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The Washington Presidency

By George D. Seghers

In the aftermath of what will surely be remembered as one of the most critical, anticipated and participatory Presidential elections of our times, it behooves us to thoughtfully reflect back on the very first election and on the man whose acceptance of that Presidency would forever lay the foundation for a strong, free and united government.

On April 6, 1789, George Washington was unanimously elected first President of the United States under the new Federal Constitution. Washington was one of the most famous men in the world at that time. He had led the American army to a miraculous victory. At the close of the Revolutionary War, unlimited powers were within his reach and indeed were offered him. Not only did he refuse the powers offered, he resigned his commission and returned to Mount Vernon without claiming any reward for his long years of service. His actions astonished the world. Accepting the Presidency of the infant Republic could do nothing to add to his reputation, in fact it would probably diminish it. His strong sense of duty and his belief that the nation was at a critical point in its development caused Washington to accept the Presidency.



George Washington attributed to John Vanderlyn circa 1800-1840. This original oil on canvas is currently on display in the George Washington Museum at the Memorial.

Washington's first hurdle to overcome was to settle the huge war debt and establish the credit of the new Federal Government. The second challenge was to establish and confirm a strong peace treaty with England. He believed that peace would give the new nation time to grow, in population,

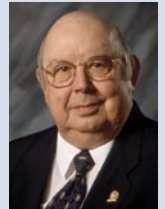
territory and economic power. The great advantage that Washington possessed in facing these challenges was the universal support of the citizens of the new nation.

On April 30, 1789, Washington took the oath of office of the First President of the new Republic in a ceremony that was a combination of ritual and ceremony from the Church, the Courts and Freemasonry. In his Inaugural Address he stated, *"The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the Republican model of Government are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked on the hands of the American people."*

For the next eight years, Washington dedicated himself totally to securing the Union and strengthening the young nation, never once hesitating, losing faith or changing course. One of his greatest strengths was his unerring ability to judge people. He appointed individuals to the key posts in his administration who not only possessed the ability to achieve what was necessary but who were individuals of character, integrity and honesty. He succeeded in establishing the financial foundation of the new nation and managed to maintain peaceful relations with England, France and the other European powers. Washington led by example. His character and actions were and continue to be a model that all American Presidents should endeavor to emulate.

George D. Seghers is the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Greetings From The President



by Warren D. Lichty

This is the last *Greetings From the President* message I will be writing. The Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 in Calgary, Alberta. At the end of that meeting, R.:W.:W. Scott Stoner will be the new President. He is a good friend and I wish him all success as President.

I have enjoyed my almost 16 years on the Board of Directors. It has been a wonderful privilege and pleasure to get to know and work with so many outstanding Masons. The last three of those years, when I had the honor of serving as President of this great Memorial Association, have been especially enjoyable and satisfying.

One accomplishment I am pleased about is the movement of Member Grand Lodges to pass annual per-capita support for the Memorial. That started when Charles Brigham was President. We were discussing the financial problems and I said I would ask the Nebraska Grand Lodge for fifty cents per-capita. Charles thought that would be great, but that probably no Grand Lodge would be so generous. But when I came back

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with the news that Nebraska had passed it, he said, "If you can do it, I can too." And he did! Ohio passed per-capita support for the Memorial. Now, 16 Member Grand Lodges have passed per-capita support. There is movement in this direction in many more Grand Lodges, and I believe a number of Grand Lodges will be passing it, just so they will not be among the last to do so.

It made me very happy to be able to bring together the two Scottish Rite Supreme Councils of the United States to renovate the George Washington Museum at the Memorial. The two Supreme Councils had furnished the Museum back in the 1960's and it was really wonderful to have them come back and renew it. It was also very special that our Member Grand Lodges held part of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America at the Memorial at that time.

But I believe the one thing of greatest importance that occurred during my term was regularization of progress to the Presidency. For many years, there were no term limits at all. During this time, Presidents served for many years, sometimes even for 10 or 20 years. Then, terms were set on the Executive Committee. This didn't work because there were more people coming off the Committee than there were retiring Presidents - so some could have worked for years and never have gotten a chance to be President. Now, we have no limits on the Executive Committee, but a three-year term limit on the President. This gives the Memorial a new President every three years, with each having a number of years of experience before moving up.

I would also like to express my congratulations to Frank Dunaway on being named District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 1A in Virginia. Frank is a valued member of the Executive Committee, and we are proud of him.

It has also been a great pleasure to work with the other members of the Executive Committee. They are a great group of Masons and I will miss them. Many great Masons have also served on the Board of Directors, and I have enjoyed knowing and working with them too. Special thanks must go to George Seghers, who, as Executive Secretary-Treasurer has always worked hard for the Memorial on all of our programs, meetings and events. His Lady, Louise Seghers, has also helped with events, especially with the Ladies Program and Reception held at the Memorial for the Conference of Grand Masters last February. George and Louise, you have both made me proud as President, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Please forgive me for being a little reflective in this, my "swan song." Many of those with whom I have worked for the benefit of the Memorial Association have become very good friends too, friends whom I value highly. But, according to the rules I set up, it's time to go. All there is left to say is, Farewell, Support the Memorial, and God bless you all.

The Society of Washington Lodges

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial founded *The Society of Washington Lodges* on July 4, 2004 to honor Lodges named after George Washington or Mount Vernon, or that have a direct historical connection to Washington. The enrollment fee is \$2,500 and will be used for the preservation and upkeep of the Alexandria-Washington Replica Lodge Room and the Memorial.

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 a variety of gifts and benefits.

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

NEW MEMBERS

Washington-LaFayette Lodge No. 176
Portsmouth, Virginia

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California Fund-Raiser Benefits Memorial



The four Lodges of the California 334 Masonic District raised \$2,000 to help support The George Washington Masonic National Memorial at their annual Bar-B-Q fund-raiser held in September to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.

Past Grand Master of California, Most Worshipful Anthony Wordlow, (second from left) and Third Vice President of the Memorial Association, accepted the check from the Masters of South Pasadena Lodge 290, Alhambra Lodge No. 322, Maya Lodge 793 and Pasadena Lodge No. 272.

Message From Alexandria



George D. Seghers

This year has been both rewarding and challenging. We were fortunate and indeed honored to hold our Annual Meeting in the Memorial this past February. The day was a great success and provided the opportunity for our Active Members, Grand Lodge Officers, Heads of Appendant Bodies, spouses and guests to visit their Memorial. It was 10 years since we last held our Annual Meeting at the Memorial and we sincerely hope that we will be able to return in the near future.

The Memorial was conceived and completed at a time in the history of this great nation when George Washington was held in the highest esteem and his character and memory were emulated and honored. Washington's Birthday was a national holiday, a day when America paused to honor the memory of the one man who did more for the establishment of this great nation than any other. Sadly, that is no longer the case. As our First and Greatest President, George Washington deserves to be distinguished from the other Presidents. Indeed, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was erected and is maintained to perpetuate and honor the memory of our Greatest President and Brother.

Maintaining the Memorial and grounds in a safe, presentable and secure condition is extremely challenging. We never have adequate funds to do all the things that need to be done. That's why we're excited about the per-capita program re-introduced to the Grand Lodges under the leadership of President Lichty as a means to establish a secure financial future for the Memorial. We are asking for \$1 per member per year or less than 1/3 of a penny per day. While serving as President of the United States and

following a visit to the Memorial, President and Brother Harry S. Truman recommended that each Mason in America contribute 10 cents per year to the Memorial. If his suggestion had been followed, today the Memorial would have an adequate Endowment Fund. Unfortunately it was not, and presently our Endowment Fund is less than one half the amount we need. We now have 16 Grand Lodges that contribute to the Memorial with a per-capita. We have four Grand Lodges that have instituted or increased their per-capita to the \$1 per member level. When a Grand Lodge contributes \$1 per-capita and \$5 per initiate, the \$5 per initiate contribution is placed in the Endowment Fund and the \$1 per-capita contribution is placed in the Operations Fund. We are pleased to report that this year the Grand Lodge of Virginia made an additional contribution to their per-capita contribution to bring the amount up to \$1 per member. We are well on our way to success with the per-capita program and we are truly thankful to those Grand Lodges that have or are in the process of implementing a per-capita contribution for the Memorial. When we reach the point that two thirds of the Grand Lodges are contributing on a per-capita basis, we will be able to make significant annual contributions to the Endowment Fund.

Thank you again for your support of your Memorial. We are truly grateful for your commitment to honor the memory and legacy of Brother George Washington and to preserve and maintain this magnificent monument that stands as an enduring tribute to his life and deeds. Our task today is not only to preserve the legacy and memory of George Washington, but also to preserve, promote and perpetuate the Masonic beliefs and ideals upon which this great nation was founded.

I wish you a Blessed Holiday Season and a New Year filled with Peace, Prosperity and Joy.

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 wears 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 George Seghers at 703-683-2007 or gseghears@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

Friend of the Memorial Retires as Grand Secretary of D.C.

By Dean Clatterbuck

In December 2004, Stewart Wilson Miner, PGM of Virginia, ardent supporter of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial and contributor to this newsletter, will complete the finishing touches on yet another milestone in his extensive career in Masonry as he steps down after 18 years as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M. of the District of Columbia. Stew's departure will not mark his retirement from Masonic activities, but rather an opportunity to pursue new and different avenues of service to the Fraternity.



In 1957, Stew became Brother Miner when he was raised in Cherrydale Lodge No. 42 in Arlington, Virginia, serving as Worshipful Master in 1965. His Masonic career is too extensive to be fully described in this article, but among some of his most significant achievements are his elevation to Grand Master of Virginia in 1974-1975 and his service as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia in 1985-1986. He is currently serving as the Charter High Priest of the newly created Marvin E. Fowler Chapter No. 18, R.A.M., in the District of Columbia.

Brother Miner holds membership in a number of Masonic Lodges and Appendant Bodies. He has been the recipient of many awards for his outstanding service to Masonry, including the George Washington Distinguished Service Medal from the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Valentine Reintzel Medal from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Stew has perhaps been best known and appreciated for his superb scholastic and editorial abilities. He has written extensively for the enlightenment of the Craft. Included in his writings are works that address issues in the Symbolic Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, and the Knights Templar. He is the author of "Let Your Work Become Your Mark," a book addressing issues in the Royal Arch of Freemasonry and a companion piece, "The Templar Tribune," which focuses on matters of interest to Templar Masons. Further, during his term as President of the Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America in the year 2000, he wrote and distributed a history of that conference.

In addition, Brother Miner has contributed articles to The Masonic Service Association and to The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

In 2001, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia dedicated a window in his honor at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Throughout his Masonic career, Brother Miner has been an enthusiastic and loyal supporter of the Memorial contributing his time and financial support.

Dean Clatterbuck is the Secretary of Potomac Lodge No. 5, F.A.A.M. in Washington, D.C. He is a retired federal employee and currently works as an Assistant to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M. 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.

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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:

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New Art Tour Offered at Memorial



Allyn Cox mural in Memorial Hall of Washington attending a St. John's Day ceremony in Philadelphia is one of the highlights on the new Tour.

The Memorial is pleased to announce a new, weekly Art and Architecture Tour that debuted at the Memorial in November. Developed and conducted by Harry Shaffer, Tour Guide Director, Freemason and retired Art/Art History teacher, the Tour highlights the sculptures, murals, and paintings within the Memorial. The artwork relates to George Washington as a man and a Freemason. Architecture, both inside and outside is viewed and discussed, along with photographs of the Memorial being built from 1922 to 1932. Also included is a brief discussion on Freemasonry. The Tour is conducted every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Appendant Body Month Program

The Shrine of North America enthusiastically inaugurated the Appendant Body Month Program in June with an outstanding mobile, self-contained exhibit that included literature about the Shrine and Shrine Hospitals. The Shrine flag was also flown at the Memorial for the month of June. The permanent Shrine exhibit is located on the first floor and continues to be an integral component of the Memorial.

The Order of the Amaranth and the Social Order of the Beauceant both provided outstanding exhibits and literature for their respective months. The exhibits were extremely well done and featured the history, activities, and charities of the organizations.



Interesting and detailed displays were provided by the Order of the Amaranth in October (left) and the Social Order of the Beauceant in November (right).



The Appendant Body Months for 2004 were: June - Shrine of North America; 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.

The Appendant Body Month Program was created to recognize and honor the Appendant Bodies of the Masonic family. In 2005, the Appendant Body Months will be: January - Daughters of the Nile, February - Order of DeMolay, March - Order of the Eastern Star, April - Knights Templar USA, May - Ancient Order of Sciots, June - International Order of Job's Daughters, July - Grottoes of North America, August - High Twelve International, September - Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, October - Knight Masons, November - Knights of the York Cross of Honor, December - Ladies of the Oriental Shrine.

Capitol Holiday Tree Visits the Memorial

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was the host site in Alexandria, Virginia for the Capitol Holiday Tree visit on November 28. City officials presented an ornament for the tree in the shape of the Memorial from the City of Alexandria. The community celebration also included holiday musical entertainment and refreshments.



A beautiful 70-foot red spruce from the George Washington National Forest in Virginia was cut in early November. The tree then traveled to 33 communities throughout the Commonwealth so that all Virginians would have a chance to see it before its final destination on the front lawn of our Nation's Capitol. In addition, schoolchildren and citizens across Virginia made 4,500 ornaments to decorate the tree.

This is the first time that Virginia has provided the tree. The theme this year is "From Virginia - Birthplace of Presidents."



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