




MT. NEBO LODGE NO. 91


The Trestle Board

April 2011

 WM Message - Brethren, we are experiencing an historic year for our Lodge as the Mt Nebo George Washington apron takes a national and international spotlight. For so many years, we have known that this National Treasure has been safely stored in our Lodge and now the historians from Mount Vernon and from the George Washington Masonic Memorial have confirmed the same. As we prepare for our Bicentennial Celebration in December of 2011, please join us in reflecting on 200 years of Masonry in Shepherdstown!

 Mt Nebo had the honor of raising a Master Mason on our first Stated Communication in April. Brother Jon Stephen Brusco returned his 2nd Degree Obligation in March and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 4th. We have one Entered Apprentice working on his return and 2 petitions pending. We, like all the Lodges in the District, are experiencing a great deal of interest in the stability of Masonry in an unstable world.

 Apron at Mount Vernon / Wreath Laying Ceremony - The Mt Nebo George Washington apron is currently on display in the Mount Vernon Education Center. Mount Nebo was invited to lay a wreath on Brother Washington's tomb at dawn on his 279th Birthday, February 22, 2011. Lodge Members in attendance were Dave Wilson, John Wilmer, Paul Bisher, Warren Carter, Ed Burwell, Stu Younkin, Ed Calhoun, and George Alwin. Also attending was Right Worshipful Gearl D Raynes, Sr Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of WV. Brothers Raynes, Calhoun, and Alwin layed the wreath at the tomb after WM Alwin made the following remarks. "In the spirit of friendship, morality, and brotherly love, we travel here today to reunite the two Virginias, Brother Washington's Virginia, and to reunite him with the ceremonial Masonic apron he wore when laying the cornerstone on the U.S. Capitol. After the ceremony, the Brethren were welcomed at a reception hosted by the Regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association and for the official "public unveiling" of the apron. The Brethren then traveled to Alexandria for a tour of the George Washington Masonic Memorial by Brother Mark Tabbert, Director of Collections of the George Washington Memorial.

 Bicentennial Celebration forming - The Bicentennial day for Mount Nebo will be on December 11, 2011. Since Lodge cannot be held on Sunday, we will be hosting a Special Communication at the Lodge on December 11 to be followed by a dinner held in the dining room of the Entler Hotel. The Lodge will be open to the public on December 11th. The Grand Master of WV, many of the members of the Grand Lodge, as well as the Mt Nebo George Washington apron will be at the Lodge both days in honor of the event.

WM - GEORGE ALWIN

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