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The Trestle Board

 Brother Malcolm Ater's newly published book, "Tyler's Mountain Magic" was named the winner of the West Virginia Writers contest for BEST book-length novel! Malcolm will be signing copies of the book at the Shepherdstown Streetfest on Saturday, June 25th, 2011. For each \$14.95 book sold, he is donating \$10.00 to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Tyler's name. Tyler had cystic fibrosis and helped lead the Harpers Ferry Wrestling team to a state record 40-0 season.

 The George Washington / Mount Nebo Apron was unveiled before a group of 250 Historians at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, VA on May 27, 2011. Mark Tabbert, Curator of the GWMNM and Worshipful Master Alwin unveiled the apron, housed in a beautiful custom made display case during the 3 hour presentation. After the unveiling, Worshipful Master Alwin made the following remarks:

"George Washington is known as a man of courage from his life as a General. He is known as a leader from his life as President. But George Washington was known as a man of character by his life as a Mason.

During his life, Washington received two French aprons as a gift, which he cherished. One is known as the Watson-Cassoul apron. The second apron was presented to him by his good friend and fellow Mason, General Lafayette of France. That apron is before you now.

When Brother Washington passed in 1799, the Lafayette apron was sold at a family estate sale for six dollars. Thomas Hammond, Husband of Washington's Niece Mildred Washington, bought the apron. Hammond became a member of Mount Nebo Lodge, Shepherdstown Virginia in 1815 and gave the apron to the Lodge as a gift. Shepherdstown became part of West Virginia after the Civil War.

In 1892, the apron was loaned to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for their Annual Communication. In appreciation for the loan of such a valuable object, the Grand Lodge had a beautiful hand carved frame built to display the apron. The Grand Lodge transported both the apron and the frame to Chicago, where a camera was available to photograph them. That photo is included in the Mount Nebo Lodge Bicentennial Brochure.

For over a Century, the George Washington / Lafayette apron has hung in Mount Nebo Lodge, protected from the sun in a dark lodge room. Without publicity and out of the public eye, it came to be know by many as the "Lost Apron".

Today, to celebrate the Bicentennial of Mount Nebo Lodge #91 in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, I am honored to present to you the George Washington / Lafayette Masonic Apron."

 Please plan to join us for our Bicentennial event in December 2011.

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WM - GEORGE ALWIN

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