



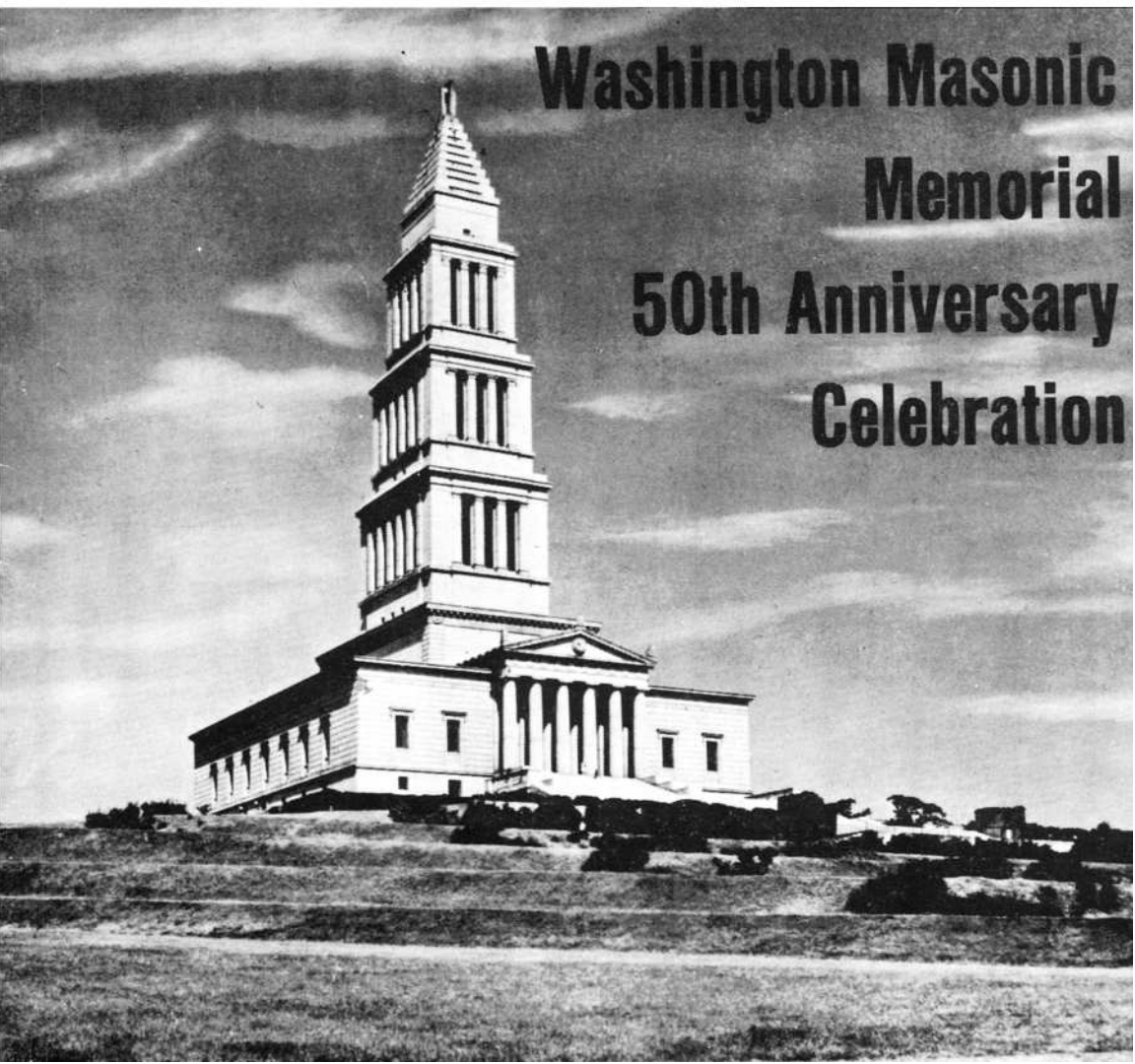
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## ON THE COVER

GEORGE WASHINGTON

## MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

This year marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, VA.

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## GEORGE WASHINGTON - THE MASON

Early in 1752, a young man not yet 21 years of age, petitioned Lodge No. 4, at Fredericksburg, Virginia for membership in the Masonic fraternity. After suitable investigation, George Washington was initiated on November 4, 1752. He was passed on March 3, 1753 and raised on August 4, 1753. This was the beginning of the remarkable Masonic career of a man destined to go down in history as the Father of his Country.

Every school child can recount the deeds of this man: First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of his Countrymen. But his Masonic activities are not as well known as they should be.

The early minutes of Lodge No. 4 are brief, but under date of November 4, 1752 is inscribed the name of George Washington. In the ledger bound with the minute book is the entry, "November 6, 1752, received from Mr. George Washington for his entrance £2. 3s." In the minutes of "3rd March, 1753 George Washington passed a Fellow Craft." Then the minutes of "4th August 1753 . . . the transactions of the evening are, George Washington raised a Master Mason." Other entries indicate that Washington attended his lodge on September 1, 1753 and again January 4, 1755. After 1771 the lodge records are missing.

These books, together with the Bible upon which our brother was obligated, are the cherished possessions of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. For years after, little is known of his Masonic activities. During the Revolutionary War records of various military lodges indicate his attendance at meetings or processions held to observe the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, or St. John the Baptist. In those days the Festivals were observed with public processions, feasts and Church services.

The convention to form a Grand Lodge of Virginia, which met in 1777, recommended "his Excellency General George Washington as a proper person to fill the office of Grand Master." But as he was quite busy with his military duties, nothing came of it.

During 1779 and 1780 American Union Lodge was in the forefront of a movement to elect a Grand Master over all the brethren in the United States and to select Washington for

this high office. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania made a formal proposal to other Grand Lodges and elected George Washington as Grand Master of Masons in the United States. However the plan was abolished when the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts objected.

In later years, Books of Constitutions were dedicated to him, Honorary Memberships and other Masonic honors were offered to him. But it was not until he resigned his military commission in 1783, and returned to his home at Mt. Vernon, that he took a more active role in Masonic affairs. On June 24, 1784 he accepted Honorary Membership in Lodge No. 39 at Alexandria, Virginia then under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He visited the lodge on several occasions, and when an application was made for a new charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Washington was chosen as the Charter Worshipful Master. The charter was granted on April 28, 1788 and the first meeting was held on February 21, 1789. The lodge continues to work under this charter, the name having been changed in 1805 to Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22.

On April 30, 1789 Washington took the oath of office as the First President of the United States upon the Bible of St. John's Lodge No. 1 of New York. On September 18, 1793 as President of the United States he walked in the procession and performed part of the Masonic services of laying the cornerstone of the Capitol at Washington, D. C. The ceremonies were conducted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, assisted by Alexandria Lodge No. 22 of Virginia. On that occasion Washington wore the apron presented to him by the Marquis de Lafayette, now in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. George Washington died on Saturday, December 14, 1799, after a short illness. His career was closed with a Masonic funeral service, conducted by members of the Alexandria Lodge.

Two recent Japanese U.P.U. commemoratives show starry heavens, which reminds that "the covering of a lodge is the clouded canopy, or starry-decked Heaven, where all good Masons hope at last to arrive."

# The Washington Bible

One hundred and eighty-eight years after being whisked from the "Old Coffee House" on Wall Street to help a fledgling nation administer the oath of office to its first President, George Washington, the Altar Bible of St. John's Lodge No. 1, A.Y.M., F.&A.M., again played a role in the Inauguration of the President of the United States . . . its 39th, Jimmy Carter.

The Bible is an Authorized King James Version printed in London in 1767. It is complete with Apocrypha and elaborately supplemented with the historical, astronomical, and legal data of that period. It contains 103 steel engravings by John Stuart including two fold-out maps.

It was presented to St. John's Lodge on November 28, 1770 by W. Bro. Johnathan Hampton the night he was made Master and has been used ever since, not only in the lodge, but on numerous special occasions.

Not very long after the historic 1789 inauguration, the Lodge members inserted a commemorative page into the Bible. Written in fine engraver's style of the period and capped by an engraving of Washington is:

On This Sacred Volume  
On the 30th day of April A.M. 1789  
In the City of New York  
Administered to  
George Washington  
THE FIRST PRESIDENT  
of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE Oath  
To support the Constitution  
OF THE United States  
This Important Ceremony was  
PERFORMED by the Most Worshipful  
Grand Master of Free and Accepted  
Masons of the State of New York  
The Honorable  
Robert R. Livingston  
Chancellor of the State

Then follows this quatrain:

Fame stretch'd her wings and with her  
trumpet blew,  
Great Washington is near "what praise is  
due?  
What title shall he have? (") She paus'd —  
and said:  
(") Not one — his name alone strikes every  
title dead.(")

When Washington was sworn, he rested his right hand upon Genesis 49-50, the two pages of which have since been mounted with transparent silk for preservation.

The unusual story of how this particular Bible came to be used is related in *The History of the Centennial Celebration of the Inauguration of George Washington* by Clarence W. Bowen:

"Shortly before the President's arrival at Federal Hall in New York City on Inauguration Day, 1789, members of the First Congress discovered that no Bible was on hand for the ceremony. Jacob Morton, who was a Marshal of the parade and at that time Master of St. John's Lodge, on seeing the dilemma, remarked that he could get the Altar Bible from his lodge which met a short distance down Wall Street at the "Old Coffee House." A brief time later, the Bible was provided. While the Secretary of the Senate, Samuel A. Otis held the book on a scarlet cushion, New York State Chancellor Robert R. Livingston administered the oath. When the oath was completed, Washington added the phrase, "I swear, so help me God!" and, bending forward, kissed the open book. Jacob Morton stepped forward and carefully folded down the corner of the opened page, thus preserving a record of the apparently random selection."

On December 31, 1799, the St. John's Bible was made a part of the Funeral Procession for George Washington in New York City. The introduction of Croton Water into New York City on October 14, 1840 again brought this historic Bible to public display. The St. John's Bible was a participant in the dedication of the Washington Monument on February 21, 1885.

Two other Presidents, Warren G. Harding on March 4, 1921 and Dwight D. Eisenhower on January 20, 1953, had the oath of office administered with their hands resting on the St. John's Bible.

M. W. Charles W. Froessel, Past Grand Master and a Trustee of the Bible, offered the St. John's Bible to President-elect Carter for the inauguration and he replied, through an aide, that he would be "delighted to use the Bible." Technically he used a Bible given by his mother for the oath of office, but drew upon the "Washington" Bible to quote the Prophet Micah in his Inauguration Address.

The Bible, published by King George III's own printer, cannot leave the Lodge unless accompanied by four Master Masons. So Past Grand Master Froessel and fellow Trustees, William Greene, Kenneth Faerber and Henry Nissle got tickets to the Inauguration and accompanied the Bible, secure in its velvet-lined box to Washington.

MRS. ELIZABETH MCCLAVE  
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Wor. Allan Boudreau  
President, Masonic Stamp Club  
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#### STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK BICENTENNIAL

Nestled in the beautiful hills some 25 miles east of Albany, New York is the village of Stephentown, founded in 1784 by the famous Masonic Dutch Patroon, Stephen Van Rensselaer, who also served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York from 1825 to 1830.

Activities are underway for a tremendous Stephentown Bicentennial, August 9-12, 1984 and the great-great-grandson and namesake of Stephen Van Rensselaer will be the Grand Marshall.

Efforts are underway to have a commemorative United States postage stamp issued in 1984 honoring Stephen Van Rensselaer, the earliest of the great benefactors of practical science in America.

Members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York are requested to write to the Postmaster General asking that the commemorative stamp honoring Stephen Van Rensselaer be issued in 1984. Please send your letters to:

William F. Bolger  
Postmaster General  
United States Postal Service  
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Magonische Filatelische Studiegroep "De Getande Rand" nr. 6

#### 200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LODGE

"De Friesche Trouw" No. 20 E. of LEEUWARDEN

W. F. Smit, President of the Masonic Philatelic Study Group "De Getande Rand" reports that a special Masonic cover, pictured above, will be issued for the 200th Anniversary of the Lodge "De Friesche Trouw" No. 20 E. of LEEUWARDEN by the Masonic Study Group "De Getande Rand."

For this 200th anniversary the Postmaster General in the Netherlands will issue a special postmark for this cover.

The cover is for sale by the treasurer of "De Getande Rand" Brother M. A. C. Beekman, Waalstraat 101, 1079 DS Amsterdam, the NETHERLANDS.

The price is; one copy \$1.50 and 8 copies for \$10.00. The covers will be sent in closed envelopes by airmail, price includes postage.

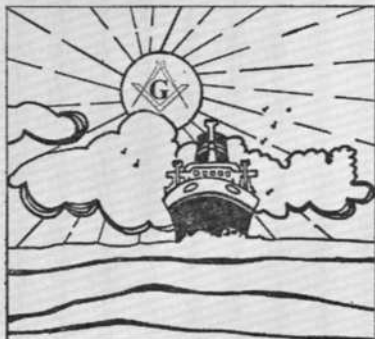
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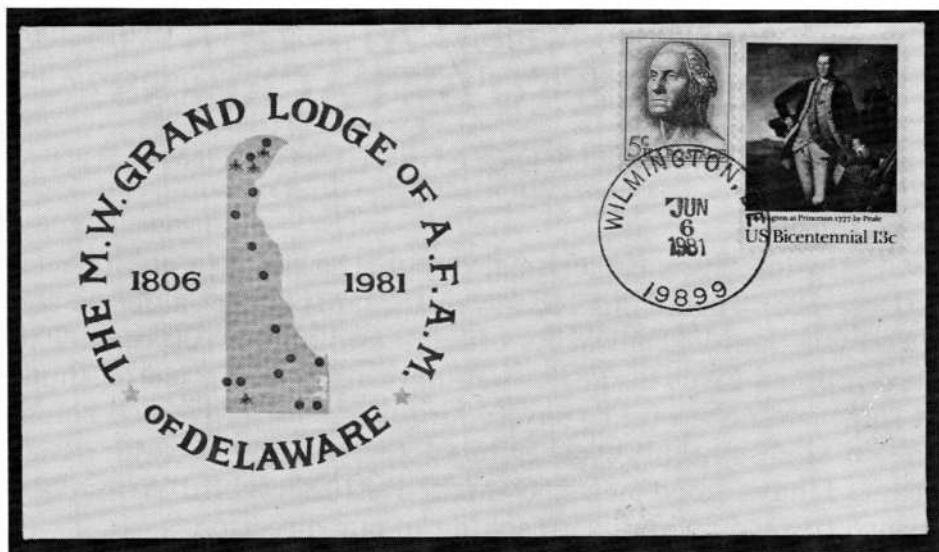
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On June 6, 1981, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Delaware celebrated the 175th anniversary of its founding. As part of the activities associated with this celebration, a commemorative envelope was prepared and is available to interested collectors. The envelope, enclosed, shows the logo of the 175th anniversary -- an outline of the State of Delaware with square and compasses at each of the four founding lodge locations and gold dots at the sites of the current lodge locations -- can be obtained by request from:

Donald D. Thomas  
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The cost is \$1.50 each or a complete set of 10 envelopes each with different Masonic related stamps for \$10.00 Supply is limited.

I would appreciate your publishing the availability of these envelopes in "The Masonic Philatelist".

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Donald D. Thomas

## **DO WE NEED ALL OUR GENERALS TO BE FACELESS?**

**BRO. GENERAL BRUCE C. CLARKE, US ARMY, RET.**

During the most critical day in the defense of St. Vith in December 1944, I visited several infantry companies at the front. One had lost all of its officers and about 100 men. The hard-pressed First Sergeant was in command. I tried to think of something cheerful to say to him. I am sure I needed someone to say something cheerful to me. Finally, I said: "Sergeant, I have good news, General Patton's Third Army has turned toward us and is attacking in our direction."

The First Sergeant looked at me and smiled. Then he said: "General, if Georgie is coming we've got it made." I left with renewed confidence in my men and myself.

I've thought about that for over 35 years. Why did the mention of "Georgie" strike such confidence in a First Sergeant whose situation was even more critical than he knew? What did "Georgie" have that other Generals lacked in different degrees? How many other Senior Generals in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge would have struck such a spark in the mind of a First Sergeant when mentioned on the battlefield?

Recently, I sat at dinner next to an outstanding Senior General Officer. We were discussing things that made an army great in battle. He said that the tendency today is to create "faceless" Generals in our army. Discussion lead to Generals who tended to look up the chain of command for detailed instructions and who tended to be "managers" instead of Generals. Generals who were not innovative nor

had great initiative were considered "safe" and were considered favorable for "higher" positions.

Then we mentioned Generals of World War II who were not "faceless" to different degrees: Eisenhower, Montgomery, Bradley, Taylor, Devers, Patton, Marshall, McNair, MacArthur, Clay, etc. Many of their names were household words in our country. All were well-known in our Army. Mention of their names struck confidence in our people and in our troops, and I believe struck apprehension in the minds of our enemies. (I've included Montgomery, because the U.S. Army fought its greatest battle, the Bulge, under his command from December 20, 1944 on.)

A very senior retired General Officer recently asked me what I thought of our present Secretary of State? I replied that I knew him well and had been consulted by him on the problems of the defense of Nato, and I considered him to be an outstanding Officer and a well-known and talented international and national Statesman. The General then said: "He was promoted too fast." Maybe that goes hand in hand with Officers who are not "faceless."

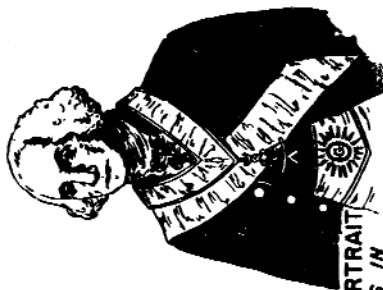
I am sure that it would take a Ph.D. in psychology to develop this thought much further; but I do know that when we employ our army in a crisis situation "faceless" Generals seldom rise to the top. I am sure also that few Senior Officers who are "faceless" in the army community are selected for General Officer rank and further advancement in the Army. When asked what one characteristic they had that others lacked, I said I believed it was a good sense of public relations. George Washington was not a "faceless" General.

# Did You Know?

WASHINGTON AND THE CHERRY TREE  
MASON LOCKE WEEMS, KNOWN AS "PARSON"  
WROTE THE FIRST BIOGRAPHY OF WASH-  
TON, ADDING THE CHERRY  
TREE STORY AFTER SEVERAL  
EDITIONS. HE WAS A PREACHER  
AND ITINERANT PEDDLER;  
MEMBER OF LODGE NO. 50,  
DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA.



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S PORTRAIT  
IN FULL MASONIC REGALIA HANGS IN  
FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, ENGLAND. IT WAS PRESENT-  
ED BY U. S. AMBASSADOR HENRY S. WELLCOME IN 1902.



BORN  
1732

DIED  
1799

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"FIRST IN WAR, FIRST  
IN PEACE, FIRST IN  
THE HEARTS OF  
HIS COUNTRYMEN."

THIS FAMOUS EULOGY ON  
GEORGE WASHINGTON  
WAS PRONOUNCED BE-  
FORE BOTH HOUSES OF  
THE UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS BY HENRY  
"LIGHT-HORSE HARRY"  
LEE IN 1799. LEE  
WAS A MEMBER OF  
HIRAM LODGE NO. 59,  
WESTMORELAND  
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HE WAS THE FATHER  
OF CONFEDERATE GENERAL  
ROBERT E. LEE.



*Henry Lee*

GEORGE WASHINGTON  
WAS MASTER OF HIS LODGE  
IN ALEXANDRIA AT THE  
TIME OF HIS INAUGURATION  
AS PRESIDENT IN 1789.



THE WASHINGTON INAUGURAL BIBLE

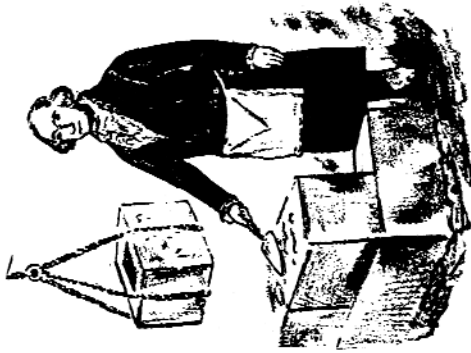
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BUT GEORGE WASHINGTON DID  
NOT BRING ONE. AIDES RAN  
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE  
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THE WASHINGTON MEDALLION, STRUCK IN 1797, ANTICIPATED THE ELECTION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AS GENERAL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN AMERICA. THIS WAS ONE OF MANY ATTEMPTS TO ORGANIZE A GENERAL GRAND LODGE THAT FAILED.

BUT GEORGE WASHINGTON DID NOT BRING ONE. AIDES RAN ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE INUGURAL SITE IN NEW YORK CITY AND BORROWED THE ALTAR BIBLE FROM ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 1 (THEN NO. 2) FOR THE CEREMONY.



THE GAVEL WITH WHICH GEORGE WASHINGTON LAID THE CORNERSTONE OF THE

NATION'S CAPITAL, IS KEPT IN A GLASS-RIGGS NATIONAL BANK AT GEORGETOWN. IT IS THE PROPERTY OF POTOMAC LODGE NO. 5 F.A. & A.M.

THE TROWEL USED BY GEORGE WASHINGTON TO LAY THE CORNERSTONE OF THE CAPITOL AT WASHINGTON IN 1793 HAS BEEN USED SINCE BY SEVEN OTHER PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR GREAT AND IMPORTANT UNDERTAKINGS.



THE AMERICAN FLAG WAS MADE BY A MASON'S WIFE, IN THE HOME OF A MASON, AND ORDERED BY A MASON. ORDERED BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, IT WAS MADE BY BETSY ROSS, WHOSE HUSBAND WAS A MEMBER OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE OF PHILADELPHIA.

## POLITICAL ENEMIES - II - MASONIC BROTHERS

DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, BRITISH AND AMERICAN TROOPS EXCHANGED MASONIC COURTESIES. ONCE, THE BRITISH, DURING A RETREAT AFTER BATTLE, LEFT THE EMBLEMS OF THEIR LODGE AND A COPY OF THEIR CONSTITUTION BEHIND. GENERAL WASHINGTON RETURNED THEM WITH AN ESCORT AND A GUARD OF HONOR.



# **The American Lodge of Research**

**By Charles A. Banten**

The American Lodge of Research was chartered in May 1931 by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and its first Master, M. · W. · Charles H. Johnson, likened its purpose to that of the explorer seeking to penetrate those areas of the universe where conditions were unknown. More than fifty years have passed, the small group who obtained the charter are gone but their successors number in hundreds, located all over the world. Although the Lodge has published fourteen volumes of TRANSACTIONS and probed many unexplored areas of Masonic history, its trestleboard remains the same, for the deeper we penetrate the more we discover new unknown lands.

Thanks to the wisdom of its founders, the activities of The American Lodge of Research are both confined and limitless - it is not permitted to work degrees, membership in it is dependent on concurrent membership in some other regular Lodge and does not count in dual or plural membership, it reports its labors directly to Grand Lodge (and its Master is assigned a seat in Grand Lodge and is entitled to one vote), and it has no number. Its assignment is in the area of American Masonic history and research with particular emphasis on New York State.

Two classes of membership are designated; Active and Corresponding. The Active Members are admitted by regular affiliation, are limited to 100 in number, and have the privilege of paying higher annual dues and serving as officers of the Lodge. The Corresponding Members are admitted by subscription and now number over 600, located throughout the world. All Members receive the publications of the Lodge including the TRANSACTIONS.

The TRANSACTIONS are renowned for distinguished appearance and typography and the Lodge has achieved an international reputation for the quality and authenticity of scholarship contained therein.

An outstanding activity of the Lodge, in addition to the publications, is to hold meetings on special occasions throughout New York State and occasionally, when invited, in other jurisdictions. Every locality has its own Masonic tradition and it is a rewarding experience for the brothers of the Lodge to share in these unique opportunities for Masonic intercourse.

The Lodge By-laws require four stated communications (March 29, June 24, October 29, and December 27) in New York City and they are held in Masonic Hall, 46 West 24th Street. All brothers of Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge are invited to attend. Membership in The American Lodge of Research is not a prerequisite for attendance.

Any brother interested in becoming a member of The American Lodge of Research is invited to send a self-addressed envelope (legal size with a 20¢ stamp attached) to the Secretary, Box 210 Masonic Hall, 46 West 24th Street, New York, New York 10010 and full membership information will be sent by return mail.

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Masonic National  
Memorial**

Alexandria, Virginia

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Pride of All  
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## **Requirements for Information on Masonic Philately**

It is advisable to confine the subject matter to a biographical sketch and source of Masonic affiliation. Stamps showing Masonic symbols should be mentioned only without further delineation since Masons can recognize them. Masonic cancellations on stamps and covers are very desirable items. We are most anxious to have this information illustrated for publication.

With the number of new issues that are flooding our hobby the amount of Masonic related material is beyond the research of our limited publication committee. If our members can research any such items and send in this information we will publish it with due credits.

The many issues pertaining to our Bicentennial, the omnibus issues of Great Britain's Royal Wedding, Silver Jubilee plus the dozens of other countries that are cashing in on our time and budgets should and must limit our collecting. A Masonic collection as described by the late Brother Sam Brooks can be much in order. The issuance of cachets is also being abused. It is not our position to dictate or deter anyone in collecting what he desires for his own collection. However a Masonic collection is a personal collection that he can exhibit at his own lodge or other lodges for the enjoyment and enlightenment of his brother members.

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York has tried to maintain a benign policy in limiting the number of cachets and quantity of each. The funds derived from this project are donated for Masonic benevolence.

Publication Committee  
Irwin M. Yarry, Chairman

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## **MESSAGE**

Two anniversaries take place in the month of June every year which should be of great interest to the members of the Masonic fraternity: the anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence on June 12, and the anniversary of the birth of a national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, on June 19.



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*Norman Vincent Peale*

*1025 Fifth Avenue  
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November 6, 1981

Dear PGM Dougherty:

As a life long Mason, I am proud of the volunteer service given by our Masonic Brothers to the patients in Veteran's hospitals.

In those great hospitals where patriotic men and women are being cared for by a nation grateful for their service to our country, Masonic Brothers are giving friendly help. And I think that is great. This is one of the greatest charitable activities of our craft. So I congratulate those of our Masonic Brothers who are personally in a position to render this form of human service with compassion.

Masonry must be more than Lodge meetings and pleasant fellowship. It is also to go out in the name of fraternity to help the needy--some of them our members, some not. But to serve humanity is of the essence of our Masonic ideals.

Fraternally yours,

*Norman Vincent Peale*<sup>33'</sup>

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## SPEAKING OF MASONRY

### The Presidents

Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall be happy to advance the interest of the society, and to be considered by them as a deserving Brother.

*Washington*

# *G. Washington* AMERICAN SUPERHERO

## MUSEUM OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE

JANUARY 10 — OCTOBER 31, 1982

### A MUSEUM — CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE



**THE EXHIBIT** commemorates the 250th anniversary of Washington's birth. As the first and most celebrated national hero, George Washington offers a rich opportunity to explore the theme of heroes and hero-worship in American history. Using original artifacts and participatory activities, the exhibit portrays the life of Washington and examines the distinctive qualities that make him an American hero.

**CLASSROOM MATERIALS** are available from the Museum. Interdisciplinary and multi-reading-level learning packets on George Washington can be purchased and used in conjunction with curriculum units on the American Revolution, heroes in history, and 18th century life.

**GUIDED TOURS** of this exhibition will be offered from March, 1982 to June, 1982.

TO Education Program  
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- ☐ Please send \_\_\_\_\_ Washington Learning Packets at \$3.00 each.
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Please send information and reservation forms.
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

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As a service to Club members, the Bulletin Board posts notices of activities and offerings by the members of the Club. There is no charge for this service at this time but this might change in the future. The decision of the editor is final in regard to all matters.

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WITH FIRST DAY COVER SET

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JOHN R. ALLEN, LM #154  
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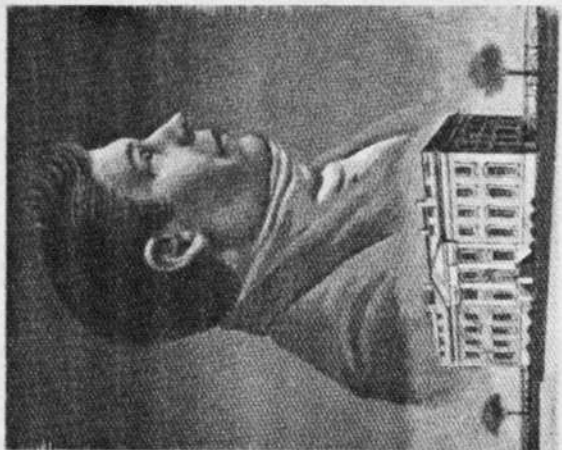
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