

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association By Earl Emerson Chairman



I bring you greetings from the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Financial support of the National Memorial continues to be foremost in the minds of the Board of Directors. If this beautiful structure is going to continue to serve future generations as a symbol of liberty, orderly government and patriotism, (which George Washington embraced) the Memorial will require your help. Any donation to the Memorial is greatly appreciated.

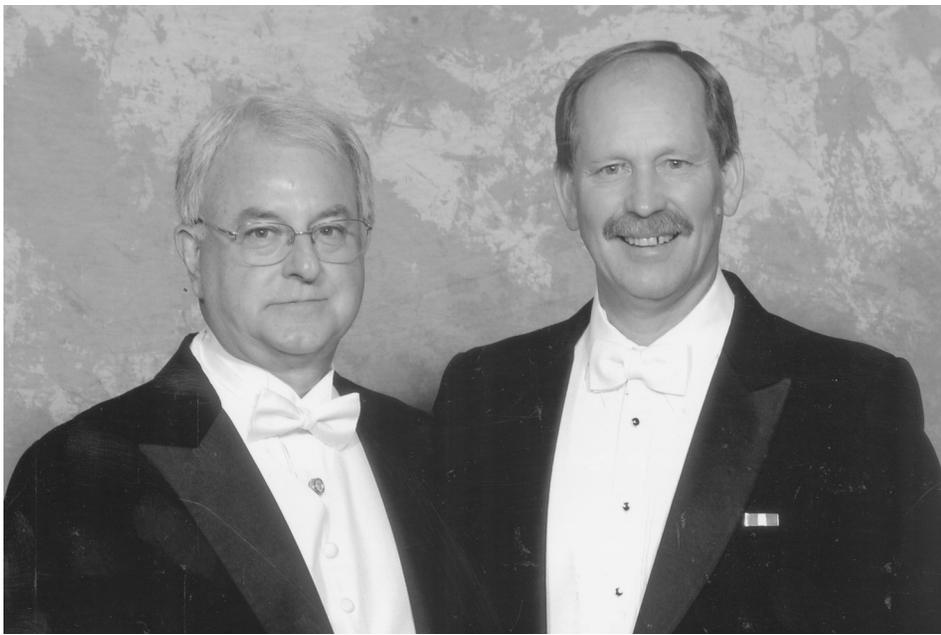
The 2005 Holiday Ornament is now available. It features a dove carrying a sprig of Acacia as a symbol of peace and hope. To order, please contact the Memorial Gift Shop at (703) 549-9234 or visit the Memorial website at www.gwmemorial.org.

With the popularity of the book "The Da Vinci Code" and the movie "National Treasure" and with the increased interest in the Fraternity in a time of renewed patriotism in America, you can only guess what the future has in store for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Come visit your Memorial, I know you will enjoy it!

Local Masonic Leaders Honored

Local area Freemasons were among a group of 236 selected to receive the Thirty-Third Degree, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The ceremony took place recently in Grand Rapids, Michigan during the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. The degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity that reflects credit upon the fraternity. The 2005 recipients were chosen from 15 north-eastern and midwestern states which comprise the 240,000-member Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. Those from Delaware were (left to right) Barry C. Hughes and Ricky L. Swalm.



Katrina Relief Project

In the bleak aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, a call to action was issued to help those in need. Brethren of various lodges from Districts 1 and 2 of the Grand Lodge of Delaware and assisted by prospective members, family and friends came together at the Masonic Temple in Newport, Delaware to collect clothes, non-perishable food and other badly needed supplies for those displaced by the affects of Hurricane Katrina. In the combined eight hours of effort the volunteers were able to collect enough clothes to fill a 10'x10' storage unit full, 15 boxes of food, 9 cases of water, 1 case of fruit punch, numerous boxes of toiletries and a variety of childrens' books and toys – as well as \$105. in cash raised from the sale of lemonade out in front of the Masonic Temple.

Knowing that the immediate need was for food and water, arrangements were made on the following days to get these items to those in need. Event organizer Brother Troy Nuss of Washington Lodge No. 1 sent a series of e-mails to different groups that had set-up

housing and/or other arrangements in the south to assist those displaced by Hurricane Katrina. A group called "Angles In Care" communicated with Brother Nuss. They were preparing to assist as many as 150 families with two or more children in their households. Their mission, with help from the state government, was to provide housing and job training with placement to assist these families in rebuilding their lives in the Tampa, Florida area. In conversation with the co-founder and director of "Angles In Care", Brother Nuss was put in touch with "Quick International" in New York City. "Quick International" is an organ transport organization, but was looking for a way to assist in relief efforts. Through them, pick-up and delivery to "Angels In Care" was arranged at no cost to Delaware Freemasonry.

The local brethren were again called upon to assist with the relief project. Four bundles of #58 boxes were purchased using the money earned from the lemonade sales along with a fifth bundle donated by the Worshipful Master

Scottish Rite

A group of more than 2,000 count 33rd Degree Masons and their wives heard an update on Masonic charitable endeavors during the recent meeting of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The charities are supported by voluntary contributions from the 240,000 count 32nd Degree Masons throughout the 15-state jurisdiction.

The National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts, was built in 1975 to provide changing exhibits on American History largely through the efforts of Scottish Rite. Learning Centers for children with dyslexia have been providing free one-on-one tutoring at 53 locations and, within the next few years, the number of centers will increase to 59. Other charities include scholarships for college students and fellowships for schizophrenia research.

During the course of the meeting, which was held this year in Grand Rapids, Michigan, five new members were elected to the governing board of the Supreme Council. They are Mark C. Roth of Canterbury, New Hampshire; Edward R. Trosin of Tonawanda, New York; James R. Filliez of Minerva, Ohio; Benny L. Grisham of Springfield, Illinois; and Michael A. DeWolf of Wausau, Wisconsin. Deputies include Richard W. Elliot for New Hampshire, Donald G. Hicks, Jr. for Massachusetts, William L. McCarrier for Pennsylvania, Neil M. Smalley for Ohio and Lawrence D. Inglis for Illinois. New officers include John W. McNaughton as Grand Lieutenant Commander, James L. Tungate as Grand Treasurer General and Stephen E. Carpenter as Grand Master General of Ceremonies.

Retiring active members are Robert E. Hansen of Laconia, New Hampshire; Robert W. Clarke of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts; Martin R. Schuller of Youngstown, Ohio; Phillip C. Kenny of Eureka, Illinois; and Donald J. Soberg of Monona, Wisconsin.

Each of the 15 Grand Lodges within the Northern Jurisdiction was represented. Also attending were officers from allied Masonic organizations across the country as well as representatives from eight Scottish Rite Supreme Councils around the world.

The week-long meeting concluded with the conferral of the 33rd degree upon 236 members who were selected for dedicated service to Scottish Rite Freemasonry or service reflecting credit upon the fraternity.

The names of 237 nominees who are to receive the 33rd degree at next year's meeting in Chicago on August 29, 2006 were announced. Nominees from Delaware are Robert A. Benson and William F. Huxtable, Jr.

of Bethel Lodge No. 47 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. The clothing was shuttled via seven vanloads back to the Newport Temple. Gathered at the Temple were Brother Troy Nuss and his ladies (wife Denise and two daughters, Miranda and Nelia), WM of Washington No. 1 John Nuss and his lady Debby, Brother Bob Noble (SD of Ionic Lodge No. 31), David Simkins (WM of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29), Marvin Lighcap (Asst. Grand Guardian of Job's Daughters in Delaware) and Dad-Dad David Goss and Mom-Mom Goss. In approximately five hours, a total of 75 #58 boxes, numerous smaller boxes and huge bags were filled with assorted childrens' books, toys and other donated items and were readied for shipment.

Thank you to all those who participated in the Katrina Relief Project.

Editor's Notes By Chuck Simmermon

Bi-cen-ten-ni-al (*n*): a 200th anniversary or its celebration. By American standards 200 years is a long time. By modern global Masonic standards 200 years is also significant. We should be proud that Freemasonry in Delaware has survived the Civil War, the Morgan Affair, the great depression and changing times. This survival is due to dedicated men who, down through the years, believed in and practiced the tenants of our gentle Craft. It is, therefore, incumbent upon the Freemasons of today to honor the legacy given us by working to perpetuate the values our fraternity espouses. Let us all strive, during this Bicentennial Year, to become more involved in our Masonic endeavors and pass our legacy on to those who will follow.

We congratulate M*W* Ronald W. Conaway and his Staff as they assume the leadership of this Masonic jurisdiction. The Delaware Freemason stands ready to assist the efforts of Grand Lodge as we travel through this special and important Masonic year.

The addition of Brother Troy A. Nuss as Assistant Editor guarantees the continuation of this publication as a meaningful tool for the promotion of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction. Welcome aboard, Troy!



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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