



George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee Annual Report July 2022 – June 2023

Leadership and Membership

- Officers for the 2022-2023 year were Tyler Vanice and Sue Johnson as Co-Chairs, and Carol Myers as Secretary.
- Michele Longo, Nicole Quinn, and Gretchen Bulova from the Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA) acted as the staff liaisons to George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee during the 2022-2023 year.
- During the course of the 2022-2023 year, membership included the following individuals:

Lauren Augustine, Veteran Citizen Member
Edgar Bates, George Washington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution
Claire Bennett, Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution
Allison Collender, Citizen at Large
Peter Duggan, 1st Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line
Kristen Eastlick, Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society
Colin Eilts, Citizen at Large
Robert Garbacz, City of Alexandria Transportation Division
Sally Graham, Citizen at Large
Jeanne Jacob, Friendship Fire House
Susan Johnson, Citizen at Large
Stephen Konya, Citizen at Large
Carol Myers, American Legion Post 24
Jason Reardon, Citizen at Large
Marshall Smith, 1st Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line
Tyler Vanice, George Washington Masonic National Memorial
Sandra Welch, Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution
W. Patrick Wilson, Veteran Citizen Member

Legislative Accomplishments

- Alexandria City Council approval of Proclamation of George Washington Birthday, month of February 2023.

Attachments

1. Annual Attendance Sheet
2. George Washington Birthday Celebration Schedule for 2023
3. Press Releases for Parade and Cherry Challenge 2023

2023 George Washington Birthday Celebration Events

The George Washington Birthday Parade

All photos of the Parade can be viewed at <http://washingtonbirthday.com/2023-photos>.

This year, the February 20, 2023 George Washington Birthday Parade was held in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the Laying of the Cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Freemasons from around the country who were attending the Memorial's ceremony to rededicate the cornerstone were invited to march in the parade, and the parade route was modified to allow parade participants to march up King Street to the base of the Memorial.

Approximately 3,500 individuals marched in the parade, of which approximately 1,200-1,500 were Freemasons. Other participants included drum corps, color guards, marching bands, city and community dignitaries, community and fraternal organizations, youth groups and, of course, General Washington and Martha Washington. For the first time, there was a parade registration fee of \$50 per parade unit.

The Parade Grand Marshal this year was George D. Seghers, long-time Executive Director of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, who retired this year.

The weather was cloudy and in the 50s, and the parade route was lined with many thousands of spectators.

A panel of judges gave awards in the categories of Antique Vehicles, Best Spirit-Masonic Lodges, Community & Fraternal Organizations, Community and Adult Bands, Floats, Historical Units, Honor Guards & Color Guards, Military Units & Drill Teams, Youth Groups, and The Spirit of George Washington. A list of winners can be viewed at <http://washingtonbirthday.com/2023-parade-winners>.

Sponsors of the parade included: Jubilee Sponsors – The George Washington Masonic National Memorial and the George Washington Legacy Foundation; Gold Sponsor – Marion Moon Enterprises; Silver Sponsors - Brothers Paving & Concrete and Simpson Development; George Washington's Preferred Inn Sponsor - Duvall House; Bronze Sponsors – Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22; Friendship Fire Veterans Engine Association; Hotel Indigo Old Town Alexandria; Jennifer Warren and Melissa Newman; Media Tek USA Inc; and Old Dominion Boat Club; Supporting Sponsors – Bishop Ireton High School; Burke & Herbert Bank; Jeanne Jacob and Gerry Frank; and McLaughlin Ryder Investments; Parade Donors – Carol Ann Myers; Honorable Frank Fannon IV; Nancy A. Redman Hill; Point A College Counseling; John Renner; Sandra W. Welch, Kate Waller Barrett Chapter NSDAR; Sharon Anderson White, Kate Waller Barrett Chapter NSDAR; and Woodbine Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center.

Many other individuals made individual contributions to the parade under a matching donor initiative.







George Washington Masonic National Memorial 100th Anniversary of the Laying of the Cornerstone

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial had marked its 100th anniversary of its cornerstone by holding a large ceremony to rededicate the stone. A hundred years ago, the City of Alexandria had about 15,000 Freemasons and the general public join for the original cornerstone ceremony.

This event marked a historic marker in Freemasonry as Freemasons from around the world visited Alexandria on February 20, 2023 to participate in the largest Masonic Parade in decades (and this century) and to attend the Rededication Ceremony. Every Grand Lodge within the United States was represented as well as many international Grand Lodges from other countries.

The Masonic organizations marched up King Street to the Memorial so they may do their Rededication Ceremony immediately after the parade. Typically, the parade units would stay together, but this being a special occasion, we were able to grant access for this request.

There was the Conference of Grand Masters held that week in Arlington, Virginia, to accommodate the Memorial's anniversary. There were multiple events and programs throughout February 17 through February 22. There was a wreath laying at Mount Vernon, multiple banquets, and the annual symposium. Freemasons from across the country opened meetings at the Memorial throughout the week allowing other members of the fraternity to experience different Masonic rituals.

Links to Video Coverage:

The Rededication of the Memorial Cornerstone was recorded and may be found here:
<https://vimeo.com/803258900>

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction recording of Parade:
<https://youtu.be/hF6b4VXe0l0>

Fox 5 News Recording of Parade:
https://youtu.be/Dc_BatVWAq0

The Memorial marketed this event by creating centennial items to honor the occasion. The Memorial created the following:

- 1000 Cornerstone Centennial posters given to first thousand registered guests
- 200 Cornerstone Centennial Ashlars with stone from the Memorial, \$500 Donation Required
- 400 Cornerstone Centennial Medallions, \$250 Donation Required
- 100 Cornerstone Centennial Trowels, Some being gifted to each Grand Master in attendance, \$750 Donation Required
- 1 Artwork Commissioned of the Memorial by local Artist Kurt Anderson
- 100 Canvas print of Memorial numbered, \$1,000 Donation Required
- Various smaller items in the Alexandria-Washington Gift Shop and Conference Of Grand Masters website



Brian Hilton (L) and Amanda Carey portraying the Washingtons at the Memorial, Feb. 20, 2023.
Photo by Shawn Eyer.



Replica Cornerstone made for ceremony. Photo by Shawn Eyer.



Grand Masters from across the United States. Photo by Jonathan Giles.

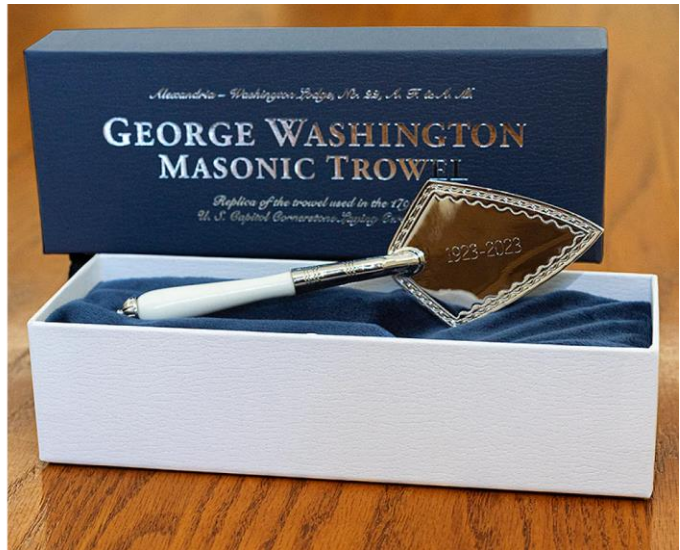


Grand Master of Virginia, Donald Ellis Strehle, holding Trowel used by Washington

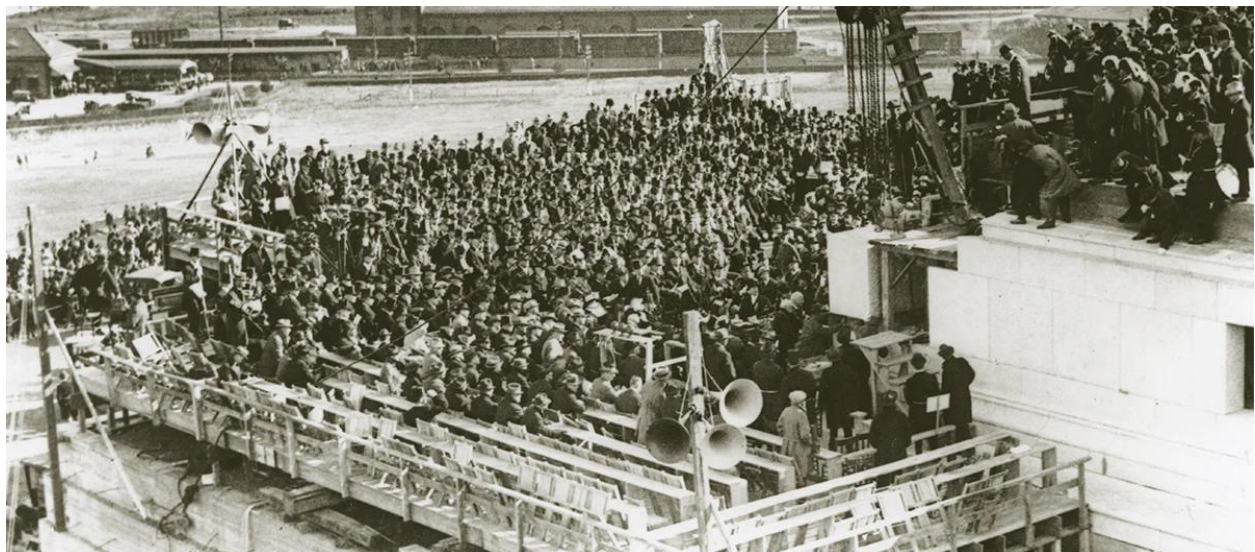


Cherry Trees and setup of Memorial on February 20, 2023. Photo by Shawn Eyer





November 1, 1923 Laying of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial's Cornerstone



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Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution

On February 20, 2023 the GWBCC, with support of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter NSDAR and the George Washington Chapter VSSAR, held a 30 minute wreath laying event in the burial grounds of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. This event honors the memory of the Unknown Solder of the American Revolution buried there as well as all Veterans and the current Grand Marshall of the event. The ceremony was free and was attended by approximately 70 members of the community and lineage organizations. It was open to the public without prior reservation. Before and after the event, members of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House hosted tours of the historic church. (Additionally, the Historian of the Church tolls the church bell during the ceremony presentation of the individual flowers laid upon the tomb. This bell is forged from parts of the original bell which tolled when the death of General George Washington was announced.)









The 2023 Cherry Challenge

Alexandria's "Cherry Challenge" culinary contest ran from February 1 through February 15 and included 20+ restaurants across the city competing to win by crafting their choice of a cherry-oriented appetizer, entrée, beverage, or dessert.

The Committee continued the contactless voting process in 2023 Diners—whether dine-in or take-out—under which diners received QR codes to vote electronically for their favorite cherry entries based on three criteria: taste, presentation, and creativity. Diners rated each item from one to three cherries for a maximum score of 9 on each ballot. Point totals for each dish are divided by the number of ballots to get the average score. The highest average in each category wins.

This year's #GWCherryChallenge participant list included Augie's Mussel House and Beer Garden, Bastille Brasserie & Bar, Cafe 44, Chadwicks, Daniel O'Connell's Irish Restaurant and Bar, Dishes of India Indian Restaurant, King Street Tavern (Hilton Alexandria Old Town), Lena's Wood-Fired Pizza & Tap, Lost Boy Cider, Lost Dog Cafe Alexandria, Mason Social, Murphy's Grand Irish Pub, Old Town, River Bend Bistro, Rocklands Barbeque and Grilling Company – Alexandria, Sunday In Saigon, Taqueria Poblano Del Ray, The Light Horse, Urbano 116, Vaso's Mediterranean Bistro (King Street), Vermilion Restaurant & Bar, and Whiskey & Oyster. The winners of the 2023 #GWCherryChallenge were:



Honorable Mentions:

Beverage: Café 44's "ALX Sour"
Beverage: The Light Horse's "Cherry Zaddy"
Beverage: Lost Boy's "Cherry Limeade Cider"
Entrée: Café 44's "Baked Cod with Cherry Chutney"
Dessert: Vaso's on King's "Cherry Galaktobourekó"
Dessert: Bastille "Crêpes aux Cerises et à la Crème"

The George Washington Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)

More than 40 members from 10 chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), including 24 members of the George Washington Chapter, Virginia SAR, proudly participated in the George Washington Birthday Parade and celebration activities. The George Washington Chapter captured the Third-Place prize in the Historical Units category, while the SAR Color Guard also took the bronze in the Honor Guards and Color Guards category.

- A link to SAR splash page: <https://www.gwsar.org/>
- A [link to the newsletter](#) about the parade and Wreath Laying at the Tomb of George Washington.
- A [link to the newsletter](#) about the Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier.



George Washington's Alexandria Tours

This free two-hour guided walking tour through Old Town Alexandria, given every Sunday in February, visited sites associated with Washington and his closest colleagues, including Christ Church, Light Horse Harry Lee's house, the Lord Fairfax home, Washington's townhouse, Gadsby's Tavern, Duvall Tavern, Wise's Tavern, the Carlyle House, Market Square, Ramsay House, the Apothecary Shop, and Gentry Row. Registrations, capped at 50 participants per tour, sold out quickly.



The Hunt for Washington

The Hunt for Washington is a fun and educational game in which individuals and families traverse through Old Town Alexandria to uncover Clues about George Washington. Individuals and families were invited to print Clue Sheets from the GWBCC website, after which they could walk to the sites on the date/time of their choosing February 1-28 and complete questions in the Clue Sheets. It's estimated that hundreds participated in the Hunt, and it was particularly popular with Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. Many individuals and families submitted completed Clue Sheets to be eligible for a prize drawing in March. Three participants won a Murphy's gift certificate in the drawing, and three participants won a Starbucks certificate.



Hot Chocolate with George Washington

On Saturday, February 11, 2023 the GWBCC held a 1 hour long event entitled "Hot Chocolate with George Washington" at the Masonic Memorial Museum. The free event was limited to 50 attendees and was "sold-out" through EventBrite. The event began with Brian Hilton as George Washington and 35 attendees. Hot chocolate was purchased through Panera Bread and donuts from Dunkin' Donuts. Additionally, water and hand sanitizer were provided free to the participants.





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SPECIAL EDITION GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY PARADE PLANNED IN ALEXANDRIA
Celebrating Alexandria's Iconic George Washington Masonic National Memorial 100th Anniversary

Alexandria, VA – Alexandria will this February host a special edition of its annual George Washington Birthday Celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of our nation's first president, General George Washington, who called Alexandria home, and to pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of the city's iconic George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

This year's month-long itinerary of birthday celebration events being hosted across Alexandria will culminate in the City's annual George Washington Birthday Parade on Monday, February 20th from 1 to 3pm and will include more than 1000 Freemasons who will arrive from all across the country to participate in the Memorial's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

"This year's parade will march to the base of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial," said George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee co-chair Tyler Vanice. "Following the parade, thousands will participate in the Memorial's Centennial Cornerstone Ceremony."

"More than 15,000 people came to Alexandria in 1923 to place a cornerstone and to dedicate our city's memorial in honor of George Washington and his virtues," said historian and Freemason Mark Tabbert. "Among them were President Calvin Coolidge, Chief Justice William Howard Taft, Virginia Governor E. L. Trinkle and representatives from around the world."

"One hundred years later, we return to lay a new cornerstone that shall remain built upon the same foundation of values George Washington instilled in our democracy and national character," said Tabbert.

The Memorial is a National Historic Landmark that stands as a tribute to George Washington, his legacy, and the values of freedom. Funded and built through the philanthropic efforts of Freemasons from across the country, The Memorial remains a museum sustained through the charitable efforts of Freemason organizations and The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, a charitable non-profit organization.

The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee (GWBCC) (www.washingtonbirthday.com) is one of the oldest community organizations in the City of Alexandria, having been established by the City in 1976 to organize and carry out its annual celebration of George Washington's birthday in his adopted hometown.

“Alexandria’s George Washington Birthday Celebration is made possible thanks to generous donors and our partnership with the George Washington Legacy Foundation, a non-profit organization formed in part to help us in our work,” explained George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee Co-Chair, Sue Johnson. “Donations to our committee and the George Washington Legacy Foundation are tax-deductible and make a meaningful impact to our community and this annual citywide celebration.”

The GWBCC thanks the sponsors to date of the 2023 George Washington Birthday Parade: Jubilee Sponsor – George Washington National Masonic Memorial; Diamond Sponsor – George Washington Legacy Foundation; Gold Sponsor - Marion E Moon Enterprises; Silver Sponsors - Brothers Paving & Concrete and Simpson Development, Inc.; George Washington’s Preferred Hotel - Duvall House; Bronze Sponsors - Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, and MediaTek USA Inc; Supporting Sponsors - Jeanne Jacob & Gerry Frank and McLaughlin Ryder Investments, Inc.

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Additional Resources:

Full calendar of Events/Alexandria’s George Washington Birthday Celebration:
<http://washingtonbirthday.com/events-1>

New Parade Route:
<https://washingtonbirthday.com/2023route>

1923 Parade Photos and Current Photos of George Washington Masonic National Memorial:
www.jacksongroupmedia.com/gwbcc

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial 2023 Cornerstone Event:
<https://gwmemorial.org/pages/cornerstone>

George Washington Legacy Foundation (GWLF)
<https://washingtonlegacyfoundation.org/>

Parade Fact Sheet:
<https://washingtonbirthday.com/2023-parade-factsheet>



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February 1-28, 2023

A fun and challenging game to uncover clues about Alexandria and George Washington. The hunt, which should take about 60-90 minutes to complete, will take individuals and families to places in Old Town Alexandria associated with the General. Start by printing a clue sheet from www.washingtonbirthday.com at home and bring it with you as you traverse the heart of Old Town and then use your sleuthing skills to find answers to the clues. Submit your findings to gwbirthdayevents@gmail.com any time before the end of the day on February 28. There are prizes associated with this event! FREE.

American Legion Post 24 Run, Walk, n' Roll

February 1-28, 2023

This George Washington Birthday Commemorative event is intended to build community and enhance the physical, mental, and emotional resiliency of participants—veterans and non-veterans alike. This month-long event during February 2023 encourages participants to run, walk and/or roll on their own for at least 24 miles in increments and routes they choose. Proceeds support Alexandria American Legion Post 24 veterans and youth programs. Registration is \$24 and opens December 1, 2022 until February 14, 2023. Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Alexandria/GWB24RunWalkRoll> for more information.

“George Washington’s Alexandria” Tours

Every Sunday in February (5th, 12th, 19th & 26th)
2-4 p.m.

Explore historic Old Town Alexandria as George Washington knew it! This popular two-hour guided walking tour will visit sites associated with Washington and his closest colleagues. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/> and search George Washington’s Alexandria. FREE.

Mind your Manners! Balls in Early America

Fridays, February 3 & 17

6-7:15 p.m.

Gadsby’s Tavern Museum is famous in part because George Washington celebrated his Birthnight Ball there, but there’s so much more to the story! From scandal to social class, balls reveal the political intrigue and power structures that were part of early America. Learn more through this specialty tour. \$15 per person, purchase at AlexandriaVA.gov/Shop. Location: 134 N. Royal St.

Chocolate with General Washington

Saturday, February 11, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Children (and accompanying adults) are invited to spend an hour with General Washington to talk about the events of the revolution, ask questions of our first citizen, and enjoy hot chocolate and delicious comestibles. Location: George Washington Masonic National Memorial. FREE.

Family Day at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum

Sunday, February 12, 2023

2—5 p.m.

Did you know George Washington danced at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum? Junior Docents will be stationed throughout the museum with hands-on activities for all ages to learn about 18th-century balls. Activities included in regular admission: \$5 per person, free for City residents. Location: 134 N. Royal St.

Friendship Firehouse Museum Open

Saturday, February 18, 2023

11 a.m.—5 p.m.

Admission is \$2 per person and free to Alexandria residents. Younger visitors will receive a free fire hat and a take-away bag of fun activities! Location: 107 S. Alfred Street.

Washington’s Birthday: Chronicles and Cuisine

Saturday, February 18, 2023

6—9 p.m.

This year, Historic Alexandria is excited to offer a twist to the traditional Birthnight Ball program using elements of past events coupled with exciting new research to create a special four-course curated dinner. The menu will tell the story of America, spanning from the enslaved to the wealthy, and how the Birthnight Ball helped build the legacy of George Washington for generations of Americans. \$125 per person, purchase at AlexandriaVA.gov/Shop. Location: 134 N. Royal Street

Washington Symposium

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

1 p.m.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial hosts leading scholars of the life and legacy of George Washington, this year around the theme “The Architectural Legacy and Design of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.” Admission is free and free parking is available.

George Washington Birthday Gala

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Formal (white tie optional). Reception at 5:00 p.m. Entertainment in the Memorial Theater at 6:30 p.m. Banquet in the Memorial’s Grand Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m. The presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award will take place during the banquet. Tickets are \$200. To purchase tickets, visit www.gwmemorial.org. Tickets are limited.

**APPENDIX F.
ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT**

JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

CO-CHAIRS: Tyler Vanice and Susan Johnson

	2022						2023						
MEMBER NAME	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Lauren Augustine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	NA
Edgar Bates	X	X	E	X	X	E	X	X	U	X	X	X	NA
Claire Bennett	X	E	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allison Collender	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA
Peter Duggan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	NA
Kristen Eastlick	E	X	E	X	E	E	E	X	X	X	X	E	NA
Colin Eilts	-	-	-	-	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	E	NA
Robert Garbacz	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	U	X	NA
Sally Graham	X	U	X	X	X	E	X	X	U	-	-	-	-
Jeanne Jacob	X	X	E	-	X	U	X	X	E	E	X	X	NA
Susan Johnson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA
Chris Jones	U	U	U	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stephen Konya	-	-	E	E	U	X	X	E	X	U	X	X	NA
Marion Moon	-	-	E	X	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carol Myers	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	E	X	E	X	X	NA
Lovie Patish	U	U	U	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jason Reardon	X	X	E	X	X	E	X	E	X	-	-	-	-
Thomas (Marshall) Smith	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-
Tyler Vanice	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA
Jennifer Warren	X	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sandra Welch	-	-	-	-	X	X	E	X	X	X	U	X	NA
W. Patrick Wilson	X	E	X	X	X	E	X	E	U	U	U	X	NA
Office Historic Alexandria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA

X – PRESENT E – EXCUSED U – UNEXCUSED “-” - NOT A MEMBER AT TIME OF MEETING

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS WHILE A MEMBER:

Lovie Patish

Chris Jones



Sue Johnson

(APPROVED) _____ **(Chairperson)**

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“Hunt for Washington”

February 1-28, 2023

A fun and challenging game to uncover clues about Alexandria and George Washington. The hunt, which should take about 60-90 minutes to complete, will take individuals and families to places in Old Town Alexandria associated with the General. Start by printing a clue sheet from www.washingtonbirthday.com at home and bring it with you as you traverse the heart of Old Town and then use your sleuthing skills to find answers to the clues. Submit your findings to gwbirthdayevents@gmail.com any time before the end of the day on February 28. There are prizes associated with this event! FREE.

American Legion Post 24 Run, Walk, n' Roll

February 1-28, 2023

This George Washington Birthday Commemorative event is intended to build community and enhance the physical, mental, and emotional resiliency of participants—veterans and non-veterans alike. This month-long event during February 2023 encourages participants to run, walk and/or roll on their own for at least 24 miles in increments and routes they choose. Proceeds support Alexandria American Legion Post 24 veterans and youth programs. Registration is \$24 and opens December 1, 2022 until February 14, 2023. Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Alexandria/GWB24RunWalkRoll> for more information.

“George Washington’s Alexandria” Tours

Every Sunday in February (5th, 12th, 19th & 26th)
2-4 p.m.

Explore historic Old Town Alexandria as George Washington knew it! This popular two-hour guided walking tour will visit sites associated with Washington and his closest colleagues. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/> and search George Washington’s Alexandria. FREE.

Mind your Manners! Balls in Early America

Fridays, February 3 & 17

6-7:15 p.m.

Gadsby’s Tavern Museum is famous in part because George Washington celebrated his Birthnight Ball there, but there’s so much more to the story! From scandal to social class, balls reveal the political intrigue and power structures that were part of early America. Learn more through this specialty tour. \$15 per person, purchase at AlexandriaVA.gov/Shop. Location: 134 N. Royal St.

Chocolate with General Washington

Saturday, February 11, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Children (and accompanying adults) are invited to spend an hour with General Washington to talk about the events of the revolution, ask questions of our first citizen, and enjoy hot chocolate and delicious comestibles. Location: George Washington Masonic National Memorial. FREE.

Family Day at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum

Sunday, February 12, 2023

2—5 p.m.

Did you know George Washington danced at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum? Junior Docents will be stationed throughout the museum with hands-on activities for all ages to learn about 18th-century balls. Activities included in regular admission: \$5 per person, free for City residents. Location: 134 N. Royal St.

Friendship Firehouse Museum Open

Saturday, February 18, 2023

11 a.m.—5 p.m.

Admission is \$2 per person and free to Alexandria residents. Younger visitors will receive a free fire hat and a take-away bag of fun activities! Location: 107 S. Alfred Street.

Washington’s Birthday: Chronicles and Cuisine

Saturday, February 18, 2023

6—9 p.m.

This year, Historic Alexandria is excited to offer a twist to the traditional Birthnight Ball program using elements of past events coupled with exciting new research to create a special four-course curated dinner. The menu will tell the story of America, spanning from the enslaved to the wealthy, and how the Birthnight Ball helped build the legacy of George Washington for generations of Americans. \$125 per person, purchase at AlexandriaVA.gov/Shop. Location: 134 N. Royal Street

Washington Symposium

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

1 p.m.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial hosts leading scholars of the life and legacy of George Washington, this year around the theme “The Architectural Legacy and Design of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.” Admission is free and free parking is available.

George Washington Birthday Gala

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Formal (white tie optional). Reception at 5:00 p.m. Entertainment in the Memorial Theater at 6:30 p.m. Banquet in the Memorial’s Grand Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m. The presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award will take place during the banquet. Tickets are \$200. To purchase tickets, visit www.gwmemorial.org. Tickets are limited.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SPECIAL EDITION GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY PARADE PLANNED IN ALEXANDRIA
Celebrating Alexandria's Iconic George Washington Masonic National Memorial 100th Anniversary

Alexandria, VA – Alexandria will this February host a special edition of its annual George Washington Birthday Celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of our nation's first president, General George Washington, who called Alexandria home, and to pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of the city's iconic George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

This year's month-long itinerary of birthday celebration events being hosted across Alexandria will culminate in the City's annual George Washington Birthday Parade on Monday, February 20th from 1 to 3pm and will include more than 1000 Freemasons who will arrive from all across the country to participate in the Memorial's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

"This year's parade will march to the base of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial," said George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee co-chair Tyler Vanice. "Following the parade, thousands will participate in the Memorial's Centennial Cornerstone Ceremony."

"More than 15,000 people came to Alexandria in 1923 to place a cornerstone and to dedicate our city's memorial in honor of George Washington and his virtues," said historian and Freemason Mark Tabbert. "Among them were President Calvin Coolidge, Chief Justice William Howard Taft, Virginia Governor E. L. Trinkle and representatives from around the world."

"One hundred years later, we return to lay a new cornerstone that shall remain built upon the same foundation of values George Washington instilled in our democracy and national character," said Tabbert.

The Memorial is a National Historic Landmark that stands as a tribute to George Washington, his legacy, and the values of freedom. Funded and built through the philanthropic efforts of Freemasons from across the country, The Memorial remains a museum sustained through the charitable efforts of Freemason organizations and The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, a charitable non-profit organization.

The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee (GWbcc) (www.washingtonbirthday.com) is one of the oldest community organizations in the City of Alexandria, having been established by the City in 1976 to organize and carry out its annual celebration of George Washington's birthday in his adopted hometown.

“Alexandria’s George Washington Birthday Celebration is made possible thanks to generous donors and our partnership with the George Washington Legacy Foundation, a non-profit organization formed in part to help us in our work,” explained George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee Co-Chair, Sue Johnson. “Donations to our committee and the George Washington Legacy Foundation are tax-deductible and make a meaningful impact to our community and this annual citywide celebration.”

The GWBCC thanks the sponsors to date of the 2023 George Washington Birthday Parade: Jubilee Sponsor – George Washington National Masonic Memorial; Diamond Sponsor – George Washington Legacy Foundation; Gold Sponsor - Marion E Moon Enterprises; Silver Sponsors - Brothers Paving & Concrete and Simpson Development, Inc.; George Washington’s Preferred Hotel - Duvall House; Bronze Sponsors - Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, and MediaTek USA Inc; Supporting Sponsors - Jeanne Jacob & Gerry Frank and McLaughlin Ryder Investments, Inc.

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Additional Resources:

Full calendar of Events/Alexandria’s George Washington Birthday Celebration:
<http://washingtonbirthday.com/events-1>

New Parade Route:
<https://washingtonbirthday.com/2023route>

1923 Parade Photos and Current Photos of George Washington Masonic National Memorial:
www.jacksongroupmedia.com/gwbcc

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial 2023 Cornerstone Event:
<https://gwmemorial.org/pages/cornerstone>

George Washington Legacy Foundation (GWLF)
<https://washingtonlegacyfoundation.org/>

Parade Fact Sheet:
<https://washingtonbirthday.com/2023-parade-factsheet>

**APPENDIX F.
ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT**

JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

CO-CHAIRS: Tyler Vanice and Susan Johnson

	2022						2023						
MEMBER NAME	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Lauren Augustine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	NA
Edgar Bates	X	X	E	X	X	E	X	X	U	X	X	X	NA
Claire Bennett	X	E	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allison Collender	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA
Peter Duggan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	NA
Kristen Eastlick	E	X	E	X	E	E	E	X	X	X	X	E	NA
Colin Eilts	-	-	-	-	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	E	NA
Robert Garbacz	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	U	X	NA
Sally Graham	X	U	X	X	X	E	X	X	U	-	-	-	-
Jeanne Jacob	X	X	E	-	X	U	X	X	E	E	X	X	NA
Susan Johnson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA
Chris Jones	U	U	U	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stephen Konya	-	-	E	E	U	X	X	E	X	U	X	X	NA
Marion Moon	-	-	E	X	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carol Myers	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	E	X	E	X	X	NA
Lovie Patish	U	U	U	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jason Reardon	X	X	E	X	X	E	X	E	X	-	-	-	-
Thomas (Marshall) Smith	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-
Tyler Vanice	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA
Jennifer Warren	X	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sandra Welch	-	-	-	-	X	X	E	X	X	X	U	X	NA
W. Patrick Wilson	X	E	X	X	X	E	X	E	U	U	U	X	NA
Office Historic Alexandria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA

X – PRESENT E – EXCUSED U – UNEXCUSED “-” - NOT A MEMBER AT TIME OF MEETING

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS WHILE A MEMBER:

Lovie Patish

Chris Jones



Sue Johnson

(APPROVED) _____ **(Chairperson)**

Tyler Vanice/Susan Johnson