

Board Members Steer Future of Memorial

President Warren D. Lichy welcomed the Board of Directors to the third Semi-Annual Board Meeting held at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial on August 14. The meeting was a success with record attendance. Board Members focused on ways to increase funding including approving a second mailing for this year's Direct Appeal campaign. The feasibility of producing a calendar was discussed and the concept was approved. And Board Members once again supported the actions of the Executive Committee in striving for Grand Lodges to institute a per-capita contribution to the Memorial.



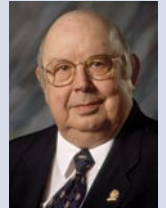
Board Members gather on the front steps of the Memorial. Front row, left to right: Frank R. Dunaway, Jr., AW #22 Representative; Michael D. Brumback, Second Vice President; Warren D. Lichy, President; W. Scott Stoner, First Vice President; Anthony P. Wordlow, Third Vice President; Roger A. Simmons, Executive Committee; George Seghers, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Second row, left to right: Jimmie D. Lee, Donald G. Hicks, Jr., William A. "Del" Alvord, Robert H. Starr, William P. Mayberry, Sr., G. Kent Elkins, Edward L. Zorn, John A. "Jack" Young, Jr., John W. Hein, Charles E. Corbin, A. Lee Skinner.

The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Memorial and is responsible for its operation and perpetuation. They are a valuable source of experience and talent and the Semi-Annual Meeting helps to increase their involvement in the financing and operation of the Memorial and provides a second opportunity for the Memorial to benefit from their direct input. Prior to the meeting, Board Members and their spouses were given a private tour of the Memorial to familiarize them with this wonderful tribute to Brother George Washington, to which they have dedicated their term to serve.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on February 19, 2005 in Calgary, Alberta during the Conference of Grand Masters of North America.

Greetings From The President

by Warren D. Lichy



The Semi-Annual meeting of the Board of Directors of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was held on Saturday, August 14. With most of the Board Members in attendance, we had a very productive business meeting.

It was reported that Brother Stephen E. Patrick, the professional curator who has served us so well during the museum renovation, will move to a consulting basis now that the renovation of the George Washington Museum is complete. We are extremely grateful to Brother Patrick for all his work over the years as our Museum curator and especially for working closely with the designer on the Museum renovation. He is currently training our librarian, Brother Dustin B. Smith on museum management, preservation and upkeep. Brother Patrick will still be available to us on an as-needed basis. Brother Smith continues to work with the librarian of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council to catalogue all of our books.

One of the high points of the Board Meeting was showing the Board Members the gold pocket watch that was just donated to the Memorial. It was owned by Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick, one of Washington's physicians. Dr. Dick used the watch to check Washington's pulse before his death. This is a beautiful piece, and it will soon be proudly displayed in the Museum. (See article, page 6.)

continued on page 2

Greetings From The President, *continued from page 1*

Another item of interest was the introduction of the new Memorial lapel pins. They are a shiny gold color and feature the Memorial building and Washington's face. These pins will be available in the Gift Shop. They do not replace the bronze pins showing the Memorial building only, which are given to those who donate at least one hundred dollars.

The Board also made arrangements to acquire at least two more small tabletop displays for use at Masonic meetings. We keep getting requests to have a presence at Grand Lodges and other Masonic functions.

After the Board Meeting, the Officers and Board Members joined their ladies for dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn. Servers dressed in colonial costume served a delicious meal and afterwards the group was escorted to Washington's beloved mansion where we were all given a private, candlelight tour. It was a great ending to a wonderful day.

In Memoriam



M. W. Paul Edward Ellis, Past President of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association from 2000-2002, passed away on Saturday, May 29 at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

M.W. Ellis was a lifelong resident of Seaford, Delaware. He was raised in Gethsemane Lodge No. 28 by his father in 1954. In 1968, he was elected Worshipful Master, an office held by his great-grandfather, the

Charter Master, his grandfather, father, brother, four uncles and several cousins. He served as Grand Master of Delaware in 1972. His numerous Masonic affiliations include the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, and National Sojourners. He was also active in community affairs having served as President of the Seaford Lions Club and on the Seaford Chamber of Commerce.

M.W. Ellis graduated from the University of Delaware and the University of Maryland School of Law. He also attended Oxford University. He served in the U.S. Army and attained the rank of Captain. He was awarded the commendation medal for meritorious service. He has served as Attorney for the Delaware State Senate, Deputy Attorney General for Sussex County and Assistant County Solicitor of Sussex County. In 1973, he was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Sussex County where he served until his retirement in 1996.

The Society of Washington Lodges

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is pleased to announce the founding of *The Society of Washington Lodges* on July 4, 2004. To join the *Society*, Lodges must be named after George Washington or Mount Vernon, with the exception of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in Virginia, St. John's Lodge No. 1 and Holland Lodge No. 8 in New York, Federal Lodge No. 1 and Potomac Lodge No. 5 in the District of Columbia, American Union Lodge No. 1 in Ohio and St. John's Lodge No. 3 in North Carolina. These Lodges each have a direct historical connection to Brother George Washington. The enrollment fee is \$2,500. The enrollment fees will be used for the preservation and upkeep of the Alexandria-Washington Replica Lodge Room and the Memorial.



The Hattie Burdette portrait was commissioned for the bicentennial of Washington's birth in 1932. It was officially presented to the Memorial and is on display in the Theatre.

The Member's Lodge name will be cast in bronze and displayed in the anteroom of the Replica Lodge Room and published in *The Messenger* and in the Memorial's *Annual Report*. In addition, Member Lodges of the *Society* will receive the following:

- ★ Certificate of Membership signed and sealed by the Memorial Association
- ★ Gavel and base made from wood from George Washington's Mount Vernon
- ★ Print of the Hattie Burdette portrait of George Washington
- ★ Video: *Two Hundred Years of George Washington's Masonic Heritage*
- ★ Invitations to Alexandria-Washington Lodge's annual George Washington Birthday celebration and annual wreath laying ceremony at the tomb of George Washington

For information, please contact George D. Seghers, Executive Secretary-Treasurer at 703-683-2007 or gseghers@gwmemorial.org.

Congratulations to the first New Member of *The Society of Washington Lodges*:

**Washington Lodge No. 20,
Sacramento, California**

Message From Alexandria



George D. Seghers

In the 1790's, when America was a vibrant, new nation, the image and the knowledge of Washington were everywhere. There were paintings and prints, plates, medallions, tapestry's, sculptures, statues and innumerable other items bearing his likeness. These items were made not only for commercial gain, but many of them were created as a form of homage and reverence for Washington. He had been the central figure in almost every facet of the Revolutionary War. He had served at the Continental Convention and as our First President. He was truly the anchor and the center of our nation.

In the 1890's, in preparation for the centennial observance of the death of Washington, there was a renewed interest in and reverence for him. Once again, numerous articles, books, biographies and other items were produced at this time. This revival eventually led to the building of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, a tangible, enduring symbol of the respect, reverence and love of the Freemasons of the United States for our Foremost Freemason, George Washington.

In a significant way, the Memorial reflects the character of Washington. Washington was truly American. He was born and spent his youth in Virginia. He served in the Militia as a young man and in his later years, he dedicated his life to his country's defense and to the establishment of this great nation. His entire life was lived in his own country. There was no foreign education, habits or tastes acquired abroad. His person, character and his greatness were totally American. In turn, the Memorial was constructed entirely of materials from the United States. It would have been inappropriate to

import materials from outside our country to erect a Memorial to our First President.

The name of George Washington is instantly recognizable, and his face is still the most familiar of all the historic figures in American history. Yet, as we enter the 21st century, sadly, Americans seem to know less about the remarkable career and character of Washington than at any other time in the history of our Republic. Washington was honest, courageous, and deeply patriotic - qualities that led his contemporaries to call him "The Father of His Country" as early as 1776 (before there was a United States). He consistently established the highest standards for his own actions. His was a life long journey of self-improvement, integrity, honesty and service. His life is an ongoing example of citizenship and statesmanship and an example of the heights that a human can achieve.

In a letter to King David's Lodge No. 1, Newport, Rhode Island dated August 22, 1790, Washington wrote: *"Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity. I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving Brother."*

Washington was surely a deserving Brother. His example is one we should all follow. At The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, we are working to present the positive and important role that George Washington and Freemasonry played and is still playing in this country. Our purpose is to perpetuate the memory, respect and honor of our First Commander in Chief, our First President, the Father of our Country and our Foremost Freemason - Brother George Washington.

2004 Holiday Ornament Collector's Edition



The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association proudly presents the 2004 Commemorative Ornament of George Washington - Freemason. This bronze toned ornament is a scale model of the heroic bronze statue of Washington located in Memorial Hall. Washington adorns the Masonic Apron, Sash and Jewel he wore at the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol on September 18, 1793.

To order, contact the Memorial Gift Shop at 703-549-9234 or the Memorial Website at www.gwmemorial.org.

Historical booklet included.

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 Georg Seghers at 703-683-2007 or gseghers@gwmemorial.org

Install Aircraft Warning Lights	\$15,000
Install Second Phase of Surveillance System	\$35,000
Install Emergency Generators	\$125,000
Install Security Lighting on North Parking Lot	\$9,000
Structural Survey of the Memorial	\$35,000
Install Room Dividers in Dining Rooms	\$8,000
Install Air Conditioning and Glass Windows/Doors in Assembly Hall	\$200,000
Remove and Reset Front Steps	\$250,000
Install Retaining Walls at Square and Compasses	\$3,500

Our thanks and appreciation to the Grand Lodge of New York for funding the replacement and extension of the sidewalks on the north side of the Memorial.

The Morning After

By Kenneth D. Fuller

A fellow brother shares fond memories about his relationship with his father, Freemasonry and the effect that visiting The George Washington Masonic National Memorial had on both.

My Dad developed an aversion for driving in, or even passing through, Washington, D.C. during my college years. The trip back to New England following my 1969 graduation from Davidson College in North Carolina, during which we found ourselves hopelessly lost on the streets of our nation's capital, taxed his patience beyond his human limits.

After I was called to be Pastor of a Congregational Church in Washington in 1994, my father never visited me. I visited him in Maine during the summers and in Florida in winter.

That he agreed to come down and actually stay in D.C. in September of 1998 was truly remarkable. I had known Masonry was important to him, but I had no idea how important it was. He came to sit in Lodge and participate in the Master Mason's degree. He worked his way in, his District Deputy Apron and Jewel from Connecticut helping his memory, no doubt. Because of his presence I was lucky enough to receive the third degree in full form. I will never forget the look on his face as he gripped my hand and helped me stand.

The next day we drove to The George Washington Masonic National Memorial. It was new territory for each of us. We found our way inside, admired the DeMolay exhibit and statue of Brother George Washington, and took the tour. We visited the various floors and the displays. From the Shrine parade on the first floor to the stained glass chapel in the tower, we were awed by the genius of Freemasonry.

I had been in ordained ministry for nearly three decades at that time, yet still found the Knights Templar Chapel a singular surprise. It was both inspiring and intriguing. I had never heard of the Knights Templar. So I read the literature and decided to find out more. Soon enough, one of my Blue Lodge brothers gave me petitions for Chapter, Council and Commandery.

My Dad died last year. I now have his Masonic aprons and books. The evening and the morning we spent together in Lodge and at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial are certainly among the happiest times I ever spent with him. Happy times were the rule, and not the exception. It was the morning after my raising, a morning we spent as brother masons, as well as father and son, which remains my favorite memory of my Dad.

Kenneth D. Fuller is Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the District of Columbia

Charitable Remainder Unitrusts Help Secure Future of Memorial

A Charitable Remainder Unitrust is an arrangement in which you transfer property, cash, securities and/or real estate to a trust. You and your spouse and/or other beneficiary receive payments from the trust for life or a term of years, calculated as a specified percentage of the trust principal as revalued annually. If the trust earns more than it pays out, the trust principal will grow and the payments will increase proportionately. When the trust terminates, the remaining principal passes to the Memorial.

- Please send me Planned Giving information
- I have already included the Memorial in my estate plans via
 - my will
 - a trust
 - other arrangements
- I am considering including the Memorial in my estate plans

Comments:

To discuss *Planned Giving* options, please contact:

W. Scott Stoner
Planned Giving Chairman
717-653-9927
Fax: 717-653-0556
wscottstoner@aol.com

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

E-mail

To respond, please fill in your information, tear along perforated line and mail to:

GWMNMA
Planned Giving Program
101 Callahan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22301
Or Fax to 703-683-2163

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.
- Platinum Presidential Membership** - \$500 Donation- You will receive a Membership Certificate and a Memorial lapel pin.
- Gold Master Membership** - \$250 Donation – You will receive a Membership Certificate and a Memorial lapel pin.
- Silver Craftsman Membership** - \$100 Donation - You will receive a Membership Certificate and a Memorial lapel pin.

Already a Supporter? Great! Since Membership is cumulative, an additional contribution may upgrade your status to the next category.

Other Amount \$ _____

Check enclosed made payable to *GWMNMA*
Please charge my: American Express Discover
 Master Card VISA

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____
Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. All Memberships are gratefully acknowledged, published in The Messenger and permanently displayed in the Memorial.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

To respond, please fill in your information, tear along perforated line and mail to:

GWMNMA, Membership
101 Callahan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22301
Or Fax to 703-683-2163

For additional giving opportunities, please see reverse side

CONTRIBUTORS

Tree Dedications		21 st Century Members	
** Grand Lodge of Alaska	AK	Ann E. Clark.	NJ
by Alaska Grand Lodge Officers 2004		Charles S. Clayberger	OR
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	AK	Akram R. Elias	DC
Glacier Lodge No. 10	AK	Donald G. Hicks, Jr.	MA
** Tanana Lodge No. 3, Valdez	AK	Bradley A. Hirst	CA
Lodge No. 4, Fairbanks Lodge		* Roy A. Hoffman	MI
No. 12, & North Pole Lodge		by Doris E. Hoffman	
No. 16		James M. Searce, Jr., GM	VA
by Alaska Masonic Lodges		Judith Searce	VA
District No. 1		A. Lee Skinner	HI
** Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5,	AK	Richard E. Waiton	NV
Seward Lodge No. 6, Kodiak		Robert Harold Younger	MD
Lodge No. 9, Kenai Lodge No. 11, & Sterling Lodge No. 22			
by Alaska Masonic Lodges		Platinum Presidential Members	
District No. 2		Devol Lodge No. 766	IN
** White Pass Lodge No. 1, Mt.	AK	Brian S. Eagleheart	OR
Verstovia Lodge No. 18,		Grove Lodge No. 824	IL
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19, Mt.		Lewis E. "Red" Kittell	NV
Juneau/Gasteneaux Lodge			
No. 21, & Petersburg		Gold Master Members	
Lodge No. 23		Donald A. Adams	MD
by Alaska Masonic Lodges		Edward K. Arndt	VA
District No. 4		Philip G. Buchholz	WY
** Anvil Lodge No. 2, Matanuska	AK	Donald I. Crews	OH
Lodge No. 7, Eagle River Lodge		Maurice J. English	MI
No. 13, & Iditarod Lodge No. 20		Richard L. Feldbush	NM
by Alaska Masonic Lodges,		Gerald Grosskopf	NJ
District No. 5		Warren J. Hook, Sr.	MD
* Knudt K. & Opal D. Andersen	CA	Charity & Douglas Ingleright	MI
by Frank & Glenna Andersen		A. Leslie Johnson, Jr.	VA
* G. Wilbur Bell	IL	John Kazarosian	NH
by his wife, Moneta E. Bell		Michael F. Lakat	NJ
*Nicole T. Brisgone	PA	Nova Caesarea Harmony	OH
by Old Town friends		Lodge No. 2	
** Daniel M. Clark	VA	Silver Craftsman Members	
by his parents Chester H. & Ann E. Clark		Edward W. Baar	WI
** Helen L. Clayberger	OR	Max D. Balding	IL
by Charles S. Clayberger		William B. Barger	AK
** Ned E. Dull	IL	Richard N. Burnis	NY
by a devoted friend,		Michael D. Brumbach	IN
Moneta E. Bell		William G. Calder, Jr.	VA
* Herbert C. Fairley & Gerald R.	AK	Convent General KYCH	OK
Fairley		Michael J. Cornell	CA
by Gerald R. Fairley		Patrick A. Curtis	MD
* Glendon Kale Jefferies	OR	Doyle Fenley	TX
by Norma Jane Jefferies		Garfield Lodge No. 50	CO
* Vernon A. Leeper	CA	James A. Grannes	IL
by his many friends		Gary L. Hammersley	OH
** Gail & John C. Liberty, Jr.	AK	Hyattsville Assembly No. 221,	MD
by John C. Liberty, Jr.		Social Order of the Beauceant	
* Anna & Walter Loehwing	NJ	Allan E. Iding	WI
by Chester H. & Ann E.		Harry B. Lyon	VA
Clark		Morris D. Mitchell	TX
* Cameron Lee Long	NC	Albert G. Opp	VA
by his parents, Lee & Ginny Long		Robert C. M. Pelletier	MD
** Wilbert J. Newhall, IV	VA	Stormy Thorson	VA
by his son, Paul & family		Richard H. Trout	NJ
* Charles A. Reynolds	IL	Wheaton Lodge No. 228	MD
by his mother, Moneta E. Bell		Charles S. Wolfe	TX
* Donald W. Sheehan	VA		
by his family		** In Honor of * In Memory of	
** James W. Turner	CA		
by Louella S. Turner & Randall S. Limbach			
** J. Lewis & Mackie Vaughn	CA	<i>Correction: In the last issue, under "Tree Dedications," Bradford Lloyed Barco was listed as being from Massachusetts. He is from Rhode Island.</i>	
by their family			
** Marjorie L. Wilson	OR		
by her husband, Gale R. Wilson			

Memorial's Museum Receives Important Acquisition

By Dustin Smith

The George Washington Museum, located on the 4th floor of the Memorial, is pleased to announce that it has recently acquired the gold pocket watch that was used to time the pulse of Washington during his final illness. The watch belonged to Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick, one of three physicians attending Washington.



The jeweled pocket watch of Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick was used to time Washington's pulse on the day he died, December 14, 1799.

The donor, Robert Lyne, is a descendent of John D. Vowell, who read medicine with Dr. Dick and to whom the doctor gave his watch in later life. The watch had been handed down in the family until now. When Lyne visited The George Washington Masonic National Memorial several years ago, he felt that this was the appropriate location for Dr. Dick's watch. The watch has both historical interest and aesthetic value. It rests in a sterling silver case, and opens to reveal fine filigree and jeweled works. It is the most significant museum piece since the acquisition of the Washington Family Bible.

The newly renovated Museum was officially dedicated this past February in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters. The Museum maintains the same hours as the Memorial, open daily from 9 am to 5 pm except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Dustin Smith is the Memorial's Librarian and Assistant Curator.

Memorial Hosts WWII Memorial Dedication

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was a host venue for a simulcast event of the WWII National Memorial Dedication on May 29. In an effort to support the national capital region's *America Celebrates the Greatest Generation* initiative, the event was organized for WWII veterans and their families who were not able to personally view the dedication ceremonies on the National Mall.

Over 300 people packed the Memorial Theatre for an impressive program of lively entertainment and presentations from local dignitaries. The pre-ceremony show included a welcome by the Mayor of Alexandria Bill Euille and Congressman Jim Moran, a jazz quartet and the presentation of colors by The Fifes and Drums of Prince William III. One of the highlights was a moving tribute to honor all of the veterans who were present.



Located between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, the National WWII Memorial is an inspiring symbol of American national unity and a moving tribute to an extraordinary generation.

The Memorial is privileged to have been part of such an important event in our nation's history and joins with all Americans in saluting the spirit, sacrifice and commitment of the men and women who served in World War II.



Association Officers

Elected February 15, 2004

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Warren D. Lichty | President |
| W. Scott Stoner | First Vice President |
| Michael D. Brumback | Second Vice President |
| Anthony P. Wordlow | Third Vice President |
| George D. Seghers | Exec. Sec.-Treasurer |
| Donald M. Robey | Sec.-Treasurer Emeritus |

Board of Directors

**Members of Executive Committee
Term expires February 22, 2005*

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Charles E. Corbin | Alaska |
| Theodore G. Corsones | Vermont |
| John W. Hein | Wisconsin |
| Robert N. Erickson | Iowa |
| Warren D. Lichty* | Nebraska |
| Roger A. Simmons* | Alabama |
| Robert H. Starr | District of Columbia |

Term expires February 22, 2006

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| G. Kent Elkins | South Carolina |
| Carl J. Fitje | New York |
| Donald G. Hicks, Jr. | Massachusetts |
| Jimmie D. Lee | Missouri |
| William P. Mayberry, Sr. | Ohio |
| W. Scott Stoner* | Pennsylvania |
| John A. Young | Maryland |

Term expires February 22, 2007

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| William A. Alvord | North Dakota |
| Michael D. Brumback* | Indiana |
| Frank R. Dunaway, Jr.* | Virginia |
| David W. Miller | Illinois |
| A. Lee Skinner | Hawaii |
| Anthony P. Wordlow* | California |
| Edward L. Zorn | Colorado |

The Messenger is a publication of The GWMNMA
101 Callahan Drive,
Alexandria, VA 22301-2751
Copyright 2004. All Rights Reserved.
703-683-2007 Fax: 703-683-2163
www.gwmemorial.org

Editor: George D. Seghers
Photography and Production:
Arthur W. Pierson

Permit No. 6068
Merrifield, VA
PAID
U.S. Postage
Non-Profit

IN THIS ISSUE:
*Board Steers Future of Memorial
*Memorial Acquires New Museum Piece
*2004 Holiday Ornament

The Messenger

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial
101 Callahan Drive Alexandria, VA 22301-2751

