A Message from Our Grand Master

New District Deputy Grand Masters Appointed

Seven new District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master. They include:

District 2—BROTHER JOHN HARPER, a Past Master of Robert A. Lambertson Lodge No. 407, in Philadelphia. He is an Attorney and succeeds Brother John H. H. Morrow.

District 3—BROTHER PAUL G. PENNINGTON, a Past Master of Good Samaritan Lodge No. 579, in Columbia. The predecessor was Brother Claude O. Meck.

District 4—BROTHER WILLIAM E. FLEETH, a Past Master of King Solomon Lodge No. 510, in Danvers. Brother Fleeth, who succeeds Brother Cecil Raster, is in the lumber business.


District 6—BROTHER RICHARD E. SHEAFFER, a Past Master of Hyland Masonic Lodge No. 583, in Westmoreland. He succeeds Brother Earl Himmelberger.


All of the above outgoing Deputies have served at least ten years and have been appointed Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

Eric Enlow was created by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. It is a successful event because of the unanimity of thought and action of All Freemasonry. In the event we shall work together with the continued activity necessary to make it men will still need here. And, incidentally, it is those principles with which we should be most concerned. Sometimes I feel that we get so involved in the organisation and machinery of the Fraternity that these must be pushed into the background. Such a danger could exist now when all of us are so much concerned about the future. Therefore, let us remember that what was the truest and most important of the past, and the values that will be true and will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, and will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be equal to true and worthless, will be}
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We are dedicating a Temple that will be adequate for centuries. Its interior is still incomplete, but the Masonic spirit which has moved us forward is not dependent without doubt since June 5, 1922, when ground was broken for the cornerstone of the building at an early date. . . . It is the spirit of Masonry and the spirit of Washington that moves us forward. It is the force behind it, the glue and sustenance of our organization. It is the principle that the world that Washington's spiritual gift still guards the imperishable truths on which Freemasonry is founded, the truths on which we base our constitution, the truths which constitute the sure foundation of freedom.

It is impossible to describe the wonder of the Memorial. It has to be seen in order to be understood and appreciated. The exterior is constructed of New Hampshire granite and the interior is beautiful beyond compare. A number of the items contributed in the completion and furnishing of the Memorial are proudly represented by their gift of the Library Room which was dedicated on February 22, 1952.

On February 22, 1942 or shortly thereafter, the valuable relics and possessions of Alexander Washington Lodge No. 22 were transferred to the Memorial and were placed in the Library Room. It was dedicated on May 12, 1932, Brother Louis A. Waters, Master of Alexander-Washington Lodge No. 22. The result was that certain resolutions were drawn by those present, endorsing the proposed erection of a memorial to the first Grand Master of Masons in the United States in the City of Washington. Thereafter on February 21 and 22, 1942, a second meeting was held, attended by a larger crowd of brethren of whom a large number were distinguished citizens and an Association was formed and given the name of "TO FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN." A deep and lasting impression still remains of the effect of those few and of the picture of that great American who was the "Father of his Country." It is a picture that could well have been added—"FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS MASONIC BRETHREN." Much has been written concerning George Washington as a Mason. His association with Freemasonry during the early history of the Craft in the Colonies has been the subject of much writing. It is well known that he was the first Master of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22. There can be no question of his practice of the tenets of Freemasonry. His interest and devotion is much in evidence by the very valuable relics handed down to later lodges. The reproduction of these relics and valuable items so closely associated with George Washington were for years displayed in a Museum arranged for that purpose under the control and custody of the Lodge, which was open to the public without charge or limitation as to age, sex or nationality and was for many years successful. The memory or his Lodges in the United States and of the Masonic membership of the Lodge is still maintained.

On February 21, 1912 and 1913 the Lodge, in connection with the erection of this beautiful and impressive Memorial was thirty-six acres of land located on the western slope of the Potomac River at Alexandria, Virginia. It appears that at one time George Washington was the owner of this land and at this location this time it was proposed to erect the National Capitol. To the northeast of this site is the house which Washington resided in with the Potomac River lying between. To the southwest is the National Cemetery of the United States Army. Nearby, Arlington, Washington's headquarters on two occasions, it Christ Church in which he was baptized. For a century and a quarter the small tower of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Alma Mater of many famous and distinguished Masons, stood across the Parade Highway, one of the most famous roads in America. The site is known as Shooter Hill and it has been said that Washington traversed every foot of the area on which the monument was erected.

On November 1, 1923 the cornerstone was laid by President Coolidge, then President of the United States, and Chief Justice William Howard Taft of the Supreme Court. The cornerstone was presented. Grand Masters of Masons from all General Jurisdictions of the United States actively participated and all Masonic bodies were actively represented. The treasured was used for the cornerstone of the Memorial. Washington himself participated. It was laid in the laying of the cornerstone of the National Cathedral in Washington, D. C. two years before. At the dedication ceremony on May 12, 1932, Brother Louis A. Waters, President of the Association, said

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The George Washington Masonic National Memorial

By Sanford M. Childs
Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

The name of George Washington recalls to my mind a little red-headed book on the front cover of which appeared the words "American Revolutionary" in the very early years of my public school education. When I opened the book I recall that I was most impressed with the story which there appeared those words—"FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN." A deep and lasting impression still remains of the effect of these words and the picture of this great American who was the "FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY." Masonic associations with George Washington, from the early environs of his activity, Pilgrimage to his grave site, and his association with George Washington as a Mason, is purely a local sense, as related to Alexandria, Virginia, at the request of the Lodge No. 22, requested the Library to be the building in which the relic s would be placed should be such as would preserve his memory in a National Sense, rather than in a purely local sense, as related to Alexandria.

Washington Lodge No. 22. The result was that certain resolutions were drawn by those present, endorsing the proposed erection of a statue of George Washington in Washington, D.C. Thereafter on February 21 and 22, 1912, a second meeting was held, attended by a much larger number of representatives. A resolution was passed, and an Association was formed and given the name "George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association." The first President was Thomas J. Shyrock, M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania (1910-1917) who died in 1917, and Brother Louis A. Watson, President of the Association, was the acting president and the By-laws were approved and ratified in 1913. To Pennsylvania Masons it is significant to note that when Thomas J. Shyrock died in 1917, Brother Louis A. Watson, W. R. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania (1910-1917) was elected President and served as such until his death in 1937.

At all times of the erection of this beautiful and impressive Memorial was thirty-six acres of land located on the western slope of Mount Vernon, Virginia. It appears that at this time George Washington was the owner of this property and he was living on Mount Vernon, with the Potomac River lying between. To the north is the National Capitol, to the west is Alexandria, Washington's headquarters on two occasions, in Christ Church in which he was married, and to the south is the Parkway, one of the most famous roads in America. The site is known as Shoofer Hill and it has been said that Washington traversed every foot of the area on which the monument is erected.

On November 1, 1923 the cornerstone was laid. It was the most interesting day attending this event was that the first day of the cornerstone ceremony, Grand Masters of Masons from all Grand Jurisdictions of the United States actively participated and all Masonic bodies were actually represented. The treasured used was the original Washington Washington himself emplaced in the laying of the cornerstone of the National Capitol in Washington, D. C. on Easter Day, 1800. Twenty years before. At the dedication ceremony on May 12, 1923, Brother Louis A. Watson, President of the Association, said:

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From Our Grand Secretary’s Office

CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES IN NORTH AMERICA

The Twenty-sixth Annual Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America was held in the Pennsylvania Room of the Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C., on February 21, 1957, with Harry S. Johnson of Ohio, presiding. There were forty-seven Grand Secretaries present. The Presidents of the Grand Secretaries were represented by proxy, making the attendance of fifty-four. Fifty of the fifty-nine Grand Jurisdictions in North America were represented.

There was not only spirited, but helpful as well. At the beginning of the meeting, it was agreed that the day would be well spent, and that the Conference had been of great benefit to all who had attended.

To be sure, many of the ideas which are not found practical application in the work of many of the Grand Secretaries, and the information that is presented is invaluable help in understanding the law and procedure of the several Grand Lodges.

There were four papers presented and discussed in the 1957 Conference.

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