

Remembering Worshipful Thomas Stockton

By Troy A. Nuss

One rainy morning, St. John's Day, June 24th, 2006, several members of Washington Lodge No. 1 and their Ladies were joined by Most Worshipful Donald Thomas, Past Grand Master of Delaware. They first gathered for breakfast before traveling to Immanuel Episcopal Church Cemetery in Old New Castle to place a wreath on the grave of Worshipful Thomas Stockton.

200 years ago in June 1806, Brother Stockton was

elected the first Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge No.1 under the newly chartered Grand Lodge of Delaware. He also was elected the First Grand Treasurer for the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

As a graduate of Princeton College, Worshipful Brother Stockton strove to serve his fellow man. He returned to his home in New Castle and was elected to several public offices. He served as a Major in the War of 1812 and in 1845, as a member of

the Wig Party, he became the 34th Governor of Delaware. One year later, in 1846, Brother Stockton became the 6th Governor to pass away while in office.

Worshipful Brother Stockton not only played an important role in the history of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, but was also a leader in the community and a contributor to our nation's formative years.

We thank you Worshipful Brother Thomas Stockton.



Left to right: Most Worshipful Benjamin Lloyd, Jr., Brother Troy A. Nuss, Worshipful Master John J. Nuss, Most Worshipful Donald Thomas, Brother Anthony Thomas.