Celebrate the Cornerstone Rededication of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Soaring 333 feet from its base atop a lofty hill overlooking historic Alexandria, Virginia, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial is the most impressive public monument ever created by the Masonic fraternity.

George Washington was a native son of Virginia who went on to lead the most transformative revolution the world has ever known. As the Father of our Country, he is held in reverence by all Americans. The world remembers him as the Father of Freedom, for his actions both on the field of battle and in the office of the Presidency left a powerful legacy of expanding civil liberties that has reverberated throughout the earth. The Masonic fraternity proudly regards Washington as the foremost Freemason in our history.

For these reasons Masonic leaders from across the country gathered in 1910 to form the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. At that meeting, they framed their noble purpose: “To erect and maintain in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, a suitable memorial temple to George Washington, the Mason; one which will express in durability and beauty the undying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him, in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years.”

The Association selected the site of the Memorial and secured Harvey Wiley Corbett as the architect. Upon visiting Alexandria and climbing Shuters Hill, Corbett envisioned a spectacular neoclassical structure inspired by an ancient Roman lighthouse. This plan inspired Masons everywhere. The cornerstone of the Memorial was laid on November 1, 1923. This historic project was wholly funded by the Masonic Fraternity. With support from Grand Lodges, Craft lodges, and Masons and Masonic groups of every sort, the Memorial’s building was completed – despite the vicissitudes of the Great Depression. At its dedication on May 12, it was declared that the Memorial would forever stand as a beacon of Masonic

Join us in February 2023 to re-dedicate the cornerstone and to celebrate the Memorial’s next century of service.

President’s Message

Fiddleheads

by Claire V. Tusch

A spring tradition in Maine is the collection and consumption of fiddleheads, the coiled, emerging shoots of the Ostrich fern, an iconic spring edible. I’ve enjoyed my share of them; sautéed in lightly caramelized butter they are a gourmet delight. Fiddleheads are named after the headstock of a violin or fiddle. They develop into the expansive and beautiful fern fronds as they unfurl and grow. The annual unfurling of the ferns is one of the most delightful things to watch for in the spring. I reflected on one sunny and warm morning recently, as I observed their struggling emergence, on the analogy between the fiddlehead and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Like the successful struggle of the fiddlehead to emerge through a tangle of roots and weeds, a thick blanket of leaves and other debris, the Memorial has endured much in its first hundred years. Its construction over many years and its more recent restoration and renovation have all faced challenges including the First World War, the influenza pandemic of 1918, the Great

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Depression, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam Era, and more recent financial challenges. But ways to move forward have always emerged and manifested, sometimes seemingly by divine Providence. It is arguably the most recognizable and inspiring Masonic building in the world.

We are on the eve of closing the chapter of the first century of this beautiful Memorial. Plans for the Cornerstone Centennial Celebration and Rededication Ceremony on February 20, 2023 are extensive. Excitement is building for this once in a lifetime event. Wherever I’ve traveled, I meet brethren and their significant others who intend to travel to Alexandria next February to be part of this gala event.

Like the fiddlehead emerging from a firm foundation, uncoiling its lush foliage as it has done for some 360 million years, the mission and import of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial will only continue to grow. Its mission, the mission of Freemasonry, is perhaps more necessary today than at any time in history as we live with civil unrest, pandemics, the horrors of war, and other problems too numerous to cite. We intend to vigorously promote exciting new educational initiatives to share the import of Freemasonry and the principles for which it stands, and to reflect upon the virtues and vision of George Washington as a relevant example of civility, ethics, and behavior for good in our world is central to our mission and for civil society across the globe.

As I observe my patches of fiddleheads developing into a sea of lush ferns I have no question of the work that we all have ahead and why we, as Masons, are here.

Light: “physical light to guide the body, intellectual light to guide the mind, spiritual light to guide the soul.” Since then, the Memorial has been an essential stop for anyone visiting the Capital region to learn about George Washington’s legacy. Through the Memorial’s exhibits and educational programs, the Memorial has indeed brought light to humanity. In everything, our vision is always “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.” Now, there is an historic opportunity to join us in that work.

Rededicating the Cornerstone

In recent years, the Memorial has undergone tremendous improvements. The grounds have been beautified. New exhibits have been installed. Extensive repairs have been made, including a nearly complete restoration of the exterior stonework. One objective of this work has been to make the Memorial ready to mark the centennial of the cornerstone.

The original celebration of the cornerstone was a national Masonic event. Over 10,000 Freemasons attended the Memorial’s cornerstone laying in 1923. In 2023, Masons will gather again at the Memorial to witness the re-dedication of this cornerstone.

The Memorial stands as an architectural expression of the profound gratitude and esteem that American Freemasons feel for Brother Washington. In 2015, the National Park Service named the Memorial a National Historic Landmark, in recognition that it is “the only major unified, fully national initiative of the Freemasons and among the boldest attempts by a private organization to memorialize George Washington.” The time is now to celebrate that timeless legacy. Please join us in February 2023 and become part of our second century of making history.

Meetings and Tours — Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19, 2023

We welcome Lodges and other Masonic groups to attend and participate. Beginning Friday, February 17, through Sunday, February 19, Lodges that wish to tile a meeting in the Memorial may reserve time slots within the Memorial. Visiting Masonic groups may schedule tours during those days as well. Popular speakers such as Mark Tabbert and Shawn Eyer will be available to provide an appropriate message upon request. Time slots are limited, so interested groups are encouraged to register early on our website.

Parade and Cornerstone Rededication Event — Monday, February 20, 2023

All Grand Lodges, Lodges, Masonic groups, and Freemasons in amity with the Grand Lodge of Virginia may participate in the Parade from historic Old Town Alexandria up to the Memorial’s beautiful grounds. The Parade steps off at 1:30 p.m. Registration is available on our website.

The Rededication Ceremony takes place at 3:00 p.m. All individuals attending the events of February 20, 2023, should register on our website. (Note: Those registered to attend through the Conference of Grand Masters are already considered confirmed.)

Annual Washington’s Birthday Gala — Wednesday, February 22, 2023

The Memorial’s traditional Washington’s Birthday Gala will be held on Wednesday, February 22. This elegant formal event will, as always, include a reception in Memorial Hall, entertainment in the Theater, and a Gala Banquet in Grand Masonic Hall.

For complete details, schedule, and to register, visit https://gwmemorial.org/2023
MESSAGE FROM ALEXANDRIA

Our Youth Must Learn the Value of our Nation

by George D. Seghers

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is the only National Masonic Memorial in this great nation. The mission of the Memorial Association was very clearly stated in its original charter which read, “To erect and maintain a suitable Memorial Temple to George Washington the Mason; which expresses in durability and beauty the undying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years.” The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is: “To erect and maintain a suitable Memorial Temple to George Washington the Mason; which expresses in durability and beauty the undying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years.” The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is: “To erect and maintain a suitable Memorial Temple to George Washington the Mason; which expresses in durability and beauty the undying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years.” The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is: “To erect and maintain a suitable Memorial Temple to George Washington the Mason; which expresses in durability and beauty the undying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years.” The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is: “To erect and maintain a suitable Memorial Temple to George Washington the Mason; which expresses in durability and beauty the undying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years.” The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is: “To erect and maintain a suitable Memorial Temple to George Washington the Mason; which expresses in durability and beauty the undying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years.”

George Washington Masonic National Memorial was erected and is maintained through the combined efforts of America’s Freemasons and Friends of the Memorial as an everlasting tribute to the memory of George Washington.

George Washington was the one man who did more and gave more for the creation of this great nation than any other. At the close of the Revolutionary War, unlimited powers were offered to him on at least three separate occasions. Not only did he refuse the powers offered, he resigned his commission as Commander in Chief and returned to Mount Vernon without claiming any reward or compensation for his long years of service. He was our first Commander in Chief, our first President, our Foremost Freemason and truly the Father of our Country. The United States of America is the great country it is due efforts and sacrifices of George Washington and our Founding Fathers.

In all that we do here at the Memorial, we endeavor to promote and follow our current mission which is: “To inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason and Father of our Country.” To follow and abide by our mission has been extremely challenging these last two years. Not only have we been adversely affected economically, we have also been affected by the extreme changes in our society and our culture. This has dramatically changed the perception of our country by

Like many monuments and building throughout the free world, the Memorial’s tower is currently lit in the national colors of Ukraine.
the current generation of Americans.

This generation has not been taught the history of our country, they don’t know where they came from and thus, they don’t know where they are going. There are competent, dedicated, patriotic and committed teachers throughout the American public school system who are struggling against the doctrines and philosophy of the overarching national education organizations. These teachers care about our children, our communities and our country and they need the support of our local communities and school boards. The educational aspect of the mission of the Memorial Association will be our focus in the coming months and years. We must do our part to help educate the youth of America about the history of our nation and the great men and the great deeds that were done to create our nation.

We are continuing the improvement, restoration and conservation of the Memorial. The physical structure needs to reflect the esteem, respect and honor that we Freemasons hold for him in whose memory it was erected and it must be restored and maintained for this and for all future generations. The restoration of the Memorial comprises the major portion of our operating expenses. The Memorial suffered significant damage from both the earthquake and hurricane in 2011, as well as not being regularly maintained for many years. The 2022 conservation season will include the portico, the main building and the terrace. We have much to do but we must reach our goal of restoring the Memorial to the glorious state it was when it was dedicated in 1932. These projects and the entire restoration of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial must and will be completed.

To do this we need your help. The Active Members and owners of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association are the Grand Lodges of the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Thus the Memorial belongs to the Freemasons of these Grand Lodges, this is your Memorial.

This year, 2022, is the 100th anniversary of the groundbreaking ceremony and the beginning of the construction of the Memorial which was dedicated in 1922. On February 20, 2023, we will rededicate the Cornerstone laying of the Memorial, a century after the cornerstone was laid in 1923.

One of the Ancient Wonders of the World, the Lighthouse at Alexandria, Egypt was the inspiration for the design of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Lighthouses not only guide ships into safe harbors they also help people know where they are, you cannot know where you are going if you don’t know where you are. The light shining from the Lighthouse is in fact spreading knowledge and guidance.

The Memorial stands tall today, spreading the Light of Freemasonry to the four corners of the world and it will continue to do so. Today the Memorial can and should be the Lighthouse of Freemasonry, the center and the source of Light, Knowledge and Inspiration and should spread it to not only the Masonic world but indeed to all the world.

Without light there is no life, both physically and metaphorically. In Masonry Light is Knowledge and understanding. Through the generations, and since the Memorial Associations’ founding in 1910, the Light of Washington’s virtues, as made manifest in the Memorial that bears his name, remains a strong and bright beacon.

Freemasonry is truly the Light in the Darkness. Please join us at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial and help us spread the Light of Freemasonry to the four corners of the world and to this generation and to all future generations. Thank you for support and please come and visit your Memorial.
About the time Washington received the letter and address from Samuel Brenton and the Freemasons in Newport, Rhode Island, word came of the death of his old friend and patron William Ramsay.

William Ramsay (1716–1785) was a native of Galway, Scotland, and settled in northern Virginia. With John Carlyle and John Dalton, he founded the city of Alexandria in 1749. A prominent merchant, he also served as the mayor and a trustee of the town. Hired by Ramsay, seventeen-year-old surveyor Washington drew the town’s first plat map containing eighty-four half-acre lots.

It is unknown when and where Ramsay was made a Freemason. But it is likely he received the degrees in the Alexandria Lodge, under dispensation, sometime between February and December 1784. Ramsay’s name does not appear on the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania’s dispensation to the Alexandria brethren to meet as a lodge, granted in February. But he is listed as the Charter Treasurer of Lodge No. 39 in December.

Despite his diary mentioning rain and snow before 10:00 a.m., Washington dutifully attended Ramsay’s funeral. That he “walked in procession as a free mason” is another public demonstration of his membership and the social station he willingly assumed in deference to the memory of his friend. The February 17 edition of the Alexandria Journal reported:

His [Ramsay’s] remains were interred on the 12th in the Episcopal Church-Yard, and attended by a very numerous and respectable Company, proceeded by the Brotherhood of Free-Masons in Procession, with the Solemnities usual on such occasions.

Newspaper accounts of the funeral do not mention Washington’s presence among the brethren. Ramsay’s funeral is the only mention of Freemasonry in all the various diaries Washington kept from the 1750s until his death in 1799.

Mark A. Tabbert is the Director of Archives & Exhibits of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.
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:

- An Introduction by Dr. Edward Lengel, Ph.D.
- Over 60 entries on the items that document Washington’s Masonic membership, with annotations placing the item into the context of Washington’s life.

Cloth, 304 pages, 8 x 10½ inches
isbn 978-0-813-94721-1

Available for $34.95 plus shipping through Macoy Masonic Publishing.

https://gwmemorial.org/blogs/news/gwbook

Indiana Ambassadors Visit the Memorial for Training

On May 11 & 12, 2022, five Indiana Freemasons visited the Memorial to participate in a training session. Memorial Ambassadors play an important role in advancing the message of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial by promoting awareness through education, experience, and support of the Memorial’s work. Each group of Ambassadors is given a special training in order to better accomplish their goals.

Appointed to three-year terms as Memorial Ambassadors were: Michael Brumback (Past Grand Master of Indiana, and past President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association), Bill Sassman, David Westmeyer, Steve Burnstein, and Rick Elman (Past Grand Master of Indiana, and current member of the board of directors of the Association).

“We are grateful for everyone in our nationwide network of Ambassadors,” said Shawn Eyer, who conducted the training. “By bringing our message to local communities, Ambassadors bring the Memorial’s message to a wider audience.”

Attending the special two-day training were (l. to r.): Michael Brumback, Bill Sassman, David Westmeyer, Steve Burnstein, and Rick Elman.
New Items Added to the Collection

An impressive donation was recently made to the Memorial’s collections. Hearkening back to the turn of the last century, the contribution consist of a gold-plated brass cane handle (2022.01.01, left) with inscription an inscription denoting that it was the property of Charles M. Hale, a Past Master of Alpha Home Lodge № 72, F&AM, of New Orleans, Louisiana. It bears the date of December 15, 1903, which may be when Hale concluded his time leading the lodge. The knob handle is accompanied by a black and white photographic print of Bro. Charles Hale (2022.01.02, right), who is shown seated and holding his cane with the same handle. These fascinating items were gifted by Katherine Manning, and the Memorial gratefully acknowledges the contribution.

New Collections Manager/Registrar Appointed

In January, the Memorial appointed James H. Ferguson as Collections Manager / Registrar. After becoming fascinated by museums early in life through trips to the Denver Museum of Natural History and several of the Smithsonian museums in the District of Columbia, James later pursued his interest by volunteering in the Nebraska State Museum’s anthropology collection while majoring in Classics and Religious Studies at the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts there in 2017, and then enrolled in the Master of Arts in Museum Science at Texas Tech University. During the program, he worked in the anthropology collection of the Texas Tech University Museum, cataloging thousands of items ranging from Native American arrowheads, leather crafts, and even coal samples from Precolumbian Native American campfires.

To complete his graduate degree, he fulfilled a six-month internship at the House of the Temple, where he cataloged the Past Sovereign Grand Commanders Collection, including items from John H. Cowles to C. Fred Kleinknecht. Completing the degree in 2019, he began working at the Memorial as a tour guide. Now, as Collections Manager/Registrar, James will work alongside Curator Mark Tabbert in maintaining the sizable collections of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.
The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, after months of being closed due to a precaution of the COVID variants, has reopened. The building will be open to the public starting on weekends and will fully reopen with weekday tours sometime during spring. Please visit our website, www.gwmorial.org, for the latest updates about reopening and other important information for visiting.

We are now accepting timed admissions for weekend tours. Please visit https://gwmemorial.org/pages/plan-your-visit to book a tour. Online registration is required as space is limited for each tour. Admission is $18 per person with children (twelve and younger) having free admission.

Did you know that your lodge is able to hold a meeting at the Memorial? The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia had published an edict allowing lodges, and Grand Lodges, to hold a tiled communication at the Memorial with dispensation from the visiting lodge. You can find this edict by visiting the Lodge Visits page on the Memorial’s website. We have lodge rooms for rent to hold a meeting or, even more memorable, holding a degree for your new candidates. What better way to impress upon those receiving the degrees of Freemasonry than to have it at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. We have most items needed for opening a lodge and for degree work (jurisdictional differences pending). Currently, if your lodge wishes to visit, it is required that your lodge brings their own aprons to prevent sharing as a health and safety guideline. Likewise, we are always excited to give group tours to visiting lodges, so please reach out to us to schedule your tour.

We would like to thank all the Sir Knights and visitors who visited the Memorial on Easter for the Grand Encampment’s 92nd Annual Easter Sunrise Observance. Unlike past years where there were three Easter Observances across the country, this year there was only one, which was held here at the Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Approximately 450 guests attended this year.

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

After not being able to hold an Easter celebration at the Memorial since 2019, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States gathered in the Memorial’s Theater for a program of worship and song.
This spring, the restoration work at the Memorial has focused on the beautiful Doric Portico on the façade of the building.

The Washington Medallion

Many of our readers are familiar with the fact that the Memorial was designed by the firm of Bro. Harvey Wiley Corbett, one of the leading neoclassical high-rise architects of the early twentieth century. (See Vol. 21, No. 2 of LIGHT.) But few know that the striking granite medallion of Washington that adorns the Memorial’s Portico is a work of art designed by Corbett’s wife. Gail Sherman Corbett was a talented painter and sculptor who, like her husband, studied at the famed École des Beaux-Arts in Paris. Her work graces many civic arts projects and monuments. But perhaps her work on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial is seen by the most visitors.

Her first step was to create a plaster maquette or miniature plaster model of the piece. Later, a much larger plaster was made for the use of Bro. George Fred Coles, a D.C.-based decorative sculptor, to replicate in granite. Coles had also worked on the Lincoln Memorial, and was a mem-

Top: The fully-restored pediment. Middle left: The uncarved granite. Middle right: In 1927, the medallion of George Washington’s profile was carved on site from a box scaffold. Bottom: Gail Sherman Corbett puts the finishing touches on the Portico’s medallion, with her original plaster maquette and a larger plaster model on hand for direct comparison.
ber of Hiram Lodge No 10 in the District of Columbia. In 1927, Gail Sherman Corbett and her husband came from New York to visit the partially-constructed Memorial and to inspect and finish the George Washington medallion. She took up the hammer and chisel herself to put the finishing touches on Washington’s profile.

The restored medallion looks out serenely over the Washington Monument, the Capitol, and the City of Alexandria. Please make a point to see it on your next visit. Mrs. Corbett’s original maquette is on exhibit on the 4th floor mezzanine.

Repairing the Entablature and Pediment

Even more important than the cleaning of the stone is the repair of fractures and preventative maintenance to prevent additional damage over time. Noticing that structural cracks had appeared over time in both corners of the entablature (see bottom left), Paul Keegan of Hibernia Masonry developed a plan to stabilize the material. The weight of the two cornices is immense, and it was determined that the best way to add support was to add steel reinforcements within the corners of the frieze to anchor them to the adjacent stones. This is intended to relieve pressure on the architrave below (see bottom right).

Another project to improve the Portico and the level above it is to install new LED-based lighting fixtures that will continue the transformation of the Memorial’s appearance after dark. Thanks to your ongoing support, the Portico’s restoration is now nearing completion. We hope you’ll enjoy the results on your next visit.
Development Update

Welcome to spring! It’s always great to see things here at the Memorial in bloom and signaling another wonderful spring/summer/fall sequence of seasons. As I’m getting about to various meetings, conferences and lodge visits, I’m often asked: “Tim, how can I give to the Memorial?” or “What’s the best way for me to give to the Memorial?” The latter is, of course, dependent on the individual’s circumstances and how they connect to our several giving options. The former usually gets a response like what I’m about to share with you.

First, we hope every brother will remember the Memorial in his will or estate plan. That’s really the easiest way to give as that kind of gift is made after you’ve graduated to the celestial lodge and won’t have need for assets any longer. And, from the donor’s standpoint, it’s also a safe gift to make as it can be changed at any time. For more information about how to make such a gift, give me a call at 703-786-5424 or write to me at tstrawn@gwmemorial.org.

As for current gifts, please know that we accept any and all gifts, regardless of amount, to help maintain this amazing building about to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its cornerstone laying. We also have several special gift types in which anyone might be interested:

1. THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL SOCIETY. This society, for individual donors, has a $1,000 initial gift followed by annual gifts of $250. For this gift, a donor receives a beautiful medal for the breast pocket of his suit/sportcoat, a special lapel pin, and a beautiful certificate recognizing him as a member of the Society. Members also have their name listed on a plaque at the Memorial and online at the description of the Society. Further, they receive an invitation to a special, private reception the night before our annual Gala in celebration of George Washington’s birthday. More than 250 brethren have joined the Society.

2. THE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON LODGES. This Society, for lodges, has a one time $2,500 gift. Those lodges which make the gift receive three, specially commissioned medals for the Master and Wardens (other members may also purchase a medal directly from the Memorial), a beautiful certificate, a print of a painting done by local artist Chris Erney for the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Memorial Association in 2010. This painting is of Brother Washington standing at his desk in his study at Mount Vernon. The lodge also has its name listed on a plaque at the Memorial and online at the description of the Society. These special lodges also receive an invitation to the Gala each year. More than 80 lodges have joined this special society.

3. For those who may be interested in helping beautify the grounds of the Memorial, there are two options:

   A MEMORIAL BENCH – These granite benches provide resting spots for those walking the Memorial’s grounds. In beautiful, marbled gray, inscriptions may be included on the front of the bench or on its sitting area.

   Frequently, but not always, benches are given in memory of or in tribute to an individual. Cost of a bench is $2,500 and includes engraving.

   A MEMORIAL TREE. At a cost of $750, a Memorial Tree is a great way to remember someone or pay tribute to him/her with a gift which will live in perpetuity here on the grounds of the Memorial. Trees have also been given in tribute to an organization. An acknowledgement letter and certificate describing the dedication will be received by all participants. We work with a professional arborist to choose species of trees appropriate for the area. A plaque at the foot of the tree identifies the donor and, if appropriate, the person honored as well as the tree species name in Latin and English. The tree, donor, and honoree are listed on our website at the description of the program.

   Instructions as well as the process for purchasing all these gifts are on our website: www.gwmemorial.org.

   In addition to one time, current gifts referenced earlier, an individual may be interested in our monthly giving program whereby a recurring gift of the same amount is made each month. Made only by credit card, this gift is charged to the donor’s credit card on the same date each month just as it is now common to make utility bill payments or church gifts in this manner. Information about this gift method is also available on the website.

   For information about charitable giving in general or specific types of planned gifts, we invite you to visit our special giving website at: www.gwlegacy.org. There you’ll find all kinds of information about giving, including calculators to help you see how a gift can benefit you and/or your family, examples of gift types, bequest language and more. You can also sign up to receive our monthly eNewsletter or get a copy of our Wills Guide which will assist you in preparing your will/estate plan.

   And, of course, if you have questions about giving or gift types or anything so related, please don’t hesitate to contact me at: 703-786-5424 or via email at tstrawn@gwmemorial.org.

   Take care. Enjoy your spring and summer.

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