

## Memorial Part of New Exhibit Recognizing Masonic Contributions to Washington, D.C.

By Dustin Smith

On May 17, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial participated in the opening night of an extraordinary new exhibition at the Octagon Museum in Washington, D.C. entitled, "The Initiated Eye: Secrets, Symbols, Freemasonry, and the Architecture of Washington, D.C." The product of an unprecedented partnership between the Octagon Museum and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the exhibition premieres 21 original oil paintings by Peter Waddell that depict the significant contributions of Freemasons to the design and architecture of Washington, D.C. and the surrounding area, including a striking scene of the Memorial. The Octagon, the museum of the American Architectural Foundation, helps to preserve and advocate our nation's architectural heritage. It is located two blocks from the White House.



*Entitled the Light of Reason, artist Peter Waddell captures the Memorial as a beacon of light shining in the night for all to see. The scene depicts the Memorial in 1932, the year it was dedicated.*

An advisory committee of local Freemasons assisted the artist in developing subject matter for the exhibit.

"In painting the Memorial, Waddell wanted to do a night scene in order to capture the celestial or metaphysical quality of the site." Waddell expressed appreciation for, "Its references to the ancient world, explicitly in its form, and



*Entitled An Auspicious Occasion, George Washington prepares to lay the cornerstone of the Capitol on September 18, 1793. Shown in full Masonic regalia, he is accompanied by one of his favorite dogs, "Duchess."*

implicitly in its function," commenting on the fact that the Memorial was built to resemble the lighthouse of ancient Alexandria, Egypt - not as a modern office building, but as a memorial to the founder of the country.

A resident of Washington, D.C., Waddell's architectural and history paintings are recognized as being more realistic even than period photographs.

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## Greetings From The President

By W. Scott Stoner



The support of the Memorial by the Grand Lodges, Appendant Bodies and individuals is the foundation upon which the Memorial stands. Without this support, the Memorial could not survive. I would like to thank the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for making a contribution to the Memorial in honor of my being elected President of the Association. This contribution and all the past and present support of my Grand Lodge are sincerely appreciated. I would also like to thank all the Grand Lodges that have acknowledged and accepted their responsibility as the owners and stewards of this magnificent Memorial for their interest in and support of the Memorial.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome M.W. Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Past Grand Master of Massachusetts as the newest member of the Executive Committee. I am confident that his experience and knowledge in both the financial world and the Masonic world will greatly benefit the Association.

In May we held a successful and comprehensive Executive Committee meeting. Building on the Per Member Contribution Program initiated and developed by Past President Lichty, we are investigating and developing a structured and progressive program to insure the financial future of the

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Memorial. This will be the focus of the Semi-Annual Board Meeting, to be held at the Memorial in August.

*The Messenger*, the official publication of the Memorial, has grown to a circulation of more than 72,000. We need a Grand Lodge, Appendant Body, Lodge, or other organization or individual to sponsor issues of *The Messenger* this year in order for us to stay within our adopted budget. We feel this publication is too important to reduce the circulation or to reduce the number of issues produced each year. Please consider this unique opportunity to help support the Memorial.

Thank you for your support of and interest in your Memorial. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your President in our mutual efforts to maintain and perpetuate this wonderful Memorial to Brother and President George Washington.

### Memorial Part of New Exhibit, *continued from page 1*

Waddell has collaborated with the Octagon in the past, as well as with Mount Vernon and the U.S. Capitol.

The exhibition also includes a display of Masonic objects lent by The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the House of the Temple, Federal Lodge No. 1 and Anacostia Lodge No. 21 in Washington, and Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 and Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 located at the Memorial, making the Octagon the temporary repository of a rare and impressive collection of Masonic artifacts of historic and symbolic significance to the Craft.



*From left: Dustin Smith, Librarian and Curator and George Seghers, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Memorial join artist Peter Waddell and GM of the District of Columbia Leonard Proden at the opening reception.*

The exhibition is part of the *Octagon Project* which will also include a lecture series given by prominent Masonic authorities that will explore the mysteries seen only by "the initiated eye," as well as walking and bus tours of important Masonic landmarks including The George Washington Masonic National Memorial (June 11, July 16, September 17, 10am-Noon). For more information call 202-879-7766 or email [programs@theoctagon.org](mailto:programs@theoctagon.org). The exhibition opened to the public on May 18 and will remain on view through December 31, 2005.

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

## Appendant Body Month Program

The Appendant Body Month Program continues to draw visitors, visibility and excellent exhibits to the Memorial. This year, the Order of the Amaranth, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots and the International Order of Job's Daughters have all provided outstanding exhibits featuring the regalia, history, and activities of the organizations.



*The Memorial welcomed an impressive exhibit from the Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots to celebrate their Month in May.*

The Appendant Body Month Program was created to recognize and honor the Appendant Bodies of the Masonic Family. In 2005, the Appendant Body Months are: January - Daughters of the Nile, February - Order of DeMolay, March - Order of the Eastern Star, April - Knights Templar USA, May - Ancient Egyptian 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 and December - Ladies of the Oriental Shrine.

## 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*. For information and to hear about additional benefits, please contact George Seghers at 703-683-2007 or [gseghers@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org).

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## Message From Alexandria



George D. Seghers

George Washington was this country's most accomplished President. He was a military hero, an outstanding administrator and a great leader. He truly was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen. As a military hero, he developed and matured from a young, inexperienced colonel in the French and Indian War into the Commander in Chief of the poorly equipped and often beleaguered, but ultimately victorious, Continental Army. As an administrator, he presided over the drafting and adoption of our Constitution during the Constitutional Convention. The document that was framed and eventually accepted by the states is the foundation and framework of our nation. As a great leader, he was unanimously elected as our first President. He established the character, traditions and scope of this new and almost entirely unique position. He was the central figure in creating and establishing not only the presidency, but also our government institutions, traditions, requirements and restrictions. When he died in 1799, the entire nation entered into a state of mourning, and indeed most of the world recognized and commemorated his passing. In 1899, one hundred years after his death, his remarkable character and his extraordinary life were commemorated all across America. It is from this 1899 commemoration of and resurgence of interest in the life and character of George Washington that The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was born.

The Memorial is the only National Masonic Memorial in this great nation. The mission of the Memorial is very clear. According to our charter, the purpose 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."*

George Washington was the one man who did more and gave more for the creation of this great nation than any other. At the close of the Revolutionary War, unlimited powers were offered to him on at least three separate occasions. Not only did he refuse the powers offered, he resigned his commission and returned to Mount Vernon without claiming any reward for his long years of service. He was our first Commander in Chief, our First President, our Foremost Freemason and truly the Father of our Country. America is America due to the efforts and sacrifices of George Washington and our Founding Fathers. It is fitting and proper that the Freemasons of the United States erected a National Masonic Memorial to this incredible man and Mason.

The Memorial was erected and is maintained through the combined efforts of America's Freemasons and Friends of the Memorial as an everlasting tribute to the memory of George Washington. Your continued support enables us to maintain the Memorial in a manner that reflects honor and dignity on Brother George Washington and on the Masonic Fraternity.

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



### CALL FOR SPONSORS

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is pleased to announce a unique opportunity to sponsor issues of *The Messenger*. This quarterly newsletter has received rave reviews since its colorful redesign in 2003. Distributed to over 72,000 Freemasons, Grand Lodges, Masonic Lodges and Appendant Bodies nationwide and abroad, *The Messenger* offers outstanding recognition. Your Grand Lodge or organization name will be prominently displayed on the front page. Please consider this premier opportunity to show your support for *your* Memorial and to ensure that *The Messenger* will continue to reach its intended audience. Call George Seghers for more information at 703-683-2007, ext. 12.

### WISH LIST - 2005

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 [gseghers@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gseghers@gwmemorial.org)

Sponsor one issue of <i>The Messenger</i>	\$20,000
Install Aircraft Warning Lights on the Memorial	\$15,000
Install Second Phase of Surveillance System	\$35,000
Install Emergency Generators	\$85,000
Install Security Lighting in the Main Parking Lot	\$9,000
Structural Survey of the Memorial	\$40,000
Install Room Dividers in the Dining Room(s)	\$9,000
Install Air Conditioning and Glass Windows/Doors in Assembly Hall	\$200,000
Remove and Reset the Front Steps	\$300,000

## Memorial Announces New Membership Levels

Strength, unity and leadership were essential to founding this great country of ours, and likewise are essential to the preservation of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The Memorial is dependent upon the strength of its members and their united effort to ensure a successful future. We encourage you to take an active leadership role by joining the Memorial, or by renewing your membership and taking it to the next level. With several new categories of membership created this year, there are many ways to meet individual needs and provide support for the Memorial.

Membership begins at the \$100 level. As a Member, you will receive a certificate of membership, a Memorial lapel pin, and your name will be published in *The Messenger*. And brand new this year, all members who contribute \$500 or more will receive a replica of the George Washington Penknife, identical to the one on display in the Memorial's Replica Lodge Room.

All members who contribute \$5,000 or more will be distinguished in the new category of *Millennium Memberships*. Members at this level will be prominently recognized on a special Millennium Wall of Honor for major benefactors.

A great benefit of membership in the Memorial is that all memberships are cumulative. For example, *Gold Master Members* (\$250) who contribute an additional \$250 will automatically become *Platinum Presidential Members*. And remember, all memberships are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

Your generous membership support will help the Memorial continue its important mission to preserve this magnificent building and to honor the memory and legacy of our Foremost Freemason – Brother George Washington. Join or renew today!

### New Millennium Memberships

\$5,000 – Millennium Architect  
\$10,000 – Millennium Master Architect  
\$25,000 – Millennium Builder  
\$50,000 – Millennium Master Builder  
\$100,000 – Millennium Grand Master Builder

(Note: Please see Membership Form on page 5 for all Membership Levels and Benefits.)



Donations of \$500 or more will receive a replica of the George Washington Penknife.

## Charitable Trusts

A Charitable Trust is another way to help generate income to the Memorial. Trusts are instruments used for the prudent and flexible management of one's assets. A Trust is a financial plan that helps you to meet your current needs, but also the needs of your beneficiaries. The use of a Trust allows you to protect your assets. It could also cut estate settlement costs and more importantly, reduce taxes.

There are many uses of Trusts and different Trust arrangements. Always keep in mind the need to consult with legal counsel. Trusts are legal documents! The Memorial is pleased to offer any assistance, especially regarding the benefits a Trust would offer.

- ☐ 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**  
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**101 Callahan Drive**  
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**Or Fax to 703-683-2163**

For additional giving opportunities, please see reverse side

## Join the GWMNMA Today!

**Yes! Count on me to support our Memorial.**

Enclosed is my membership contribution of:

- ☐ **\$100 - Silver Craftsman:** You will receive a Membership Certificate and a Memorial lapel pin.
- ☐ **\$250 - Gold Master:** You will receive a Membership Certificate and a Memorial lapel pin.
- ☐ **\$500 - Platinum Presidential:** You will receive a Membership Certificate, a Memorial lapel pin, and a replica of the George Washington Penknife.
- ☐ **\$1000 - 21<sup>st</sup> Century:** You will receive a Membership Certificate, a Memorial lapel pin, a replica of the George Washington Penknife, and your name will be cast in bronze and displayed in the main entrance to Memorial Hall.

### MILLENNIUM MEMBERSHIPS

- ☐ **\$5,000 - Millennium Architect**
- ☐ **\$10,000 - Millennium Master Architect**
- ☐ **\$25,000 - Millennium Builder**
- ☐ **\$50,000 - Millennium Master Builder**
- ☐ **\$100,000 - Millennium Grand Master Builder**

In addition to the above benefits, all Millennium Members will receive a Membership Plaque and your name will be permanently displayed on a Millennium Wall of Honor recognizing major benefactors prominently located in Memorial Hall.

*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  
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MD Corrections: In the last issue under 21<sup>st</sup>  
NJ Century Members, Edgar Raymond Parkison  
FL and Judith Parkison were listed incorrectly.  
MI Under Tree Dedications, Charles E. Corbin  
MI was honored by Katy Corbin.



## Memorial Tree Program

Over the years, the Memorial has lost many beautiful, older trees. Your participation in the Tree Program will help to restore the grounds to their original splendor, while giving you an opportunity to pay a special tribute. 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, please contact George Seghers at 703-683-2007 or [gsegheers@gwmemorial.org](mailto:gsegheers@gwmemorial.org). As always, your generous contribution to this and other Memorial programs will be received with the deepest appreciation.



## Memorial Observes *National Moment of Remembrance*

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was privileged to team with The White House Commission on Remembrance as a Patriot Partner in uniting Americans on Memorial Day for the *National Moment of Remembrance*. All citizens were asked, wherever they were, to pause for a *Moment* of reflection at 3 p.m. on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Mandated by Congress, the *National Moment of Remembrance* unites America in honor of those who died in service to our country.

The Memorial Staff gathered on the front steps of the Memorial along with guests and visitors to commemorate the *Moment* as Bill Turner, retired Lt. Colonel, U.S. Air Force played Taps. Bill, Past National Commander, Heroes of '76, National Sojourners, joined volunteer buglers all across the nation in echoing the sounds of remembrance, as Major League Baseball games stopped, Amtrak train whistles blew and hundreds of other nationwide participants including the Liberty Bell, the U.S. Capitol, the Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore and the International Space Station, observed a *Moment of Remembrance*.



Bill Turner, retired Lt. Colonel, U.S. Air Force, plays Taps on the front steps of the Memorial.

## Student Internship and Volunteer Program

By Dustin Smith

After working with local students in the Library last year, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial officially initiated a new internship and volunteer program recently to recognize the contributions of students and to provide the Memorial with supplemental assistance.

Currently, the Memorial's internship program is offered at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg. Students receive academic credits for their time. The volunteer program is offered at area high schools. Several students are already enrolled in the program and are doing a fine job. The Memorial benefits from new ideas and cutting-edge education, as well as the fortitude and zeal of today's youth. Students get valuable on-the-job experience, make contacts, and learn from seasoned Masons who daily fill the Memorial's halls. It's a win-win situation for both.

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



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