

MT. NEBO LODGE NO. 91

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The Trestle Board Bicentennial Edition

 Brethren, I want to thank and congratulate all who were able to be a part of the Bicentennial Celebration of Mount Nebo Lodge. Much time and effort went into this most successful event and by all accounts, everything went off in a way that was fitting and most impressive our guests. We owe a special thanks to the Eastern Star, who hosted a breakfast and fine Noon meal of Pork Tenderloin for the large crowd of Masons that assembled on Saturday December 10. Thanks as well to Brothers Jim Keller and Thomas Elliott, who built the wooden case that housed the George Washington / Lafayette apron for the Bicentennial, and to Brother Eric Householder of Robert White Lodge in Martinsburg for making the plexiglass case that housed the apron. Many hands made light the load of a suitable private then public tribute to the history of our Lodge. Thank you.

Bicentennial Celebration

The Bicentennial Celebration of Mount Nebo Lodge # 91 was held on December 10, 2011 in a Special Communication attended by Grand Master Charles Louk, immediate Past Grand Master Randy Martin, Deputy Grand Master Gearl Raynes, Past Grand Master and current Grand Lecturer Stephen Swank, and many other Grand Lodge officers from both West Virginia and Virginia. During the tiled Lodge, the George Washington apron was unveiled in a private ceremony and WM George Alwin made a presentation to the assembled Brethren on the history of Mount Nebo. After Lodge was closed, Laura Simo and Robyn Adams, representatives from Mount Vernon, made a presentation to the assembled Brethren on the textile and historical research that was done by Mount Vernon to verify that this apron is indeed the one gifted to George Washington by the Marquis de Lafayette in 1784.

On Sunday, the Lodge was open to the public and a huge crowd enjoyed viewing the Archives room and historical documents found in the Lodge Dining Room. A presentation was made at 1pm by Laura Simo, Associate Curator of Mount Vernon and George Alwin, WM Mount Nebo Lodge. The public crowd that assembled for the lecture not only completely filled the Lodge Hall, where 125 chairs had been set up in rows for seating, but dozens of people filled the anti room and lined up the stairway outside the Lodge to try and catch the presentation. After the public presentation ended, a line was formed to view the George Washington apron up close and for photographs. For well over an hour, visitors passed by the apron in line with many comments on how impressed they were with the presentation and how thankful they were the Lodge had been opened to public view. Clearly, Ancient Craft Masonry was presented in a very positive and informative way, most appreciated by all who were able to attend.

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