

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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Illustrious A. Gene Cobb, Jr., 33°

March 10-12

DAY 1

March 10

4:00 p.m. Scheduled Arrival in Alexandria
 5:00 p.m. Check in to Hilton
 6:00 p.m. **Dinner to be determined***
 Evening Free time*

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

Dress Code: Comfortable for travel.
 Lunch: **Dining Car or bring your own.***
 Dinner: **Local restaurant.**

All Aboard

DAY 2

March 11

8:30 a.m. Begin walk to GWNMM.
 9:00 a.m. **GWNMM* \$20.00**
 Noon **Metro into D.C. and Lunch* Metro Rate ***
 2:00 p.m. House of the Temple
 6:00 p.m. **Dinner at the Valley of Washington, Orient District of Columbia***
 7:00 p.m. Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal
 Evening **Return to Alexandria***
 Dress Code: Coat and tie and comfortable walking shoes. Scottish Rite Caps for the evening ceremony. Aprons are not required.

***Bring money or a credit card**
 Questions: Contact SGIG Cobb at 919-671-4960 or agcobb@nccumc.org

DAY 3

March 12

Breakfast: **On your own but be ready to go at 8:30 a.m.***
 10:00 a.m. Move to Train Station
 10:48 a.m. Scheduled Departure return to NC
 Dress Code: Comfortable for travel.
 Breakfast: **Your call, but be ready to board on time.***
 Lunch: **Plan to eat on the train or bring something***
 Dinner: **This depends upon what time you arrive back in North Carolina.***

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 Departing Train from NC:
Carolinian #80
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Hotel
 Hilton Alexandria Old Town
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 Alexandria, VA 22314

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