



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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BENCH HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., TO BE DEDICATED IN A PUBLIC CEREMONY AT THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL IN ALEXANDRIA

ALEXANDRIA, VA – A new granite bench dedicated to Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., will be dedicated on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (“the Memorial”) in Alexandria on Saturday morning, June 10. The ceremony is open to the public. There will be a reception with refreshments inside the Memorial at 10 a.m., followed by a ceremony at 11 a.m. in the Memorial’s Theater. Participants are then welcome to attend the unveiling of the bench on the Memorial’s grounds. This memorial bench is Alexandria’s only durable monument to the memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the courageous Baptist minister who was a notable leader of the American civil rights movement of the mid-twentieth century until his assassination in 1968. Rev. King worked to promote human rights for African Americans and other oppressed people through nonviolent civic protest.

- What:** Public ceremony to dedicate a granite bench which is Alexandria’s only memorial to Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Open to the public, free parking available.
- Who:** The bench will be jointly unveiled by the Memorial’s Executive Director George Seghers and Alexandria resident McArthur Myers. Also taking part in the ceremony will be Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson, Alexandria City Manager James Parajon, Chair of Alexandria’s MLK Jr. Memorial Planning Committee Rosa Byrd, and Third Baptist Church Pastor James Jordan.
- When:** Saturday, June 10. Reception at 10:00 a.m. Ceremony at 11 a.m.
- Where:** The George Washington Masonic National 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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