

LIGHT *of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial*



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Join Us for a Once in a Lifetime Event: The Rededication of the Cornerstone

When the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was dedicated in 1923, over ten thousand Masons and guests came to witness the historic event. They celebrated with a grand parade from the Alexandria waterfront up to the Memorial, and there watched and listened as the assembled dignitaries solemnified the work with all the dignity the importance of the act required. President Calvin Coolidge watched as the very trowel that George Washington once used to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol was pressed into labor again. The nation's Masonic leaders all directed their attention to the ceremony — and the meaning behind it.

Their vision for a towering Memorial that would forever honor George Washington and serve as a beacon of Masonic Light for all the world was beginning to come true. They worked relentlessly to realize their 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.”*

Several generations of visitors have benefited greatly from their efforts, and now the time has come for us to renew our own dedication to their great mission, and to gather again at the Memorial to witness the centennial rededication ceremony.



The cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, warmly illuminated by the sunrise.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Call to the Centennial

by Claire V. Tusch



Excitement is building everywhere as we near the Centennial Celebration of the George

Washington Masonic National Memorial. Masons and the Masonic family from across this country and around the world are planning to travel to Alexandria in February for this incredible, once in a lifetime experience. We hope that you can attend and join in the celebration.

I believe that we all recognize that this event is much more than celebrating a stunning iconic structure that, indeed, is remarkable. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the man who we memorialize, what he stood for and its critical importance for us and the world today and tomorrow. *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* is more than a catch phrase. More than granite and marble, the Memorial serves as the beacon to perpetuate and disseminate these values and to remind the world of the central role that Freemasonry has in civil society.

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George Seghers has announced his retirement early next year after 23 years of service as Executive Director/CEO of the Memorial. He has set a remarkably high bar over that time for those who follow. With his tireless work ethic, dedication and passionate vision, he has overseen and directed the complete top to bottom, exterior and interior restoration of the building, returning it to the pristine condition it was in a century ago when its cornerstone was laid; and that will ensure its integrity well into its second century. The landscaping has been developed into lush green space. New, contemporary exhibits are informing all who visit about Freemasonry, American history and George Washington. The number of accomplishments during George's tenure is extensive.

One of the most important jobs for the Board of Directors was finding the next Executive Director. A search committee comprised of five Directors evaluated several qualified applicants during the past year. It recommended, and the Board of Directors ratified, the selection of the next Director, a Freemason who has a remarkable background combined with a passion for the mission of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. We believe that he is the right choice to lead the Memorial into its second century.

My tenure on the Board of Directors will end this February, completing 15 years of service. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and I am eternally grateful for the experience. It has been an honor to work with the remarkable men who served as directors and the staff of the Memorial as we have striven to fulfill its mission. I have no doubt that it will be in excellent hands in the future.

Rededicating the Cornerstone

In 1923, attendees came from every part of our great nation to support the idea of the Memorial. "The centennial of that spectacular event is nearly upon us, and it is our great pleasure to extend to you a cordial invitation to a special re-dedication of our cornerstone on February 20, 2023," explained Ken Nagel, Past Grand Master of California and the First Vice President of the Memorial Association. "This will be an opportunity for supporters of the Memorial from around the world to join in a Celebration both of the Memorial's past as well as its future in the century to come."

In 2023, Masons will gather again at the Memorial to witness the re-dedication of this cornerstone. The time is now to celebrate the Memorial's timeless legacy. Please join us in February 2023. Come as an individual, as a family, or as a lodge, and become part of our second century of making history. See below for a complete schedule of events, beginning Friday, February 17 and running through Wednesday, February 22.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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 taking place in historic Old Town Alexandria. The Parade steps off at 1:00 p.m. Registration is available on our website.

The Rededication Ceremony takes place at 3:30 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.*)

The George Washington Symposium — Wednesday, February 22, 2023

An educational event that begins at 1 p.m. at the Memorial. The theme of the 2023 Symposium will be *The Architectural History of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial*. This event is free and open to the general public.

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

Celebrating a Century of Honoring George Washington

by George D. Seghers



On January 9, 1790 Washington wrote to Catharine Macauley Graham: “... I always believed that an unequivocally free and equal Representation of the People in the Legislature, together with an efficient and responsible Executive, were the great Pillars on which the preservation of American Freedom must depend... That the Government, (of the United States) though not absolutely perfect, is one of the best in the world, I have little doubt.” Amidst the uncertainty and chaos that exists in our society today these words certainly ring true. As Freemasons we have a duty and a moral obligation to be civil, fair and honest in all that we do and say. Our Masonic standards are high, as they should be, and we should follow the example of that truly good and great man, George Washington.

2022 has been a challenging and somewhat difficult year, however, we are steadily moving forward with the restoration of the Memorial in preparation for the Re-enactment of the Cornerstone Dedication of the Memorial on Monday, February 20, 2023. The Memorial is open for tours Friday through Sunday weekly. We are open every day for Lodge meetings and private and public events. Although it has been difficult at times, we have been able to keep the Memorial staffed and functioning. So far this year we have completed the repair and restoration of the Portico and the east and south exterior walls of the main building. We are presently working on the north and we plan to complete the repair and restoration of the north and west sections this year. The work that has been done and the work that is to be done would not be a reality without the support of the Freemasons of America and the Friends of the Memorial. It is the generous support of Grand Lodges, Lodges, Masonic Organizations, and individuals that is moving the Memorial and its projects and programs forward. On behalf of the Officers and members of the Board of Directors, I extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.

For the 100th anniversary of the laying of the Memorial Cornerstone, we plan to follow the 1923 program of events as much as possible. The public events will begin with a parade up King Street to the Memorial. The Cornerstone Ceremony will take place on the terrace directly in front of the Memorial, the same level as the original cornerstone which is on the northeast corner of the Memorial. Each Grand Master present will symbolically participate in the ceremony and will receive a replica of the Trowel that Washington used at the Cornerstone

Ceremony of the United States Capital in 1793. A scaled down replica of the original cornerstone is being created with the date of the re-enactment and the Square & Compasses carved into it. As was done in 1923, the Grand Master of Virginia will conduct the Cornerstone Ceremony and symbolically lay the cornerstone. The Grand Lodge of Virginia is hosting the 2023 Conference of Grand Masters in North America in order to facilitate the attendance of the Grand Masters of the United States. Vice President Kenneth G. Nagel, Past Grand Master of California will be serving as President of the Memorial Association in 2023 and he is spearheading the planning for the event.

A Commemorative painting of the Memorial is being created and will be available in a high quality canvas print for \$1,000.00. A poster specially designed for the event is in production and will be available to all those who register for the event. We have also commissioned commemorative plaques which feature an ashlar crafted from granite and/or marble from the Memorial and brass plate listing the event and the date. A time capsule has been created and will contain items from each Member Grand Lodge, the Memorial Association, Fredericksburg Lodge N^o 4 and Alexandria-Washington Lodge N^o 22. We hope you will join us for the historic event. Please visit the Memorial website — www.gwmemorial.org — for more information. The Memorial introduced a new program for 2021 with the presentation of a Memorial Calendar. We completed the design and production of the 2023 calendar. The calendar has outstanding photographs of the Memorial accompanied by quotes about Washington.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, American Freemasonry’s gift to mankind, is many things. It is a repository for the history of Freemasonry, it is a Museum that preserves and presents the Masonic Life of George Washington and the history and heritage of American Freemasonry, it is a research and educational center, and a fine arts and community events center. But, above and beyond all this, it is a Masonic Memorial to George Washington, the Man, the Mason and Father of our Country. Its purpose it to ensure that his memory and legacy will never be forgotten.

George Washington’s life was a continuing journey of self improvement. He lived his life in the same manner that we as Freemasons should live our lives. We should strive to improve ourselves daily and work to make this world we live in a peaceful, productive, and joyous world. Please come and visit your Memorial to the Father of our Country.



On Monday, December 28, 1778, Washington and 300 other Freemasons attended a St. John's Day sermon in Philadelphia — an event brilliantly illustration in this mural by Allyn Cox that adorns the north wall of Memorial Hall at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

General Washington Attends the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's St. John the Evangelist Day Service in Philadelphia, December 28, 1778

by Mark A. Tabbert

After the indecisive battle of Monmouth Court House on June 28, 1778, the British army evacuated Philadelphia and retired back to New York City. Washington and his army, following them, encamped in northern New Jersey and up the Hudson River to West Point. With the British army gone, the Continental Congress ended its nine-month sojourn in York, Pennsylvania, and returned to Philadelphia on July 2.

In mid-December 1778, Washington received a summons from the Congress to come to Philadelphia to discuss the campaign for the coming year. Taking his first leave since the beginning of the war, he wrote to Martha at Mount Vernon asking her to join him there.

Pennsylvania Freemasonry recovered after the British army left Philadelphia. The grand lodge failed to meet from June 1774 until July 1779, and unfortunately, most of its early records were lost during the occupation. In the summer of 1779, the grand lodge sent letters to all of its seventeen subordinate lodges, requesting they provide proof of their viability, pay back dues, and contribute to the charity fund. A total of 790 pounds was collected.

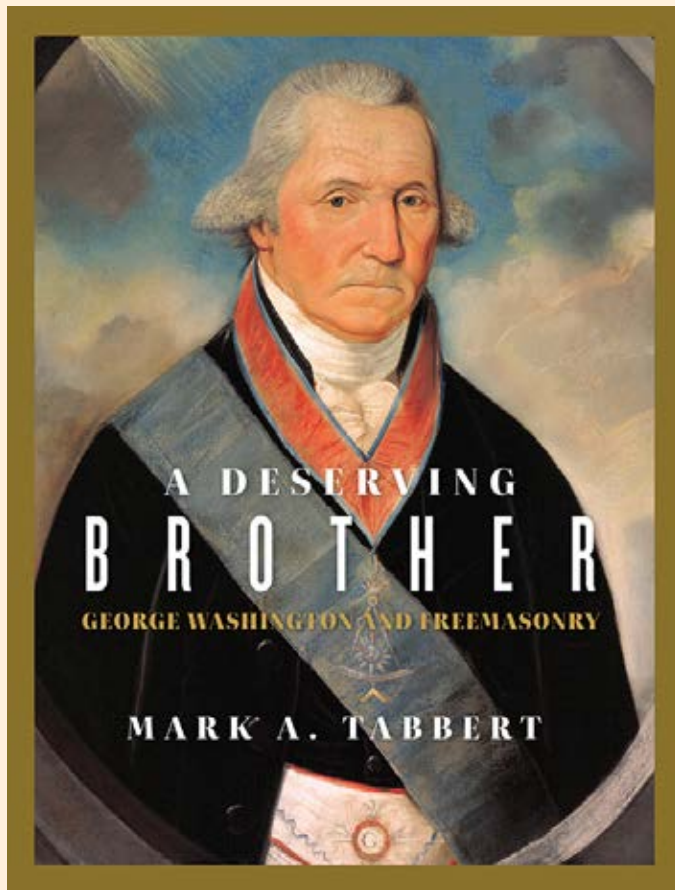
In December, the grand lodge began planning its traditional Masonic observance of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, to be held on the twenty-seventh. Although Freemasonry is not a Chris-

tian fraternal organization, since at least 1717, English Freemasons have adopted St. John the Evangelist as their patron. According to Charge XXII of the Ancient Grand Lodge of England's 1756 *Constitutions*, "Lodges . . . shall meet in some convenient place on every St. John's Day; and when business is over, they may repair to their festive dinners, as they shall think most convenient; and when St. John's Day happens on a Sunday then the public meeting shall be on the next Monday. The Grand Lodge must meet in some convenient Place on St. John the Evangelist Day, in every Year, in Order to Proclaim the new, or recognize the Old Grand-Master, Deputy, and Grand Wardens."

Word that Washington was expected in town before Christmas prompted Grand Master William Ball (1729–1810) to hold a meeting at Col. Thomas Proctor's house. Six brothers, two each from Lodges N^o 2, 3, and 4, were appointed to wait upon General Washington and request his attendance. On December 25, the committee did indeed deliver the invitation to Washington, and as the minute book reports, "his Excellency was pleased to express a grateful satisfaction and consent thereto."

Other than securing the support of the most famous man in America, it is not clear why Grand Master Ball invited Washington to the church service. Although not actually blood relations, it

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This article is an excerpt from the new 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 explores 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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is possible that he and Washington assumed a family connection through Washington's mother, Mary Ball (1708–1789).

It is also unclear how Ball, or anyone outside northern Virginia, knew Washington to be a Freemason. Certainly his membership was known among the brethren of his Fredericksburg lodge and his family and friends, but how anyone might hear of his initiation more than twenty-three years after his last recorded lodge attendance is difficult to determine.

Of course, Washington visited Philadelphia many times between 1755 and 1778, and he knew and often dined with many of its leading citizens. But Ball's knowledge of Washington's Masonic membership appears predicated on Washington volunteering the fact, either by word or by appearing at a lodge meeting.

The Grand Lodge selected Anglican Christ Church for its celebratory service. Per its Grand Constitutions, it shifted its observation from December 27 to December 28. As reported in *The Pennsylvania Packet*, the service was probably the largest gathering of Freemasons in America to date. Three hundred brothers marched the two blocks from the College and Academy of Philadelphia to the church. As the guest of honor, Washington was

accompanied by Grand Master Ball.

The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. William White, who later became Pennsylvania's first Episcopal bishop in 1789. The sermon was given by Rev. William Smith (1727–1803), who was the first provost and dean of the Academy and College of Philadelphia (now the University of Pennsylvania). Smith's sermon centered on 1 Peter 2:16: "[Act] as free [people], and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God."

A collection of some 400 pounds was then taken up for distribution to the city's poor. After the service, the brethren proceeded back to the college, where they divided according to lodge. Each lodge then retired to a tavern for its own banquet.

There are many reasons why Washington might have agreed to the grand lodge's invitation. If Washington believed he and William Ball were kin, then his acceptance may have been a simple family courtesy. But as likely, Washington as a Freemason was obligated to at least answer Masonic invitations. Deeper still, in a time of war and of material hardship, he was willing to patronize any organization or congregation that aided those in need. The event promoted civic pride and provided a healthy distraction from the

war and the winter cold. Lastly, by his appearing in public and at church, all would see he was in good health and pious.

Transcription:

PHILADELPHIA

MONDAY LAST, AGREEABLE TO THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE Most Ancient and Worshipful SOCIETY of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, was celebrated as the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. At nine o'clock in the morning near THREE HUNDRED of the Brethren assembled at the College, and at eleven o'clock went in regular Procession from thence to Christ Church to attend divine service. The order of Procession was as follows, viz.

1. The Sword-Bearer
2. Two Deacons, with blue wands tipt with gold.
3. The three ORDERS, Dorick, Ionick, and Corinthian, borne by three Brethren.
4. The HOLY BIBLE and Book of Constitutions, on two crimson velvet cushions, borne by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.
5. A Reverend Brother.
6. Four Deacons, bearing wands
7. His Excellency, our illustrious Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esquire, supported by the GRAND MASTER and his Deputy.
8. The two Grand Wardens, bearing the proper pillars.
9. The Past Masters of the different Lodges.
10. The present Masters of Lodges.
Of the Different private Lodges.
11. The Senior Wardens,
12. The Junior Wardens,
13. The Secretaries,
14. The Treasurers,
15. Brother Proctor's Band of music
16. Visiting Brethren
17. The Members of different Lodges, walking two and two, according to seniority.

The Procession entered the Church in the order of their march, and the Brethren took their seats in the pews of the middle isle, which were kept empty for their reception. Prayers were read by the Reverend Mr. WHITE, and the following Anthem was sung in its proper place by sundry of the Brethren, accompanied by the Organ and other instrumental music, viz.

A GRAND SYMPHONY.

CHORUS.

BEHOLD how good and joyful a Thing it is,
Brethren, to dwell together in UNITY.

SOLO

I WILL give thanks unto Thee, O LORD! with
my whole heart secretly among my Brethren, and in

the Congregation will I praise Thee: I will
speak the marvelous Works of thy Hands,
The SUN, the MOON and the STARS,
which thou hast ordained.

SOLO

THE People that walked in Darkness hath seen a great
Light, and on them that dwelt in the Land of the
Shadow of Death doth the glorious Light
Of JEHOVAH shine

SOLO

THOU hast gathered us from the EAST, and from the
WEST, from the NORTH, and from the SOUTH ;
THOU hast made us Companions for the
Mighty upon Earth, even for
Princes of Great Nations.

SOLO

O! I AM! Inspire us with WISDOM and STRENGTH
to support us in all our Troubles, that we
May worship Thee in the
BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

After which a most excellent and well adapted Sermon was preached by our Reverend and Worthy Brother WILLIAM SMITH, D.D. The text was taken from the 1st Peter 2nd Chapter and 16th Verse. The Brethren have since requested the Sermon to be published, and the profits to be applied to the use of the Poor.

After divine service the Procession returned in the same order to the College; the musical bells belonging to the Church and the band music played proper Masonic tunes. The Brethren being all new cloathed, and the Officers in the proper Jewels of their respective Lodges, and their other badges of dignity, made a genteel appearance.

The Brethren afterwards departed to their respective Lodges, where they dined together with their usual harmony and sociability; the sum of Four Hundred Pounds having been collected in Church among the Brethren and others their charitable Fellow citizens who honored them with their company, for the relief of the Poor.

N. B. Such charitable Brethren and Others who have not yet had an opportunity of contributing their mite are requested to send the same to any of the following gentlemen, viz Mess. William Ball, John Wood, John Howard, and William Shute; to whom Objects of Charity, bringing proper recommendations to the house of Mr. Ball in Market-street, after New Year's Day, between the hours of ten and twelve in the forenoon, are to apply.

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Masonic Lodge officers marching in the parade to dedicate the Memorial's cornerstone on November 1, 1923.

How to Participate in the Cornerstone Centennial Parade

The City of Alexandria, Virginia, has celebrated George Washington's birthday with parades, performances, dances, and more since the time of the Revolution. Washington lived here about 40 years of his life, so there is a deep connection between this city and our first president. Many organizations in the area celebrate throughout the month. Gadsby's Tavern, where Washington was known to frequently dine, has hosted celebrations of his birthday since the 1790s, and had the General himself participate in two of them, and still continues to honor the tradition. The largest celebration in the city is typically a parade.

This year, the George Washington Birthday Parade is scheduled to take place on February 20, 2023. The theme for the year is *George Washington: The Man, The Mason, The Cornerstone of Our*

Republic and will tie in Freemasonry across the country to our Illustrious Brother Washington and this great city.

The parade starts at 1:00 p.m. For any Mason, lodge or Masonic organization interested in participating, registration is required. Please register by visiting www.washingtonbirthday.com. There is a \$50 registration fee for each parade group. It is requested that the Craft wears black suit, tie, and white gloves. The weather in February is difficult to predict, and is sometimes unseasonably warm — but please prepare for the possibility of cold or rain and pack accordingly.

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

Collections Intern Catalogues the Thomas W. Jackson Collection

This September the Memorial welcomed undergraduate student Frank Riccio, as a museum collections intern. Mr. Riccio is a senior seeking a degree in History and Political Studies from the Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire. He comes to the Memorial through the Washington Internship Institute. Mr. Riccio's main project at the Memorial is to continue the process of inventorying and cataloging the new Thomas W. Jackson Collection. We recently acquired the vast collection of the late Thomas Jackson (1934–2021) of Pennsylvania. This new acquisition has nearly doubled the Memorial Association's collection with an estimated 1,500 individual objects ranging from lapel pins, awards from over 111 grand lodges throughout the world, and even the ceremonial crown and robe Jackson was awarded when he was named Chief of the village of Nigua-Saff in the country of the Ivory Coast. Mr. Riccio's internship will be completed in early December 2022. The Memorial Association is grateful for his industriousness.



Frank Riccio of Colby-Sawyer College.



Inspiring as ever, the Memorial's tower now shines more clearly as the exterior restoration nears completion, as the scaffolding moves to the rear portion of the building.

Exterior Restoration of the Memorial's First Level Nearing Completion

This fall, restoration work at the Memorial has reached a new milestone. With the Portico completed, the efforts have shifted to the north, south, and west façades of the first level. The process that began in 2014 on the Memorial's Pyramid level has now reached the final stages. Soon, the semicircular west face of the Theatre will be completed. While there is still work ahead, the Memorial will be ready for the 2023 Cornerstone Rededication (*see pages 1–2*).

For eight years, Paul Keegan and his crew at Hibernia Masonry (*see right*) have hoisted and dismantled scaffolding, sealed cracks, repaired stress fractures, removed degraded mortar, repointed each joint, installed new features, and cleaned the tower's surface stone by stone. Thanks to their hard work and the enduring support of our contributors, the restoration of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial has been possible. Now, for the first time in a generation, it is possible to see the building in as stately a condition as that when it was first erected.



The workers of Hibernia Masonry have spent years restoring the Memorial. From left: Byron Gomes, Alberto Cuxun, Rafael Barrios, and Paul Keegan.

Better Late Than Never

October is, each year, National Estate Planning Awareness month. While I understand you won't be reading this till sometime in November or maybe even later, it's still appropriate to share this information with you now as it is truly timeless.

Estate planning is one of the most important activities each of us can undertake. Yet, for nearly 60 percent of the population, it's something that doesn't get done. And that's very unfortunate because if a will/estate plan is not in place, all that an individual has worked for to accumulate throughout his/her life is distributed according to plans made by the government instead of the individual involved. Those plans don't, of course, take into account the personal relationships within a family, sentimentality, or other important personal considerations.

Rather a stark statement, I know — but it's true. And I offer it here to bring it to your attention. Hopefully, it may prompt you to action. Even now, I can hear your comments, mental or audible: "I don't have much of an estate, I don't need to plan." Or "I don't have time right now." Or "I wrote my will (or established my estate plan) years ago; it's all done." Or "I'm too young; I don't need a will." Ahhh yes, we've heard them all before. But none of them . . . or, most likely, anything else you're thinking of . . . are true.

Everyone has an estate — some are simply larger than others and may be more complex. But each of us has an estate, and we need to provide for its distribution when the time comes. Interestingly, a recent study found that a significant percentage of us take more time to plan our annual vacation than we do to thoughtfully consider what our will and estate plan should be and include. Wills and estate plans are not "static"; they are living documents. People/places/things come and go from our lives. Those who were once important no longer are or have passed on. Various assets may change or even be sold. If people or assets were included in a previous will but wouldn't be today, will-provided gifts left unchecked may go to someone you'd rather not have them or may fail because the asset to provide them is no longer there. That's why wills/estate plans should be reviewed and, if appropriate, updated every few years. And, generally, once arriving at adulthood, everyone should have a will . . . even a very simple one . . . as no one is promised tomorrow, yet everyone's estate is subject to the rules of distribution established by the state.

While we are not estate planners and don't offer legal advice, we do encourage you to seek out a good estate planning attorney to assist you. However, we can provide information which can be helpful to you in learning about those topics which should be taken into consideration as you approach this important task. Our website, www.gwlegacy.org, contains a plethora of information pertinent to charitable giving and estate planning. There you will find model will language, examples of gifts that can be included in your plan

and which provide not only tax savings but also an income stream for you and/or a loved one, and calculators to help you apply your own data to formats which reveal what those benefits could be for you. There you'll also find stories about folks who've made and benefited from such giving and planning. Further, our Wills Planner is a complete document to help you gather and record the information your attorney will need to prepare your will.

As you discuss these plans with your attorney, be sure to inquire about the benefits of charitable giving in a well-structured estate plan. We respectfully request that, if you include charitable giving in your will or plan, you consider the Memorial as a beneficiary of that giving. Your interest in and support of the Memorial — and that of your predecessors — has sustained it for 100 years. As it enters its second century of service to the fraternity and our country, we pray we may count on your support in this very special way.

The end of the year is a common time to review one's financial status and tax planning. This year, take that extra step to commit to beginning your will creation (or revision) and estate planning process. You, and your loved ones, will be glad you did.

Note: If we can be of assistance as you consider these matters, please don't hesitate to contact Tim Strawn, Director of Development, at 703-786-5424 (mobile) or tstrawn@gwmemorial.org.

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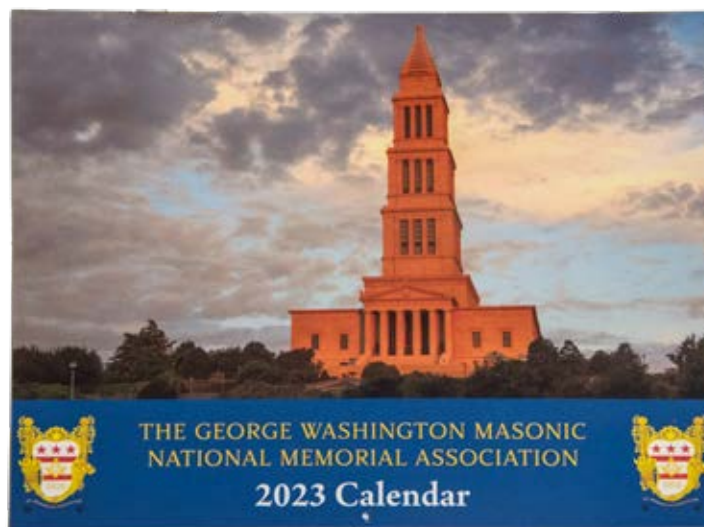
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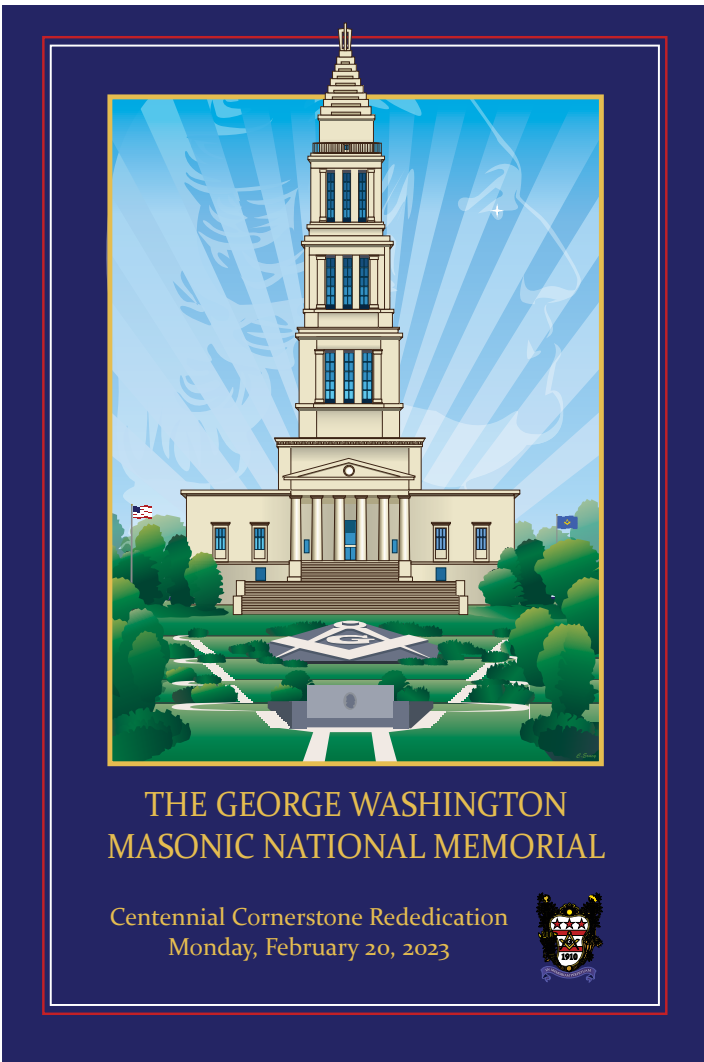
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