

## Memorial Welcomes 2004 Conference and Holds Successful Annual Meeting

With hundreds of attendees present from around the world, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was honored to welcome attendees of the 2004 Conference of Grand Masters and to hold a very successful Annual Meeting and Ladies Program on Sunday, February 15. The Annual Meeting returned to the Memorial after an absence of 10 years. The meeting is part of the Conference of Grand Masters. The Conference headquarter hotel this year was the Omni Shoreham in Washington, D.C.



President Lichy thanks Conference Chairman Carl J. Fitje.



President Lichy presents a plaque of appreciation to guest speaker James C. Rees.

President of the Memorial Association Warren D. Lichy presided over the Annual Meeting, which included special guest speaker, Brother James C. Rees, Executive Director of Mount Vernon. Brother Rees gave a well-received presentation on the dual mission that Mount Vernon and the Memorial both share to perpetuate the legacy of George Washington and to continue pro-active efforts to educate the public about the important place of honor in history that Washington commands.

The Annual Meeting also included the election of the Officers of the Association for the ensuing year. Four new members were also elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term. (See *Greetings from the President* for details.) The Board of Directors meet twice each year: at the Conference of Grand Masters in February and at the Memorial in August. This year's Board Meeting was held at the Memorial on Saturday, February 14.

Following the Annual Meeting, President Lichy and the Officers and Board of Directors officiated at the Dedications of the newly renovated George Washington Museum on the fourth floor and the Shrine Rooms on the first floor. The Museum and its renovation are gifts of the two U.S. Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The renovated Shrine Rooms were completely funded by the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America. Due to space limitations, attendees watched the Dedications in the Memorial Theatre via a live video broadcast.

## Greetings From The President

by Warren D. Lichy



It was a great day! On Sunday, February 15, the Conference of Grand Masters in North America reopened their proceedings at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial followed by the Memorial Association's Annual Corporation Meeting. Conference Chairman M.W. Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of New York, reopened the Conference, with the assistance of M.W. Edward L. Zorn of Colorado, Conference Vice Chairman. Chairman Fitje then invited the Memorial Association to open its Annual Corporation Meeting, after which I gave the Invocation. We were then pleased to be welcomed by Brother Frank S. Skwirut, Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. Special guest Brother James C. Rees, Executive Director of Mount Vernon, was then introduced and gave an inspiring talk on George Washington. Brother Rees always speaks passionately about the important mission to keep the memory of Washington alive in the hearts and minds of all Americans.

At the Annual Meeting, we also elected four new members to the Board of Directors. We are pleased to welcome M.W. Brothers William A. Alvord, Grand Master of North Dakota; Edward L. Zorn, Grand Master of Colorado; David W. Miller, Grand Master of Illinois and A. Lee Skinner, Grand Master of Hawaii. Executive Committee members who were re-elected to three-year terms are M.W. Brothers Michael D. Brumback,

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P.G.M. of Indiana and Anthony P. Wordlow, P.G.M. of California and W. Brother Frank R. Dunaway, Jr., representing Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. And with the resignation of Clifford C. Godsey, we elected M.W. Robert N. Erickson, Grand Master of Iowa, to a one-year term to fill the unexpired portion of Iowa's term on the Board.

We also recognized those members of the Board of Directors who had completed their three-year terms. They are M.W. Brothers G. Glenwood Brown, P.G.M. of West Virginia; Donald R. Salmon, P.G.M. of South Dakota; Bryce E. Lundell, P.G.M. of Wyoming and Mark V. Vander Vere, P.G.M. of New Mexico. We appreciate the support these Brothers have given to the Memorial Association and know that they will continue their interest.

After conducting the annual business of the Memorial Association, the meeting was adjourned and the contributions of the member Grand Lodges and Appendant Bodies were received. Next, we moved to the newly renovated George Washington Museum on the fourth floor for the Dedication of that beautiful facility. The renovation, sponsored by the two Supreme Councils of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, is magnificent. Illustrious Brother Walter E. Webber, 33<sup>o</sup>, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and Ronald A. Seale, 33<sup>o</sup>, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. were special guests and spoke at the Dedication. We are extremely grateful for their most generous donation of \$100,000 each.

In honor of this occasion, special exhibits, on loan for that day only, included the George Washington gavel brought by Potomac Lodge No. 5 of the District of Columbia, the Saint John's Lodge Bible brought from New York, and the George Washington trowel furnished by the Memorial Association with the concurrence of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. It was also a pleasure to welcome to the Dedication M.W. Edgar N. Peppler, Past President of the Association and M.W. Donald M. Roby, Past Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

After completion of the Dedicatory activities in the Museum, we moved to the renovated Shrine Rooms on the first floor. We were pleased to have with us Deputy Imperial Potentate Raoul L. Frevel, Sr. and other members of the Imperial Divan who assisted in the Dedication. The renovated rooms are attractive and educational, and yes, the Shrine Parade is still there, but now it's much easier for the children to view.

During the Annual Meeting and Dedications, ladies were treated to an afternoon of special entertainment. The program was organized and hosted by Louise Seghers, wife of our ever-efficient Executive Secretary-Treasurer George Seghers, and included a most interesting address by Brother Rees. The ladies were also regaled with a historical reenactment of Martha Washington and her times.

The Grand Masters had their official photograph taken on the front steps of the Memorial. And the day ended with a gala reception in Assembly Hall with delicious food, a string trio and much fellowship.

Ever so many Brothers who attended went out of their way to tell me how much they enjoyed the day at the Memorial and many ladies also let me know that the Ladies Program was outstanding and that they enjoyed it very much. Perhaps the best thing, however, was that so many who had never done so had the opportunity to tour the Memorial from top to bottom and see all the wonderful exhibits which make up this very special building. All in all, it was, indeed, a great day!

## Successful Annual Meeting, *continued from page 1*



*President Lichty with Supreme Council Sovereign Grand Commanders Walter E. Webber (left) of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and Ronald A. Seale of the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. cut the ribbon to officially dedicate the newly renovated George Washington Musuem.*

While the Annual Meeting and Dedications were in session, ladies were thoroughly entertained across the hall in the North Lodge Room where Brother Rees was also a guest speaker. And, ladies were treated to a performance by costumed reenactors, direct from Mount Vernon, who presented a humorous and insightful perspective on America's *first* First Lady, as well as a film on the dramatic rescue to save Mount Vernon. In addition, the program began with an enlightening multi-media presentation on the founding and mission of the Memorial.

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*Deputy Imperial Potentate Raoul L. Frevel, Sr., accompanied by Ralph W. Semb, Chairman of the Shriners Hospitals For Children Board of Trustees, John D. Vermaas, Immediate Past Chairman, members of the Imperial Divan and many local Shriners, speaks at the Dedication of the newly renovated Shrine Rooms.*

## Message From Alexandria



George D. Seghers

Our Annual Meeting here at the Memorial was a wonderful event. The Memorial Staff, Executive Committee, Board of Directors and the Ladies Program Committee worked extremely hard and were the reason for the success that it was. We received so many positive comments about the program and the Memorial, many from members and guests who were visiting for the first time. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial belongs to all of America's Freemasons and it was truly great to see so many people enjoying and using the Memorial. On behalf of the Memorial I would like to extend a special thank you to Carl J. Fitje, Conference Chairman; Edward L. Zorn, Conference Vice Chairman and the members of the 2004 Conference Committee: Ronald L. Coppedge, Chairman; G. Lee Ferguson, Robert H. Erickson, Steven J. Krakus, Darrell Neill, Vern Bieto and Robert L. Miller for their guidance and support in returning the Annual Meeting to the Memorial.

The mission of 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.* As we begin another year we must keep that mission in our mind. To fulfill that mission we must ensure the financial security of the Memorial Association.

With an adequate Endowment Fund, the future of the Memorial for all generations to come will be secured. It is only through the active participation and support of the Freemasons of the United States that we will be able to fulfill our mission.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alaska who approved a resolution that increased their per-capita contribution to \$1 per member and continued the contribution of \$5 per initiate. Per the request of the Grand Master, the \$5 per initiate fee will be placed in the Endowment Fund and the per-capita contribution will be placed in the Operations Fund. Alaska is the third Grand Lodge to approve a \$1 per-capita and retain the \$5 per initiate fee. The other two Grand Lodges are the District of Columbia and North Dakota. More than one third of our Active Members, the Grand Lodges of the United States, now make per-capita contributions to the Memorial.

Freemasonry had a deep and lasting effect on Washington. In a letter to Joseph Reed, dated April 15, 1776, Washington wrote, "...Nothing but disunion can hurt our cause. This will ruin it, if great prudence, temper and moderation is not mixed in our counsels, and made the governing principles of the contending parties." These words sound very much like Masonic ritual and are as relevant and true today as they were when written. We must work together to perpetuate the legacy and memory of our Foremost Freemason, George Washington.

### Successful Annual Meeting, *continued from page 2*

At the conclusion of the programs, all attendees gathered in Assembly Hall for a reception hosted by President Lichty and the Board of Directors.

On February 16 and 17, Memorial representatives participated throughout the Conference sessions and once again, had their striking exhibit booth on display at the hotel. The Memorial is grateful for the many attendees that stopped to visit the booth to hear about the Memorial's activities and accomplishments and to learn what they can continue to do to help support and promote the memory of George Washington.

### Memorial Tree Program

For a donation of \$500 a tree will be planted on the Memorial grounds in honor or memory of an individual or organization. A granite marker will be installed near each tree to identify the donor and honoree. For information or to participate in this program contact George Seghers at 703-683-2007 or [gseghe@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gseghe@gwmemorial.org)

### WISH LIST - 2004

The following maintenance and improvement projects have been deferred due to a lack of funding. If you, your Lodge, Grand Lodge or Masonic organization would like to contribute to any of these projects please contact George Seghers at 703-683-2007 or [gseghe@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gseghe@gwmemorial.org)

Install Aircraft Warning Lights on the Memorial	\$15,000
Install Second Phase of Surveillance System	\$35,000
Install Emergency Generators	\$125,000
Install Security Lighting on the North Parking Lot	\$9,000
Replace and Extend Sidewalks on the North Side of the Front Driveway	\$10,000
Structural Engineer Survey of the Memorial	\$35,000
Install Dampers on the 12th Level	\$42,000
Install Room Dividers in the Dining Room	\$7,200
Remove and Reset the Front Steps	\$250,000
Replace Sidewalks at the Square and Compasses	\$5,000
Renovate and Air Condition Assembly Hall	\$150,000

## Grand Lodge Month Program

The Grand Lodge Month Program continues to draw visitors and attention to and support for the Memorial. February was *The Grand Lodge of Alaska Month*. Grand Master Joe Dees, DGM Harry J. Koenen, SGW Marvin P. Fitzpatrick and JGW Samuel K. Medsker opened an emergent session of the Grand Lodge of Alaska in the Memorial to inaugurate Alaska Month. Also in attendance were Charles E. Corbin, PGM of Alaska and a member of the Board of Directors of the Memorial and PGM Lloyd W. Triggs, State Chairman for Alaska, and many other Brethren from Alaska and Northern Virginia. The Grand Lodge sent an outstanding exhibit featuring the history, mission, activities and charities of the Alaska Masonic family for display in Assembly Hall. The Grand Lodge of Alaska increased their per-capita contribution to the Memorial to \$1 per member. Our special thanks and appreciation are extended to Brother Corbin for his efforts on behalf of the Memorial and to the Brethren of Alaska for their continued support.



Grand Master Joe Dees, Grand Lodge of Alaska Officers and Alaska Masons assemble on the front steps of the Memorial.

March was *The Grand Lodge of Hawaii Month*. April will be *The Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico Month*. The Grand Lodge Program will end with *The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Month* in May. We will then begin a program to recognize and honor the Appendant Bodies of the Masonic Family. The schedule for 2004 will be: June - *The Shrine of North America Month*, July - *Scottish Rite NMJ*, August - *Scottish Rite SJ*, September - *Allied Masonic Degrees*, October - *Order of the Amaranth*, November - *Social Order of the Beauceant*, December - *Cryptic Masons International*.

### Memorial Windows Available for Dedication

To dedicate a window in honor or memory of an individual or an organization requires a donation of \$7,500. The Memorial will install a dedicatory plaque at or near the designated window stating for whom the window is dedicated and by whom it was presented. This is an excellent way to support the Memorial and perpetuate the memory of an individual or organization. For information contact George Seghers at 703-683-2007 or [gseghers@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org)



## The Benefit of A Charitable Gift Annuity

A popular charitable strategy is the charitable gift annuity. Your charitable gift annuity to the Memorial can create income to you and generate income tax benefits. Through a gift annuity you can lock in a guaranteed lifetime income, create an income tax deduction and support the Memorial at the same time. A gift annuity is a contract between the donor and the recipient. The donor contributes a specific amount and the recipient, in this case the Memorial, makes annual payments for life to one or two beneficiaries.

- Please send me Planned Giving information
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*For additional giving opportunities, please see reverse side*

## We Invite You to Join the GWMNMA Today!

**Yes!** I agree that The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is a very important part of our shared Masonic heritage. Together we can ensure that this magnificent Memorial continues to perpetuate the memory of our First President and Foremost Freemason. Enclosed is my GWMNMA membership contribution of:

- 21st Century Membership** - \$1,000 Donation – You will receive a 21st Century Membership Certificate, a Memorial lapel pin, and your name will be cast in bronze and displayed in the main entrance to Memorial Hall.
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### Tree Dedications

- \* Grace & Augusta Homan Armstrong, by Robert W. Homan  
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## Wreath Laying Ceremony Honors George Washington

On February 22, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial celebrated the 272<sup>nd</sup> birthday of our Foremost Freemason, George Washington, with an official wreath laying ceremony held in Memorial Hall. Distinguished guests and speakers included the Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor of the City of Alexandria; Del Pepper, the Vice Mayor of Alexandria; Joseph S. Shumard, Chairman of the George Washington Birthday Committee; several city councilmen; James M. Searce, Jr., Grand Master of Virginia; John A. Young, Grand Master of Maryland; G. Lee Ferguson, Grand Master of the District of Columbia and A. Ralph Horlbeck, Supreme Tall Cedar, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.



*Distinguished guests present wreaths at the base of the 17ft. bronze statue of George Washington in Memorial Hall. Pictured left to right are: James M. Searce, Jr., GM of Virginia; John A. Young, GM of Maryland; G. Lee Ferguson, GM of D.C.; William D. Euille, Mayor of Alexandria; A. Ralph Horlbeck, Supreme Tall Cedar and Joseph S. Shumard, Chairman of the George Washington Birthday Committee.*

The Legion of Honor of Kena Shrine Temple in Fairfax, Virginia, presented the colors. Jim Armenakis, Potentate of Kena Shrine Temple led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the ceremony, visitors and guests attended a reception hosted by the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Temple Forest #136.

## Thousands Visit Memorial on New Year's Eve

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was pleased to be a key venue of Alexandria, Virginia's Annual First Night program, a community celebration of New Year's Eve showcasing the area's best singers, dancers, actors, magicians and visual artists.

The unseasonably warm weather that evening no doubt contributed to record attendance. Official estimates put the number of visitors to First Night 2003 at over 10,000. There was standing room only at the Memorial for several of the performances. The Memorial by far, hosted the largest number of performance groups for a single venue with a total of seven including a blues and country band, a puppet performance, Tae Kwon Do demonstrations and an award-winning "a cappella" music group.

First Night provides a family-oriented, non-alcoholic celebration that is fun, safe and affordable for all. The festivities once again this year culminated at midnight with a spectacular fireworks display on the grounds of the Memorial.



## Association Officers

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