

# Rededication of the Memorial Cornerstone



The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Laying of the Cornerstone of  
The George Washington Masonic  
National Memorial

1923 – 2023



ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

February 20, 2023





## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

How best could Freemasons in America honor their beloved George Washington? The concept of a Memorial took root in 1910 when, at the invitation of the Grand Master of Virginia, representatives of eighteen Grand Jurisdictions assembled in Alexandria-Washington Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 22 to establish the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Their objective was to erect a Memorial Temple to Washington the Mason, reflecting the admiration, not only of his Masonic brothers, but also of a grateful nation. Ground was broken in 1922, the cornerstone laid in 1923, and the Memorial dedicated in 1932. This magnificent structure, with its matchless architectural splendor, its furnishings and artwork, has educated generations of visitors about this greatest American and Father of our Country: George Washington.

» PROGRAM «

Piper . . . . . David G. Palladino-Sinclair

Proclamation . . . . . Kenneth G. Nagel, President  
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Invocation . . . . . Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Lyons  
CORNERSTONE REDEDICATION CHAPLAIN

Presentation of Colors . . . . . Heroes of '76

Pledge of Allegiance . . . . . McArthur Myers

National Anthem . . . . . Choir

Welcome . . . . . Kenneth G. Nagel, President  
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Remarks . . . . . The Honorable Justin Wilson, Mayor  
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Remarks . . . . . Douglas Bradburn, Ph.D., President & CEO  
GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON

Remarks . . . . . The Honorable James S. Gilmore III, Former Governor  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

“Why the Cornerstone Rededication?” . . . . . Kenneth G. Nagel, President  
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Processional . . . . . Grand Lodge Officers & Participants

*Cornerstone dedication ceremonies have been performed by Freemasons for centuries. The book of Psalms refers to corn, wine, and oil as evidence of divine blessing. These are adopted by Freemasons as appropriate symbols for the dedication of public buildings and to consecrate private lodges. In 1923, thousands of Freemasons and members of the general public gathered at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial to witness the original dedication of the cornerstone. Today, that solemn ceremony is reenacted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.*



### *The Cornerstone Ceremony*

Most Worshipful Donald E. Strehle, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia  
and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia

Proclamation . . . . .	The Grand Marshal
Opening Prayer . . . . .	The Grand Chaplain
Opening Proclamation . . . . .	The Grand Master
Dedication Prayer . . . . .	The Grand Chaplain
The Corn of Nourishment . . . . .	The Grand Junior Warden
The Wine of Refreshment . . . . .	The Grand Senior Warden
The Oil of Joy . . . . .	The Deputy Grand Master
Dedication Proclamation . . . . .	The Grand Master
Closing Prayer . . . . .	The Grand Chaplain
Musical Selection . . . . .	Choir
Introductions & Special Recognitions . . . . .	Kenneth G. Nagel, President THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
Benediction. . . . .	Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Lyons CORNERSTONE REDEDICATION CHAPLAIN
Piper . . . . .	David G. Palladino-Sinclair

*All Please Stand for the Recessional*

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Perhaps more than any other person in history, George Washington exemplified the virtues and moral values so essential to the welfare of every society. Biographers and historians have written passionately and eloquently about this remarkable man, extolling his character and steadfast dedication to the principles of liberty and self-government. But he was also greatly esteemed by countless friends, associates and an admiring public. Two of Washington's Masonic Brothers, wishing to send him some testimony of their admiration and respect, forwarded to him from France a Masonic Apron accompanied by a brief letter. The following is a quote from that letter: "*Your glorious career will not be confined to the protection of American liberty, but its ultimate effect will extend to the whole human family since providence has evidently selected you as an instrument in his hands to fulfill his eternal decrees.*" Written in 1781, this was a truly astounding prophecy.

⇒ THANK YOU ⇐

We thank you for being a part of the Memorial's cornerstone ceremony today. By joining with thousands of brethren and members of the public to witness the reenactment, you have experienced a rare and once in a lifetime event.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial has produced two limited-edition items that are ideal to mark this historic occasion. These contributions will be used to offset the expenses of the February 2023 centennial celebration. Learn more at [www.gwmemorial.org](http://www.gwmemorial.org).



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Fashioned from the Memorial's original granite, this ashlar evokes the building's cornerstone. Because of the scarcity of this stone, only 200 of these Ashlars can be produced. Obtain yours today for a gift of \$500 or more.



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Commissioned by the Memorial Association from artist Kurt Anderson, this beautiful print depicts the fully-restored Memorial on a perfect day. A numbered edition of only 100 canvas prints has been created and each is available for a contribution of \$1,000 or more.





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to emulate and promote  
the virtues, character and vision of  
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and Father of our Country.”*

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