

Wreath Laying Ceremony at the tomb of George Washington

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Alexandria, Virginia



On March 12, the Grand Masters representing the original thirteen colonies convened in Alexandria, Virginia for a day of celebration honoring America's 250th anniversary. The original thirteen colonies included: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. The event was organized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia and brought together Masonic leaders for a truly historic occasion.

The day began with a solemn and meaningful tribute as each Grand Master laid a wreath at the tomb of George Washington at Mount Vernon. This was followed by a special VIP tour of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Attendees were granted access to rarely displayed artifacts, as well as a guided visit through the newly reopened research library.

The celebration concluded with a meeting of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, during which the visiting delegation was formally recognized.

Sincere thanks are extended to all who participated in making this memorable and historic Masonic event a success.