of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial



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The 2020 Washington's Birthday Gala

n February 22, 2020, the Memorial held its annual Gala Celebration of George Washington's Birthday. The evening began with a special reception for Charter Members of the George Washington Memorial Society in the George Washington Museum on the fourth floor. The general reception took place simultaneously in Memorial Hall. Attendees then enjoyed an outstanding concert of classical and popular music by the String Quartet of Northern Virginia (see photo on page 3).

Afterward, a banquet was held in Grand Masonic Hall. Guests enjoyed a fine meal, accompanied by spirited toasts to Freemasonry, to the United States of America, and to George Washington. Our President, J.F. "Jeff" Webb, presented the George Washington Memorial Award to S. Brent Morris, Ph.D. Dr. Morris, a well-known Masonic author and the Managing Editor of *The Scottish Rite Journal*, gave an enlightening talk titled "In Praise of Punctuation: The Case of the Missing Semicolon," which revealed how a typographical error led many scholars to believe that George Washington acted as Grand Master Pro Tempore during the 1793 laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol.

Prior to the Gala, two other events took place at the Memorial: the George Washington Symposium was held in the Memorial's Theater, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Shrine and Scottish Rite displays in the Memorial's *Family of Freemasonry Exhibit*.

Each year, the George Washington Symposium features three informative lectures about Washington and his milieu. This year, the presentations were "Precursors of and Influences on the 1793 U.S. Capitol Cornerstone Ceremony," by S. Brent Morris; "George



The Birthday Gala guests enjoyed a wonderful evening in Grand Masonic Hall.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Honoring Washington's Legacy by J.F. "Jeff" Webb



as the legacy of General, President, and Brother George Washington had any

influence on your life? It certainly has on mine.

As I do not pretend to be a scholar, and so mine has been a slow, but steady, study of the history and biography of Washington: his life, the things he stood for, and why he is still such an inspiration today.

In my day and age, patriotism was taught from elementary school onward. Thus George Washington, being our foremost founding father, was the subject of many lessons. Being so impressed with the legacy of Brother Washington, and more especially his connection to Masonry, caused me to jump at the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. That is just one way in which his legacy influenced my life's direction.

This leads me to the point of this short article; does the legacy of Brother George Washington continues to influence individuals today? Recently, I was asked to CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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speak at a Bring-A-Friend program at a Lafayette, Louisiana, lodge. When discussing our American Masonic forefathers (with a bit more emphasis on George Washington), I morphed my talk into a short presentation about the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

The talk was well received, but it was the testimonial of a Lodge member that struck a point with me. He stated that he taught at McNeese State University in the Mass Communications Department. He was preparing a program on Organizational Leadership and decided to focus his research on the leadership styles of our founding fathers and also the Marquis de Lafayette (namesake of his hometown). George Washington soon became a primary focus of his study. Bottom line, he looked for a common thread between these great leaders and found it to be - MASONRY! Further research on Masonry led him to knock on the door of the Lodge. Since then, he has raised his dad as a Master Mason and is currently sitting as Senior Warden of his Lodge. He credits Brother Washington with this step in his life.

So, 221 years after his death, Brother George Washington is still influencing the lives of others through the principals and precepts of his life and his leadership. Let us attempt to emulate the character and qualities of Brother Washington and through our actions may we have a positive influence in the life of others.

My brothers, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial perpetuates the memory and legacy of Brother Washington, the Man, the Mason, the Father of our Country. Let's never let its light dim.

Washington and the City that Bears His Name" was given by Samuel Holliday, Manager of Communications and Administration at the U.S. Capitol Historical Society; and "George Washington's Capitol" was presented by Michele Cohen, Curator, Architect of the Capitol. These important talks were followed by a stimulating panel. As always the Symposium is free and open to the public.

After the Symposium, selected guests were present at the ribbon-cutting to two important new displays: one dedicated to the history of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the other communicating the history and mission of Shriners International. These displays are part of the Memorial's *Family of Freemasonry Exhibit* (see the story on page 16).

Once again, as it has for many years past, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial's annual Washington's Birthday Celebration brought together people from all over our nation and our world to honor the life and legacy of that great Freemason who is known as not only the Father of our Country, but as the Father of Freedom. It is our honor to be able to offer this beautiful event.



The String Quartet of Northern Virginia, directed by Stephanie Sims Flack (far left) with guest vocalist Aurelio Domínguez (center), performed a range of classical and popular pieces for the Gala's concert.



Memorial Association President J.F. "Jeff" Webb presents the George Washington Memorial Award to S. Brent Morris.



During the Washington's Birthday Gala in Grand Masonic Hall, attendees rose to offer a toast to the United States of America.

MESSAGE FROM ALEXANDRIA

Restoration is Our Cornerstone

by George D. Seghers



The second decade of the second century in the life of the Memorial Association will see the completion of the restoration of the single, largest, most magnificent Masonic Memorial ever conceived, erected and dedicated in this great nation, The George

Washington Masonic National Memorial. In 1899 the Masonic community and the entire nation, commemorated the death of The Father of our Country. This resulted in a new, or perhaps a revived, awareness of and appreciation for the one man who did more to elevate and improve the lot of humanity in western civilization than any other, George Washington.

It was the eve of a new century, a century of dramatic change in all aspects of our nation. The very fabric of our nation was rapidly changing from an agrarian to an industrial culture. It was the eve of human flight, mankind was again looking up to the heavens for inspiration and guidance. Just as the great Cathedral builders had done, the builders of this new era were building structures that reached to the heavens, the first buildings that became known as skyscrapers. The great Masonic leaders of this point in time were inspired to erect a suitable Memorial Temple to George Washington, one that would stand through the centuries so that the memory and appreciation for what this truly good and truly great man had given to us would not be forgotten.

Their inspiration and their efforts resulted in this magnificent memorial, erected on the highest hill in the area and reaching to the heavens, drawing our eyes upward to source of all inspiration and hope. Washington truly believed that it was Divine Providence guiding his actions during the tumultuous times that brought forth the greatest nation in the history of mankind. A nation that provides security and opportunity for its citizens, a nation that places the ultimate power for the governance of the nation in the hands of the people.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was a gift from our Masonic forefathers not only to the Masonic community but also to the nation. It is now our turn to pick up the mantle and carry this wonderful gift forward. Please join us as we complete the restoration our magnificent memorial to the Father of our Country, Brother George Washington.



The George Washington Masonic National Memorial stands as a majestic testament to Washington on a beautiful spring afternoon, March 27, 2020.



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Association Directors Hold Annual Meeting

The Itoth Annual Meeting of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was held in Louisville, Kentucky February 16, 2020. The Active Members of the Memorial Association, the Grand Masters, or their Representatives, of the Grand Lodges of the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico approved a change to Section 5 of the Memorial Association By-Laws to better inform the Memorial Board Members of their responsibilities. The following Grand Masters or Past Grand Masters were elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors: Michael A. DeWolf, Wisconsin; Lewie Fletcher, Montana; Kenneth G. Nagel, California; Leonard Proden, District of Columbia; Clifford F. "Chip" Stamm II, Connecticut; Jon Michael Taylor, Alabama; John W. Westerman III, Florida; and Jimmie L. "Jim" Windham, Mississippi.

The Members of the Memorial Board of Directors serve for three years and then rotate off the Board of Directors. This is done to allow all our 52 Active Member Grand Lodges the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. Our sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the following Board Members who completed their terms of service: Robert L. Darling, Minnesota; Gale H. Kenney, Washington; Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, Maryland; Barry A. Rickman, South Carolina; Robert C. Rill, Ohio; and Donald F. Stapleton, Oregon. These Brethren have done an out-

standing job for the last three years and we thank them for their active participation in guiding, directing and focusing the Memorial on the continuation of its 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. We are grateful to them for the time, energy and thought they gave to the Memorial and we are confident they will continue to represent and work for the Memorial.

Following the Annual Meeting of the Memorial Association the following Grand Lodges were presented with George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association Crests recognizing their participation in the \$1 Per Member Program. The Grand Lodges that adopted the \$1 Per Member Annual Contribution to the Memorial are: The Grand Lodge of South Dakota; The Grand Lodge of North Carolina; The Grand Lodge of New Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Ohio. We extend our sincere thanks to these Grand Lodges for their participation in and support of their Memorial.

The Memorial Association is in very able hands as it moves forward with many new and continuing projects, programs, exhibits and events. This is an exciting and inspiring time as we move forward to promote and preserve the legacy of Brother George Washington.

Expanding and Relaunching the Masonic Digital Archives Project

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is pleased to announce the re-launching of its Masonic Digital Archives Project. The Memorial Association will digitize U.S. Masonic governing body's complete annual proceedings collections for \$1,000. Offered as a service to the Craft, this flat rate is non-adjustable regardless of the number of books or pages digitized. A \$200 annual subscription fee will maintain the collection.

Every digitized Masonic proceeding collection will be uploaded into Luna Imaging's searchable platform. Within Luna, users may search one or more collections. A user may search just within a state's grand lodge's proceedings or within a state's four York Rite bodies' proceedings. Or the user may search across Royal Arch Grand Chapters' proceedings in two or more states, or any other combination according to his or her interests.

Over 80 collections are already digitized. Since 2017 the Memorial Association has digitized the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery proceedings for Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, and Mississippi. The General Grand

Royal Arch Chapter's and the Grand Encampment Knights Templars' triennial proceedings are also digitized, from their creation through the most recent meetings. These collections equal more than 8,000 books and over 120 gigabytes of searchable PDF files.

Next, the Memorial Association expects to digitize Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery proceedings for an additional twenty states. This should leave less than ten states to digitize in 2021, thus providing ample time for other international, national, and state Masonic organizations to join the project.

Participation in the new Digital Archives Project begins by determining what duplicate proceedings the Memorial Association has digitized and what proceedings the governing Masonic body needs to ship to the Memorial for digitization. Once a set is in hand and the \$1,000 is received, it is posted in less than 15 working days.

The following collections may be viewed: Grand Lodges of Alabama, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota and Oklahoma; Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Indiana and Oklahoma; Grand Cryptic Council of Indiana and Oklahoma; the Grand Commanderies of Indiana, Oklahoma, and Virginia.

To learn more or join the project, please contact Mark A. Tabbert, Director of Collections at *mtabbert@gwmemorial.org*.



An early color architectural visualization of the Memorial and its surrounding landscape from a 1925 publication of the Association.

A Temple within a Garden

by Mark A. Tabbert

In 1916, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association purchased 28 acres of the eastern slope of Shuters Hill from the City of Alexandria. The next year the Association's annual report described why the hill was selected as the site for the Memorial:

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.

Although the Association continued to acquire more land around the hill, its efforts after 1916 were focused on securing the funds to begin construction of the memorial temple. It would not be until 1921 that Board Member Andrew Randell (PGM, Texas) proposed hiring a landscape architect.

After some discussion, Melvin M. Johnson (PGM, Massachusetts) volunteered to contact the preeminent landscape architectural firm in the nation, Olmsted Brothers of Brookline, Massachusetts. Motivated to ensure mutual supporting designs, Johnson secured Olmsted's services before the Association selected the memorial's architect, Harvey Wiley Corbett.

Frederick Law Olmsted (1822–1903) is considered the father of landscape architecture who innumerable designs include New York's Central Park, the 1893 Chicago Columbia Exposition, and Stanford University. In 1898, his sons John Charles (1852–1920) and Frederick, Jr., established the Olmsted Brothers firm. By 1930 the firm employed more than sixty designers and had received over four thousand commissions.

In September 1921, Olmsted Associate Architect E.C. Whiting visited Shuters Hill. After inspecting the hill's natural contours he recommended the Memorial be sited on a southeast axis. By locating it on the "round nose of the hill," he felt the Memorial would be better appreciated from both the bottom of the hill and from a great distance. Such an orientation would also direct the views south from Memorial down the Potomac River.

The Association's executive committee quickly rejected this southeast orientation for several reasons. The Memorial was the inspiration of the brothers of Alexandria-Washington Lodge Nº 22, and specifically Past Master Charles Callahan. The Memorial must face toward, and overlook, George Washington's Alexandria. Regardless of the better vistas, the Memorial would be directly looking at a huge railroad yard, with round houses, machine shops, and supply dumps. Lastly, and most obviously, "all Masonic temples are, or should be, situated due east and west."

In October 1921, Olmsted Associated Architect Carl Rust Parker (1882–1966) replaced E.C. Whiting. Born in Andover, Massachusetts, Parker was graduated from Phillips Academy in 1901, and began at Olmsted Brothers as a draftsman. In 1910 he moved to Portland, Maine, where he started his own landscape architectural firm. While there he joined Casco Masonic Lodge № 36 in Yarmouth. Although quite successful, he closed his firm and rejoined Olmsted Brothers in 1919. He was a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and in 1950 became a partner in the firm before retiring in 1961.

During the fall of 1921 and early winter of 1922, as Corbett finished his preliminary designs of the Memorial, a detailed topographic survey of Shuters Hill was completed. At the February 1922 annual meeting, both Corbett's memorial and Parker's land-scape designs were presented to the Memorial Association.

As hoped the two architects' plans supported each other. Corbett's "step-back neo-classical lighthouse" was reflected in Parker's landscaped terraced hill. As Corbett's memorial stacked three smaller temples upon a broad plinth, Parker sculped the hill into a series of broad landings down to Alexandria's King Street basin. The depth and rise of each terrace were in proportion to Corbett's memorial. The centered walkway climbed flights of stairs as the tower stepped to its peak though smaller temples. Parker also chose a snaking driveway from the bottom the hill to the front of the Memorial, rather than a concealed entrance up west King Street.

Although Parker's and Corbett's unified design was enthusiastically approved by the Memorial Association, their collaboration quickly ended. Like many creative and ambitious people, they competed for the Association's money. Through 1922 and 1923 as both men refined their designs and the work was taken in hand, friction between the men increased. Eventually Parker turned to

Consulting Architect Charles Osgood. As an architect of several Masonic temples across country, Osgood understood the conflict and was able to articulate Parker's concerns to the Association's executive committee.

Fortunately in 1922 and 1923 the Association financial resources were great and growing. By August of 1923, Parker finished his landscape plans. While his early designs focused on small trees and shrubs spotted throughout the grounds, his later deigns added extensive shrubs and plantings along the terraces to highlight the steps. He also added a few selective larger trees and groves to provide depth to his garden and scale to the memorial temple.

On June 5, 1922, President Watres and Charles Callahan broke ground on Schuter's Hill. The simple ceremony was witnessed by city officials, contractors, brethren from Alexandria-Washington Lodge № 22 and other local lodges. Sixteen months later more than 12,000 American Freemasons participated in the cornerstone laying of the Memorial. In the interim, a small army of men, mules and machines transformed the hill. Together they excavated a total of 86,988 cubic yards of soil, sub-graded 1,000 linear feet and 2,000 square yards of walkway, laid 3,000 linear feet of drainage tiles, and 800 cubic yards of brick to complete the lower steps.

Although landscaping continued after the 1923, the cost of Corbett's temple began to demand more and more of the Association's funds. Through the 1920s Parker's landscape slowly grew with every tree and shrub, but his 1923 master plan did not.

Parker's frustration with Corbett returned in 1928 with the imperative to dedicate the Memorial during the 1932 national bicentennial celebration of George Washington birth. He angrily wrote to Association Secretary-Treasurer, Claude Keiper, insisting his plan be pushed forward or the grounds, grass, walkways, and plantings would not come to fruition for the dedication. Unfor-



Men at work with steam shovels and mules during the excavation and landscaping of Shuters Hill, July 27, 1922.



A view of Shuters Hill from the intersection at King Street and what is now Callahan Drive, August 22, 1922.

tunately, Parker's worse fears happened and with the 1929 Stock Market Crash, nearly all work on the grounds stopped.

On May 12, 1932 the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was dedicated. Perhaps it was a revengeful Mother Nature who let loose five days of rain, causing the dedication to happen within the Memorial's confined theater. On the other hand, so deep was the Great Depression that it took all the herculean strength of Louis Watres, Charles Callahan and the other directors to even finish the Memorial. It took another eighteen years before the colossal George Washington statue was dedicated in Memorial Hall. It was not until 1957 before visitors could ride an elevator to enjoy the views that "stretches away for miles and the panorama, near and distant, including places, objects, and landmarks that are indissoluble associated with our country's history."

During this long period of the Memorial Association's slowed progress, only a few new plantings occurred. In 1932 the Tall Cedars of Lebanon planted a young cedar along the driveway. In 1935 Martha Washington Chapter N^{o} 42 of the Order of the Eastern Star donated money for more trees and the American War Mothers planted a red oak tree near the Lebanon cedar. Today, the

Memorial's Dedicatory Tree Program continues the same tradition, allowing individuals and organizations to dedicate new trees on the Memorial's grounds.

In 1939, Parker at last acquired an ally in new Memorial President Elmer Arn (PGM, Ohio). A medical doctor, Arn was also an amateur horticulturalist. Having grown up on farm, he had a keen interest in the Ohio Masonic Home's landscape and gardens. Together they revised they updated the 1923 landscape plan. But little work was done as priorities after the Second World War turned to maintaining the long driveway and building the large northwest parking lot (which Parker designed).

After 1950, when Parker became a partner in Olmsted Brothers, he was no longer involved with the Memorial's landscape. His 1923 plans remained essentially unchanged until the late 1960s. In hind-sight, President Watres and the Association showed great wisdom in completing Corbett's memorial temple before the unforeseen Great Depression, but it remains unfortunate that Parker's garden was left largely untended for over thirty years.

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

Inside the Museum

Last month there were many changes to the George Washington Museum and other exhibits throughout the building. We are proud to say that The Family of Freemasonry Exhibit was finally completed as originally planned seven years ago. The Sovereign Grand Commanders from both Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite jurisdictions along with the Imperial Potentate from Shriners International were in attendance for the ribbon cutting of their respective displays (see the story on page 16).

On the fourth floor, the walls and ceiling were almost entirely repainted as it had water damage prior to the restoration work taking place a few years ago. Now with the room looking as great as the day it opened, we are able to plan some changes to the room for later this year.

The upper level of the George Washington Museum also had a temporary display set up for a few weeks starting in February to celebrate and honor George Washington. Some of the items exhibited were a pencil-sketch of the original concept of the Memorial that Harvey W. Corbett drew in 1921 on the return train trip home, a photograph of President Gerald Ford when he accepted an invitation for the unveiling of his bronze medallion plaque, the original Register Book of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association from 1910 that shows the minutes and signatures of attendees during the first few meetings showcasing President William H. Taft's signature, and more.

The Alexandria-Washington Lodge N° 22 Replica Lodge Room, a replica of the lodge room that existed on the second

floor of City Hall in Alexandria, Virginia, for more than 140 years beginning since 1802 also had some changes. The three-tiered risers had been repainted to better match the flooring and the windows had been touched up and had excess paint removed. In addition, the lodge updated some of the objects on display, which now showcase a small collection of membership certificates and added a display of Masonic-related objects of Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick, one of Washington's physicians and a lifelong friend who was with the General when he passed away.



The temporary display set up on the Memorial's fourth floor, featuring rarely-seen items.

The Landmark Century Campaign

for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

With Your Help, Our Restoration Projects Will Continue

by Shawn E. Eyer

The Memorial's ongoing restoration efforts have borne significant results. Erected nearly a century ago, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial is in the midst of its first top to bottom restoration. In 2020, despite the inner challeneges of a national health emergency, we continue this work in order to fulfil our vision: 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. Many of our projects to return the Memorial to its full luster and glory have been accomplished — but it is time for us to seek your support to complete the work. Critical funds must be raised for our restoration efforts to be finalized in time for the anniversary of our cornerstone laying nearly a century ago. Thanks to the support that we receive from individuals and organizations, many major projects continue to take place.

Memorial Hall Improvements

In Memorial Hall, the most beautiful space within the Memorial, visitors are inspired by the statue of George Washington as a Mason. Here, the public encounters Washington gazing serenely eastward, clad in his lodge apron. On the side walls, colorful murals depict Washington's attendance at Masonic ceremonies.

But few guests realize that Memorial Hall is actually incomplete. The original blueprints for Memorial Hall reveal seven sources of natural light: the portico's grand doorway and six windows. The windows were to be of amber glass, braced by a neoclassical bronze grille. Now, with your support, the Memorial will make the original vision for Memorial Hall complete. When the new windows are installed, additional light will illuminate the statue and the murals, and visitors will experience Memorial Hall — for the very first time — as the architect of the Memorial originally intended.



On a sunny April day, visitors to the Memorial practice social distancing by exploring the grounds of the building. Temporarily closed to visitors due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Memorial continues as a lighthouse and a beacon to remain steadfast in times of trouble — just as Washington did.

Granite Repair of the Doric Portico

One of the Memorial's grandest features has developed a need for repair. The northeast corner of the Memorial's architrave — the slab just above the capital of the pillars, shows some cracking. Because this stone supports significant weight above it, our intention is to erect a scaffolding in the near future to stabilize and repair it. Eventually, the entire portico area and eastern face of the building will be cleaned and repaired, just as the Memorial's tower has been systematically restored over the last few years. Performing this work on the portico will keep us on track for the overall completion of the Memorial's restoration.

How You Can Help

Today, you can be an essential part of helping us to reach our next milestones. All funds given as part of the Landmark Century Campaign are dedicated to the ongoing restoration and improvement work described on these pages. To make a donation to the Landmark Century Campaign by mail, please use the form on page 13. Simply select your chosen amount and whether it is a one-time gift or monthly pledge. For more information about how you or your organization can help the Memorial at this critical time, please contact me at <code>seyer@gwmemorial.org</code>, or call 703-683-2007, ext. 2013.

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The northeast corner of the Memorial's Doric portico requires not only cleaning, but some structural repair. Visible in this photograph are two fractures that are slated for repair during the first half of 2020. Your participation in the Landmark Century Campaign enables all of these important projects to be supported.

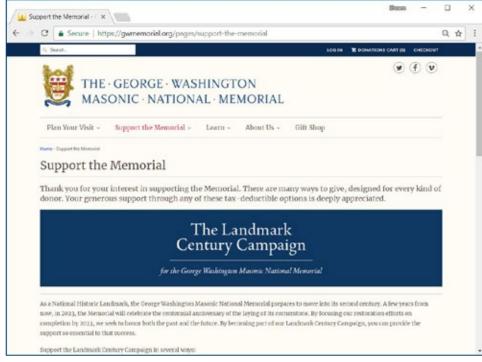
Monthly Giving Option Makes Supporting the Campaign Convenient

The Memorial's website makes it easier than ever to participate in the Landmark Century Campaign. One of the most important new features of the site is the ability to make an automatic monthly contribution.

Simply visit the site and select "Support the Memorial" in order to see various options. To make a monthly gift choose either "Take a Friend of the Memorial Pledge" (for gifts of \$25 and up) or "Take the Patron Pledge" (for gifts of \$100 or more per month).

Convenient monthly payments allow you to support the Memorial's restoration at your own pace. It is easy to make onetime donations on the site as well.

If you wish to send your gift through the mail instead, please use the convenient form on page 13 of this edition of *LIGHT*. Thank you for your support.



Our website explains all of the options for participating in the Landmark Century Campaign. Visit www.gwmemorial.org today to discover more.

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Family of Freemasonry Exhibit Adds Shriners and Scottish Rite Displays

The Memorial is pleased to announce that *The Family of Freemasonry Exhibit* has been completed by the recent addition of displays relating the purpose and history of both Shriners International and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The Sovereign Grand Commanders from both Scottish Rite jurisdictions in the United States, along with the Imperial Potentate from Shriners International, attended a special ribbon-cutting ceremony for these displays on February 22, 2020, as part of the Memorial's celebration of George Washington's Birthday.

The Scottish Rite's display was jointly assembled by the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, and allows visitors to the Memorial to learn about the origins of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, the meaning of its symbols and regalia, and the work accomplished by the Scottish Rite's network of childhood language centers.



Cutting the ribbon to the new museum display on the Scottish Rite are: David A. Glattly, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (left), Memorial Association President J.F. "Jeff" Webb (center), and James D. Cole, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction (right).

The display for Shriners International informs museum patrons about why the Shrine was created, and highlights the crucial and life-saving work of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.



The ribbon to the new exhibit on the Shiners
International is cut by: Mark Hartz, Imperial Captain
of the Guard and member of the board of directors of
the Shriners Hospitals for Children (left), Memorial
Association President J.F. "Jeff" Webb (center), and
Jeffrey L. Sauder, Imperial Potentate (right).

The Memorial Association is deeply grateful to the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite and Shriners International for making these educational displays possible.