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The Trestle Board Bicentennial Edition

 Several News Reporters were in attendance and local papers ran a story about the event. The article that ran in the Hagerstown Morning Herald was picked up on the Associated Press news wire, which distributed it all over the Country. The AP article was printed in the Washington Post and the State Journal, among others.

Brother Marty Capps did a wonderful job as "Official Photographer" of the event and even captured the presentations that were made outside of the Tiled Lodge on video. Those presentations can be viewed on the Bicentennial links found on the Lodge website at www.lodge91.org and also on youtube.com.

 Mount Vernon loan agreement

The current Loan Agreement to Mount Vernon was set to expire in December of 2011. Many discussions on the best way to preserve and keep the George Washington apron safe were had in open Lodge over the last few months. In the spring of 2011, Mark Tabbert of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria made a presentation to the Lodge on the best choices to safely care for the apron. It was decided by the Brethren that Mount Vernon had the best security and facilities for the preservation of the apron. After extensive further discussions with Mount Vernon, it was agreed that for the apron to maintain its beautiful color and condition, it should be kept in controlled conditions and that any exposure to light be extremely limited. As part of the new 5 year loan agreement, the apron is only to be put on display two days per year. On Presidents Day, it will be displayed for one day only at Mount Vernon. On George Washington's Birthday, it will be displayed for one day only at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria. Any variations to this are to be for research purposes only and with prior Lodge approval.

Brethren, we have put a great deal of work into ensuring that Mount Nebo has acted in our time as good Stewards of our most prized possession, the Marquis de Lafayette / George Washington Masonic Apron. We maintain ownership of this magnificent item of United States and Masonic history. It is our belief that we have acted as good Stewards in our time and that we will be able to look back at our choices many years from now and be pleased with our decisions. Our primary focus has been to preserve the beauty and condition of this item so that future generations may be able to enjoy its appearance and the story of its rich history.

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