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The Power of Quiet Resolve *Washington Wins a War and Founds a Nation*

During this holiday season we should pause to remember a pivotal point in the American Revolution. Just six months after the Declaration of Independence, the American Revolution was all but lost. A powerful British force had routed the Americans at New York, occupied three colonies, and advanced within sight of Philadelphia. George Washington lost 90 percent of his army and was driven across the Delaware River. Panic and despair spread through the states. Washington – and many other Americans – refused to let the Revolution die. Even as the British and Germans spread their troops across New Jersey, the people of the colony began to rise up against them. George Washington saw his opportunity and seized it. On Christmas night, as a howling nor'easter struck the Delaware Valley, he led



Washington's harrowing trek across the icy Delaware proved a turning point in the Revolution and strengthened his resolve to push on to victory. (Oil on canvas by Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze, 1851)

his men across the river and attacked the Hessian garrison at Trenton, killing or capturing nearly a thousand men. A second battle of Trenton followed within days. The Americans held off a counterattack by Lord Cornwallis' best troops, then were almost trapped by the British force. Under cover of night, Washington's men stole behind the enemy and struck them again, defeating a brigade at Princeton. In twelve weeks of winter fighting, the British army suffered severe damage; their hold on New Jersey was broken. All the events and obstacles that Washington met on the way to Trenton deepened his determination to see the operation through.

In Washington's Crossing, author David Hackett Fischer writes extensively about the strength, composure and character of George Washington: "On the march to Trenton George Washington rode up and down the column urging his men forward. Suddenly the General's horse slipped and started to fall on a continued on page 2

Greetings From The President Michael D.

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Some leaders in Masonry worry that the Fraternity has become less relevant and therefore needs to be modernized to attract the interest of young men. On the contrary, evidence would show just the opposite. In the last several years, there have been numerous novels and movies utilizing Freemasonry as the catalyst to add intrigue to the plot. These projects have been wildly popular and profitable.

On December 21st, *National Treasure II* will be released. Some of the scenes in the movie were shot at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. When you see the lecture, setting up the plot of the movie, the red auditorium seats are the Theater seats in the Memorial. Other scenes were shot in Memorial Hall. This will be the latest in a series of movies where Freemasonry is part of the story line. Collectively, these have served to create a renewed interest in our Gentle Craft from young men.

As we approach our 100th Anniversary of the Memorial Association, we are also preparing to capitalize on this interest. It is our goal to make the George Washington Masonic Memorial a world class exhibit and tourist attraction for Freemasonry. It is part of our vision to educate and inspire humanity *continued on page 2*

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utilizing the principles embodied in George Washington, the man, the Mason, and the Father of our Country.

Last month we had an opportunity to purchase the oil portrait of George Washington painted by William J. Williams. Washington was serving his second term as President of the United States at the time the portrait was done. The documentation concerning the portrait details that Washington had declined to sit for portraits for several years prior to 1794. He was tired of the long sessions required by the artist to capture a suitable likeness, and believed that some of the artists were seeking personal gain from these endeavors.

Henry Lee had written Washington in 1793 introducing Williams as one of the foremost portrait artists of the day, and recommended that President Washington allow the artist to paint his portrait. Washington wrote Lee, declining, stating that he had decided to no longer sit for portraits unless requested by an organization that would prove embarrassing to refuse. With this information, the artist approached Alexandria Lodge No. 22 and requested that they write the President and request that he sit for a portrait for the Lodge. The artist promised to provide the Lodge with a complimentary portrait if their request was successful. Washington accepted.

Williams painted one other painting of the President, an oil, which has been in the possession of the family. The family decided to auction the painting this fall, and the appraised value supported an anticipated bid price range of \$150,000 to \$350,000. I am pleased to report that we received widespread financial support in the form of pledges to purchase the painting. On auction day we were prepared to bid up to the \$350,000 maximum guidance value of the painting. We had contacted all Grand Lodges and other Masonic organizations announcing our intention to bid, so there would not be competitive bids within the Fraternity. Mount Vernon gave us much appreciated guidance, and we were cautiously optimistic that we could buy the painting near the low expected price. Unfortunately, on bid day, there was one other anonymous telephone bidder who was better financed than we, and bought the painting when we dropped out at \$350,000.00.

Brethren, we are the oldest and greatest fraternal organization in the world. The George Washington Masonic Memorial stands as the beacon of Freemasonry proclaiming our pride and esteem for our Brother George Washington, and our steadfast faith in the principles of our Fraternity.

George Washington wrote, "If after all my humble but faithful endeavours to advance the felicity of my Country and mankind, I may indulge a hope that my labours have not been altogether without success, it will be the only real compensation I can receive in the closing of life."

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steep and icy slope. 'While passing a Slanting Slippery bank,' Lieutenant Bostwick remembered, 'his excellency's horse's hind feet both slip'd from under him.' The animal began to go down. Elisha Bostwick watched in fascination as Washington locked his fingers in the animal's mane and hauled up its heavy head by brute force. He shifted his balance backward just enough to allow the horse to regain its hind footing on the treacherous road. Bostwick wrote that the General 'seize'd his horse's Mane and the Horse recovered.' It was an extraordinary feet of strength, skill and timing; and another reason why his soldiers stood in awe of this man."

Washington's composure in a critical moment was such that the men rallied to his quiet leadership. Many of the soldiers were very near George Washington in the course of the battle. Many spoke with him. They felt that they were one with him and were inspired by his example. The startling success of Washington and his compatriots not only saved the faltering American Revolution, but helped to give it new meaning in a pivotal moment in American history.

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. Masonically, Washington was the Perfect Ashlar, the true exemplar of the just, honorable, honest and forthright man that all Masons should aspire to be.

Portrait Program Gears Up for 2008 *Help Put Washington Back in the Classroom*

He was there when most of you went to school. But today, many students don't have his inspiring countenance to look up to. Mount Vernon and the George Washington Masonic Memorial hope to change all that. To commemorate



the 275th birthday of George Washington, the Memorial has joined forces with Mount Vernon to distribute portraits of George Washington to schools all across America.

The portrait chosen is the Rembrandt Peale painting of Washington. It's a striking pose of Washington in his Continental uniform. The finished size measures

24 x 36 inches, small enough to fit on most walls, and large enough to be clearly seen. Sponsorship of a single portrait is \$275, however, the larger the sponsorship, the lower the per portrait cost. Sponsors can participate in the school selection process and are encouraged to be involved in any ceremonies surrounding the placement of the portrait.

With nearly 12,000 Masonic Lodges across this great nation, we are positioned to serve as a grassroots movement to again make sure that George Washington is honored in every school. Call the Memorial for details at 703-683-2007 or visit the website for more information and to access a participation form at www.gwmemorial.org

Message From Alexandria



The Board of Directors continues to move the organization forward, both inspirationally and physically. Our Vision Statement, "To inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason and Father of our Country," is the guiding light leading the Board in the

renovation of the physical building and restoration of the awareness of and respect for George Washington. The many projects approved and funded by the Board will restore the Memorial to the magnificent edifice it was designed to be. And programs like *The George Washington Portrait Program* - *Returning "The Father of our Country" to Schools Across the Nation*, will help to restore George Washington to the place of honor and respect he once held and so rightly deserves. (See article, p. 2)

The George Washington Masonic Memorial is unique in that it was conceived, constructed and is maintained by the Freemasons of America. It is not owned by a particular Grand Lodge or Appendant Body. The Active (Voting) Members of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association are the Grand Lodges of the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and are represented by their respective Grand Masters. It is truly the National Masonic Memorial to George Washington. Our goal is to have the Memorial completely restored and renovated by 2010, our 100th Anniversary. To do this we need the continued support of our Members, the Freemasons of America. The "100% Participation By Our 100th Anniversary" program was developed to aid the Memorial in acquiring the support we need to restore, improve and maintain the Memorial. The campaign is directed to all our Grand Lodges with the goal of receiving \$1 Per Member annually by 2010.

Freemasonry must tell its own story. Too often we have allowed the media and others to do it for us. This has resulted in confusion, inaccuracy and misinformation. That will begin to change this spring with a new exhibit at the Memorial on American Freemasonry highlighting four prominent Americans and Past Grand Masters from different eras of American history as exemplars. This will provide our visitors with correct, relevant and accurate information and will show the effect that Freemasonry had and continues to have on America. (See article, p. 7) Future exhibits will include the renovation and updating of the Appendant Body exhibits. The Shrine recently renovated its exhibit and it now presents an informative and extremely user-friendly message. Early next year we will be contacting the Appendant Bodies that have exhibits in the Memorial for their input, participation and support in presenting a comprehensive, accurate and informative story of the Masonic Appendant Bodies to our visitors. Freemasonry played an important role in the creation and development of our country. We want our visitors to leave the Memorial with an informed and positive view of Freemasonry. To do this we must present the story of Freemasonry in a succinct, attractive and interesting way.

Happy Holidays to you and yours and thank you for your continued support of your Memorial.

George D. Seghers is the Executive Director of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

2007 Holiday Ornaments Collector's Edition



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The George Washington Masonic Memorial is pleased to present two Commemorative Holiday Ornaments for 2007, the Memorial and the Eastern Star emblem. Both have been re-issued due to popularity and demand. Both have attractive new designs and were crafted in America.

The Memorial was built to honor the memory and legacy of America's Foremost Freemason, George Washington. It symbolizes the power and strength of Freemasonry and represents the Masonic ideals of Washington.

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The Eastern Star

Historical booklet included

To order, please contact the Memorial Gift Shop at 703-549-9234 or visit the Memorial's website at www.gwmemorial.org.

The Royal Order Of Scotland

Editor's Note: In this issue we honor the Royal Order of Scotland for its many decades of support. The Memorial and the Royal Order of Scotland share a common history that goes back more than 50 years in the person of Most Worshipful Brother Marvin E. Fowler (1904-2001). Marvin was Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland for 44 years and served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the George Washington Masonic Memorial for 20 of those 44 years. We extend our thanks and appreciation to Right Worshipful Edward H. Fowler, Jr., Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania and Provincial Grand Master of The Provincial Grand Lodge, U.S.A., the Royal Order of Scotland, for sponsoring this issue of The Messenger and for his continued support of the Memorial.



The Royal Order of Scotland is headquartered in Edinburgh. By right, the King of Scotland is the Order's hereditary Grand Master, but it has always been governed by a Deputy Grand Master. In commemoration of the absence of the King, a vacant chair is placed at the right hand of the presiding officer.

Currently, the Deputy Grand Master and Governor is Andrew Bruce, Lord Elgin, 15th Earl of Elgin and 17th Earl of Kincardine. He is a direct descendant of Robert the Bruce. He is a Past Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and has governed the Order for over 37 years.

Through three centuries, the Order has spread around the world and established over 80 Provincial Grand Lodges. The Provincial Grand Lodge of the United States of America, Puerto Rico, Republic of Panama, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands was constituted in 1878. Its first Provincial Grand Master (PGM) was Albert Pike who served from 1878 until his death in 1891. Since then, nine others have assumed that office. The longest serving PGM was Sir Marvin E. Fowler who became a member of the Order in 1932 and was PGM from 1953 until 1997.

Membership in the Order is by invitation only. To be eligible, a man must be a Master Mason for five years, a Trinitarian Christian by faith and either be a 32nd Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite or a Knights Templar in the York Rite. Selection for membership, however, is also based on a man's service to his community, church, country and other organizations.

Like much of Freemasonry, the origins of the Royal Order are obscure. According to its own records, the Order dates to 1741 and is therefore second only to the Craft Degrees in Masonic precedence. However, the Order was formally established in Edinburgh in 1750. Originally limited in America to 63 members, this number has expanded over time and today there are over 8,700 knights or approximately half the total members in the world.

The Order comprises two initiation degrees. The first, the Heredom of Kilwinning, refers to the legendary reestablishment of the Order by King Robert the Bruce as Grand Master at Kilwinning, Scotland. Sometimes referred to as "St. John's Masonry," this degree is considered by many to be the "most pure" Masonic ritual in the world. It is usually conferred in local Chapters.

The Order's second degree is the Rosy Cross. Again, according to tradition, this Order was created by King Robert the Bruce after his victory at Bannockburn in 1314 and conferred upon a select group of knights who distinguished themselves at the battle. This degree is conferred annually by the Provincial Grand Lodge of the United States, usually in conjunction with the Supreme Council, 33^o Scottish Rite annual meetings.

Today, the Provincial Grand Lodge in America is presided over by Provincial Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr. Sir Edward lives in western Pennsylvania and served as Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1992-1993. For more information on the Royal Order of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, please visit their websites at www.yorkrite.com/roos/ and www. grandlodgescotland.com

Dates to Remember

December 14 –	Anniversary of Washington's Passing
February 17-19 –	Conference of Grand Masters of North America – Louisville, Kentucky
February 22 –	Washington's Birthday
February 23 –	2 nd Annual George Washington Memorial Award Presentation



Let's Be Legendary—Again

By Christopher L. Hodapp

Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* has sold on the order of 60 million copies making it the 8th most popular book in history. His hotly anticipated sequel, rumored to be called *The Solomon Key*, will be about the Freemasons and their supposed influence over the city of Washington, D.C. Freemasons may very well be in front of 60 million readers, or more, literally overnight. That's somewhere we haven't been for a very long time, and we had better be prepared for it.

A century ago, one out of every 25 adult American men was a Freemason, but the Fraternity has fallen on hard times in the last 30 years or so, victims of the Baby Boomers' generational suspiciousness of their fathers' institutions. New cultural references to the Masons in movies like National Treasure and From Hell, along with novels like Brad Meltzer's Book Of Fate and Brown's anticipated Code sequel - along with a bewildering flurry of non-fiction books and History Channel programs - are shining new light on our 300-yearold Fraternity. More important, young men are suddenly rediscovering the Freemasonry of their grandfathers and great-grandfathers in a big way. A generation raised on the mythical Lord of the Rings stories and the chivalric Jedi Knights of the Star Wars saga seem to be looking for similar legendary codes of honor and conduct in their real lives, and they are finding them in Masonic Lodges.

They come in search of the Lodges of Washington and Franklin, of Mozart and Goethe, of Thurgood Marshall and Rudyard Kipling. They are looking for our philosophy and methods of symbolism, true equality among men of all races and faiths, personal growth, individual charity and service to our communities. And they are looking for festive boards and toasting and an enjoyable night out they can't find anywhere else outside of Lodge.

I am convinced that we are on the verge of the greatest expansion we have had in the last 50 years. It is the Lodges that are prepared to give these new men something legendary, something ancient, something mythic, that will succeed. The Lodges that are prepared to give their candidates the best possible experience, and their existing members the best possible programming and fellowship, will grow and prosper.

In 1891, the Freemasons of Chicago built a new headquarters. When they built the Chicago Masonic Temple it was 22 stories tall. The Freemasons at that time had erected the tallest skyscraper in the world. Likewise, the Masons of America thought big in the 1920s when they began construction on the George Washington Masonic Memorial, the Detroit Masonic Center, the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral, and literally hundreds of other majestic buildings across the country that proudly proclaimed to their communities who the Masons were and what they were

100% Participation By Our 100th Anniversary

The Clock is Ticking – We Need Your Support

Unveiled at the Association's Annual Meeting in February, this exciting new campaign is directed to all Grand Lodges with the goal of receiving \$1 Per Member annually in every Grand Jurisdiction by the Association's

100th Anniversary in 2010. Seven states have already made this commitment, but that's a long way from 100%. We need every Grand Lodge to participate to make this worthy program a success. If you are a local Lodge reading this and support this idea, please take your enthusiasm to your State Ambassador to the Memorial and encourage them to rally behind this at your Annual Communication. (Please call the Memorial if you do not know who your Ambassador is.)



One hundred years ago, the founding members had a vision: build a great memorial to forever honor the memory and legacy of America's Foremost Freemason and First President, Brother George Washington. Today that vision is realized with the George

Washington Masonic Memorial. But we must continue their original commitment to support this magnificent tribute. Get on board. Let's "*inspire humanity*" and show the world that "*the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason and Father of our Country*" will be forever preserved for all generations to come. Let every Jurisdiction unite behind this one symbol of veneration for Washington and let that unity ring out 100% strong by 2010!

All Jurisdictions that contribute \$1 Per Member annually will be honored with a large seal of their Grand Lodge to be prominently displayed in Grand Masonic Hall at the Memorial

capable of building. Who among us would suggest such grand plans today? More important, why wouldn't we?

The time is now for all Freemasons, young and old, to start thinking big again. The time is now for us to believe the very best of our Fraternity, and to make certain we live up to our promises and our legends. We are the oldest, largest and greatest fraternal organization the world has ever known. We need to make certain *we* believe it about ourselves first, but when we do, Masons are truly capable of great things.

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New Exhibit on American Freemasonry Opens Spring 2008

By Mark A. Tabbert

A short story of American Freemasonry will soon be told in the George Washington Masonic Memorial. A new exhibit is scheduled to open late April 2008 and will fill a long, recognized need to tell visitors what Freemasonry is and its role in American history. Its central theme will compare the rough and perfect ashlars of Masonry to the lives of four American Freemasons: George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Andrew Jackson, and Harry Truman. Each of these men improved themselves as they improved their communities. Visitors will also be introduced to the tools, symbols and allegory of Freemasonry.

The exhibit's introduction will contain the large rough stone from King Solomon's quarry donated to the Memorial in the 1920s. At the back of the gallery will be a polished marble Masonic altar representing a perfect ashlar and a wall graphic of an early Masonic tressleboard. Jackson made his fame though his actions as soldier and politician during the formative years of the United States. During his lifetime, Freemasonry enjoyed great prestige, but also suffered during the anti-Masonic period.

The 20th century will be seen through the actions of Harry Truman. Truly a self-made man, Truman served as Grand Master of Missouri while he was U.S. Senator. During his years as President, he improved international communities through the United Nations, the Marshall Plan, and many other organizations and treaties.

In the exhibit's center will be George Washington dressed as a Master Mason. Quotes from Franklin, Jackson and Truman about Washington will surround the figure. In this way visitors will be reminded of Washington as Founding Father and the great exemplifier of Masonic



virtues. As the visitor exits the exhibit, there will be a display case for the *Grand Lodge of the Month Program*. Lastly, visitors will be reminded that all Americans ought to improve themselves as they improve their community.

This exhibit will be the cornerstone that will tie in other reorganized displays on the first two levels of the Memorial. The hallway "mezzanine" around Grand Masonic Hall features enlarged reproduced postcards of major Masonic temples from around the nation. The current display of historical photographs about Memorial's the

Artist rendering of the new exhibit on American Freemasonry with George Washington at the center in full Masonic regalia, inspiring visitors to improve themselves as they improve their community.

The exhibit will be divided into three main sections chronologically representing the 1700s, 1800s, and 1900s. Each section will be represented by a prominent American Freemason of that century. The first section will explain the origins of Freemasonry in Great Britain and the first Lodges in the American colonies. Benjamin Franklin will be featured here. He printed the first Masonic book in America and served as a Provincial Grand Master. As he improved himself, he improved his community of Philadelphia, establishing a college, hospital, library and fire company, among his many achievements.

Andrew Jackson will be featured in the second section highlighting 19th century America and Freemasonry. As a Grand Master of Tennessee and our 7th U.S. President, construction will be moved to the second floor south stairway. In 2008, they will be incorporated into a new display on the Memorial and Alexandria history. On the second floor north stairway we will create a display on the history of the Memorial Association. It will include busts and photographs of the past and current Association Presidents.

This permanent Masonic exhibit on American Freemasonry will be the focal point of other new displays currently under development in preparation for the Memorial's 100th Anniversary in 2010.

Mark A. Tabbert is the Director of Collections of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

Grand Lodge Month Program

The Grand Lodge Month Program was an outstanding success this year. The year began with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey holding an Emergent Session at the Memorial in January. At this event the Grand Lodge recognized and honored Most Worshipful Edgar N. Peppler, Past Grand Master of New Jersey and Past President of the George Washington Masonic Memorial for his service to Freemasonry, the Grand



George D. Seghers (right), welcomes Cedric Smith, Grand Secretary (left) and Calvin K. Keyler, Grand Master (center), to the Memorial on their historic first-time visit and Emergent Session during the Grand Lodge of Vermont Month in November.

as part of the Grand Lodge of Vermont Month. It was the first time the Grand Lodge ever opened and held a meeting outside the Jurisdiction of Vermont. The Session was attended by the Grand Lodge Officers and many brethren and spouses from various Lodges in Vermont. During the Session, Grand Master Calvin K. Keyler honored the Memorial and the Memorial's Executive Director, George D. Seghers, by presenting to him the Philip C. Tucker Medal, Vermont's highest honor. Philip C. Tucker was one of Vermont's most historic brothers and was instrumental in developing Freemasonry in the United States in the 19th century. He served as Grand Master of Vermont from 1847-1861. A lawyer by trade, he was regarded as a Masonic authority of national and international reputation.

The program ends this year with December being the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Month. The schedule for 2008 is: January – Ohio, February – Tennessee, March – Louisiana, April - Nevada, May - Massachusetts, June - Indiana, July - Mississippi, August - Illinois, September - Alabama, October - Maine, November - Missouri, and December - Washington.



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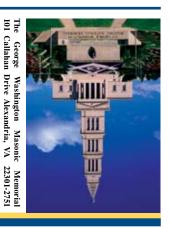
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