



## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

*“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.”*

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### THOUSANDS OF FREEMASONS GATHER IN ALEXANDRIA TO CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL OF THE 1923 CORNERSTONE LAYING OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The largest gathering of Freemasons in the twenty-first century will take place in Alexandria on Monday as Masonic leaders and members from all fifty states celebrate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (“the Memorial”). The Memorial is a towering monument overlooking Alexandria that was erected by the Masonic fraternity as a gift for all humanity, and which serves as a museum offers educational tours that explore George Washington’s Masonic membership and the ways in which Freemasonry has been a part of American life. During this event, a re-enactment of the 1923 cornerstone ceremony will be publicly performed.

- What:** The Centennial Rededication of the Cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. This ceremony is carefully patterned after the original 1923 ceremony. Open to the public.
- Who:** The Master of Ceremonies for the event is Kenneth G. Nagel, President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Also to appear are the Honorable Justin Wilson (Mayor of Alexandria, Virginia), Douglas Bradburn, Ph.D. (CEO of Mount Vernon), and the Honorable James S. Gilmore III (Former Governor of Virginia).
- When:** Monday, February 20. Parade along King Street at 1:00 p.m.,  
Historic Ceremony Re-enactment at 3:30 p.m. at the Memorial front steps.
- Where:** The Memorial is located at 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA.

To request a press pass or for additional information, please contact Shawn Eyer (seyer@gwmemorial.org, 703-400-4950).

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