

Visiting the Masonic Historical Sites in DC

The George Washington National Masonic Memorial

At the urging of the lodge, Joseph W. Eggleston, the Grand Master of Virginia, invited every Grand Master in the United States to assemble in Alexandria-Washington Lodge on February 22, 1910, for the purpose of forming an Association to plan and build “a suitable Memorial Temple to George Washington, the Mason.” Representatives from twenty-six Grand Lodges gathered on that day to endorse the erection of the Memorial, and The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was formed. Thomas Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland, was elected the first President of the Memorial Association.

Ten years after the first official meeting of the Association, the concept of a colossal building as a Memorial “lighthouse” to Washington was approved by the Grand Lodges of the United States. The site was selected because it followed the ancient tradition for the location of temples on hilltops or mountains. It was also located on land with which General Washington was familiar, as he spent a great deal of time in Alexandria and its environs.--Website

George Washington
National Masonic Memorial: Tickets \$20 each

House of the Temple: No Charge

The House of the Temple

This task or duty was not self-imposed or invited by me but was put upon me by your vote.... In the attempt to execute it I have felt that we were building, not for today, or the next year, or the year after, but, most probably, for fifty years and that, as nothing is too good for our Council or for Scottish Rite Masonry, the Temple should be built right, so that it could, and would be pointed to, by our brethren here and elsewhere, as the pride of the Mother Council of the Rite and all Scottish Rite Masons in the world. We are building a Temple, a permanent home, in the Great Capital of the Greatest nation of the Earth. I would prefer to be criticized for building a Temple, considered by some, too fine and costly, rather than for a cheap or mediocre building, surrounded as it will be, by the beautiful structures of our Capital. Better not build at all, than only halfway build, while we are engaged in the laudable enterprise. (1911 Transactions, p. 125). — Grand Commander James D. Richardson (1911)

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2026

North Carolina Grand Master
&
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Train Trip to Washington DC

Come Join

Grand Master of North Carolina

M : W : Steve Norris, 33°

and the

Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Illustrious A. Gene Cobb, Jr., 33°, PGM

February 5-8

DAY 1 and 4

Travel Days

February 5

Varies Board Train
4:00 p.m. Arrival in Alexandria
5:00 p.m. Check in to Hilton
6:00 p.m. **Dinner on your own***
Evening Free time*

February 8

Rise & Shine **Breakfast on your own***
10:00 a.m. Move to Train Station
10:48 a.m. Scheduled Departure return to NC

***Bring funds for meals, transit, GWNMM, Masonic Week and personal purchases.**

All Aboard

DAY 2

February 6

8:30 a.m. Begin walk to GWNMM.
9:30 a.m. **GWNMM* \$20.00**
Noon **Lunch and Uber to HOT**
2:30 p.m. House of Temple
Evening **Return to Alexandria***
Dinner on your own*

Dress Code: Casual and Comfortable
Prepare for Weather
Good walking shoes
No caps or aprons

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DAY 3

February 7

With this additional day on the trip, individual choices to participate in Masonic Week activities, visit historic sites, and enjoy the Capital of our great nation. Other opportunities are being planned. One is to visit Arlington National Cemetery. The SGIG will be going to several sites, including the grave of Illustrious H. Lloyd Wilkerson, 33°, SGIG Emeritus of North Carolina. Masonic Week opportunities are also options

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