

## Virginia Grand Lodge Passes \$1 Per Member Resolution

*Joins Other Grand Lodges in \$1 Per Member Campaign*

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is pleased to announce that the Grand Lodge of Virginia passed a resolution at its Grand Lodge session on Tuesday, November 8 to increase their per member contribution to the Memorial from \$.25 to \$1. This outstanding show of support brings the number of Grand Lodges participating in the Memorial's *\$1 Per Member Campaign* to five. The other Lodges are: District of Columbia, North Dakota, Michigan, and Alaska.

The Memorial wishes to extend its appreciation to John R. Quinley, immediate PGM of Virginia and member of the Memorial's Board of Directors for all his support of the resolution and the Memorial during his term. The Memorial is also grateful to James M. Searce, Jr., PGM of Virginia and the Memorial's State Chairman for Virginia for the key role he played in facilitating the resolution and for his efforts to rally support for the resolution this year and also during his term in 2004. Finally, the Memorial wishes to thank Frank R. Dunaway, Jr., AW No. 22 Representative to the Board of Directors for his ardent support of the resolution and his work in the field. Congratulations also to Brother Dunaway for being one of only six District Deputy Grand Masters to be honored at Grand Lodge for his outstanding work in his District.

The resolution was discussed among more than 600 delegates in attendance. Several delegates spoke with great conviction about the Memorial's worthy mission to perpetuate and promote the legacy of George Washington. The resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority. "It was very gratifying to see so many brethren enthusiastically support the resolution," said George D. Seghers, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, who represented the Memorial at the session. "We hope more Grand Lodges will soon follow Virginia, District of Columbia, North Dakota, Michigan and Alaska in participating in this campaign. Every increase to \$1 per member brings us that much closer to our goal of financial security for the Memorial."

## Greetings From The President

By W. Scott Stoner



With this issue of *The Messenger*, I conclude my first year as President of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. It has been a privilege to serve you.

There is no doubt that the Board of Directors' biggest concern remains funding the budget. The Memorial has a variety of programs and outreach efforts designed to provide this essential support. We continue to encourage Grand Lodges to participate in the *Per Member Campaign*. We appreciate the support of Michigan and Nevada who recently increased their contributions to the Memorial and of Kansas who recently approved a per member contribution. I would also like to congratulate the Grand Lodge of Virginia for increasing their per member contribution to the Memorial to \$1. We are grateful they have made this important commitment to help ensure the financial future of the Memorial.

We continue to send Planned Giving information, and special Direct Appeal mailings. *The Messenger* also has a regular section on Planned Giving each issue as well as information on becoming a Member of the Memorial Association. Sponsorship opportunities are available and the Memorial Tree

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*Hope and Peace  
this  
Holiday Season  
from  
The Memorial*

### Dates to Remember

- *December 14*  
206<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Washington's Passing
- *February 18-22*  
Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Nashville, TN
- *February 22*  
Washington's Birthday

## Greetings From The President, *continued from page 1*

Program has become a favorite way to remember a loved one and provide support to the Memorial. Your consideration of any of these worthy programs is greatly appreciated.

As noted on page 6 of this issue, Lodge 43 from Lancaster, Pennsylvania placed a wreath at the statue of George Washington in Memorial Hall to commemorate Veteran's Day. We thank Lodge 43 for this very appropriate tribute and look forward to welcoming other Lodges as we observe this day each year.

Our small staff at the Memorial has done an outstanding job this year with an ever-increasing workload. We are currently without a Librarian and Curator due to the departure of Dustin Smith, however we are working to fill this position as quickly as possible. Dustin did a wonderful job for the Memorial and we wish him all the best and God speed.

Again, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served you this year. I wish you a very happy holiday and look forward to serving you in 2006.

## 2005 Holiday Ornament *Collector's Edition*

### Freemasonry – Hope and Peace

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial proudly presents the 2005 Commemorative Ornament. This striking figure of a *Dove* carries a sprig of *Acacia* bringing hope and the message of peace to the world of Freemasonry and the world at large. In Freemasonry, the



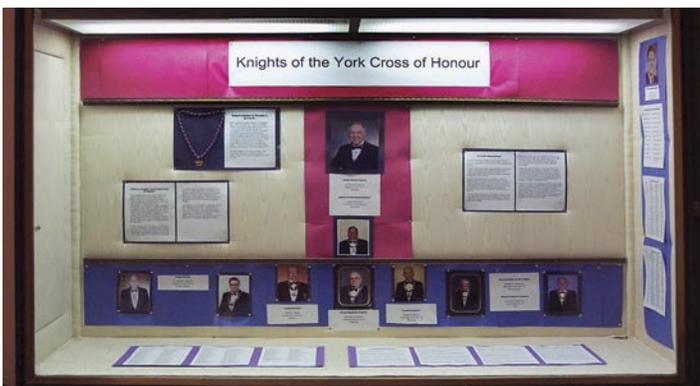
*Dove* is viewed in reference to its use by Noah as a messenger of hope and the *Acacia* is a symbol of resurrection and the immortality of the soul. In ancient symbolism, the *Dove* represents purity and innocence and the *Acacia* represents peace and victory.

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## Appendant Body Month Program

November was *Knights of the York Cross of Honour Month* at the Memorial. The Knight of the York Cross of Honour is comprised of York Rite Masons who have presided over a Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. After so serving, a candidate must be proposed by one already a member and balloted on by the membership of the state body, called a Priory. There is but one Priory per state, headed by a presiding officer called a Prior.



*The Knights of the York Cross provided an impressive exhibit to celebrate their month in November.*

The Appendant Body Month Program recognizes and honors the members of the Masonic Family that support and sustain the Memorial. The Program will continue through next September. The schedule for 2006 is: January - The Masonic Service Association, February - National Sojourners Inc., March - International Order of The Rainbow for Girls, April - Red Cross of Constantine, May - Royal Arch Masons

## 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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International, June - Royal Order of Scotland, July - Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, August - Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, September - York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

## Message From Alexandria



George D. Seghers

George Washington's life was a consistent effort to improve himself in every aspect. At the age of 14, he copied 110 rules under the title, "Rules of Civility & Decent Behaviour in Company and Conversation." These rules were taken from an English translation of a French book of maxims that were intended to: "polish manners, keep alive the best affections of the heart, impress the obligation of moral virtues, teach how to treat others in social relations, and above all, inculcate the practice of self-control." As you read through these rules, you realize how very different our society of today is from the society of Washington's time. The first of these rules sets the tone of all that follow: "Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present." As a society we have drifted far from this very simple but very important rule of behavior.

In his "Farewell Address" of 1796 to friends and fellow citizens, Washington informed the nation that he would not accept a third term as President. This open letter to the American people expressed many concerns, reflections and thoughts for the future of our young country. For many decades this "Farewell Address" was read annually in Congress, it was printed in textbooks, woven into tapestries, engraved on watches and widely disbursed, quoted and used as a guide for words and actions. Washington reminded his fellow citizens that: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are

*indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and cherish them."*

Civility and morality are intimately connected. One does not exist without the other. As Americans and more especially as Freemasons, we are bound to heed the advice of our greatest American, our Brother George Washington. We are bound to pattern our lives after the example set by our First Commander in Chief, our First President and the Father of our Country. We should pay particular attention to the last rule as a constant reminder: "Labour to keep alive in your breast that little celestial fire called conscience." As Freemasons, we should treat all with dignity and respect, with a civility based on the moral teachings of Freemasonry. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is the living embodiment of the love, honor and respect that the Freemasons of America have for George Washington and all that he stood for. We are grateful for your support and your commitment to honor the memory and legacy of George Washington.

I wish you a Blessed Holiday Season and a Peaceful, Prosperous and Happy New Year.

*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)

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# NEVADA'S GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAUTAUQUA

By Lewis E. "Red" Kittell

*"Each constituent Lodge should observe and commemorate George Washington's Birthday by a suitable program at a regular or special communication held for that purpose."*

The above referenced code stipulation has been mandated for the month of February by Nevada's Grand Masters for several decades. Each Lodge is required to report compliance to the Grand Secretary.

About 15 years ago, as historian of Reno Lodge No. 13, I became the regularly designated Lodge member to make the annual presentation. As the years passed, and as my comfort and knowledge regarding Brother Washington grew, I ordered tailor made colonial clothing, foot wear and a white hairpiece. Thus was launched my entry into the world of "Chautauqua." The term "Chautauqua" refers to a Southwestern county of New York where, during the 19th century, travelers were entertained by lectures, concerts and theatrical presentations. It's a long way from New York to Nevada, but the concept "Chautauqua" has made the journey.

In addition to my annual visits to Nevada's Masonic Lodges, the character of George Washington has been a regular guest in school classrooms, and a speaker at the various civic, business, social and service clubs in the Reno area. What started as an effort to comply with Nevada's Masonic Code has become an opportunity to reacquaint more mature Americans, and sadly to introduce young Americans, to the dynamics of our nation's first president.

An examination of some modern textbooks might lead one to believe that the politically correct atmosphere of today demonizes and belittles patriots and national heroes by reducing or perverting information related to their contributions to our national character. In the character of George Washington, I have an opportunity to portray him as a man who, on several occasions, left the safety and comfort of his Virginia residence to answer the call of his people and provide leadership toward the freedom and liberties we enjoy today.

Forty-six years of George Washington's life was spent as a Freemason. Fraternal brothers carried him to his final resting place. I can think of no other institution that has a greater responsibility toward preserving his image than the Masonic Fraternity. Confirmation of the Freemason's commitment to Worshipful Brother Washington is evidenced by the majestic George Washington Masonic National Memorial as a shrine and a testimony to his position as the primary architect of our nation.

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*Lewis E. "Red" Kittell, 33°, is PM of Reno Lodge No.13; Personal Representative, Valley of Reno AASR and Nevada's State Chairman for the Memorial. A native of Carson City, Nevada, he is retired from the United States Air Force. He is also a retired insurance agent.*

## A Lifetime of Giving

*Charitable Planning Strategies*

A sound approach to charitable gift planning is to match your intended contribution with your stage of life, finances and tax considerations. You might be interested in some examples based on various age groups:

**Any Age:** Consider a gift of cash, securities or real estate and receive an income tax deduction.

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These are just two examples. To choose the right giving method, you must consider your unique financial circumstances and charitable objectives.

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- \$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.

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## 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 gseghe@gwmemorial.org. As always, your generous contribution to this and other Memorial programs will be received with the deepest appreciation.

# Pennsylvania Lodge Lays Wreath at Memorial on Veteran's Day



Members of Lodge No. 43 from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, accompanied by Worshipful Master William Barry (center, left) and Senior Master of Ceremony Blaine McCammant (center, right), visited the Memorial on Veteran's Day and placed a wreath at the base of the 17 ft. bronze statue of George Washington in Memorial Hall in honor of his service to our country as a veteran. After a tour of the facility, the members left for Washington, D.C. to lay wreaths at the WWII, Korean and Viet Nam Memorials in honor of all veterans, especially those of the craft.

## Give a Gift of Timeless Beauty and Tranquility

Looking for a special way to say thank you to Grand Lodge staff, officers, members or visiting guests this holiday? Why not say it with a gift that will continue to inspire, bless and beautify year after year. Why not give them a beautiful tree in their name by participating in the Memorial's Tree Program. You'll be spreading good cheer and at the same time helping to support the Memorial.

Several Grand Lodges have already discovered the benefits of this unique gift-giving idea. Last year Donald D. Thomas, then GM of Delaware, and his wife Pam, purchased a tree instead of giving holiday gifts to their Grand Staff. Also last year Edward L. Zorn, then GM of Colorado, and his wife Mary, purchased a tree instead of giving gifts to their guests who attended the Grand Master's Banquet during their Annual Communication.

For additional information on the Tree Program, please see page 5.



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