains not just its own natural history, but a history of human activity. How it came to be selected and purchased for the Memorial's site includes many facts, and even a few legends.

What's in a Name?

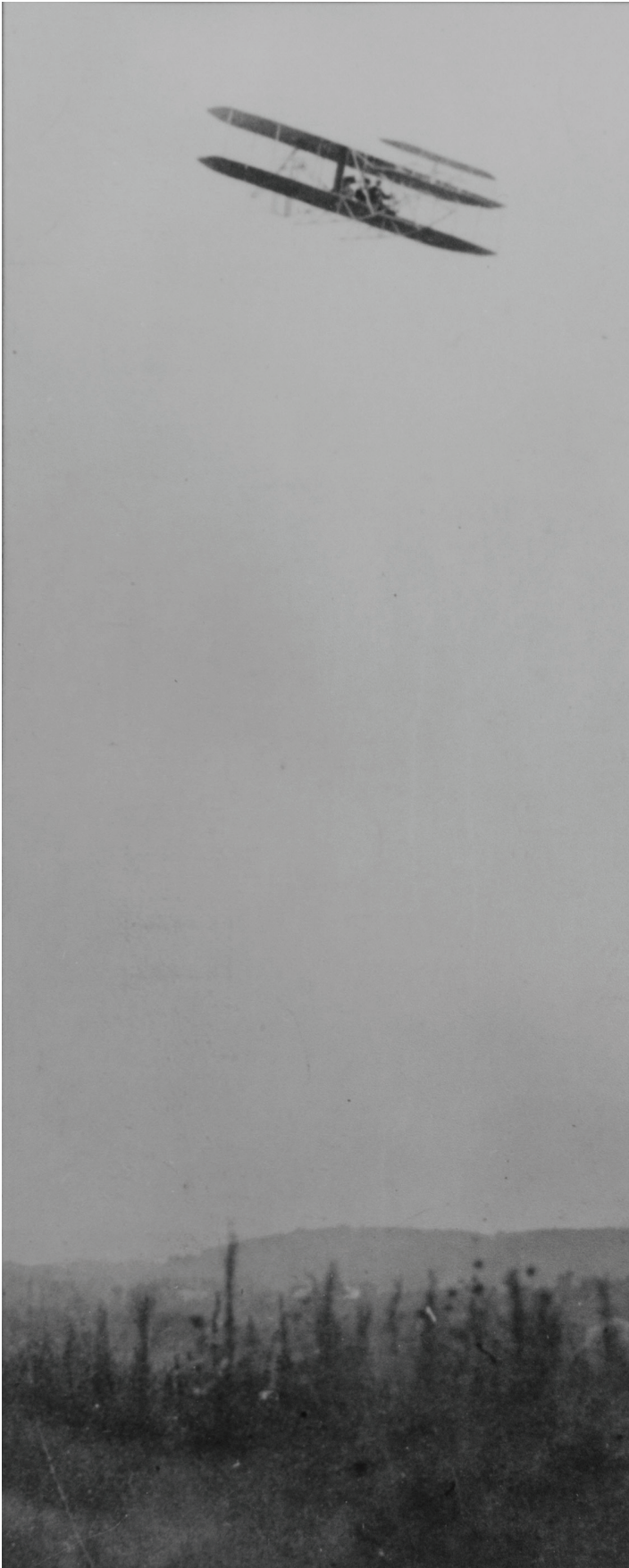
The first point to clarify is the hill's proper name. It has been known both as "Shooter's Hill" and "Shuter's Hill." From at least 1787 through the 1860s, the hill was named after a man by the surname of Shuter who lived in the area in the 1740s. There are also examples before 1861 of the name "Shooter," which could refer to Shooter's Hill in London. During the Civil War, when Fort Ellsworth stood upon the hill, it became known as "Shooters" due to its garrison shooting cannons and rifles on a regular basis. Today, most Alexandrians call it Shuter's Hill, and that works.

Popular Real Estate

The first documentation of the hill dates to 1669. It was then the property of Robert Howson, who transferred it to John Alexander for six thousand pounds of tobacco. Nearly eighty years later, Alexander's great-grandson sold the hill to local merchant, John Mills in 1779. He built a large house on a twenty-acre plot, but died suddenly in December of 1783.



Charles Magnus' chromolithograph depicting a bird's eye view of Alexandria, Virginia, 1863. Fort Ellsworth is shown atop Shuter's Hill in the center background.



The Wright Flyer over Shuter's Hill, July 30, 1909. Gift of the National Air and Space Museum, Washington, D.C. (1986.02).

The hill remained unsold until 1790, when Col. Ludwell Lee (1760–1836) purchased the plot. The son of Richard Henry Lee, he had served in the American Revolution on Lafayette's staff and was present at Lord Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown. He was later a delegate to, and speaker of, the Virginia House of Delegates. His sister, Hannah, married George Washington's nephew, Corbin Washington.

Col. Lee expanded his estate by adding further acreage and building a large mansion that faced east, overlooking Alexandria and the Potomac River Valley. In the late 1790s and early 1800s, his estate hosted the large Lee clan and many affluent citizens and planters. Fox hunts, barbecues, balls, banquets, and other social events were played out on Shuter's Hill. Sadly, Col. Lee's wife died in 1795. In 1799, he sold the property to Benjamin Dulaney.

The Birth of the Federal District

During this period, the newly-formed Federal government was searching for a permanent home. In July 1790, the U.S. Congress passed the Residence Act, designating a one hundred square mile area between Maryland and Virginia as the federal district.

Despite a persistent rumor, there is no evidence that Thomas Jefferson, or anyone else, ever recommended Shuter's Hill to become the site of the U.S. Capitol. It is true, however, that the milestones that mark the boundary of the District of Columbia were set in place beginning in 1791. The first of them — the cornerstone of the District — was ceremonially placed by the Alexandria Freemasons at Jones Point on April 15, 1791. The third stone, traveling northwest, was placed at the bottom of Shuter's hill, near what is now the intersection of Russell Road and King Street. The original is lost, but a replacement remains on display.

The Dulaney Mansion

With the new century came a new owner of the hill, Benjamin Dulaney (1752–1815). He was a third-generation Irish American, and had been a good friend of George Washington. Dulaney married Elizabeth French, who was Washington's ward, and together they had a large family of twelve children. They expanded the Ludlow home into a grand mansion, similar to Mount Vernon to their south and Arlington House to their north.

Besides being a highly active and civic minded businessman, Dulaney was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Alexandria, both when it was number 39 and 22. He was present when the Lodge elected Washington an honorary member in 1784, and was at the U.S. Capitol's cornerstone ceremony in 1793. Benjamin Dulaney passed away in 1815. When his wife Elizabeth died in 1824, she willed the property to her sons. It was her grandson, Henry Dulaney, who eventually purchased most of the hill.

Between 1829 and Henry's death in 1839, the mansion house was further expanded, and a large herd of Durham cows grazed

the hill. Besides the extended family and Alexandria neighbors, many travelers enjoyed the Dulaney's hospitality. Regretfully, the grand mansion burned to the ground in 1840. (Interestingly, recent archaeological excavations have discovered foundations connected to the mansion and its outbuildings.) After the fire, Henry's widow came to erect a smaller cottage, and turned the rest of the hill over for agriculture and the occasional community celebration of Independence Day and other events.

In 1850, Alexandrians determined to create a public water works. Benjamin Halloway was selected to undertake the enterprise and he selected the southern portion of Shuter's Hill as the primary reservoir. By 1852 water was flowing through pipes down the hill into citizens' homes. The reservoir continued to serve the city until the late-1990s when Virginia American Water opened a new water treatment plant.

Fort Ellsworth and the American Civil War

The Civil War transformed the western half of Shuter's Hill. In 1861, the U.S. Army built a series of forts to defend the Federal District. Fort Ellsworth was named after Col. Elmer Ellsworth, who had been killed by a Confederate sympathizer in Alexandria. This fort (illustrated on page 5) protected the western approaches and overlooked the Cameron Run valley. During this time, the hill was stripped of all trees and vegetation, not just for firewood and construction materials, but to ensure clear fields of fire for the fort's large cannon. Fortunately, the fort never fired a shot in anger, and soon after Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox in 1865, it was decommissioned. Impressions of its bastions can still be seen in the grass of the Memorial's west grounds.

New Developments in a New Century

After the War and through the rest of the 1800s, the hill, like the city of Alexandria, slowly recovered its health and vigor. The city's water reservoirs were repaired and expanded, trees and flowers regrew, and children and adults again played there throughout the seasons. By 1900, the Alexandria Golf Club was formed. A links course was laid out and a clubhouse erected that hosted dances, dinners, and ladies' afternoon teas.

The hill was so popular that in 1908, real estate developers who had purchased 140 acres (including those still owned by the Dulaney family) proposed dividing the hill in half. The western half would be parceled into over 250 residential lots, and the eastern half would become George Washington Park. By 1909, plans and funding for the park were well-advanced with plans drawn up for a Washington statue, revenue raised through the sale of commemorative coins and the full support of local and national politicians.

Also in 1909, the Wright Brothers demonstrated their airplane to the War Department at Fort Myer in nearby Arlington. On

his fourteen-minute flight, Orville Wright flew over and around Shuter's hill — much to the astonishment of a sizable and stunned crowd (see photo on page 6).

The Memorial Association and Shuter's Hill

The next year, delegates from many American Grand Lodges met at Alexandria-Washington Lodge and agreed to form the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The Lodge wished to leave its rooms in City Hall and build its own temple. In preparation to move, the brethren had purchased lots on Shuter's Hill.

How the George Washington Park project collapsed is unknown. In 1915, the real estate developers sold twenty-eight acres of the eastern slope to the city. The next year, with sufficient money and adequate lots purchased, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association officially selected the Shuter's Hill as the site for its Memorial. The City of Alexandria then sold its twenty-eight acres to the Association with the stipulation that a Memorial be built within ten years. The Memorial Association's 1917 *Annual Report* included a striking description of why the hill was selected:

On every hand the view stretches away for miles and the panorama, near and distant, including places, objects, and landmarks that are indissoluble associated with our country's history and that are calculated to arouse the enthusiasm and inspire the zeal of all who appreciate American citizenship and glory in the achievements of our fathers.

Between 1916 and 1921, the Memorial Association continued to purchase further lots, culminating in the procurement of the final piece of eight acres previously offered to the city. Today, the Memorial Association owns nearly thirty-seven acres.

With the land, the leadership, and the financial support secured, Louis Watres and Charles Callahan broke ground on Shuter's Hill on June 5, 1922. Over the next seventeen months, tens of thousands of tons of earth were removed and graded as construction began and preparations started for the Cornerstone ceremony slated for November 5, 1923.

Today, as for thousands of years, the hill remains. But now it is dedicated to George Washington. In 1923, Louis Watres proclaimed: "... were our memorial to him as enduring as the pyramids, it could not exceed the esteem in which we hold him in our hearts ..."

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

Note: Most of the facts in this paper are found in T. Michael Miller's "The Saga of Shuter's Hill," *The Historical Society of Fairfax County*, 19(1983): 75–113.

The Landmark Century Campaign

for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

A New Way to Support the Memorial's Restoration Efforts

by Shawn E. Eyer

On August 4, 2015 — the 262nd anniversary of Washington's raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason — the Secretary of the Interior announced that the George Washington Masonic National Memorial had been designated a National Historic Landmark. With this action, the National Park Service recognized the Memorial's unique identity as "the only major unified, fully national initiative of the Freemasons and among the boldest attempts by a private organization to memorialize George Washington." In their report, they hoped that this designation would promote a "preservation ethic" among those who care for the Memorial. If you are reading this newsletter, then you are one of those caretakers — for all around this nation and the world, those who honor George Washington's memory have proudly supported the Memorial's work. That preservation ethic is already there, and guides everything we do.

Announcing the Landmark Century Campaign

Inspired by the Memorial's designation as a National Historic Landmark, our new Landmark Century Campaign is designed to fulfill that ethic of preservation and improvement as never before. Not since the original construction of the Memorial have we engaged in a fundraising endeavor of this scope. Through the support of individuals, lodges, Grand Lodges, and other organizations, the important duties of restoration will be accomplished.

Our labors are well underway. Our project to completely restore and improve the Memorial, begun in 2009, has achieved many key milestones. The top levels of the Memorial's tower — the Pyramid, Observation Deck, and Chapel level — have been carefully cleaned and repaired, and re-pointed by our dedicated crew of stonemasons.

Today, we approach the centennial anniversary of the laying of the Memorial's cornerstone in 1923. It was one of the largest and most historically momentous Masonic events of all time. As the anniversary of this important day approaches, our goal is to complete the Memorial's restorations so that the building will be as new — in fact, better than new — when we gather here in 2023 to celebrate our first century of fulfilling our noble 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."

Current & Upcoming Work

In the next two years, our projects include major repairs and important enhancements such as the following:

THE MEMORIAL'S EXTERIOR. After completing major renovation of the Pyramid level, Observation Deck, and Chapel, we will be directing our attention downward, performing needed exterior restoration on the seventh, sixth, and fifth floors.

THE MEMORIAL'S INTERIOR. We will continue to restore and enhance the inside of the Memorial. A major project about to begin is the restoration of the large murals in Memorial Hall. Painted by the renowned artist, Bro. Allyn Cox, these images of George Washington celebrating Saint John's Day in 1778 and laying the cornerstone of the United States Capitol in 1793 require conservation in order to be available for future generations.

THE MEMORIAL'S GROUNDS. The long-planned granite cladding will be added to the pylons in front of the Memorial. Another important change will be the addition of a new, direct sidewalk through the plaza at street level. Originally specified in the 1920s by landscape architect Bro. Carl Rust Parker, the sidewalk will better connect the Memorial to the city of Alexandria, promoting substantially increased tourism and greater awareness of the Memorial and its programs, as well as improving public safety at the intersection.

Opportunities to Participate

The restoration of our beautiful Memorial to Brother Washington is a sacred duty, and you can be a part of reaching our \$6.5 million goal. All funds given as part of the Landmark Century Campaign are dedicated to the restoration and improvement work.

For example, many of our existing donor programs are now part of the new Campaign. Donations from the Friends of the Memorial and Patrons now directly support the restoration work. And today, it is easier than ever to participate in these valuable

programs. Using our all-new website (see page 3), donors may make monthly pledges in amounts to fit any budget.

All donations to the Landmark Century Campaign are cumulative over time. That means that a monthly pledge of \$25 or more will accumulate over time, passing through the levels of recognition that are noted in our publications and on our website (see pages 11–13 for a list of recent contributors by level). Because the Memorial is a 501(c)(3) educational foundation, these donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

There are many other ways to support the Landmark Century Campaign. A lodge may join the Society of Washington Lodges or become a Patron. An individual may remember the Memorial with a bequest. For more information about any of these, please contact me at seyer@gwmemorial.org, or call 703-683-2007, ext. 2013.



Paul Keegan, the master stonemason in charge of the exterior restoration work, demonstrates the removal of calcium nitrate deposits on the exterior of the Memorial's sixth floor. These unsightly mineral deposits are formed by salts leached out of the stone by rainwater and stain the exterior stonework.



Workers busy re-pointing (replacing mortar) on the exterior of the Memorial's seventh and eighth floors, November 8, 2016, with Old Town Alexandria in the background.

National Sojourners Archives Come to the Memorial

Over the last year, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial has been in close touch with the National Sojourners, Inc. The Sojourners' Headquarters had been located at the Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism near Mount Vernon, but when that museum suspended operations, the Memorial took the initiative to support the National Sojourners.

The Sojourners had two months in which to vacate the Collingwood Library location and to find a new space in which to house their vast inventory of items and artifacts. The Memorial gladly offered its assistance. The stress of relocating is difficult enough without the added pressure of finding appropriate storage for many decades' worth of items. The items were moved to the Memorial in June of 2016.

In September, William Turner, a Past National President of the Sojourners, led a delegation of Sojourners and their wives who inventoried, catalogued, and repackaged the collection that the Memorial had kept in storage. Over the course of a weekend, they inventoried over one hundred objects. They plan to return in December to finish processing the collection.

The service we have provided to the National Sojourners is also available to other Masonic organizations. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is happy to open its doors to assist Masonic organizations that are in need of similar accommodation. For example, in addition to the National Sojourners' collection, the Memorial is also housing objects from other Masonic bodies, including Federal Lodge No 1, F.A.A.M. of the District of Columbia, and the Masonic Service Association of North America. These items are safely stored at the Memorial until their respective organizations determine they can adequately store them independently.

For many reasons, a group may find that it becomes necessary to locate a new place in which to preserve its archives, artifacts, and historical records. With ample space and a dedicated staff, the Memorial can help by becoming that repository.

For more information on how the George Washington Masonic National Memorial might assist your organization, please contact the Mark Tabbert, our Director of Collections, at 703-683-2007, ext. 2012, or mtabbert@gwmemorial.org.

OUR GIFT TO YOU

Washington's Rules of Civility

George Washington's many virtues have, for centuries, led Masons to regard him as a true exemplar of the dignity and morality that our Craft espouses. He was twenty years old when he was initiated into Freemasonry and became exposed to the

beautiful values taught in our degrees. But we know that Washington was already thinking about values and decorum about four years prior to that. Francis Hawkins' 1661 book, *Youth's Behaviour, Or, Decencie in Conversation Among Men*, was a popular volume used in the education of young people in Washington's day. At some point during Wash-

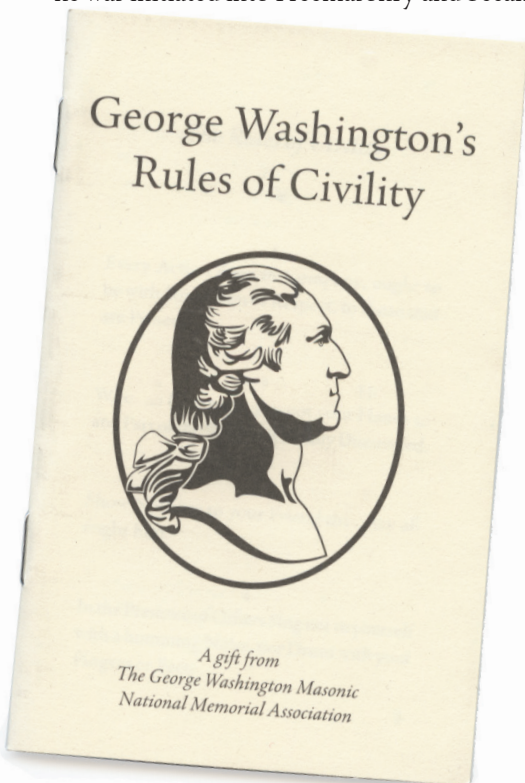
ington's adolescence, he had occasion to make a copy of a section of this book. While nobody knows the exact context or reason why, one theory is that he was practicing his penmanship. Or, perhaps he may have simply found the section valuable and desired a full copy.

The section is titled, "The Rules of Civility and Decent Behaviour in Company and Conversation," and Washington's manuscript of it still survives in the Library of Congress. The *Rules of Civility* is a manual of behavior comprising 110 guidelines for maintaining friendly and respectful relations among people. They show young Washington's concern for civil behavior in public, in private, in business, and in all other realms of life.

While some of the rules seem antiquated to us now, most are as useful today as they ever were. They provide important reminders for civil discourse and offer a fascinating window into the values that shaped George Washington from his youth.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association has republished *George Washington's Rules of Civility* as a 36-page booklet, and we are proud to make it available to you free of charge (North America only). Those who register will also be added to the mailing list for *LIGHT*.

To request your free *George Washington's Rules of Civility* booklet, visit <http://gwmemorial.org/civility/> and follow the directions.



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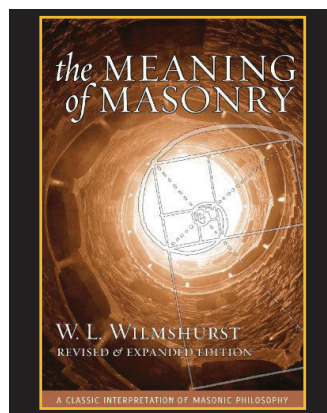
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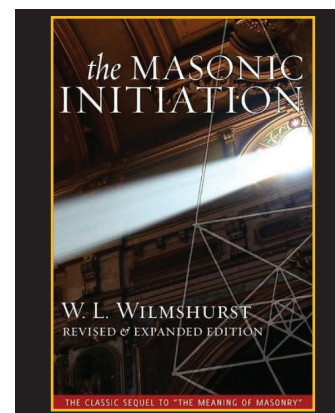


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