



Board of Directors Holds Semi-Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is held in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America which is convened in various locations throughout the country. In order to bring the Board Members to the Memorial, the Semi-Annual Board Meeting was established in 2000 and is held in the Memorial early autumn of each year. It is imperative that the Board of Directors physically visit the Memorial, and they must also know the Memorial. This can only be achieved by touring the Memorial extensively, including the private or behind the scenes portions of the Memorial, with Mark A. Tabbert, our Director of Archives and Exhibits or another experienced Staff Member.

This year's Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was held October 15 & 16. The Board of Directors is the ultimate authority and is responsible for the operation and finances of the Memorial Association and the Memorial building and grounds. The new Board Members were welcomed by President Tusch and the roles and responsibilities of the Board Members were reviewed and reinforced. The Memorial's long-term Strategic Plan for the Memorial Association was the major focus of the meeting. The continuing restoration, repairs and improvement of the Memorial and the means of funding them were discussed at length and approved. The Board of Directors is committed to completing the restoration of the Memorial by February 2023 to bring the Memorial to the pristine condition it was in when the Cornerstone was laid in 1923.



The Board of Directors held a meeting at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in October. Due to the pandemic, it was their first in-person meeting at the Memorial since 2019.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Grand Aim of Our Order

by Claire V. Tusch



George Washington was a remarkable man of great vision and understanding. This is clearly seen in his visionary awareness of the significance of the broad and timeless mission of Freemasonry when Brother Washington stated that *"the grand object of masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."* Perhaps this has never been truer nor a more necessary mission for Freemasonry than at this time in history as we continue to grapple with a global pandemic, intense political divisiveness, rancor and many other serious problems that we each can enumerate. I believe that Washington knew that Freemasonry has given each of us the teachings and the tools to accomplish his vision to promote the happiness of the human race.

We learn early in our Masonic journey that through the exercise of brotherly love we should regard all people of every country, sect, and opinion, having been created by one Almighty parent, as one family regardless of their status. That we should aid, support and protect each other. We are taught that we should relieve the distressed and

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restore peace to troubled minds worried by challenges in their lives. We know by the trowel that our only contention should be who can best work and best agree. Grand Commander James Cole, speaking recently, eloquently offered that we should strive to come together simply by listening to each other, accepting one another and honoring our differences. Washington knew that individually and collectively we all can and must make a difference, at so many levels, in so many ways. As we are charged, "Every human being has a claim on your good offices, do good unto all."

Several weeks ago a group of 100 Mainers – Masons and ladies – sojourned to Alexandria from all corners of the state led by Grand Master Richard Nadeau and Lady Rachael. All shared a most memorable experience that they are still talking about. We toured the House of the Temple, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Mall and Mount Vernon, culminating with degree work for two third degree candidates, Peter Hikle and Jeremy Benway (who was married the following weekend), tours and a reception and banquet at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. I accompanied piper extraordinaire, our Past Grand Master Thomas Pulkkinen in Scottish attire one afternoon on the Mall as we paid tribute, honoring those who served and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. At each of the war memorials he performed a medley of the

individual service branch hymns. Serendipitously, he was invited to pipe for members of a Texas Honor Flight that included several World War Two veterans and Masons. And lastly, standing alone in the middle of a vast sea of 660,000 small white flags glimmering in the sunlit breeze, with the Washington Monument and the Capital dome in the background, he started to play. Each flag represented a soul lost to Covid-19. Experiencing the emotion and the power of Amazing Grace filling that space . . . praising God for each of their lives . . . mourning their loss . . . was an incredibly moving experience. Across each of these venues, the several hundreds of people present were visibly uplifted by this small, unsolicited act. I know that we were both forever changed.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is a beacon shining a light that continually reminds us of Brother Washington's virtues, character and vision encouraging us to make a better world by always remembering the grand object of masonry . . . that was so insightfully stated by the Man, the Mason, and the Father of our Country: George Washington.

As we enter the season of hope and gratitude for the blessings of our Great Creator, may we also remember, reflect and act on the vision of masonry's grand object articulated by Brother Washington. May you and your family each enjoy a blessed, safe and healthy Holiday Season.

Plan Now for the Memorial's Celebration of Washington's Birthday in 2022

February 26, 2022, the Memorial will celebrate the 290th anniversary of the birth of the Father of our Nation, Brother George Washington. Despite the coronavirus emergency that has gripped our nation and the world, and caused our 2021 celebration to be digital only, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is hopeful that it will be possible to celebrate George Washington's Birthday in 2022.

While we recognize that public health conditions will require our planning to be flexible, the Memorial is planning to host the Gala while adhering to recommended safety protocols.

Our celebration will begin with a special reception for members of the George Washington Memorial Society on Friday evening, February 25th. This will be an opportunity for us to thank some of the Memorial's most committed supporters.

Then, on the afternoon of February 26th, we will host the annual George Washington Symposium in the Memorial Theater. The theme for 2022 will be The Political Education of George Washington: 1758-1774. Among the speakers will be David O. Stewart, the author of *George Washington: The Political Rise of America's Founding Father*. Mark A. Tabbert, the Memorial's Director of Archives and Exhibits, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. The Symposium will

begin at 1 p.m. and is free and open to the general public.

Our Washington's Birthday Gala then begins at 5 p.m. with a reception in Memorial Hall. This will be followed by entertainment in the Memorial Theater at 6:30 p.m. Afterward, our guests will gather in Grand Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m. for the Gala Banquet, where fine food and drink will be served. One of the highlights of this banquet is the George Washington Memorial Award Presentation. The 2022 awardee will be author David O. Stewart.

More information, including tickets and hotel arrangements, will be available soon on our website, www.gwmemorial.org.

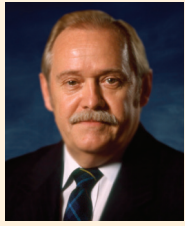
OUR VISION

*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.*

MESSAGE FROM ALEXANDRIA

Liberty Needs a Lasting Foundation

by George D. Seghers



In answer to an Address from the Massachusetts Legislature in March 1776, Washington wrote: “*May that being, who is powerful to save, and in whose hands is the fate of nations, look down with an eye of tender pity and compassion upon the whole of the United Colonies; may He continue to smile upon their counsels and arms, and crown them with success, whilst employed in the cause of virtue and mankind. May this distressed colony and its capital, and every part of this wide extended continent, through His divine favor, be restored to more than their former lustre and once happy state, and have peace, liberty, and safety secured upon a solid, permanent, and lasting foundation.*”

These words were written 245 years ago, and with very slight changes, apply to our nation today. Our nation is certainly distressed: we are in the throes of a Pandemic, the fabric of our culture has been torn asunder, our citizenry has engaged in open rebellion, hate and dissension are proclaimed by the media, and chaos seems to reign supreme. The political parties that Washington warned us about seem to be opposing each other without compromise offered by either side. The motto of our country — *E Pluribus Unum*, “out of many, one” — has been effectively discarded. Instead of championing solidarity, we emphasize the rights of small groups of individuals over the good of the whole. If we choose to not educate our children about history and their civic responsibility, it is no surprise that our nation is in a downward spiral. The Founding Fathers of this great nation had a strong belief in God and believed that it was Divine Providence guiding and leading the colonies to freedom and security.

Over the last fifty years we have steadily removed God from our schools, our communities, and our nation. A belief in God is a requirement to become a Freemason. The form of that belief is up to the individual brother. In his Farewell Address, September 19, 1796, Washington wrote that religion and morality are the pillars of human happiness. “*Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labour to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and citizens. The mere Politician, equally with the pious man ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths, which are the instruments of investigation in Courts of Justice.*” If it were not for George Washington we would not have this remarkable country, and it must not descend into a vale of chaos, violence, and uncertainty.

At the George Washington Masonic National Memorial we strive daily to live and act in a manner that George Washington would approve of. We have an obligation to face the chaos that is rampant in our culture. We have a duty to act according to the tenets and teachings of our Craft, we have a duty to treat our Brethren and indeed all of humanity with dignity, respect, fairness and kindness. We have an opportunity to set the standard, to be the exemplar of what a man and a Freemason is and to show the world how Freemasons live, work and contribute to our country, our culture, our society and our world.



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The Petition, John Ward Dunsmore (1856–1945), 1926; oil on canvas; 44 × 60 in. This scene shows George Washington (left) attending a meeting of American Union Lodge at Morristown, New Jersey, December 27, 1779. (New York Museum and Historical Society, New York, New York, 1945.1)

George Washington as General Grand Master of the United States

by Mark A. Tabbert

For more than 150 years, a standard Masonic story has claimed George Washington was offered the supreme Masonic office of General Grand Master of the United States. As no such office has ever existed, Washington was never offered the opportunity to accept or decline it. However, it is necessary to explain the story, for it did cause brother Masons and non-Masons to believe he had assumed the office.

The story begins on December 27, 1779 when American Union Lodge celebrated the Feast of St. John the Evangelist at Morristown, New Jersey. General Washington was present when the lodge duly opened. It is therefore the first documented Masonic lodge meeting he had sat in since 1755.

The main event of the meeting was a petition to create the office of Grand Master of the United States. Although the minutes, still in the procession of American Union Lodge N^o 1, Marietta, Ohio, do not state who presented it, it is generally believed Gen. Mordecai Gist or Col. Otho Holland Williams did so. Both are listed as being present, but neither was a member of American Union Lodge.

The petition was addressed to the several presiding American provincial grand masters as appointed by the British grand lodges. To them, the petition recites the pressing issues of Masonic irregularities and disorder that disrupt the peace and harmony of the Craft, thereby preventing “the enjoyment of the fruits of benevo-

lence, charity and brotherly love.” To restore Masonic peace and order, the petition calls upon the appointment of a worthy brother to serve as supreme “Grand Master of the United States.”

The petition did not call for a congress of American Masonic delegates to find that worthy brother. Rather, it recommended the several provincial grand masters make the selection. Surprisingly, when they did agree upon a candidate, they would submit that nomination to “our Mother Lodge in Britain, that the appointment may be made, or in such other manner as shall to them appear most eligible.”

In other words, the Freemasons currently at war with the British Crown, meeting within a military lodge, and with the commander in chief present, sought to defer to the British Freemasons on the appointment of an American grand master. But the audacious petition did not stop there. It called for the provincial grand masters to take “vigorous measures” in “erasing the distinction between ancient and modern” forms and rituals of Freemasonry. Such actions and such a grand master would lead to the happy growth and health of Freemasonry, which, in turn, it may “receive the final applause of the Grand Architect of the universe.”

The minutes of American Union Lodge do not record any discussion of the petition, or of all the motions or amendments made. They record only the petition was accepted and that a committee would review it before it was circulated among all regular Freemasons.

Other than being listed first among the visiting brethren, Washington’s name does not appear in the minutes or in the petition. Nor does he mention attending the meeting in his correspondence or in any of his papers of the last weeks of December 1779.

The next month, the Ancient Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held a special meeting to discuss the Morristown petition. On January 13, it passed three resolutions: first, to pursue the matter and organize a formal committee to draft a plan; second, that George Washington ought to be the general grand master; and, third, to circulate the proposal to all other worthy American grand lodges.

The second resolution included that an “application be made to his Excellency [George Washington] in due form, praying that he will do the Brethren and Craft the honor of their appointment.” With this action, Pennsylvania’s Grand Lodge co-opted and superseded the military’s Masonic proposal.

At its June 23, 1780, meeting the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania officially approved the proposed creation of the high office of general grand master.

The minutes read: “Sundry respectable Brethren being then put in nomination, it was moved that the ballot be put for them separately. And his Excellency GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esq; General and Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States, being the first in nomination, he was balloted for accord-

ingly as GRAND MASTER, an elected by the unanimous vote of the whole lodge.”

However, by this time the Pennsylvania Provincial Grand Lodge had discovered only two American grand lodges worthy of receiving the proposal: the Ancient Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Ancient Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. They did not mention the senior, “Modern,” St. John’s Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, or any other provincial grand lodges or quasi-provincial grand lodges in North America. In short, in 1780 American Freemasonry was so confused that the general grand master scheme was impracticable.

How far Pennsylvania’s printed proposal circulated is unclear. The October 16, 1780, grand lodge meeting minutes recorded a response to it from the grand master of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Joseph Webb (1734–1787). Webb’s letter shows sympathy for the proposal, and he promised to lay the matter before his brethren.

The Pennsylvania Grand Lodge’s response to Webb outlined the need for a general grand master and specified two duties: first, to charter lodges in new territories and manage them until such time as they can form their own grand lodge; and second, to call national Masonic conventions to discuss important issues, such as ritual consistency and recognition.

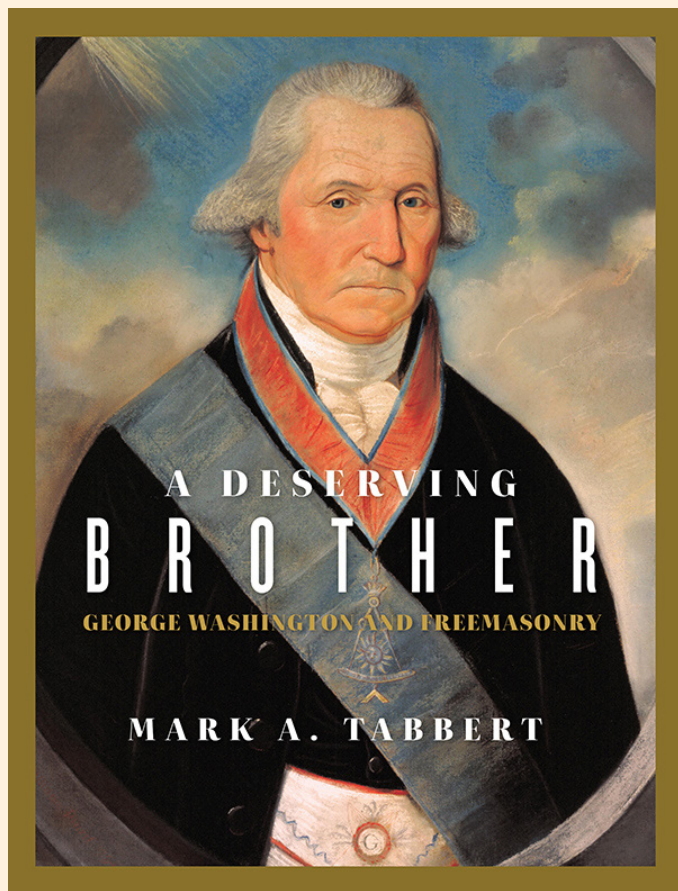
But only after all prerogatives and duties were agreed upon, “such a convention may also have the power to notify the Grand Master General of his election, present him his diploma, badges of office and install him with due form and solemnity.” While Pennsylvania still strongly recommended George Washington to this high office, this statement makes it clear that no such offer, official or otherwise, had been made to him.

However, Webb did not respond to Pennsylvania’s letter until January 9, 1781 — a full year after the military lodges approved the initial idea — and Pennsylvania did not record the letter in its proceedings until its March 26 meeting. The Massachusettsan’s reply was concise and clear: that no such office or worthy person for the office should be discussed “until a general peace shall happily take place throughout the continent.”

Through it all, there is no indication Washington was ever asked about the position of general grand master, and there is no evidence he declined the opportunity. Like many Masonic Washington stories, this one is jumbled with the belief that Washington literally declined to be crowned “King of America.”

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Announcing a New Book about George Washington's Masonic Life



This article, “George Washington as General Grand Master of the United States,” is an excerpt from the upcoming book *A Deserving Brother: George Washington and Freemasonry* by the Memorial’s Director of Archives and Exhibits, Mark A. Tabbert.

Published in 2022 by the University of Virginia Press in conjunction with The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, this book will be the definitive account of Brother Washington’s Masonic membership. Relying on the latest research, this book will fully explore Washington’s relationship with the fraternity, including a chronology of his involvement, color photos of documents, aprons and other items which bring his Masonic life to light. Also featuring:

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This is *Your* Memorial!

As we turn our attention to the holidays, please accept our wishes for a wonderful, magical, happy holiday season and the very merriest of Christmases to you and yours from all of us at the Memorial. May the new year bring you nothing but the best of health, happiness and prosperity.

One of my best Christmas presents ever came in the form of my selection to serve as the Memorial's Director of Development late last year. It has been an absolute delight to get to know and work with the great, talented staff at the Memorial, find my way around the building and learn so much of its purpose, history and meaning. And I know I still have a lot more to learn. It's also been great getting out to meet some of you as I get my feet on the ground. I'm looking forward to meeting many more of you in the coming months.

Among the things I've learned — maybe the most important — was an eye-opener to me. I, like many of you, knew of the Memorial, and had visited several times including once with my lodge and Eastern Star Chapter when I was Worshipful Master of my lodge (New England Lodge N^o 4, Worthington, Ohio) and always held it in high regard. But I never realized that the Memorial was really *MINE*! Yes, I had a personal interest in and “part of” the Memorial . . . even before working here.

You see, all of the United States Grand Lodges are members — *Active Members* — of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the legal entity which owns and manages the Memorial. By virtue of my belonging to one of those Grand Lodges, I, too, am a “member” of the Memorial.

And, further, other than the obligations we all take at our lodge's altar (the words may differ a bit from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, but the meaning is the same for all of us) that membership in the Memorial Association, by virtue of our Grand

Lodge's membership, is the *ONLY* thing all Masons in this country have in common. So, just like me, the Memorial is also *YOURS*! Bet you never thought of it that way! I sure didn't . . . but it's true. *YOU* . . . each one of you . . . and the nearly one million Masons in this country have a very real interest in the Memorial: its history, its mission, its exhibits and programs, its physical structure, and its future viability.

We hope that realization will: heighten your interest in and pride of the Memorial; increase the frequency of your visits to our website (gwmemorial.org); encourage your following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; prompt a greater interest in planning your own personal visit to the Memorial; and, hopefully, a commitment to help us financially preserve this wonderful property and mission to teach the world about the character, integrity, vision and values of our dear Brother, General Washington.

In the coming months, we'll be talking about opportunities and programs in those several areas and more. We're very excited as we continue planning the one hundredth anniversary of the Memorial's cornerstone laying in February of 2023 and the educational and informational programs we will be launching to support that landmark event. Keep reading the *LIGHT* to stay abreast of those new opportunities.

We want you to be proud of *YOUR* Memorial and take a greater part in — even responsibility for — learning about it, participating in its activities/programs, and helping us advance knowledge/appreciation/support of the one thing that we, as the Freemasons of the United States, all have in common: The George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Timothy B. Strawn is the Director of Development for The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

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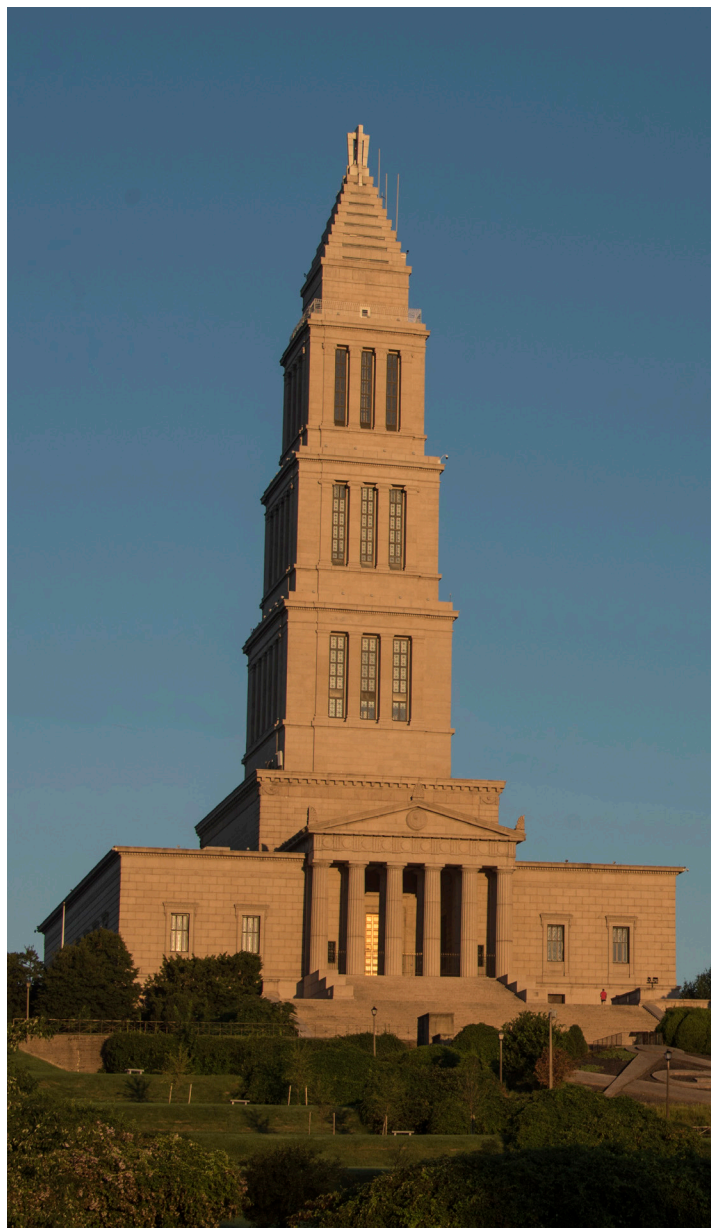
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Explore the website gwlegacy.org. The newsletter will start coming to you early in the new year at the end of each month. We know you'll enjoy its informative and helpful topics.

Lodges, Chapters, and Councils: Who Meets at the Memorial?

Out of an abundance of caution, the Memorial had decided to close to the public for tourism starting in August. While Covid may appear to be on the decline, Alexandria — like the greater District of Columbia area — is still at a greater risk. We will likely remain temporarily closed until early next year. Please check the website for the latest updates.

While we are closed to the general public at this time, we are still able to accommodate large groups for tours. If your lodge wants to visit the Memorial, we are able to work with you to make it happen. Please reach out to me at tvanice@gwmemorial.org. Please note that we must follow Alexandria's Health Department guidelines, which include that all unvaccinated persons to wear a mask throughout the building as well as continuing social distancing.



Even though tourism is closed to us at this time, we still have Masonic organizations meeting at the Memorial and continue to be a location that hosts concerts, recitals, and corporate events. We continue to sanitize the building after each event for the safety of everyone. We are proud to announce that Old Dominion Commandery N^o 11, Virginia, has relocated and made the Memorial their permanent meeting location.

Brethren travel to the capital region for various reasons, and often when traveling, it is a pleasure to take the time to seek some Masonic fellowship. One of the questions we are often asked is what groups meet at the Memorial? Visitors want to know when the meetings are and how they might make participate in them.

Here are most of the Masonic organizations that meet at the Memorial, along with the typical day of their stated meetings.

Alexandria-Washington Lodge N^o 22
Stated Communication: second Thursday
<http://www.aw22.org>

Andrew Jackson Lodge N^o 120
Stated Communication: third Thursday
<http://www.andrewjackson120.org>

A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research N^o 1949
Stated Communication: fifth Saturday
<http://www.adslor.org>

Martha Washington Chapter N^o 42, Order of the Eastern Star
Stated Communication: third Tuesday

Herbert Arthur Fisher Council N^o 442, Allied Masonic Degrees
Stated Communication: fifth Monday
<http://hafova.org/officers.html>

Old Dominion Commandery N^o 11, Knights Templar
Stated Communication: third Wednesday
<https://www.olddominion11.org>

Lodges and other Masonic Organizations that would like to hold a meeting at the Memorial should contact me at tvanice@gwmemorial.org and I will be happy to help coordinate all details of the visit. Do not contact the Lodges or Masonic Organizations that meet at the Memorial as they cannot schedule meetings at the Memorial except for their own.

Tyler Vanice is the Director of Member Services of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.



A large delegation from the Grand Lodge of Maine assembles on the front steps of the Memorial during a formal reception held September 25, 2021.

Grand Lodge of Maine visits the Memorial to Celebrate its Bicentennial

In celebration of its foundation in 1820, the Grand Lodge of Maine journeyed to Washington, D.C., and northern Virginia to mark the occasion, which included visits to Arlington National Cemetery, the National Mall, the House of the Temple, and Mount Vernon. The visit, led by Grand Master Richard Nadeau and his lady Rachael, included several memorable activities at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, including a VIP tour, the conferral of the third degree of Masonry upon

two candidates, Peter Hikle and Jeremy Benway, a reception on the Memorial's Portico (pictured above), and a grand banquet in Grand Masonic Hall. Special thanks go to Past Grand Master of Maine George Pulkkinen who was instrumental in the planning of the event, and to Memorial Association President Claire V. Tusch, Past Grand Master of Maine, for his key role in the festivities.

California Lodge Restores 1870 Painting of Washington as a Mason

Several years ago, King David's Lodge N^o 209 of San Luis Obispo, California, made an intriguing discovery. Past Master Robert Sachs discovered an oil painting in the temple's vault that depicted George Washington as a Freemason. It was in poor condition, and amateur attempts had apparently been made in the past to repair some rips in the canvas. Inspection revealed that it was painted by the French artist Leon Trouset in 1870 — the same year King David's Lodge had been founded. As it was likely commissioned by the men who originally founded the lodge, the brethren eventually voted to have the canvas professionally conserved.

Due to the pandemic, the lodge's 150th anniversary celebration took place in 2021. The restored painting was unveiled on September 11, 2021, with dozens of members of the lodge and representatives from the community in attendance. The ceremony included talks by numerous historians and researchers as well as the conservator who restored the painting. An official from the George Washington Masonic National Memorial made a presentation congratulating the lodge for preserving a truly unique artifact honoring Washington's Masonic life.



The newly-restored 1870 painting of Washington the Mason by Leon Trouset was unveiled by King David's Lodge Master Dean A. Clark and Shawn Eyer from the Memorial.

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This donation — the largest gift so far given on a single occasion by any lodge in the Memorial’s history — has already been put to use in the work of restoring the building, including the sponsorship of one of the new Memorial Hall windows. “Warwick Lodge has helped the Memorial immensely during a critical time,” said George D. Seghers, the Memorial’s Executive Director. “Our deepest thanks go to all the members and the trustees for this remarkable gift.”



On October 7, Warwick Lodge welcomed representatives from the Memorial who visited to thank the brethren for their generous support. Pictured (L to R) are John Malliarakis (Warwick Lodge Trustee), Don White (Secretary), Memorial Association President Claire Tusch, Harold Joyner (Lodge Trustee), John R. Gleason (Master of Warwick Lodge), the Memorial’s Executive Director George D. Seghers, Director of Communications Shawn Eyer, Steve Vaughn (Warwick Lodge Instructor of Work), and Mason Ware (Lodge Trustee).

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Have you ever wondered about the influence of Scottish Freemasons in America? If so, please plan to attend our symposium, *Scottish Freemasons in America, 1750-1800*, to be held in November of 2022. Over the course of two days, selected academic and Masonic speakers will deliver in-depth academic presentations of the history and impact of Scottish Freemasonry on early American Freemasonry.

Our featured speaker will be Robert L.D. Cooper, Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He and the additional presenters will provide insight into the rich legacy of Scottish Freemasonry in America.

This symposium will include memorable social events. Participants will be able to pay a special visit to George Washington’s mother lodge, Fredericksburg Lodge

No. 4, on the 270th Anniversary of his raising to the third degree. Originally chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Fredericksburg Lodge has the distinction of having twenty-year-old George Washington as one of its first applicants.

The symposium will also include scotch-tasting, Scottish food and other social events that celebrate Scottish culture.

Further information will be posted on the Memorial’s website and Facebook page as it becomes available. Please contact Mark A. Tabbert, Director of Archives and Exhibits, with any questions about this event by emailing mtabbert@gwmemorial.org, or calling 703-683-2007, ext. 2012.



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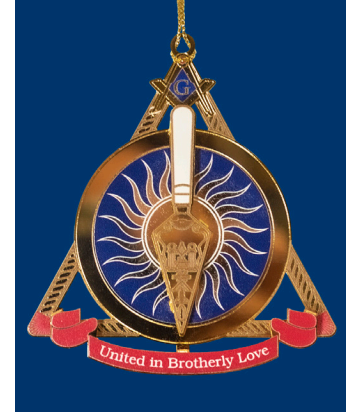
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