New President Elected at Annual Meeting

Board Makes Changes to Shape Future Mission of Memorial

Michael D. Brumback, Past Grand Master of Indiana, was elected President of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at the Annual Meeting held February 19th in Nashville, Tennessee. President Brumback has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1994 and was elected Third Vice President in 2000.

Other officers elected for the ensuing year are: Anthony P. Wordlow, First Vice President; Roger A. Simmons, Second Vice President; Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Third Vice President and George D. Seghers, Executive Director.

The following Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters were elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors: David J. Lamprey - New Hampshire, John F. Kavanaugh - Florida, Alvin W. Jorgensen - Washington, Lawrence J. Mersberg - Kansas, Darwin D. Lloyd - Arkansas, and Donald G. Hicks, Jr. - Massachusetts.

The Board of Directors agreed to hold a special meeting in April to begin the process of more actively involving the Directors in determining the future of the Memorial Association. Several standing committees will be created, including, but not limited to: Long Term Planning, Finance/Investment, Fund Raising/Development, and Memorial Property/Temple. The creation of a new logo and message/mission for the Association will also be discussed at the April meeting.

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Greetings From The President

Michael D. Brumback

The Board of Directors and the Officers of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association (GWMNMA) were elected by the Grand Masters of North America at the Conference of Grand Masters in Nashville, Tennessee on February 19th. They are duly noted in this issue of The Messenger. We are honored to be elected and look forward to serving you.

Our Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters, and in fact, the Conference rose out of the initial meetings organized by the Association for the purpose of building the National Masonic Memorial to the memory of our Brother, George Washington.

At our Board Meeting on February 18th, we agreed to better utilize the talents of the Board members, and to begin a reorganization of the Association's scope and purpose. We will hold our first meetings to implement this new strategy on April 28th and 29th at the Memorial.

Our mission is clear. We are the only National Masonic Memorial supported by the Grand Lodges in the United States. We are the repository of many relics pertaining to George Washington, and display them to tell the story of the importance Masonry
Happy Birthday Brother Washington

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial participated in three events in February to celebrate the 274th birthday of our First President and Foremost Freemason. On Saturday, February 11th, the Memorial hosted the George Washington Symposium, an annual event sponsored by the City of Alexandria that addresses early Alexandria and the parallel life of its most famous hometown hero.

The celebration continued on February 25th with a wreath laying ceremony held at Mount Vernon at Washington’s tomb. The annual wreath laying ceremony is organized by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 which meets at the Memorial. President Michael D. Brumback spoke on behalf of the Memorial.

The final event took place on February 26th with the annual wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial.

DeMolay Celebrates Patriot’s Day

The Alexandria-Washington Chapter of DeMolay celebrated DeMolay Patriot’s Day on the day before President’s Day this year by having a distinguished U.S. Army Artillery Officer speak on leadership lessons learned from early American Patriots. Lt. Col. Jeff Springman related the Seven Army Values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage to the Seven Cardinal Virtues of a DeMolay which are filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness, and patriotism. The Alexandria-Washington Chapter meets in the North Lodge Room of the Memorial. For more information contact Jim Schimmel at 703-971-0442 or james.schimmel@cox.net.


The Heroes of ’76, National Sojourners, presented the colors at the wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial.
Wish List - 2006

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

Install Emergency Generators $125,000
Sponsor one issue of The Messenger $20,000
Install Second Phase of Surveillance System $35,000
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

Our thanks and appreciation to Brother Alvin I. Singer for funding the installation of Security Lighting on the Main Parking Lot and the Aircraft Warning Lights. Both of these projects will be completed this summer.
IN MEMORIAM

W. Scott Stoner, Immediate Past President of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, passed away on March 1st. He served as President in 2005. He had been a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee since 1991.

A life-long resident of Pennsylvania, Brother Stoner was born and grew up in Lancaster. He graduated with a B.S. degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1961. He received his C.P.A. degree and began his accounting career with Dorwart, Andrew & Company in 1966, becoming a partner in 1973. After retiring in 1997, he became a consultant with the firm. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lancaster having served two terms as President, a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member and Past President of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, South Central Chapter.

Brother Stoner began his Masonic career in 1966 by joining Casiphia Lodge No. 551 in Mount Joy where he served as Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Representative in Grand Lodge. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for five years before proceeding through the Grand Lodge. He served as Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1990 and 1991. He was active in numerous Masonic organizations including the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine of North America, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania and Order of DeMolay. He is the recipient of several Masonic distinguished service awards including the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania’s highest honor, the Benjamin Franklin Medal.

Brother Stoner is survived by his wife Phyllis of 41 years, two daughters, one son-in-law, three grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.

The Memorial is deeply grateful for Brother Stoner’s commitment to serving the Memorial for 15 years. His financial experience was invaluable in overseeing the audits and in helping to make sound investment decisions. He created the Memorial’s Planned Giving Program and served as its Chairman for many of the years he served on the Board. Brother Stoner will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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.
- **Still Employed**: If you’re a high earner in your 40’s and 50’s planning your retirement but restricted in the amounts you can contribute to qualified retirement plans, a deferred charitable gift annuity may act as a supplemental retirement plan for you.

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

- [ ] 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

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Or Fax to 703-519-9270

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Join the GWMNMA Today!
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Enclosed is my membership contribution of:

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- $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 - 21st 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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Mark A. Tabbert Heads Memorial Library and Museum

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is pleased to announce that Mark A. Tabbert joined the staff on January 9th as the new Director of Collections. Previously, he was Curator of Masonic and Fraternal Collections at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts.

A native of Iowa, he graduated from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania with a B.A. in European History. He received his M.A. in American History and Museum Studies at Duquesne University while working at the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh. Between 1997 and 1998, he worked for the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis, Missouri. During this time he became a Mason in Malta Lodge No. 318 in Burlington, Iowa.

He is the presiding Master of Mystic Valley Lodge in Arlington, Massachusetts, member of the three York Rite Bodies, the Society of Blue Frians and is elected to receive the Scottish Rite, NMJ, 33rd Degree in 2006.

Mark has written and published many historical research papers, articles and essays. He has curated several exhibitions and is an experienced and sought after speaker. In 2005, the National Heritage Museum and the New York University Press jointly published his acclaimed book, American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities. We look forward to working with Mark to define and refine the mission of the Memorial Library and Museum.

Appendant Body/Grand Lodge Month Program

This year both the National Sojourners and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls provided outstanding exhibits for their respective months featuring the history, activities and charities of their organizations. The program continues with the following schedule: April - Red Cross of Constantine, May - Royal Arch Masons International, June - Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, July - Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, August - White Shrine of Jerusalem, September - York Rite Sovereign College of North America, October - Grand Lodge of Delaware, November - Royal Order of Scotland, December - Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

The Appendant Body/Grand Lodge Month Program was created to recognize and honor the Appendant Bodies and Grand Lodges of the Masonic family.