

Editor's Notes

By Chuck Simmermon

September signals the commencement of the active portion of a new Masonic year. As Freemasons in Delaware we have much to look forward to. Thanks to the efforts of Grand Master P. Donald Carey, the fiscal condition of both the Grand Lodge and our Masonic home has been strengthened. In addition, Grand Master Carey's amiable character has brought about an increased unity within the Delaware Masonic community. Let us all, as members of the Delaware Jurisdiction, endeavor to build upon the accomplishments of the past year and continue these positive trends.

In the spirit of "continued improvement" your assistance is requested. Please provide us with your comments on how to upgrade The Delaware Freemason in a way that will allow it to better meet the needs of the readership. We value your opinion and look forward to your participation.

Masonic Learning Center to Open

The Greater Wilmington 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center for Children is scheduled to open in September 2003. The center has been constructed on the third floor of the Grand Lodge building, 818 Market Street and can accommodate up to 12 children with dyslexia daily. The initial hours of operation are to be 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and will be free of charge to any child diagnosed with dyslexia, pending acceptance to the center.

The instruction to be offered will be the Orton-Gillingham method, which has proven to be extremely successful in the other 40 Learning Centers throughout the country. The Delaware Center is in need of tutors to provide this vital service. To become a tutor, one must possess a Bachelor's degree and enroll in the Center's training program. For further information or to volunteer to become a tutor, call (302) 998-6475.

Masons making a difference in the community and with children - one child at a time.



George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

By Earl L. Emerson, Jr.
State Chairman

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is located in Alexandria, Virginia only a few miles from Mt. Vernon and situated on top of historic Shooters Hill in a lovely 36-acre park-like setting.

This beautiful structure was built by a grateful fraternity in honor of George Washington, one of the most famous American men to belong to this ancient society. Freemasonry was already old when a young George Washington became a member of the Fredericksburg Lodge in 1752. Through the influence of men such as Washington, Freemasonry has continued to thrive as a fraternity. The Memorial stands as a tribute to George Washington and is the "Pride of all Freemasons".

A new program called the "Dedicatory Tree Program" is now available to everyone. For a donation of \$500.00 your tree will be planted on the Memorial grounds in honor or memory of an individual or organization of your choice. A granite marker will be installed near each tree to identify the donor and honoree.

The wording for the Dedicatory plaque will be limited to two lines one line for the person or organization being honored and one line for the person or organization making the donation.

A variety of trees are available. Trees with an expected long life span that will grow and thrive in the environment of the Memorial have been selected for planting.

Come see your Memorial and learn more about our Craft

From the Desk of the Foreign Correspondent For the Grand Lodge of Delaware

By Earl Emerson

There are many changes taking place in Grand Lodges all around the world. One who is traveling in a foreign country should be very careful when attempting to make contact with or visiting one of the Lodges. Prior to visiting in a specific country, the Mason should know which Grand Lodge is considered "regular" by this Grand Lodge and the names of the Lodges which area a part of that particular jurisdiction.

A number of countries have more than one Grand Lodge which makes it difficult to determine which one is considered regular. As an example, there is more than one Grand Lodge in France. The one recognized as being regular by most Grand Lodges is the Grande Lodge Nationale of Francaise. Another Grand Lodge, which goes by the name of the Grand Lodge of France, and is considered irregular by most Grand Lodges, has been accused of invading the territories of other Grand Lodges and establishing new subordinate Lodges. Such interference has taken place in Spain, Greece, Romania and Italy - to name a few. On this continent the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico has issued charters for two Lodges located in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge Baja California.

Freemasonry appears to be on the increase in Europe and Africa with new Lodges being created and defunct Grand Lodges being revived or rechartered. The Grand Lodge Nationale of Francaise has taken the lead in helping many of these countries and should be saluted for their leadership in this area. There also appears to be an interest in Masonry in the countries that are now out from behind the "Iron Curtain"

We take Freemasonry for granted in this country. In the countries where Freemasonry has been suppressed for so long, the people are working hard and display an interest and commitment to the Craft that is difficult to find in most American Lodges.

Anyone planning a trip outside of the United States who would like to visit a Lodge in another country should contact the Grand Secretary's office and determine what Grand Lodges are recognized by the Grand Lodge of Delaware in that area.

The Delaware Freemason Boosters Club

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To become a member of The Delaware Freemason Boosters Club for one year, please remit \$ 10.00 to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19810-3077.

Christiana Lodge No. 35

Christiana Lodge No. 35 has a new home. We now reside in the New Castle, Delaware Masonic Temple. Please plan to visit us in our new venue for our Regular Communications on the 4th Tuesday of the month and Extra Communications on Tuesdays, also. Our location has changed, but our warm hospitality remains the same.

Masonic License Plates

Across the globe, symbols are used by countless organizations to increase recognition and express a certain meaning. In the case of Freemasonry, our most notable symbols are the square and compass. They represent squaring our actions, circumscribing our desires and keeping our passions within due bounds

Master Mason license plates, issued by the Delaware Department of Motor Vehicles, are an ideal way to display your square and compasses. It is much more visible than a pin or a ring, and it travels (pardon the pun) with you wherever you may go. These license plates are available to Delaware Masons or to Masons from another state residing in Delaware. The cost is a one-time fee of \$20.00, then your normal registration fee will apply. These are not like vanity plates where you have to pay the vanity plate fee each year - just a one-time fee of twenty dollars.

There are currently over 850 Master Mason license plates floating throughout the Great State of Delaware. But there could be more! Therefore, the Master Mason License Plate Committee is announcing a "Fill Your Plate" kickoff. Each Secretary and Master will receive a mailing that will provide them with application forms and detailed instructions on obtaining a Delaware Master Mason License Plate. A form is also available in Microsoft Word format by e-mailing me at curtisedavis@aol.com.

In recognition of this auspicious occasion, we will be raffling off Master Mason Plate #MM33 at the semi-annual communication in spring 2004. The low numbered plates are gone, but here's your chance to put one on your car. The cost for a chance at this plate will be \$10.00, which will be donated to the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund. See the Master or Secretary of your lodge for a tickets, or contact Curt Davis at (302) 893-7203 for more information.



ATTEND YOUR BLUE LODGE!

STATED MEETINGS

1st Thu	Washington No. 1
2nd Wed	St. John's No. 2
3rd Tue	Hope No. 4
1st Tue	Union No. 5
1st & 3rd Tue	Union No. 7
2nd & 4th Thu	Temple No. 9
2nd Wed	Temple No. 11
2nd & 4th Tue	Franklin No. 12
1st & 3rd Thu	Harmony No. 13
1st Tue	Lafayette No. 14
1st & 3rd Wed	Jefferson No. 15
2nd Thu	Endeavor No. 17
3rd Tue	Jackson No.19
2nd & 4th Thu	Hiram No. 21
2nd & 4th Mon	Hiram No. 25
3rd Thu	Armstrong No. 26
3rd Wed	Oriental No. 27
2nd Fri	Gethsemane No. 28
1st & 3rd Mon	Doric No. 30
1st Thu	Ionic No. 31
3rd Mon	Unity No. 32
2nd Tue	Brandywine No. 33
1st Tue	Granite-Corinthian No. 34
4th Tue	Christiana No. 35
2nd Wed	Solomon No. 36
2nd Tue	Delaware No.37
2nd Wed	High Noon No. 38
2nd Thu	Eureka-Dupont No. 23-29