New Light on Memorial Hall

Upon ascending the steps of the Memorial and passing through our beautiful portico, visitors step through our doors to enter Memorial Hall, the most important space within the building, where they are inspired by the beautiful statue of George Washington as a Mason. Here, the public encounters Washington gazing serenely eastward, clad in his lodge apron. On the side walls, beautiful murals depict Washington’s attendance at Masonic ceremonies. These works of art provide visitors with an opportunity to learn about the longstanding philanthropic and cultural impact of Freemasonry, while inspiring them with insight into the life and character of the Father of our Country.

But few guests realize that Memorial Hall is actually incomplete. The original blueprints for Memorial Hall reveal seven sources of natural light: the portico’s grand doorway and six windows. The windows were to be of amber glass, braced by a neoclassical bronze grille similar to those found on the rest of the Memorial’s windows. While Harvey Wiley Corbett — the Memorial’s designer and one of America’s most renowned architects — planned for these windows, they were never installed.

Now, with your support, the Memorial will be enabled to make the original vision for Memorial Hall complete. The damaged stained glass windows presently used will be removed and stored for future conservation. When the new windows are installed, additional light will illuminate the statue and the murals, and visitors will experience Memorial Hall — for the very first time — as the planners of the Memorial originally intended. To learn how you can help us make this project a reality, see the story on page 8.

A simulated image of Memorial Hall with the amber-tinted windows to be installed in the coming months.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE, CONTINUED

of it or not as a young man, was building his character and virtues upon the principles and precepts of the Enlightenment and Freemasonry. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is not only a reflection of Bro. Washington: "The Man, The Mason, The Father of Our Country," it is also a reflection of his "patriotism," and the patriotism of all true American Freemasons.

I hope and pray that all Masons and American Patriots can experience and reflect the "Patriotic Spiritual Light" of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. If so, we can be assured Bro. Washington will be honored by this tribute to his memory and to our great country, which he was integral in establishing on these values so essential to our nation.

As I have often stated, all Masons should make a pilgrimage to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial! You will be impressed and proud that this Memorial was founded, built, and funded by Freemasons. Let us promote, protect, and preserve what our American Masonic forefathers established, never forgetting that they obligated future generations of American Masons to preserve and support their labors.

In conclusion, I ask that all Masons, and all American Patriots, where-so-ever dispersed, help us to keep the "spiritual light" of George Washington and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial shining for future generations. To learn how to assist in this endeavor, please go to gwmemorial.org.

My thanks to all the Grand Lodges and Masons of North America for allowing me to serve you, and Freemasonry, in this position.

New Board Members Elected

At the Memorial Association’s Annual Meeting which was held in Rapid City, South Dakota in February, four new Board Members were elected and one Board Member and one Officer were re-elected. These Board Members will serve until 2022.

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Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association met at the Memorial for a Semi-Annual Meeting on August 21-22, 2019. The Memorial staff presented reports covering the programs, projects and exhibitions at the Memorial and in the field. The exterior Tower restoration continues as the major project at this time. The Board affirmed its commitment to the restoration, upgrading and continuing maintenance of the Memorial.

Another major project is the George Washington book project which is authored by Director of Collections Mark A. Tabbert and will be published by The University of Virginia Press. Titled A Deserving Brother: George Washington and Freemasonry, the book will include full-color images documenting Washington’s relationship with Freemasonry.

The Board received a report from the Memorial’s investment managers and a report on the operating budget of the Memorial. The Board addressed the need to generate additional income to continue the restoration of the Memorial and to fund the operation of the Memorial and to provide educational programs for our members and the public. Under the guidance of President Webb, the Board approved the development and staffing of a major gifts office for the Association.
The exterior restoration of the third through fifth levels of the Memorial has consumed the last two work seasons. The annual work season is usually from May through September or October. The last two seasons have been extremely hot and wet, which has adversely affected the pace of the restoration. However, the scaffolding will come down by mid-October and the tower will be clean, gleaming, waterproofed, totally restored, lighted, and will once again be the shining beacon of Freemasonry atop Shuter’s Hill here in Alexandria. The restoration continues with a completion date of 2023 when we will re-enact the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of 1923. The Memorial was built by Freemasons—but not for Freemasons alone. It was erected for all mankind as a symbol of the respect and admiration that Freemasons have for George Washington.

George Washington was involved in politics from the age of 23 and throughout his life. His first attempt was when he ran for, and lost, his bid to represent Frederick County in the Virginia House of Burgesses. This was the only political defeat he experienced. In 1758 he was successful in representing Frederick County until the Revolution. In 1769, Washington and George Mason presented a Virginia non-importation resolution to the House of Burgesses. This was an economic rebuttal to British taxes, which called for a boycott of certain imported items bearing what was seen as unfair taxation. His next service was in the First and Second Continental Congresses. He then presided over the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

Washington’s final service was in 1789, when he was elected the first President of the new nation. As President he established precedents which continue to this day. He presided over the beginnings of a unique party system of government. Washington believed that political parties would fracture rather than cement the Union. This is certainly the case today. Now more than ever we need the example of Washington to bind and hold the Union of States under one Federal head. In a letter written to Comte de Moustier on November 1, 1790 Washington wrote: “The aggregate happiness of the society, which is best promoted by the practice of a virtuous policy is, or ought to be, the end of all government ….” It seems we have strayed far from a virtuous policy and that we have indeed become a fractured society. As Freemasons we know that all humanity should exist as the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

Of the many gifts George Washington gave us, our freedom and security were surely the greatest. Our Masonic Forefathers built the George Washington Masonic National Memorial to acknowledge all that Washington did and gave for the creation of this truly incredible nation that we are privileged to be citizens of. It is our honor and our privilege to ensure the eternal perpetuation of the memory, character, virtues and vision of our First President and surely our foremost Freemason, George Washington.

Thank you for your continued support and please come and visit your Memorial.
Save the Date to Attend the Memorial’s Centennial Cornerstone Ceremony

After nearly 13 years of planning, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association laid the cornerstone for the Memorial on November 1, 1923. Since that date, the Memorial has stood steadfast for the honor and legacy of Brother and President George Washington. Through eight decades, hundreds of thousands of Freemasons and non-masons alike have visited the Memorial to pay tribute to the memory of our Brother. President Washington’s personal and professional life is displayed at Mount Vernon, but his Masonic legacy lives on within the walls of our Memorial. We celebrate his virtues in all we do.

The 1923 cornerstone celebration commenced with a parade up Alexandria’s historic King Street to the base of Shuter’s Hill. It continued up the hillside to the site where the Cornerstone was to be laid. More than 18,000 Masons marched as one proud formation—a powerful demonstration to the world of the Craft’s reverence for its foremost Brother. Present was President Calvin Coolidge, alongside prominent Freemasons such as Past President and Supreme Court Justice Howard Taft and Virginia Governor Lee Trinkle. Upon arriving at the hilltop, the Grand Master of Virginia, James Price, officiated at the Cornerstone Ceremony. He was assisted by all the Grand Masters of the other Grand Jurisdictions from across the nation.

Today, we are three and a half years from celebrating the Memorial’s cornerstone 100th anniversary. On Monday, February 20, 2023, in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America annual February meeting, the Memorial Association will reenact and rededicate the cornerstone. All U.S. Grand Masters are cordially invited to participate in this historic event.

The day will begin as it commenced a hundred years ago: by laying a wreath at the tomb of George Washington at Mount Vernon. Then, we will assemble in Alexandria, and march where our forefathers marched on that special day in 1923. As we process up King Street, the full measure of the Memorial, and its grand glory will rise into the sky.

The Grand Master of Virginia will once again officiate at the rededication ceremony of the cornerstone laying. All other attending Grand Masters will participate in the ceremony. In the evening, the Memorial Association will host its annual gala birthday event at the Conference of Grand Master’s hotel. Along with many special guests, traditional toasts will be given to George Washington, the United States and the Craft. We wish to make this a national event as invites will go out to many dignitaries around the D.C. area, including, we hope the current President, Vice President and his administration.

So please, save this date: February, 20, 2023! Don’t miss out on this once-in-a-century event! This celebration, of which I hope you will be a part, will truly be a powerful experience and a treasured memory. Plan now to be there, and help us spread the word in your lodge and among others who will be interested. More details will appear in future editions of the LIGHT.

Kenneth G. Nagel is the Second Vice President of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Attend the Celebration of Washington’s 288th Birthday on February 22, 2020

Each year, Freemasons, their friends, and families gather at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial to honor the life of Brother Washington on the anniversary of his birth. Our next celebration will be held Saturday, February 22, 2020. Our schedule of events for the day includes:

- **George Washington Symposium** — North Lodge Room, 1:00 p.m.
- **Reception** — Memorial Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- **Entertainment** — Memorial Theater, 6:45 p.m.
- **Banquet** — Grand Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- **Presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award** — Grand Masonic Hall, 9:00 p.m.

Celebrate Washington’s birthday with a day of learning, fellowship, entertainment, and fine dining in a setting as inspiring as it is iconic.

In the morning, in conjunction with Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 2, the Memorial Association’s officers will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at Washington’s Tomb at Mount Vernon.

In the afternoon, events at the Memorial begin with the annual George Washington Symposium. This year’s event is on the theme of *George Washington’s Construction of the United States Capitol*. One of the scholars featured will be S. Brent Morris. For details about the Symposium, please see the story on page 7.

Then, in the evening, the Gala will begin with a reception in Memorial Hall, followed by entertainment in the Theater, and our famous banquet in Grand Masonic Hall.

Limited seating is available. Tickets for the Saturday evening white-tie optional events are $200, and may be purchased on our website, http://gwmemorial.org. Information about nearby accommodations is also available on the website.
Over the last several editions of the the LIGHT, a series of articles has explained the history of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the early conception and construction of the Memorial. In this installment, we have decided to share a few images from the archives that speak stronger than words might on the construction effort and the men who built the memorial temple to George Washington.

Mark A. Tabbert is the Director of Library & Museum Collections of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Historical Images of the Memorial’s Construction
by Mark A. Tabbert

January 27, 1923, aerial view looking up Schuter’s Hill. The Memorial’s foundation is completed, and work is underway in preparation for the October 1923 cornerstone ceremony. Photo taken by the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

November 20, 1923. Less than a month after the cornerstone’s ceremony, it was secure within the Memorial’s east and north walls. Protective sloped wood covers were employed to prevent rainfall from flowing into the foundation.
On November 10, 1923, the "father" of the Memorial Charles Callahan (1858–1944), who became Grand Master of Virginia the following year, and Executive Secretary J. Claude Keiper (1868–1944), Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia, do their bit hoeing wet cement. Other workers enjoy the show. The handwritten caption in the photo album reads: "Mr Callahan and Mr Keiper special laborers @ 40¢ per (perhaps)."

On April 7, 1925, the last of the capitals of Memorial Hall's eight marble columns is installed. Wooden crates were built around each pillar and capital for protection as the Memorial was built around them.

Members of the Memorial Association's Board of Directors visited the job site on August 12, 1924. Fifth from the left is the Memorial's general contractor Percy Cranford (1877–1946). Next to him is Association President, Louis A. Watres (1857–1938), Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and next to him is Executive Secretary J. Claude Keiper. They are standing in the Memorial's portico. On the right, the view looks north toward Washington, D.C.
Two gentlemen stand in the front door of the Memorial, May 14, 1925. The wood gate was later replaced by the two massive bronze doors seen today.

This aerial photograph was taken by the U.S. Army Signal Corps on January 16, 1926. Two years and nearly four months after the cornerstone ceremony, the Memorial’s first two floors were nearly enclosed and preparations were underway to begin the erection of the tower.

**S. Brent Morris to Address the Next George Washington Symposium**

Each year, the Memorial hosts leading scholars of the life and legacy of George Washington. In 2020 we are proud to announce that internationally honored Masonic scholar S. Brent Morris will deliver a talk revealing a new understanding of Washington’s role in the Masonic cornerstone ceremony of the U.S. Capitol. Dr. Morris will also be the 2020 recipient of the George Washington Memorial award, which is awarded at the Gala Banquet later in the evening (see the story on page 4).

Brother Morris is a retired mathematician and managing editor of the *Scottish Rite Journal*, and was the first American to be elected Worshipful Master of the premier research lodge, Quatuor Coronati Lodge № 276, in London, England.

Two additional academic historians will also present papers at the symposium. The first will speak on Washington’s role in the creation of the District of Columbia. The second will speak on Washington’s relationship with the Capitol’s architect, and Freemason, James Hoban.

The Symposium, titled *George Washington’s Construction of the United States Capitol*, will be held at the Memorial on Saturday, February 22, 2020, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Symposium is free and open to the public.
The Landmark Century Campaign

for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Restoration Update: Interior and Exterior Work Continues

by Shawn E. Eyer

At the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, we are dedicated to ensuring that the building and its mission are carried forward. For many years, we have made it a priority to restore the building. In 2015, we were named a National Historic Landmark, and understanding that in the twenty-first century we hold an important responsibility to continue to inspire each new generation with the ideals of George Washington, we created the Landmark Century Campaign to allow the public the opportunity to take direct part in that important and crucial endeavor. Thanks to the support that we receive from individuals and organizations, many major projects are now taking place both within the Memorial and on the building’s beautiful exterior.

Update on the Tower Work

For the last several years, our visitors have noted that scaffolding has usually been present on various levels of the Memorial’s tower. This is because part of our work on the building includes a top-to-bottom restoration of the exterior masonry. These repairs are more than halfway completed. Beginning with the Pyramid level in 2014, and progressing to the Observation level in 2015, the eighth floor Chapel level in 2016, the sixth floor Library level and fifth floor in 2017, our goal is to completely restore the stonework to its original condition.

As 2019 comes to a close, we are pleased to announce that we are completing the exterior restoration of the third and fourth floors. Next year, we will begin work on the base of the tower, known as the Mezzanine level. Also, important repairs to the beautiful Doric Portico at the building’s main entrance will begin. The Portico is the face of the Memorial, and one of the most interesting features of the building.

New Lighting on the Observation Level

Recent photos of the Memorial at night demonstrate a major improvement in how the Memorial’s tower is illuminated. New LED-based exterior lighting had already been added on the Pyramid, seventh, and fifth levels. In 2019, we installed additional LED-based lights are installed to illuminate the Observation Deck at night.
lighting to the Pyramid level, and new lighting to the ninth floor observation level. The new technology allows the Memorial to be lit in different colors, in keeping with the architectural inspiration of the Lighthouse at Alexandria, and the Masonic symbolism of Light as the transmission of knowledge. For example, recently the Memorial was lit in purple in honor of National Purple Heart Day. (The Purple Heart was first instituted by George Washington in 1782.)

**New Cornerstone Mural Restoration Video**

Last year, a milestone of the Memorial’s restoration was reached when the restored Cornerstone Mural in Memorial Hall was reinstalled. This mural is an impressively large oil painting, measuring 48 feet wide by 18 feet high, and was completed in 1955 by the great American painter Allyn Cox. It depicts George Washington laying the cornerstone of the United States Capitol.

Thanks to your support, the Cornerstone Mural has been preserved to educate and inspire future generations. In early 2018, the Mural returned to its place in Memorial Hall. All of these steps were documented by the same film producers who created the Memorial’s outstanding *Built on Freedom* video.


**How You Can Help**

Restoring the Memorial to its original grandeur is our obligation and our privilege. As we fulfill these obligations, we need and value your support. Being part of this noble work is as easy as making a contribution to the Friends of the Memorial or Patrons program on our website, or making a donation using the form on page 13. Our work is made possible by the generous support of individuals, Masonic groups, and other dedicated supporters.

Today, you can be an essential part of helping us to reach our next milestones. All funds given as part of the Landmark Century Campaign are dedicated to the ongoing restoration and improvement work described on these pages. Donations from the Friends of the Memorial and Patrons now directly support the restoration, and these donations are cumulative. That means that a monthly pledge of $25 or more will accumulate over time, passing through the levels of recognition that are noted in our publications and on our website (see pages 10–13 for a list of recent contributors by level). Please visit our website today. Whether via a monthly pledge, a single donation, or a bequest, you can be a part of this inspiring and important work.

To make a donation to the Landmark Century Campaign by mail, please use the form on page 13. Simply select your chosen amount and whether it is a one-time gift or monthly pledge.

Shawn Eyer is the Director of Communications & Development of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

**Monthly Giving Option Makes Supporting the Campaign Convenient**

The Memorial’s website makes it easier than ever to participate in the Landmark Century Campaign. One of the most important new features of the site is the ability to make an automatic monthly contribution.

Simply visit the site and select “Support the Memorial” in order to see various options. To make a monthly gift choose either “Take a Friend of the Memorial Pledge” (for gifts of $25 and up) or “Take the Patron Pledge” (for gifts of $100 or more per month).

Convenient monthly payments allow you to support the Memorial’s restoration at your own pace. It is easy to make one-time donations on the site as well.

If you wish to send your gift through the mail instead, please use the convenient form on page 13 of this edition of *LIGHT*. Thank you for your support.

Our website explains all of the options for participating in the Landmark Century Campaign. Visit www.gwmemorial.org today to discover more.
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The Memorial Tree and Bench Programs were conceived in 2001 to beautify the Memorial grounds, reduce erosion and run-off, provide a habitat for birds and wildlife and to establish a tree canopy to create much-needed oxygen for the community. The program is a meaningful way to honor and remember a loved one. Dedications are received by all participants and a granite marker is installed near the tree identifying the Honoree(s) and Donor(s).

Dedicatory Granite Benches are also available for a contribution of $2,500.00 and are installed on the grounds of the Memorial and can be dedicated in Honor or Memory of an Individual or Organization.

Information, including a printable order form, is available on our website at https://gwmemorial.org/products/tree. For additional information about how you can participate in this program with a tree or a bench, please contact George D. Seghers at gseggers@gwmemorial.org or 703-683-2007, ext. 2010.
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The Member Lodges of the Society of Washington Lodges are those regular Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodges of the United States who are committed to supporting the Memorial and who make a one-time donation of $2,500.00. The Lodges receive a portrait of Washington with a patent attesting their membership in the Society and specially commissioned Society of Washington Lodges jewels for the Officers of the Lodge and specially commissioned lapel pins for the Lodge Members. Also, individual Masons belonging in good standing to Lodges that are Members of the Society may purchase the specially-produced jewels. The Member Lodges of the Society are listed on the Memorial’s website and on a plaque situated outside the Replica Lodge Room at the Memorial. The Society of Washington Lodges is now comprised of 26 member Lodges. More information, including a printable order form, is available on our website at https://gwmemorial.org/products/swl. For additional information about how your lodge may participate, please contact George D. Seghers at gseggers@gwmemorial.org or 703-683-2007, ext. 2010.

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This commemorative holiday ornament depicts the Crown and Cross of the Masonic Knights Templar. Gold-plated, made in the USA. $25. (No 45)

The Double Headed Eagle
The classic emblem of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite comes to life in this splendid gold-plated holiday ornament. $25. (No 213)

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The Memorial’s inspiring tower is the focus of this festive piece, our 2014 holiday ornament. Gold-plated, made in the USA. $25. (No 825)

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Our 2006 holiday ornament strikingly re-creates the chivalric emblem of the Masonic youth order for boys. Gold-plated, made in the USA. $25. (No 50)

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Our 2015 holiday ornament depicts the All-Seeing Eye of the Great Architect of the Universe. Gold-plated and made in the USA. $25. (No 858)

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The Holy Bible, Square, and Compass have been long revered within Masonry. Our 1994 ornament displays them within a golden wreath. $25. (No 2012)

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In our 2012 holiday ornament, George Washington in see in a classic profile, surrounded by symbols of America and the Masonic emblem. $25. (No 662)

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The emblem of the Order of the Eastern Star calls to mind the lessons of five ancient heroines in our 2007 holiday ornament. Gold-plated. $25. (No 228)

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Our 2005 holiday ornament features a white dove of peace carrying the Masonic emblem by a ribbon. Gold-plated, made in the USA. $25. (No 15)

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Our 2001 holiday ornament honors one of Masonry’s most popular concordant and philanthropic organizations, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. $25. (No 19)

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The Shrine International is famous for its many hospitals for children. Display the Shrine emblem proudly with our 1996 Holiday Ornament. $25. (No 216)

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In 1793, George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol. Our 1994 ornament beautifully honors this important Masonic event. $25. (No 7)
The 2019 Commemorative Holiday Ornament

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is proud to offer for the 2019 holiday season a beautiful gold and enamel plated ornament: *United in Brotherly Love*.

This ornament unites several essential Masonic symbols that illustrate the crucial and divine lesson of brotherly love. The triangular frame, topped by the Masonic emblem over a sky blue circle, represents the Fraternity. The raised Trowel is every Master Mason’s primary tool: as the Trowel spreads the cement that unites the many different stones or bricks of a building into a single, strong whole, so Master Masons spread brotherly love to unites men throughout the world. Behind the Trowel shines the Blazing Star, an ancient Masonic symbol of Divine Providence, representing the divine nature of brotherhood.

As President, Brother George Washington used an ivory-handled trowel to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol. Just as the trowel inspires Masons to use brotherly love to overcome their differences, the new American Republic united all the states under the motto *E Pluribus Unum*, “from many, one.”

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Officers of the Memorial Association Perform Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery

On the morning of August 22, 2019, the Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association gathered at Arlington National Cemetery to perform a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The wreath was personally presented by four of the Association’s Officers: President J.F. “Jeff” Webb, First Vice President Claire V. Tusch, Second Vice President Kenneth G. Nagel, and Executive Director George D. Seghers. While the wreath was briefly displayed, “Taps” was played, after which the Tomb Guard took charge of the wreath and laid it at the base of the tomb. This wreath was reverently placed by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association on behalf of all American Freemasons.

President J.F. “Jeff” Webb (center) and First Vice President Claire V. Tusch (left) are seen presenting a wreath that was then placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on behalf of all American Grand Lodges and Freemasons.