The Memorial’s Restoration Continues

The first half of 2017 has been an extremely active period for the ongoing restoration of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Major work has been taking place both on the exterior and the interior — all to the purpose of readying our Memorial to serve and inspire a new generation of visitors.

After completing exterior work on the Pyramid, Observation Level, eighth-floor Chapel, and the seventh floor, our crew has assembled new scaffolding around the fifth and sixth floors. Their task is to re-point the mortar and protect the building from water penetration. Along the way, the exterior of the building is also being cleaned and restored to its original appearance. When completed, we will see the Memorial as it has not been seen in many decades.

The interior restorations are just as exciting. For many years, it has been clear that the 47-by-16-foot murals in Memorial Hall are in need of restoration. That work is presently underway, and in fact was moved up in the schedule by necessity: the interior wall behind the south mural began to bulge outward last year, damaging the canvas and causing noticeable loss of paint on the image. Immediate action was needed to save this important masterpiece.

All of this work is being supported by our Landmark Century Campaign. The Landmark Century Campaign accepts one-time gifts, monthly pledges, and bequests. The name of the campaign is inspired by our recent addition to the United States government’s official list of National Historic Landmarks. All funds given as part of the Landmark Century Campaign are dedicated to the restoration and improvement of the Memorial. For more information about the restoration project and how to support it, see pages 8 & 9 of this edition of LIGHT.

New scaffolding encloses the fifth and six floors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial as our top-to-bottom exterior restoration work continues.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

A Role Model for All Time

by Robert P. Conley

What a pleasure it is for me to be writing to you today as President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association! My affiliation with our Memorial began many years ago, when I assisted in putting together the strategic plan that has become the guiding document for the Association’s progress over the last several years.

As that plan was forming, an overarching concern kept surfacing: while the Memorial expresses our respect and admiration for the “great man,” Brother Washington, we also saw that for much of the population of our nation, his attributes were being slowly but steadily diminished — to the point where many young people today feel no reason to remember or honor him as the Memorial has sought to do for over 100 years.

This conversation led us to the Vision Statement that has guided the board for the last several years: “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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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE, CONTINUED

The Memorial is owned by all of us. It was created to convey to the world, our esteem for a great man. That is true. But what happens when the world starts to forget “from whence it came”? It was that concern that convinced the board of trustees of your Association to add, in the first sentence of our vision statement, the word “education.” We are committed to educating our fellow citizens not only about the achievements of George Washington, but also of his virtues, his character and his vision!

Our nation needs role models that are positive and virtuous. We need to look to those who continued to pursue great dreams amid strife. George Washington is such a man.

When I was a boy, I had so many incredible heroes that I looked up to — whether they stood tall against great odds in a revolution long ago, or they were heading to the moon. As an adult, I find that I still need such role models in my own life.

Who are the role models our young people look up to today? Are they men and women who saw injustice and sought to correct it? Are they men and women who turned away from power and position in favor of service and humility? It is our responsibility to educate those that will be governing us in the future that character matters.

Our Memorial stands proudly stating to the world, that greatness is never given to men by the man himself. It is awarded to him by those he led and by those he served. George Washington’s life of service still inspires us. He still leads me and teaches me. I still believe that great leaders are with us and that this nation, the nation for which he sacrificed so much, is truly a shining beacon on a hill calling all of us to selfless service and better lives.

Pennsylvania and Arizona Become Supporting Grand Lodges by Joining the $1 Per Member Campaign

Two jurisdictions — Arizona and Pennsylvania — recently voted to join the $1 Per Member Campaign. “We are extremely grateful for the added support that Pennsylvania and Arizona have extended to the Memorial’s work,” said Executive Director George D. Seghers. “I would like to especially thank our board member Thomas Sturgeon, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania and former board member D. Brook Cunningham, Past Grand Master of Arizona, for their outstanding efforts to make this happen.”

The $1 Per Member Campaign directly supports the Memorial Association’s annual fund. There are now thirty Masonic jurisdictions participating in the program.

Immediate Past President Ridgely Gilmour (left) and President Robert P. Conley (right) present a plaque to Right Worshipful Brother Raymond T. Dietz (center), the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Immediate Past President Ridgely Gilmour (left) and President Robert P. Conley (right) present a plaque to Most Worshipful Brother William “Bill” Bradfield (center), Past Grand Master of Arizona.
The mission of the Memorial Association is: “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.” To adhere to our mission requires constant vigilance to insure that all we do is not only in line with our mission but also worthy of and acceptable to George Washington.

Our Masonic Forefathers were equally diligent in creating and adhering to their mission: “To erect and maintain in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, a suitable memorial temple to George Washington, the Mason, one which will express in durability and beauty the undying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years.”

These incredible Men and Masons of the 1920s and 1930s did an outstanding job in funding and constructing the Memorial. The actual construction of the Memorial was mostly complete by 1950. The final paragraph in a 1957 full color publication produced by the Memorial Association is significant: “As the Memorial nears completion, The Board of Directors and the Association have the fullest faith in the future, and entertain no doubt whatever that the true Masonic spirit which is everywhere evidenced throughout the United States will see to it that money required for an adequate Endowment Fund for this far-reaching and deeply significant movement shall be promptly forthcoming.”

Unfortunately, this did not come to pass. An adequate Endowment Fund was not established and is currently less than one-third of the amount required to maintain and operate the Memorial. Also, diligent maintenance and upkeep of the physical structure was not at the level required to insure the perpetuation and future of the Memorial. In 2009, the Board of Directors commissioned a Conditions Assessment of the entire Memorial structure. The report was thorough and revealed the need for several million dollars of repairs and conservation to return the Memorial to its original strength and beauty.

In 2011, the Board authorized the first phase of a multi-year and multi-million dollar complete restoration and conservation of the Memorial. So far we have invested 4.5 million dollars in upgrades, repairs, restoration, and conservation. The Association borrowed funds to upgrade, repair, enhance, restore, and conserve several areas of the Memorial.

Many of these repairs and upgrades have allowed more use of the Memorial and thus the creation of additional income. We have completed nearly one-half of the restoration of the exterior stonework of the Memorial, and nearly one-third of the interior of the Memorial.

Funding this restoration is challenging. Last year, we inaugurated The Landmark Century Campaign which is, and will be, our main vehicle for the next few years to raise the required revenue to complete the restoration by 2023 — the 100th anniversary of the laying of the Cornerstone of the Memorial.

Currently, we are restoring the Allyn Cox mural from Memorial Hall depicting the Laying of the Cornerstone of the United States Capital by President and Brother George Washington in 1793. The mural and the wall behind it were severely damaged by water penetration and the 2011 earthquake. The mural has been removed and is in the conservation studio. The rebuilding of the wall behind the mural and the mural repair, restoration and conservation will cost the Memorial Association nearly one million dollars. This is a project that could not be delayed as the wall behind the mural was pushing out and tearing the painting.

The fifth through seventh levels of the Memorial are now encased in scaffolding. This season we will complete the exterior restoration of these levels which includes restoration of the seventh-level copper roof. We are also experimenting with different types of LED lighting systems to illuminate and highlight the unique architectural features of the exterior of the Memorial.

These projects and the entire restoration of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial must and will be completed. To do this we need your help. The members of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association are the Grand Lodges of the United States and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Thus the Memorial belongs to the Freemasons of these Grand Lodges. Brethren and Friends, this is your Memorial, those of us fortunate enough to work here are merely Stewards.

As Stewards, we are doing our absolute best to insure that all we do is in line with our mission but also worthy of and acceptable to George Washington. The physical structure needs to reflect the esteem, respect and honor that we Freemasons hold for him in whose memory it was erected and must be maintained.

Thank you for support and please come and visit your Memorial.
Honoring the 285th Birthday of George Washington

One of the Memorial’s most important traditions is our celebration of George Washington’s Birthday, which is attended by guests from across the nation and around the world. This year, the Memorial celebrated the anniversary of Brother Washington’s birth with a variety of observances and special events that truly reflected our mission to honor the Father of our Country.


Our Washington’s Birthday Gala began in the evening, commencing with a Special Reception reserved for Charter Members of the George Washington Memorial Society in the George Washington Museum. Guests enjoyed refreshments while socializing in Memorial Hall during the Gala Reception at 5:30 p.m. On exhibition during the reception this year were the Bible upon which Washington took his obligation (courtesy of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4), the Gavel used by Washington during the cornerstone ceremony for the United States Capitol (courtesy of Potomac Lodge No. 5), and the Watson-Cossoul Apron, the Cornerstone Trowel, and the Alexandria “Morgan” flag (courtesy of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22).

Next, the evening’s entertainment began. The guests assembled in the Memorial Theater and heard a choral performance by the Leeds Banner Girls of Leeds, North Dakota.

All were then invited into Grand Masonic Hall for our Washington’s Birthday Gala Banquet. Executive Director George D. Seghers welcomed the guests, and introduced many dignitaries. Memorial Association President Robert P. Conley led the evening’s program, which included customary toasts to Freemasonry, to the United States of America, and to Brother George Washington.

The highlight of the banquet was President Gilmour’s presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award to Joseph Shumard, a dedicated citizen of Alexandria who has devoted decades to help plan the city’s Washington-related events.

Plan now to attend next year’s birthday, to be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018.
Eleven years after its first organizational meeting, on February 22, 1922, the Memorial Association formally approved the design, and authorized the construction of, a George Washington National Memorial Temple. Through the rest of 1922 and most of 1923, the focus turned toward planning the Memorial’s Masonic cornerstone ceremony and building the foundation for a cornerstone.

**Authorizing the Construction**

The task of raising more than $2.5 million (equal to $36.1 million in current dollars) was the least of worries. President Louis Watres (Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania), and his brother Masons were successful businessmen, politicians and professionals who knew America had recovered from the post-World War One depression and was entering an era of great prosperity.

Freemasonry was also growing. Between 1918 and 1922 Freemasonry added over 800,000 Master Masons, and between 1922 and 1930 membership would grow another 600,000 members to over 3 million. Such growth guaranteed not just the completion of the George Washington Memorial, but scores of new Masonic temples, homes, hospitals, and other projects throughout the nation.

With the full confidence of the Association, a firm budget and construction drawings in hand, the Memorial Executive committee met in April 1922. The first order of business was to hire J. Claude Keiper as full-time Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. His hire shaped the Association’s management for decades.

Keiper (1869–1944) was an attorney and served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in 1910. He attended the Association’s first meeting and attended every annual afterwards. In 1921, he succeeded Lawrence H. Lee as Secretary, and in 1922 assumed the Treasurer’s duties when John Cowles resigned to become Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. As Secretary-Treasurer, Keiper served as the as chief executive officer. After the Memorial’s dedication in 1932, he continued in that position until his death in 1944 — a total of thirty-one years of service.

It was Keiper’s responsibility to meet the long-range target of finishing the Memorial’s construction no later than 1932: the
bicentennial of Washington’s birth. On paper, ten years appeared as ample time to finish the 333-foot memorial temple. The Scottish Rite House of the Temple was built between 1911 and 1915, and the National Cathedral, also in Washington, D.C., begun in 1906 and consecrated its chapel in 1912. But the Scottish Rite gathered resources from its national membership. The Episcopal Cathedral solicited support from a spectrum of Christian denominations. The George Washington Masonic Memorial had to earn revenue not just through the endorsement, but the active support of U.S. Grand Lodges.

The Association needed more than vigorous cash-flow, and construction also demanded men and materials. A host of laborers, iron workers, stone masons, and other craftsmen had to be marshaled atop Shuter’s Hill. Erection of the Memorial meant securing vast amounts of cement, iron, stone, and wood and overcoming many engineering challenges. Lastly, and unlike the builders of Solomon’s Temple, the Memorial’s workers faced rain, snow, storms, and blazing heat.

To make this all happen, the Association selected the Cranford Paving Company of Washington, D.C., as general contractor. The two Cranford brothers, Joseph H. and Percy, would oversee all construction operations. The company began soon after the Civil War by their father, H.L. Cranford. Incorporated in 1889, the company did primarily asphalt and concrete work. It was well-placed for success as the growing number of automobiles required ever smoother and reliable roads and bridges. The Cranfords did their first work paving Pennsylvania Avenue and in 1907 they built the Connecticut Avenue Bridge over Rock Creek. During the World War, it built highways, docks, railroads and other project in the Washington, D.C., area. It also helped the Cranfords’ cause that both brothers, as well as most of its senior management and engineers, were Freemasons.

Preparing for the Cornerstone

The other great project the executive Committee addressed in April 1922 was to select a date for the Memorial’s Masonic cornerstone ceremony and parade. While in some ways just as complex as construction, American Freemasons had more than fifty years of experience. Dating all the way back to the U.S. Capitol in 1793, Masons were famous for cornerstone ceremonies. And since at least 1873, when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania dedicated its temple, through the many Knight Templars’ triennial grand encampments, American Freemasons could be counted on to hold grand parades and great public events.

Indeed, one member of the executive committee suggested holding the Memorial’s ceremony in conjunction with the Imperial Shrine convention scheduled for June 1923. Although convenient for the many Shriners among Grand Lodge officers, the idea was dismissed. Watres saw an incompatibility between Shriners’ mirthful parades and the dignity Freemasonry must pay to Worshipful Brother George Washington as the Father of the Nation.

Appointed to organize the cornerstone ceremony was Charles

J. Claude Keiper served as the Secretary-Treasurer of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association from 1922 to 1944.

Percy Cranford, co-owner of the Cranford Paving Company of Washington, D.C. Cranford’s firm was the general contractor in charge of the Memorial’s construction.
H. Callahan (1858–1944). He joined Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in 1904, and served as the Lodge Master 1909 to 1910. It was his vision that organized the first meeting of the Memorial Association in 1910. Callahan also purchased the first plots of Shuters Hill. In 1913, he published *Washington: The Man and Freemason*, which earned the Association’s first significant funds. Since 1898, Callahan had served as Alexandria’s tax commissioner, so he knew how to coordinate all government officials and organizations required for the great event.

But more than local connections, Callahan was also a Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of Virginia and in line to be Grand Master in 1924–25. Through the Grand Lodge he could communicate directly with all Grand Lodges and numerous Masonic grand bodies and organizations.

On June 5, 1922 Louis Watres, Percy Cranford, Claude Keiper, Charles Callahan and others broke ground on Shuters Hill. In September work began in earnest to level the hill. The Cranford Co. graded the hill down from its peak of 138 feet to an elevation of 107.

In the meantime, architect H.W. Corbett had to design an anchor to place the massive temple into the hill’s dense clay base. His solution was a steel-reinforced solid concrete wafer spanning more than 150 feet due east and west and 100 feet north and south. The wafer tapered from 9½ feet at its center to 2 feet at its edge. The entire process required a total of 8,794 cubic yards of concrete with gravel aggregate and 719 tons of steel.

To accomplish the ambitious pouring program, the Cranford Company built a concrete plant and chuting tower on-site. Starting on November 6, 1922, workers continuously poured for 302 hours into six slab sections. The center section was left to set for seven days before the forms were removed and the outer sections poured. This method created construction joints that also acted as expansion joints in the completed building. The smallest slab section was 401 cubic yards and the largest was 696 cubic yards. Once the slab had set, workers laid a foundation base over the slab composed of Conway pink granite. By December 7, 1922, the main foundation walls, the girders for the entrance steps, south terrace and the north terrace foundations were all in place.

With construction well in hand, but stopped for the winter, the Memorial Association once again held its February meeting. As reviewed in a previous article, “Breaking Ground for the Memorial Temple” (Vol. 22, No. 1), it was at this 1923 meeting that President Watres convinced the Association to spend an additional $500,000 to sheath the entire Memorial in New Hampshire granite.

In twelve short months the Memorial had taken root within Shuter’s Hill and began it long growth skyward. In the coming eight months, all of American Freemasonry would turn toward Alexandria in anticipation of the cornerstone ceremony fixed for early November, 1923.

Mark A. Tabbert is the Director of Library & Museum Collections of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.
Visitors to the Memorial during 2017 have noticed with fascination some major work taking place in Memorial Hall. Memorial Hall’s central feature is the colossal statue of George Washington in Masonic regalia, facing the East. But along the north and south walls of the majestic space are equally impressive murals depicting scenes from Washington’s Masonic life.

The mural on the south wall depicts George Washington laying the cornerstone of the United States Capitol, surrounded by hundreds of Masons in their finest regalia. This beloved painting is an irreplaceable masterpiece of the great American painter Allyn Cox, finished in 1955. It is also a focal point on our tours, directly supporting our mission to educate and inspire.

Unfortunately, during 2016 it was noted that significant problems were developing for this mural. The surface behind the painting began to bulge outward very slowly, indicating a problem with the wall that supported the massive canvas. This, in turn, caused the canvas to stretch and even tear in some places. Paint began to flake off of the surface of the painting along a more than thirty foot wide line of stress (shown in the upper right photo on page 9). While it had been our long-term intention to restore both of these paintings, we realized that it was necessary to begin work on the Cornerstone Mural immediately in order to save the painting from developing major damage.

**Careful Handling for a Priceless Treasure**

The Memorial Association has contracted with Olin Conservation, Inc., of Great Falls, Virginia, to completely restore this essential treasure of American Freemasonry. Chief Conservator David L. Olin (pictured on page 9, upper left) has decades of experience in the field.

The first step in saving the mural was the installation of a protective layer above the marble floor of the south colonnade of Memorial Hall. Thick plywood was used to ensure that the scaffolding system erected to provide access to the mural (shown in the lower left photo on page 9) did not result in costly repairs to the marble later.

Once the scaffold was in place, Olin Conservation’s team began working to disadhere the mural from the plaster beneath it. As each of the sections was loosened, it was rolled up using a custom-designed mechanism. The mural was painted in three sections approximately 15½ feet wide. As each section was removed, it was placed on the floor of Memorial Hall (see the photo below) for additional treatment. Rice paper was applied to the tears in the canvas to prevent additional separation of the material — this is visible in the photo on page 8. The surface of the canvas was coated with a thin layer of mechanism.
David Olin, the conservator handling the project, discusses the project with a colleague during an early inspection of the Cornerstone Mural.

Technicians used a specially-designed system of scaffolding to prepare the Cornerstone Mural for removal and to carefully roll the canvas up for transport.

A close-up image shows loss of pigment and strain to the underlying canvas across the chest of George Washington. This damaged area was over thirty feet wide.

Once the mural was removed, the underlying cause of the damage was revealed. Partial collapse of a terra cotta layer under the plaster had caused a bulge in the south wall.

How You Can Help

All of this work is made possible only by the generous support of individuals, Masonic groups, and other supporters. Won’t you be a part of this important moment in American Masonic history? The restoration of our beautiful Memorial to Brother Washington is a sacred duty, and you can be a part of reaching our $6.5 million goal. All funds given as part of the Landmark Century Campaign are dedicated to the restoration and improvement work. 

For example, many of our existing donor programs are now part of the new Campaign. Donations from the Friends of the Memorial and Patrons now directly support the restoration. And today, it is easier than ever to participate in these valuable programs. Using our new website, donors may make monthly pledges in amounts to fit any budget. All donations to the Landmark Century Campaign are cumulative over time. 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). Because the Memorial is a 501(c)(3) educational foundation, these donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Please visit our website today. Whether via a monthly pledge of $25 or more, a single donation, or a bequest, you can be a part of this inspiring and important work.

For more information about how you or your organization can be a part of this worthy endeavor, please contact me at seyer@gwmemorial.org, or call 703-683-2007, ext. 2013.
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High Resolution Viewer Installed on Observation Level

Longtime supporter Clifford Mott of Georgia contacted us last year with a fascinating idea: he wanted to make it possible for visitors on our Observation Level to have a telescopic view of the Memorial’s surroundings. Working directly with Shawn Eyer, our Director of Communications and Development, a plan was created to add an ultra-high-definition camera to the Memorial’s tower, controllable and viewable from the interior of the ninth floor. Thanks to the generosity of Clifford Ray and Mary Cribb Mott, this system was installed in January of 2017.

Using the latest 4K screen technology, the system has many benefits. It has 360-degree rotation — which the user controls manually — allowing for sweeping views of Washington, D.C., Alexandria, and the surrounding region. A telescopic feature allows the visitor to zoom in on any portion of the image. The images are extremely detailed: license plates on cars half a mile away can be read. The outstanding level of detail allows visitors to view the streets of Old Town and the memorials of D.C. with a clarity never before possible.

“One of the essential features of the new viewer is that it allows greater accessibility to the Observation Level experience,” said George Seghers, Executive Director of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. “Visitors with mobility issues or those who prefer to remain inside the building can now experience a view that is every bit as impressive as that on the outer deck itself.”

For more information on how you can participate in the improvements and restorations being made at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, please contact Shawn Eyer, our Director of Communications and Development, at 703-683-2007, ext. 2013, or seyer@gwmemorial.org.

Thanks to the generosity of donor Clifford Ray Mott, visitors of all ages can enjoy the new ultra-high-definition viewer on the Memorial’s ninth floor. Easily controlled by visitors during a directional stick, the camera allows for impressive levels of magnification. Dozens of interesting features from the surrounding area are easily seen.
**Support the Memorial Today**

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This spring, a beautiful statue of George Washington was transported back to the Memorial. It is a twentieth-century bronze casting of the original marble statue of Washington on display at the Virginia State House in Richmond. The original was completed by the famous artist Jean-Antoine Houdon around 1791. Houdon was a Freemason who belonged, like Benjamin Franklin, to the famous Lodge of the Nine Sisters in Paris. Houdon also visited George Washington at Mount Vernon.

On April 17, 2017, this work of art returned permanently to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. It is one of twenty-two copies, the final castings made from the original. This one was purchased in 1968 by Rock Creek Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. It was placed on long-term permanent loan to the Memorial in 1969, and after being briefly displayed near Grand Masonic Hall, it was relocated to the Masonic section of Mount Comfort Cemetery. After recent confirmation that the statue is the Memorial Association’s property, it has been returned. Soon, this beautiful statue will be restored and prepared for exhibition in the Memorial once again.