

2008 Annual Meeting

Election of Officers/Board, 100th Anniversary, By-Laws Change

A major focus of the Annual Meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky in February was on the Centennial of the Memorial Association which will take place in 2010. The Conference of Grand Masters of North America will meet in Virginia that year and will participate in this historic event with the Memorial Association.

The Active Members of the Memorial Association approved a By-Laws change which reduced the term of the Memorial President from three (3) one (1) year terms to two (2) one (1) year terms. This will allow more Active Members the opportunity to serve as President of the Memorial Association and will provide more input and



Members of the Board of Directors greet visitors at the Memorial's booth at the Conference of Grand Masters in Louisville, Kentucky. From left, behind the table are, standing: Alvin W. Jorgensen, Michael A. Sutton; seated: Darwin D. Lloyd, Anthony P. Wordlow and Albert F. Garner, Jr.

participation by our members. In other business, the officers of the Association were elected for the ensuing year. They are: Michael D. Brumback, President; 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 were elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors: Neal I. Bidnick, New York; Ridgely H. Gilmour, Utah; J. B. Van Hollen, Wisconsin; James G. Kelley, Nevada; John S. Ryan, New Jersey; Roger A. Simmons, Alabama and Claire V. Tusch, Maine.

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Greetings From The President

Michael D. Brumback



Every Mason was taught early in his Masonic career that there comes a time when you must take a stand. In the early 1900s, a group of Masons put forth the proposition that we should proclaim to the world that George Washington and Freemasonry should be so honored. They set upon the audacious task of erecting a Memorial as a lasting tribute of our brotherly love for George Washington, and our eternal belief in the principles of our Fraternity.

The first half of the 20th century was spent building the George Washington Masonic Memorial which we all love and enjoy today. The remainder of the 1900s, we dutifully maintained the edifice.

It appears to me that this parallels the history of Freemasonry in the United States for the last 100 years. Even though we were all taught to be builders in life, Masonry has evolved into an organization that honors what our forefathers provided. We have forgotten that we should not rest on our laurels, but constantly strive to build a better life.

During the "Golden Age" of Freemasonry in the United States, Masons all across America erected glorious structures for the convenience of the Lodge and to proclaim to their communities the

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Happy Birthday Brother Washington

2nd Annual Award Presented

On Saturday, February 23, in commemoration of George Washington's 276th birthday, the Memorial presented the George Washington Memorial Award to James C. Rees, Executive Director of Mount Vernon.

The award program was created in 2007 to honor individuals who have promoted the virtues, character and vision of George Washington. Rees received the award for his book, *George Washington's Leadership Lessons*. Rees gave a talk on Washington prior to the presentation and hosted a book signing afterward.

A gala reception was held after the program that included toasts, a 4-tiered birthday cake, refreshments and musical entertainment. The event was free and open to the public and was part of a month-long birthday celebration sponsored by the City of Alexandria. The Memorial also participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon sponsored by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22.



Distinguished guests and speakers included, from left: Memorial President Michael D. Brumback; Akram R. Elias, Grand Master of the District of Columbia; award recipient James C. Rees; Edmund Cohen, Grand Master of Virginia; the Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor of Alexandria; Joseph Shumard of the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee and George D. Seghers, Executive Director.

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importance they felt for the principles of Freemasonry. It was during this era that the George Washington Masonic Memorial was constructed. But now we are embarking on a new era.

I am heartened to see that our younger Masons possess the same character as our forefathers. They see a bright future for Freemasonry, and want to again begin building for that future. Encouraged by their resolve, we are embarking on a bold initiative at the Memorial. We are again building for the future, rather than just preserving the past.

Every Mason is intimately familiar with the final chapter of Ecclesiastes which begins, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.....". In that same book of Ecclesiastes are the familiar phrases: "a time to break down, and a time to build up;" "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak."

Well Brethren, it is time we break our silence and begin again to build up Freemasonry.

To this end, your Board of Directors has pledged to make the George Washington Masonic Memorial the center for information about Freemasonry in the United States. Our new Masonic exhibit will soon be completed and will explain the role Freemasonry played in the formation of this country, as well as its relevant place in the future. We are joining with Mount Vernon to teach the world that George Washington, and the Masonic principles ingrained in his character, are central to the rights and privileges we enjoy today as citizens of the United States of America.

There are two specific ways you can help. You can become a Member or Patron of the Memorial. Your contribution will be used to build for the future of our Fraternity. You can also take this same spirit of building into your own community, and build a Masonic future for young men.

Our 100th Anniversary will be celebrated in 2010. We invite you to visit the George Washington Masonic Memorial and become inspired to renew your belief in the future of Masonry.

Message From Alexandria



George D. Seghers

This is an exciting time to be a Freemason and especially to be associated with the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The Fraternity and the Memorial are in the early stages of a Renaissance. The Fraternity is attracting men interested in tradition, ritual, learning, fellowship and in being contributing members of their community. And we are grateful to have a Board of Directors that has responded to this heightened interest with their visionary plan to create new programs and exhibits as well as to restore and improve the physical building. To that end, and in anticipation of the 100th Anniversary of the Memorial Association in 2010, we are researching the conception, construction and dedication of the Memorial. The Masons who created the Memorial knew of and understood the contributions of not only George Washington, but also of our Masonic forebears who created the first truly free society. The Memorial was conceived and erected to forever memorialize George Washington. But the Memorial also symbolizes that Freemasons are builders; builders not only of Memorials or Monuments, but also builders of men, societies and nations.

One of the Memorial Association's goals is to accurately, succinctly and interestingly present the history, purpose and activities of the Masonic Fraternity to our visitors. The first phase of this plan will shortly be completed with *"The Golden Age of Masonic Architecture"* exhibit. The exhibit displays images of Grand Masonic buildings constructed during the same time period as the construction of the Memorial. This exhibit clearly and beautifully shows the contributions of the Freemasons of America to their communities as builders of prominent structures. The next phase will soon be presented in the exhibit on Freemasonry. This exhibit uses individuals rather than structures to portray the Fraternity as builders

of communities, societies and nations. The focus of the exhibit will be George Washington as the central founding figure of our nation and as the Perfect Ashlar. It will also feature Benjamin Franklin from the Colonial period, Andrew Jackson from the period of western expansion and Harry Truman from the 20th century. The final phases of the plan will be new Appendant Body exhibits in the upper levels of the Memorial and the creation of a comprehensive exhibit on the many Appendant and Affiliated Bodies of Freemasonry. This exhibit will present the history, activities, charities and contributions to American Society by these organizations. In addition to these exhibits, the Memorial is working with the City of Alexandria to create and install an exhibit that will feature the history of the Memorial and its relationship with the City of Alexandria and the local Freemasons who were responsible for the creation of the Memorial. All of these programs will be completed prior to our 100th Anniversary in 2010.

If we are *"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,"* we must have programs, exhibits and products that are capable of achieving this vision. George Washington lived a life of continual self improvement. We, as Freemasons, should follow his example. Under the guidance and direction of our Board of Directors, the many projects and programs that are being developed at the Memorial are a physical manifestation of Washington's inspiration. It is a guiding light that will result in an informative, interesting and moving experience for our visitors.

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

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Our sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the following Board Members who completed their terms of service: Bradford L. Barco, Rhode Island; David E. Carter, Kentucky; Ronald S. Coppedge, Oklahoma; Albert F. Garner, Jr., Georgia and John R. Quinley, Virginia. These Board Members served the Memorial with diligence and active participation. They were instrumental in strengthening, focusing and guiding the Memorial Association. We are grateful for their contributions of time, energy and thought to the Memorial and are confident that they will continue to represent and work for the Memorial in their Jurisdictions.

The following members of the Board of Directors were appointed to the Executive Committee: Anthony P. Wordlow, Roger A. Simmons, Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Ridgely H. Gilmour, Frank R. Dunaway, Jr., and George D. Seghers. The Executive Committee is responsible for the Memorial when the Board of Directors is not in session.

The Memorial Association is in very able hands and is moving forward with many new projects, programs, exhibits and events. This is an exciting time to be involved as we continue to renew and reinvigorate not only the physical Memorial, but also the Memorial Association.

"The opinion and advice of my friends I receive at all times as a proof of their friendship and am thankful when they are offered."

—George Washington, 1780

Sharing our Treasures

By S. Brent Morris

"When I get a little money, I buy books; and if any is left, I buy food and clothes."

—Desiderius Erasmus (1465–1536)

Even before I joined Highland Park Lodge No. 1150 in Dallas, Texas, in 1971, I had read most of the books on Freemasonry in the Southern Methodist University library. I loved books and I was fascinated with our Fraternity. Given the number of volumes written about Freemasonry, this was a great pairing of passions for me. My interest in reading (and writing) about Freemasonry has not stopped, and I try to share this passion whenever I can. It is my small way of reaching out and interesting more people in the Fraternity.

Interest in Freemasonry is increasing among the general public and academia, and this interest can be reinforced with information. Whether the inquirers want to know more about the Lodges their grandfathers belonged to or have questions about historic membership trends, we should welcome them to our libraries and share our treasures. The more the public can learn about us from our books and records, the more they will appreciate our position in society.

I am particularly pleased with the Memorial's plan to become a repository of digital copies of Grand Lodge proceedings and other records. It is a wonderful service to researchers and Grand Lodges, and should pay off with a greater understanding of our Fraternity and its place in society. When I was preparing my inaugural address as Worshipful Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 of London, the premier Lodge of Masonic research, I did extensive study of early Grand Lodge proceedings. Much to my delight, the Grand Lodge of Maine had digitized many of its early transactions, and my research in their proceedings was smooth and fast. If only the Memorial's digitization project had been completed when I did my research!


Not everything in Grand Lodge proceedings, however, qualifies as page-turning prose. (A debate on raising mileage for committee members from \$0.030 to 0.035 comes to mind as an example). But a careful reading can uncover gems. For example, the 1861 proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Alabama and North Carolina reveal opposing positions on military Lodges in the Confederate forces. North Carolina feared that the "wrong sort" of men would be attracted to such Lodges and the bodies might even be detrimental to esprit de corps. Alabama, on the other hand, immediately began chartering military Lodges at the beginning of the Civil War.

When the Memorial completes its digital archives, researchers will easily be able to read the debates—both tedious and stimulating—from the comfort of their own homes.

We will know more about our history, and more researchers will produce better papers because of easy access to original source materials.

On behalf of all students of our Gentle Craft, I salute the George Washington Masonic Memorial for preserving and sharing our treasures. It is a forward thinking and innovative advance in our knowledge.

S. Brent Morris is the Managing Editor of The Scottish Rite Journal, the world's largest circulation Masonic magazine, and Worshipful Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 of London, the premier Lodge of Masonic research. Retired from the federal government after 25 years, he has a PhD in mathematics and has taught at Duke, Johns Hopkins, and George Washington Universities.



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

New Planned Giving Program Lets You Do It *Your Way!*

Sign up now and become a Friend of the Memorial

Now you can choose your own donation plan through the new *Friends of the Memorial Program*. As a supporter of the Memorial, you will make it possible for us to not only maintain and improve the Memorial, but to ensure that the great deeds, character and vision of George Washington will not be forgotten and will be passed down to all generations.

You want to be comfortable and gratified about supporting the Memorial, but you don't want to be flooded with mail asking for money. We don't want that either. As a *Friend of the Memorial*, participation is easy and convenient. You contribute based on the plan that's best for you. For example, you may consider the following *sample* donation plans:

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As a *Friend of the Memorial*, you will:

- Select the donation plan you like
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- Help ensure the Memorial's future

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First Lady Launches Portrait Program

First Lady Laura Bush addressed students, faculty and distinguished guests at Washington Mill Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia on January 15 to officially launch Mount Vernon's program to distribute portraits of George Washington to every school in America. The program was initiated last year to commemorate Washington's 275th birthday. The George Washington Masonic Memorial has joined with Mount Vernon to support this worthy endeavor and announced its participation at the Annual Meeting last February in Portland, Oregon.



First Lady Laura Bush speaks at Washington Mill Elementary School in Alexandria in support of the "George Washington's Return to School" program to distribute the Rembrandt Peale portrait of Washington to every school in America. The school is located on land that was once owned by Washington. Photo courtesy of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association.

During her remarks, Mrs. Bush told the students, "You can honor George Washington by following his good example of good citizenship. I hope that each one of you will be a leader, set a good example for others in your school and community, and, as President Washington reminds us, all it takes is one citizen who loves his country to change America for the better."

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 in a unique position to help make sure that George Washington will once again greet students in school, inspiring them to lead lives of *virtue, character and vision*.

Visit the Memorial's website for more information and to access a participation form at www.gwmemorial.org.

Grand Lodge Month Program Part of New Exhibit

The Grand Lodge of the Month Program will have a permanent place in the new exhibit on Freemasonry scheduled to open at the Memorial in May. A special display case will be devoted to the program and each month will feature the current Grand Lodge being honored. The program was created in 2000 to generate interest in and support for the Memorial. It has met with great success with most of the Lodges contributing outstanding exhibits highlighting their history and activities and featuring historical documents and artifacts.

The schedule for 2008 is as follows: 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.

Memorial Welcomes World Conference Delegates

The George Washington Masonic Memorial will host a welcome reception on May 7, 2008, marking the official start of the 9th World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia is hosting the Conference, being held for the first time in Washington, D.C. The theme is "Universal Fraternity in Action" and will emphasize how Freemasons can better embrace today's changing world while preserving the traditions of the Fraternity. For more information, please visit the official website at www.glworldconference.org.



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"First Night" Brings Thousands to Memorial on New Year's Eve

For over a decade, Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia has been host to one of the most popular community events of the year, the annual First Night program, a celebration of New Year's Eve that turns the city into a stage with artists performing in outdoor storefronts, on street corners, and at indoor performance sites, including the George Washington Masonic Memorial.



A dazzling display of fireworks lights up the George Washington Masonic Memorial and ushers in another year at the annual New Year's Eve celebration in Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia. Photography by David Martin.

Once again, the Memorial hosted the largest number of performance groups for a single venue with a total of 10, including an Irish dance band, a classical string quartet, a jazz and blues band, a rock band and an "a cappella" singing group from the College of William and Mary.

First Night provides a family-oriented, non-alcoholic celebration that is fun, safe and affordable for all. The festivities culminated at midnight with a spectacular fireworks display on the grounds of the Memorial.



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